

Diaries of Andrew Peterson, Swedish-American Horticulturalist: 1850-1898
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ANDREW PETERSON

Andrew Peterson was born on October 20, 1818, in Vastra Ryd parish, in the Province of Östergötland, in southern Sweden. His parents, Petter Jonsson and Ingrid Samueldotter, were farmers in Sjoarp. Andrew worked at home and as a farm hand on other farms in the area, but after his father's death in 1846 he moved back to Sjoarp to take over the farm.

In the spring of 1850 Andrew left Sweden for North America. He did not go alone, however. His sister Gustava and fourteen locals from Vastra Ryd parish went with him. There were also people from neighboring parishes in Ydre in the group of emigrants. In Gothenburg, Andrew and the group embarked on a ship called *Minona*, leaving the port on May 19, 1850. Andrew would never again see his native country. The journey across the Atlantic was difficult, with storms, seasickness, and even casualties among the passengers. We know this thanks to Andrew's diary from the crossing—a diary that has been kept for posterity. *Minona* and most of her passengers survived the hardships and sailed into the port of Boston on July 2, 1850.

Peterson initially settled in Iowa. In 1855 he traveled north to Minnesota and bought a claim for the farmstead. He immediately planted potatoes and cleared the ground for a log shanty. In 1858, he built a larger cabin in anticipation of his marriage. By the mid-1860s, a growing family necessitated a larger residence and he began work on his final home. In 1870 he moved into the unfinished house, which took four years to complete and still stands relatively unchanged today.

Peterson was active in the Minnesota Horticultural Society and his work in developing apple varieties that would withstand the harsh Minnesota climate was his major agricultural accomplishment. At its height, Peterson's orchard grew over 200 varieties of apples. He hosted leading horticultural experts from as far away as Ottawa, Canada. His farm became an early horticulture research station, the precursor to the Horticulture Research Center at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Peterson was a founding member of the Scandia Baptist Church, with the first service being held in his home. A church building was erected not long after, near current-day Island View Golf Course. The Scandia Cemetery, where Peterson is buried, is located on the property. While the church structure was relocated to the grounds of Bethel College, the congregation still remains at Oakwood Community Church just outside Waconia.

Andrew Peterson kept a daily diary for forty-eight years, from 1850 to 1898. He would continue writing in this diary until two days before his death, on March 31, 1898. Many of the early parts from his time in Iowa were unfortunately lost. Prior to 1854, all that exists is a brief excerpt of the voyage to America. Upon his death, Peterson's family donated his diaries and papers to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Fifty years after his death, this diary was utilized by the Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg for his novels about Swedish emigrants entitled *The Emigrants* (1951), *Unto a Good Land* (1954), *The Settlers* (1961), and *The Last Letter Home* (1961). Two acclaimed movies were later made from these books, *The Emigrants* (1971) and *The New Land* (1972). The story of Andrew Peterson is carefully documented in the book *Andrew Peterson and the Scandia Story* by Josephine (Jo) Mihelich. It continues to be a primary source for anyone looking for early, rural Minnesota farm history. As described by Carlton C. Qualey in an article in the Minnesota Historical Society Collection from the summer of 1972, the legacy of Andrew Peterson is that "he not only mastered diversified farming but also became a leading horticulturist of the entire Upper Mississippi River Valley."

THE PETERSON FAMILY

Andrew Peterson was almost 40 years old when he married Elsa Ingeman, 23, from the nearby King Oskar's settlement, now known as East and West Union in Carver County, Minnesota. Together, they had nine children: Ida Gustava, George Andrew Sture, John Axel, Charles "Carl" Jacob, Frank Joseph, Emma Rebecca, Anna Isabelle, Josephine Ruth, and Oskar Benjamin.

After Andrew died in 1898, Elsa continued to live on the farm until her death in 1922. Elsa's obituary in the *Waconia Patriot* expressed her legacy (Mihelich 1984):

With the passing of Mrs. Andrew Peterson, the last representative of that wonderful race of men and women that challenged the wilderness in the fifties has passed from our circle....That generation accepted the call into the wilderness. Undaunted and unafraid they took up the task of making that wilderness the abode of civilized man.

Of Elsa and Andrew's nine children, only George "Sture" and Josephine married, and neither couple had children. Sture was 32 when he married Ada Taper in 1893 and Josephine was 33 when she married Nels Carlson in 1908. Josephine died several months later. While it may seem strange to us that only two of nine children married, it was not uncommon in the 1800s.

Every Peterson child was very involved in farming, either on his/her own farm, on the family farm, or on both. The Peterson's eldest son, Sture, was 31 when he left home with his brother Carl to begin farming near the city of Maynard in Chippewa County, Minnesota. By 1897, Carl owned a farm near his brother, while sisters Josephine and Emma kept house for him. Frank joined his brothers in Maynard, to help out at their farms. He later returned to Waconia and worked the family farm with his brothers Axel and Oskar, who had never left. Anna died at 17, in 1889. Ida passed away in 1900 and Frank in 1921. Carl would leave Maynard and return to Waconia to help on the family farm. Sture passed away in 1928, on his farm near Maynard. Axel followed in 1930. Carl and Oskar died within months of each other in 1941.

Andrew and Elsa's last surviving child, Emma, died May 17, 1943. Emma had continued to live on the family farm until her death. She willed her parents' farm to Sarah Peterson, a neighbor (not related) who had cared for Emma in the later part of her life. The family name survives in the descendants of Andrew Peterson's siblings.



PETERSON FAMILY, 1885

BACK L-R: IDA, GEORGE, JOHN, CHARLES, EMMA

FRONT L-R: ANNA, ANDREW, OSKAR, ELSA, JOSEPHINE NOT PICTURED: FRANK

HORTICULTURE AND RECOGNITION

Although Peterson had been planting apples yearly since 1857, it wasn't until 1883 that his work came to the attention of the Minnesota Horticultural Society. On August 28, 1883, the secretary of the Society, Oliver Gibbs, visited Peterson's farm. In a report to the Society's board, he stated, "The fruit was not ripe, but it was even then very handsome. They were the first root-grafted Russians I had seen – and the first winter keeping Russians I had heard of in the state." Another member of the Society's Executive Board, F.G. Gould, stated: "Some of these trees are the hardiest I have seen in Minnesota . . . I believe we have got something here that cares nothing for our cold winters or our hot summers."

Peterson showed these apples not only at the American Pomological Society meeting in Philadelphia, but also at the 1884 World's Industrial Exposition in New Orleans. Carver County's fruit growers, among them Theodore Bost, Charles Luedloff, and Andrew Peterson, brought Carver County horticulture to state and national acclaim. As recorded in the 1884 annual report of the State Horticultural Society:

Carver County is one of the "Big Woods" counties, one of the richest in the State, and is one of the best fruit regions in the Northwest. In 1884, there were more than 20,000 apple trees in Carver County, producing liberally. It was the superb fruit of this county that made it possible for the State Horticultural Society to make so fine an exhibit at the meeting of the American Pomological Society, at Philadelphia, in 1883, where our apples were awarded the highest prize (the Wilder medal), in competition with every other state in the union.

Peterson spoke at the Minnesota Horticultural Society's annual meeting in 1884, describing his early labors, successes, and failures. During this speech, he highlighted his success with Astrakhan apples in the following quote: "but without success until I began with the Russian varieties, which seem hardy enough for Minnesota climate. Of the seventy other varieties I have tried, all blighted or sun-scalded more or less when they commenced to bear."

At its height, Peterson's orchard grew more than 200 apple varieties, and he hosted leading horticultural experts from as far away as Ottawa, Canada. These experts not only inspected his orchard, but took ideas from his methods and practices to share. His horticultural work included grafting, working with scions, packing stock to ship to customers, hoeing around his trees, picking caterpillars off the trees, smearing young trees with pieces of liver to ward off rabbits, and spreading ash in the soil around the base of the trees.

At its annual meeting in January of 1888, the Minnesota Horticultural Society honored Peterson's achievements and contributions to the apple industry and horticulture with an honorary life membership. His work is perhaps best described by Professor Samuel Bowdlear Green, who summarized it thus:

His work, in fact, amounted to his carrying on at his own expense and in a most careful way for more than a quarter of a century what amounted to a private experiment station. He proved to the people of Minnesota that apples could be profitably grown in this section; that some varieties imported from Russia were especially adapted to this section and could be depended upon. He also showed that many of them were worthless, and his labor sifting the good from the bad Russian varieties of apples has been very helpful and valuable.

HISTORY OF THE FARMSTEAD

Andrew and Elsa's last surviving child, Emma, died May 17, 1943. She had willed her parents' farm to Sarah Peterson, a neighbor who had cared for Emma in the later part of her life. Sarah Peterson and her family lived and worked the farm, maintaining the buildings and historic artifacts, until the late 1970s. At that point, a collection of family artifacts, papers, photographs, and memorabilia from both Sarah Peterson's and Andrew Peterson's families were donated to the Carver County Historical Society. Sarah sold the farm to an investment group that intended to develop the property.

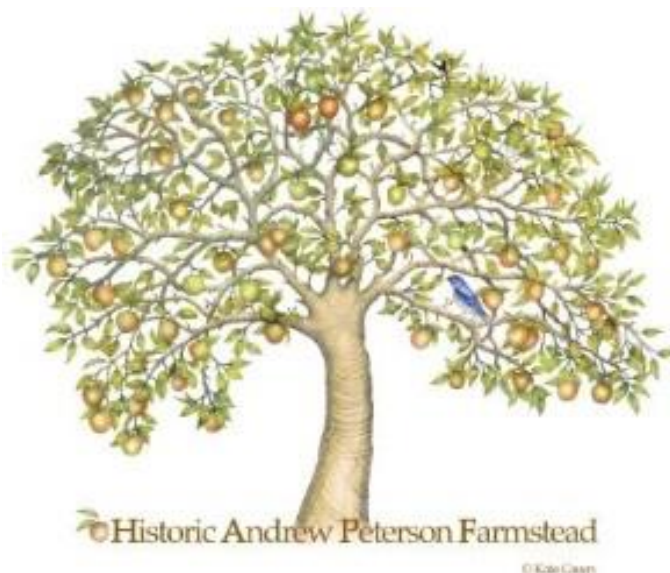
When this didn't happen, the farm was sold to Ward and Georgene Holasek in 1977. The Holaseks loved the farm and its history deeply. In 1978, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The fall of that same year, Ward and Georgene hosted a community celebration announcing the NRHP award. Wooden apples were made to commemorate the event.

It was also during this time that Josephine Mihelich began collecting oral histories and memorabilia for the writing of her book, *Andrew Peterson and the Scandia Story*. These records have also become part of the collections of the Carver County Historical Society.

On December 6, 2013, Ward Holasek died, leaving his portion of the Peterson farm to the Carver County Historical Society. As of 2015, the CCHS has been the legal owner of the 12.17 acres of historic property, including all extant Peterson farm structures. The farm will be fully restored or rehabilitated for public use.

The Mission and Vision of the CCHS regarding the Andrew Peterson farm is to preserve and interpret the Andrew Peterson farm through the lens of Minnesota's rich immigrant and agricultural history. The farm and historically significant diaries of Andrew Peterson will be used to encourage visitors of all ages to discover our diverse heritage and to understand how the past shapes the present – and the future.

~ CCHS Board of Directors, May 7, 2015



Designed by Kate Green, this is more than just a logo.

The shape of the tree is that of the Astrakhan apple, as are the blush-colored apples. This was Peterson's favored variety. Notice the two deep red apples – those represent Andrew and Elsa Peterson. Then look closely, and you will spot 9 green or unripe apples, representing the 9 Peterson children.

Lastly, we have the Bluebird of Happiness, representing Ward Holasek, who willed the farm to the Historical Society, so that it could be preserved and used for education and the public use.

INTRODUCTION: ROGER MCKNIGHT

Andrew Peterson (1818-1898) was a man of humble origins in southern Sweden, who made a name for himself in America through hard work and attention to detail. Peterson reached Iowa in 1850 by Atlantic sailing ship and American river and canal barges and then settled in Minnesota in 1855. In the years following he created a prosperous homestead in south-central Minnesota. This accomplishment was noteworthy, but it likely would have been forgotten to historians and commoners alike had Peterson not kept a faithful written record in Swedish of his life on the American frontier. His extant diary, beginning in 1854 and continuing for 44 years until two days before his death. He made daily notations in his journals about farm work, family matters, and local or church events.

With little formal education and no literary merits, Peterson created in his journal entries what the famed Swedish novelist Sven Delblanc termed *en poesi i sak*, that is, a poetry of everyday life. Writing in store-bought ledger books, he described his and his Swedish relatives' and friends' Atlantic crossing, his one-year apprenticeship in Iowa apple orchards, the riverboat journey north to Minnesota, and his four decades of homesteading near present-day Waconia, Minnesota. A faithful churchgoer, he left only Sundays free of notations. Vilhelm Moberg wrote that a few Swedish farmers through history kept copious diaries but none to equal those of Peterson. The Paxton family in medieval England may have kept a more complete record of family history than the Swede Peterson, but no one in Swedish or Swedish-American annals kept a more consistent record of sowing and harvesting crops, slaughtering livestock, building and maintaining farm structures, or dealing with family and local community than he accomplished. As over a century has passed since Peterson's death, a few notes about the journals' continued relevance are in order. Why make them available now in English to 21st-century researchers, historians, and general readers, denizens of our fast-paced world?

The clearest answer is that the number of Minnesotans able to read Swedish has dwindled considerably since Peterson's time. In short, Peterson's journals need to be available to the English-speaking world, as a record of our past. There is much to be found in the hundreds of pages he filled with his sometimes uncertain handwriting. Rural historians seeking information about farm routines and mores, agriculturists looking for patterns of 19th-century crop-raising, literary researchers searching for yet more information on the writer Vilhelm Moberg's use of Peterson's journals, linguists studying Peterson's mixing of Swedish and English vocabulary (his so-called *svenglish*), and Minnesota historians researching the Dakota War of 1862 (which directly affected Peterson and his family) or voting, ethnic, and religious practices on the frontier but lacking reading knowledge of Swedish, all will find this present edition of Andrew Peterson's journals vital to their work. General readers will be sure to find this edition offers useful first-hand insights into how their Minnesota forebears lived.

Andrew Peterson's journals cover an eventful epoch. They begin four years before Minnesota became a state in 1858. They continue through the aforementioned Dakota War of 1862 (during which Peterson's Swedish community took refuge on an island in Lake Waconia); past the Civil War (which Peterson's age exempted him from serving in); through the birth of his and wife Elsa's nine children (all of whom died childless); into mentioning his publishing of articles through the University of Minnesota on his importing of apple seeds from Russia that withstood Minnesota's wintry climate; and of course the coming of old age (during which his sons took over the farm).

As Vilhelm Moberg noted (in my paraphrase), Andrew Peterson was a recorder, not an analyst or a sentimentalist. For example, he tells of marrying Elsa late one afternoon after spending the morning doing farm chores. Those looking for (sometimes seemingly endless) details of calving and slaughtering, sowing and reaping, hammering and sawing will be amply rewarded. Those wishing to find how pioneers thought and felt will find few existentialist outpourings. However, those who seek long enough will find. At one time the pioneer spirit struck Peterson and he and his sons thought of moving farther westward to South Dakota, only to drop the subject, in telling silence, after viewing the treeless prairies there. At another point, Peterson wrote of accompanying fellow congregation members to calm a Swedish neighbor, named Hanson, because “he had beaten his wife.” At yet another point Peterson wrote of the death of one of his daughters with the explanation, extreme for him, that “this was a hard blow for my feelings.” No reader will finish Peterson’s journals at one sitting, but taken as a whole they contain much food for thought.

Architectonically, the journals exist in three parts. Part one records the younger years, when Peterson claimed land and made it productive. This part is written in his clear southern Swedish. Part two tells of his prosperous America years and his family life, as English vocabulary intrudes on his Swedish (for example, it takes a Swede with good English to understand that Peterson means *he piled bricks* when he writes *han pilade brick*). Part three records Peterson’s old age. His handwriting is shaky; he becomes increasingly reliant on patent medicines; and his back troubles lay him low. His last notation states that March 29, 1898, was *lovely out but not warm*. Two days later he died peacefully in his sleep.

Elsa outlived Andrew by 20 years, but she never wrote, so we know less about her. For women readers, maybe that’s a message. Write your history.

~Roger McKnight, Professor Emeritus, Scandinavian Studies, Gustavus Adolphus College

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Emma Ahlquist, who compiled the first translation of this massive work in the 1920s, and whose work we wish to honor, even as copyright laws necessitate a new translation to allow publication.

Andrew Peterson and his family for the creation of such a massive amount of first-hand pioneer history and to his descendants for recognizing its value and ensuring its preservation at the Minnesota Historical Society.

DIARY
ON A SEA TRIP FROM GOTHENBURG/ THE VOYAGE FROM GOTHENBURG
TO BOSTON IN NORTH AMERICA

BELONGS TO
ANDERS PETTERSSON FROM SJOARP

1850

May

- 19 We continued our trip from Gothenburg, and had northeast wind, and it went very fast. We sailed Gota Alv [the Gota River] to its end, and then out on the sea, and through the straits [channels] of Skagerack, and saw a little of Gylland, and all its churches. In the evening most of the passengers had got the sea sickness, and it became slippery around the rail. They also were not used to the rocking; we also had experienced that on Lake Malar [Malaren], before we arrived in Gothenburg.
- 20 We had an east wind, so that the brig went significantly faster. Also saw Norway. The sea sickness continued for most of all.
- 21 Almost calm weather, but the brig rocked a lot because of the movement of the water. The seasickness started to decrease. Also Skagerack to end, and saw a little of Far Sunds Udde [Point] in Norway, this was the last thing we got to see of our old Scandinavia.
- 22 Good wind, but weak, did not see land.
- 23 Good eastern wind, saw Scottish islands on the left and Shetlands to the right. The sea sickness is gone for the most.
- 24 Same wind as the day before goes pretty fast, nice right route. Saw Scotland finally, and came out in the big Atlantic Ocean. At night we saw little islands Sulisker and Rona.
- 25 Same good wind, and a strong storm. The waves are considerable, and we are in reasonably general health.
- 26 The wind northwest, the brig backed, or plying evenly. The captain does not do any prayers with us, but we do. The crew itself also to prayers. The captain does not need a God because he is that himself.
- 27 The wind southwest, no notes but in the evening, saw big fishes (whales).
- 28 The wind northwest, and a strong storm.
- 29 The wind same as the day before, no notes of/for the day.
- 30 Westerly wind, the brig cruised evenly but did not make it forward, because it was a terrible storm. At night a big storm cloud came, and it rained and roared/sounded awfully, and was so bad the water blew up on the deck, and we were soaked with

water up to our knees.

June

- 1 The wind westerly, the brig goes slowly, no notes so far.
- 2 The wind same as the day before, beautiful weather. Late in the evening it became a storm, including big waves and one big one struck down on the deck so most people got scared/most stuff got ruined.
- 3 The wind same as the day before except a strong storm in the morning.
- 4 The wind southwest, the sailing is slow but somewhat in the right direction. Today, everyone has stated their name and age to the captain. These days we have seen some ships, one from Boston with passengers, probably from England.
- 5 The wind northwest, stormy somewhat.
- 6 The wind westerly, a lot of storms, a big part of the passengers have seen a lot of fishes that are called spingare [dolphins] and jordkapare [whale].
- 7 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 There is a westerly wind, and weak so the brig does not go that fast, also a lot of wood has blown off, so there is a big tumult onboard.
- 15 The wind is westerly, beautiful weather. Working on a new mast in wood, the carpenter/timberman and I have worked all night long. Some of our people have seen big fishes today they have also seen them roaring [vocalizing loudly] they appear as big as the ship we have been trying to control.
- 16 17, 18 The wind westerly, and good enough cold, because now we are in the Gulf Stream that flows from the Arctic Ocean.
- 19 Same as the day before.
- 20 & 21 Calm weather, and the brig is rocking significantly. Gustaf's youngest daughter in Sjoarp died today at six o'clock in the morning at an age of one year and five months. The corpse was wrapped in a sheet and then it was sewn up in a sail with a sinker at the feet. Later it was carried up on the deck and placed on a plank that was put on the railing, then it was lowered down into the deep grave, approximately 34 fathoms deep in the west middle of Newfoundland's sandbank.
- 22 & 23 The winds southeast, good wind, the brig is on its right route. It is very beautiful weather today on Midsummer's Eve, so all passengers are on deck, but no green groves to walk through.
- 24 The wind southwest, a lot of rain with storm.
- 25 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 Same wind, warm weather, a lot of token fog, general health and expect land soon.

July

- 1 The wind, easterly, the brig goes on the right route.
- 2 Early in the morning we got to see Boston's lighthouse with fire inside, but it was far out in the sea, on islands and islets, these are for the sailors because it is dark. In the morning a steamer appeared and asked the captain if he wanted his brig to be

drawn to the port, but we had good wind, so he did not need it. Afterwards, came the pilot came in his big happy sloop *Hoping* and hopped on board, as captain of our brig into the port. A little after, the pilot and doctor came onboard to see if everyone was healthy which we were. In the evening we docked at the port, and went up and saw the big city of Boston.

- 3 In the evening we stepped on the steamer that went to Albany.
- 4 We arrived at the named city and went onboard a channel boat that horses were pulling/dragging.
- 5 In the morning left Albany.
- 6 The boat stopped, because the channel was broken and so we had to stay there for five days.
- 10 We continued our journey these days and we saw 15 to 20 cities per day.
- 17 We arrived in Buffalo, and in the evening we went on a steamer, that went through Lake Erie and the canals of Detroit and out in the lakes Huron and Michigan.
- 22 We came to Chicago; there we went on a channel boat that horses were pulling.
- 25 To Peru, there we took horses and wagons to Andover.
- 28 To Andover.
- 29 To Rock Island, Illinois.
- 30 To Burlington.

1850-1855: THE IOWA YEARS

"Year 1853 I took out my first national paper in Burlington, Iowa. But I am not sure if it was end of April or beginning of May year 1853."

1854

June

- 23 I scooped out gutters at Neatley's.
- 24 I worked at Neatley's in the morning.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I plowed grain.
2 p 1 d 90
4 p 2 d 60
Ditto 65
= Total 5 d 25
- 27 I plowed grain.
- 28 I plowed grain half of the morning, and at 9:30 a.m. I went to work at Neatley's. I worked on Neatley's gutters until the evening.
- 29 Worked for Neatley on the shed roof.
- 30 Worked for Neatley on the shed roof and gutters. Anders Anderson hoed potatoes for me all day.

July

- 1 Worked for Neatley two quarters of a day, on the gutters.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I wrote a letter to California, and Åsby.
- 4 I went to the town and gave 2 dollars to Neatley.
- 5 In the morning I looked at the field, at night I cut hay.
- 6 In the morning I hoed grain. In the afternoon I stacked hay.
- 7 I hoed and harvested grain today. In the evening I went to town and bought coffee and sugar.
- 8 For Neatley I cleaned the gutters.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I hauled hay for myself, and flung hay.
- 11 I worked for Neatley on the gutters located on the roof.

- 12 I painted both gutters on the roof for Neatley.
- 13 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work.
- 14 I fixed the stairs for Neatley.
- 15 I painted the stairs for Neatley.
- 16 **Sunday** I had communion. I gave Nilsson one dollar.
- 17 I worked for Neatley on the stairs and on the roof.
- 18 In the morning I worked for Neatley, black besatning; in the afternoon I hauled hay until evening.
- 19 I worked for Neatley, fixing windows and doors.
- 20 I worked for Neatley, repairing windows and doors.
- 21 I worked for Neatley, I repaired doors.
- 22 I worked for Neatley nailing on the roof around the opening.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I worked for Neatley, nailing on the roof. Bought tobacco and snuff for 20 cents.
- 25 I worked for Neatley, doing carpentry work and bought apples. I sold butter for 45 cents. I received 10 dollars from Neatley.
- 26 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work.
- 27 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work, making frames for the windows.
- 28 I worked for Neatley, nailing frames around the windows.
- 29 In the morning I went to Kanslars. In the afternoon I nailed frames on the windows.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 In the morning at Neatley's I nailed frames on the windows. In the afternoon, at Sante's and wrote letters.

August

- 1 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work.
- 2 I worked for Neatley making frames for the windows.
- 3 I worked for Neatley doing various things. I bought meat for 35 cents, paper and ink, 20 cents.
- 4 I put in windows in one of the sheds and did other things for Neatley.
- 5 In the morning I worked for Neatley on windows. I left in the afternoon for town. I bought coffee for 4 dollars 50 cents, snuff 10 cents.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I repaired the windows' sideboards for Neatley.
- 8 I repaired pillars around the drainpipes on the porch for Neatley.
- 9 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work.
- 10 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry work. I bought fuel for 20 cents, and soap for 15 cents.
- 11 I worked for Neatley, making shelves in a cabinet.
- 12 In the morning worked for Neatley, making shelves in the cabinet. In the afternoon I was at the home of Johanssen, because he was sick.

13 **Sunday**

- 14 In the morning, I went to town. I bought milk for 2 dollars, skimmed milk for 50 cents, yeast for 10 cents, sugar for 25 cents, and snuff for 10 cents. In the afternoon I did nothing.
- 15 In the morning I cleaned the cattle barn. In the afternoon, we had a meeting about where we should move.
- 16 I worked for Neatley. The cabinet shelves are done. Afterwards I worked on the upper roof in the hallway.
- 17 I worked on the gutter [drainage] in the barn.
- 18 I fixed the wagon, etc. I gave 50 cents to the home mission. Gave Nilsson 1 dollar.
- 19 In the morning I worked for Neatley, placing the screws in the window shutters. In the afternoon, I went to town and bought trousers for \$1.25.

20 **Sunday**

- 21 I was sick. I paid Krenets 2 dollars.
- 22 I was sick.
- 23 Still sick. Bought powder for 35 cents and oil pills for 15 cents.
- 24 (Just went while sick) and bought apples for 10 cents.
- 25 Still sick as before.
- 26 Ditto.
- 27 **Sunday** I bought aversive agent, bitter almond for 40 cents. I paid John 10 cents for a salve to treat a cold sore.
- 28 Sick.
- 29 Still sick as before.
- 30 Ditto. Alfred bought pills for me for 40 cents, I paid him for that. John took care of the cows and bull.
- 31 I am sick.

September

- 1 I am sick.
- 2 Feeling somewhat better. I wrote a letter to Christina in Minnesota.
- 3 **Sunday** I bought wine for 50 cents.
- 4 Sick.
- 5 Still sick.
- 6 Somewhat better. Wrote a letter to Stina in St. Paul.
- 7 Somewhat better.
- 8 Am somewhat better. Bought 2 pounds of honey from Batterssin for 25 cents.
- 9 Somewhat better.
- 10 **Sunday** As well/again.
- 11 As well/again. Bought a half-pint of wine for 25 cents.
- 12 As well/again. Bought apples at (Anna's?) for 10 cents.
- 13 I am healthy. I wrote letters to Swanson and Per Daniel in St. Paul. In the evening I

went to town to get "Moody cone" for John.

- 14 I worked at Neatley's repairing his wagon. I finished it.
- 15 I wrote a letter to Gustaf in Berlin and Backisland, went to town, bought half a pint of wine for 25 cents, and as needed drops for 10 cents. I switched books with the painter.
- 16 I built a pigsty, and threshed grains. I bought butter from Alexander for 20 cents and bought fish for 10 cents.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I worked for Neatley, fixing the grain machine from 9 a.m. to the evening.
- 19 I worked for Neatley on the grain machine, etc.
- 20 I worked for Neatley on the window sash to the bathroom, etc.
- 21 I finished the window on the roof for Neatley.
- 22 I worked for Neatley, putting a frame and thresholds onto the kitchen doors.
- 23 In the morning, from seven o'clock to eight o'clock I worked for Neatley, then I went to Kontor's with the cows. In the evening I worked for Neatley, until quarter past 1 at night.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I worked for Neatley. The kitchen doors are ready.
- 27 I worked for Neatley doing various things.
- 28 I worked for Neatley doing various things until the evening. At 8 p.m., I helped Batslar to add planks to the barn, etc. Neatley will pay me for the work.
- 29 I worked for Neatley, flailing. I also worked on the barn, putting up the windows in the upper level. I dressed the sofa pillows.
- 30 In the morning I worked for Neatley, dressing the sofa, then in the afternoon went to town.

October

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I worked for Neatley doing carpentry, working on a support for the shelf in the living room.
- 3 I worked for Neatley. In the morning, I finished covering the sofa, then went to Kossuth. I spent one hour on the fire (burning prairie grass), but did not have more than a half-hour for dinner and worked late at night. In the evening, we had a meeting. Alfred talked the last night he was with us, I sold my part in the mare for 2 ½ dollars. Carlson was present.
- 4 Worked for Neatley, making shelves for the big room.
- 5 I finished the shelves.
- 6 I made frames for Neatley's basement doors.
- 7 I framed Neatley's doors.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I finished the frames for Neatley's stove.
- 10 Worked for Neatley doing carpentry work and a number of odd jobs.
- 11 Worked for Neatley. I made the seams for the belt of the workpants. I bought snuff for

25 cents.

- 12 I made the stairs in Neatley's shop.
- 13 I worked for Neatley, making room for all the tools, etc.
- 14 I did a number of odd jobs for Neatley.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I repaired Neatley's hen houses.
- 17 I started on Neatley's pigsty and did various things.
- 18 I went to town and bought wine and quinine for 50 cents, shoes for 25 cents, an elastic band for 35 cents, snuff for 25 cents, two trims for 5 cents, a comb for 20 cents, and paid the shoemaker 15 cents.
- 19 I dug potatoes.
- 20 Same today (dug potatoes).
- 21 I worked for Neatley, repaired the pigsty.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Worked for Neatley, fixed the slop trough in the pigsty, etc.
- 24 Worked for Neatley, made a mosquito frame for the windows.
- 25 Finished the mosquito frames, etc.
- 26 Fixed the stable at Neatley's place.
- 27 Worked for Neatley in the morning on the wells, etc. In the afternoon we worked on the road.
- 28 Worked for Neatley, put up our mailbox by the gate. Settled up with Johnson—he owed me 30 dollars, but 15 dollars went to Castle, so the remainder was 15 dollars.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I sawed off and fixed trim. In the afternoon I sawed off poles. Did not do much all day.
- 31 I worked on the chairs.

November

- 1 I finished the chairs and the bench for Johnson.
- 2 In the morning I went to Rod and waited for him. In the afternoon I worked on the shanty.
- 3 I went over and worked on the shanty.
- 4 Same today.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Worked on the shanty.
- 7 Roofed the shanty.
- 8 I helped Johnson to move. I bought shoelaces for 1 dollar. I bought more pillows from Johnson for \$2.
- 9 I worked on the road.
- 10 I worked on the road in the morning. In the afternoon worked for Neatley. I installed our post by the Badsleun's.

- 11 I installed our post at the gate. I paid Erickson 25 cents for shoe repair. I paid Anders 10 cents for helping with the planting.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I built the cattle barn. I bought nails for 10 cents.
- 14 I dug our middle post at the gates. I sold a vest to Jonas, etc.
- 15 Worked for Neatley. I dug our post at the gates. I bought snuff for 10 cents and board planks for 1 dollar 25 cents.
- 16 Worked for Neatley. I installed our mailbox at the gates.
- 17 Worked for Neatley. I worked at Nesseritt's.
- 18 I made [a] door and covered the barn.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I worked for Neatley at Nesseritt's.
- 21 I butchered at Alexander's.
- 22 I worked for Neatley at Nesseritt's. I bought yeast for 25 cents.
- 23 Worked for Neatley in the morning at Nesseritt's. Afternoon planted trees.
- 24 In the morning for Neatley I planted trees. In the afternoon did not do anything.
- 25 In the morning for Neatley, took up wood and bundled. In afternoon I went to Karl Latt's with material to sew a shirt and bought snuff for 10 cents. I exchanged 3 dollars with Neatley, receiving 2 paper dollars and 1 silver dollar back.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I threshed grains with the help of John.
- 28 I was at Jonas's house and helped butcher.
- 29 I worked for Neatley, planting trees in the orchard.
- 30 Worked for Neatley planting trees in the orchard.

December

- 1 Worked for Neatley in the morning in the orchard, afternoon planted trees at the road.
- 2 Worked for Neatley, ditto trees by the road, and eucalyptus trees.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 In the morning I had help from Alexander to drive barley straw. In the afternoon I went to town and got 6 dollars from Johnson. I used the money to pay Doctor McKlaren, bought a pair of boots for 3 dollars 25 cents, a sack of rice for 30 cents, writing paper for 10 cents, and snuff for 25 cents.
- 5 I went to Alexander's and butchered in the morning. In the afternoon, I repaired things in the cow barn.
- 6 In the morning I chopped wood for John, in the afternoon I did nothing.
- 7 Worked for Neatley in the morning in the shop and did a number of odd jobs. Afternoon repaired the well.
- 8 Threshed grain for me and John. John worked for Johansson.
- 9 In the morning threshed the old man Anders's and my grain. Old man Anders worked for

Johansson, finishing the grain threshing. In the afternoon Alexander and I hauled in 2 wagons full of corn—it should make 40 bushels.

10 **Sunday**

11 I butchered the cows and two pigs for Neatley.

12 I butchered meat and pork, and worked in the shop for Neatley.

13 Worked for Neatley on the barrels, and covers for the beehives. Butchered pork.

14 Worked for Neatley, in the morning repaired the gates. In the afternoon I salted meat, etc.

15 I worked for Neatley on the gates.

16 I worked for Neatley on the gates.

17 **Sunday**

18 Worked for Neatley next to the beehives.

19 Worked for Neatley in the shop, grafting. I paid Karl Latt for sewing a shirt.

20 I redid the work bench for Neatley. I bought a little snuff for 10 cents and liniment for 10 cents.

21 I worked for Neatley. In the morning, I put in a shaft in the chopper, etc.

22 I worked for Neatley, redid a table for Castle, and glued a sofa.

23 I fixed a sofa for Neatley. I bought port wine, and quinine for 45 cents and a pair of boots for Erickson for 35 cents.

24 **Sunday**

25 **Christmas Day**

26 I did nothing.

27 Same today (did nothing).

28 29 & 30 I made a box and psalmodikon. I bought pants for 35 cents, snuff for 25 cents, a violin bow for 50 cents, string for 10 cents, and sewing needles for 10 cents.

31 **Sunday**

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January

1 I did not do anything.

2 I worked on the gates for Neatley.

3 For Neatley, same today, I worked on the gates.

4 I worked in the shop, for Neatley.

5 I worked for Neatley, redoing a table.

6 For Neatley I finished the table. In the afternoon I started sharpening the knives and sharpened the scissors.

7 **Sunday**

8 For Neatley I put up shelves in the dining room.

9 For Neatley I scoured boxes and washed sacks.

- 10 For Neatley I worked on the gates.
- 11 In the morning I worked on the gates for Neatley. In the afternoon I started working on the grafting table.
- 12 For Neatley I finished the grafting table.
- 13 For Neatley I made the clamps for the grafting table. I bought candles for 25 cents, and snuff for 10 cents.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 For Neatley I worked in the shop, and in the grafting room.
- 16 For Neatley in the morning I did carpentry work and in the afternoon worked on the gates.
- 17 For Neatley I worked on the gates.
- 18 For Neatley I worked on the gates.
- 19 In the morning Alexander and I hauled oat straw for me, old man Anders husked corn for me (for which I have paid him \$1.20). In the afternoon I went to town and sent a letter to F.B. in Rock Island. I bought letter stamps for 15 cents.
- 20 For Neatley I worked on the gates.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 For Neatley I shoveled snow all day, came late to work, started a little past eight o'clock.
- 23 For Neatley, in the morning I grafted. In the afternoon, I worked in the shop.
- 24 For Neatley, set and sharpened the saws.
- 25 For Neatley, made a frame for a bookcase.
- 26 For Neatley I finished the bookcase and started work on a clock.
- 27 For Neatley I finished the clock, fixed the table, and made a stool for the church.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 For Neatley I made a kitchen table.
- 30 For Neatley I made various little things in the shop.
- 31 For Neatley I made apple ladders. I bought paper for 15 cents and paid 25 cents for the newspaper. I paid Maja Stina 10 cents for the repair of my pants.

February

- 1 For Neatley I made various things in the shop.
- 2 For Neatley I fixed the pants, etc. I bought 8 yards of material for shirts for 1 dollar and 1 ½ yards of linen material for a shirt for 90 cents.
- 3 For Neatley I repaired the boxes used for butchering.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I went to town and bought cloth for pants for \$2.90, a shaving knife for 95 cents, ink, paper, and envelope for 15 cents and snuff for 10 cents.
- 6 For Neatley I fixed the doors by the bunkhouse.
- 7 For Neatley, again the bunkhouse doors.
- 8 For Neatley, again the doors on bunkhouse.
- 9 For Neatley, again worked on the bunkhouse. In the evening I went to town for my

clothes at Jonas Peter's, I paid him \$1.25 for the sewing.

- 10 For Neatley, again worked on the bunkhouse.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 For Neatley, again worked at the bunkhouse.
- 13 For Neatley I butchered the pigs, etc.
- 14 For Neatley, in the morning I butchered [cut up] the pigs, in the afternoon I worked in the shop.
- 15 I went to town to buy the apple seeds for Neatley. Then I went to Karl Latt with shirt linen to be made into shirts.
- 16 In the morning I made a box for Neatley. In the afternoon I salted pork.
- 17 For Neatley I took up the chain. In the afternoon I made a door to the roof in the upper shed.
- 18 **Sunday** I sent a letter to Rock Island.
- 19 For Neatley I worked on the well by the barn.
- 20 For Neatley I hauled cornstalks and worked in the shop.
- 21 For Neatley I finished the cattle well and the roof by Joseph's room.
- 22 For Neatley I built on the wood vise bench and also a number of odd jobs.
- 23 For Neatley I finished the vise bench and also sharpened the saw, etc.
- 24 I made boxes and drawers for the vise bench and also repaired the harnesses for Neatley.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I was free for the day. I fixed various little things.
- 27 For Neatley I finished the drawers for the vise bench, etc. Brother-in-law John bought a Bible for me for \$1.50.
- 28 For Neatley I made cabinets for the grafting room.

March

- 1 For Neatley I finished the cabinets, and sawed planks for two hayracks.
- 2 For Neatley I started in the morning at seven o'clock, sawing planks for the hayrack, and worked to 11. Then I became sick with a cold, fever, and shivering, and quit. I bought wine and quinine for 50 cents.
- 3 I was sick, I bought wine and quinine for 50 cents.
- 4 **Sunday** Still sick.
- 5 Somewhat better.
- 6 7, 8, 9 & 10 I was still not healthy. I paid for sewing the shirt to Lina Latt for \$1.50. I bought wine for 25 cents, woven fabric for the pillows for 25 cents and 50 cents, and sent a letter to Bullen.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I worked on the hayrack for Neatley.
- 13 I worked on the hayrack for Neatley, and sent a letter to Sweden (Swarjett). I paid

half the cost of mailing the letter with 22 cents.

- 14 I worked on the hayrack for Neatley.
- 16 For Neatley I repaired the snow sled and the stone boat.
- 17 In the morning I sewed blinders onto the horse harness for Neatley. In the afternoon I repaired the door to the sitting room.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I fixed the door between the dining and sitting room for Neatley.
- 20 I made short doors for the pigsty for Neatley.
- 21 I grafted the new roots for Neatley. Alexander paid me his debt of 15 dollars. The interest was 1 dollar 29 cents, but I did not take more than 25 cents.
- 22 I grafted apple trees for Neatley, bought wine for 50 cents, and quinine for 25 cents.
- 23 I grafted in the morning for Neatley, in the afternoon Wallerstedt was here after the widow's money, \$38.
- 24 I grafted all morning for Neatley until I finished at noon, then I got a cold shiver.
- 25 **Sunday** I was sick.
- 26 Sick.
- 27 Somewhat healthy and went to town, bought twine for 5 cents, wine for 30 cents, 2 pairs of socks for 80 cents, a necktie for 40 cents, blue denim for the pants for 30 cents, and a zipper for the pants for 25 cents.
- 28 I went to town. Paid Doctor Skof for two appointments for 50 cents.

Bought drops, in hope of help	10 cents
Underwear	15 cents
Rhubarb	15 cents
Pants fabric	75 cents
Writing paper	10 cents
Notebook	35 cents
Small notebook	5 cents
Snuff	10 cents

- 29 I did nothing.
- 30 I fixed the fence by the horse yard for Neatley.
- 31 I dug up two trees in the nursery and this was the day we began work in the (tree) nursery.

April

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I sewed sacks for both of the bundles for Neatley.
- 3 I did nursery work for Neatley.
- 4 Same.

- 5 Same.
- 6 Same.
- 7 Same.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I worked at the nursery for Neatley.
- 10 Same.
- 11 Same. I bought books from Runquist for \$1.35.
- 12 I paid the bachelor 25 cents because he hauled a hay load.
- 13 I worked in the nursery for Neatley.
- 14 Same.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I worked for Neatley in the nursery.
- 17 Same.
- 18 Same.
- 19 Same.
- 20 Same.
- 21 Same.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Same.
- 24 Same.
- 25 Same.
- 26 I went to town and bought a pair of shoes for \$1.75.
- 27 I went to town and had a pair of slippers half-soled for 75 cents. I bought wine for 25 cents.
- 28 I did nothing.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Was paid by Neatley and received \$38.

1855-1859: SETTLING THE HOMESTEAD

May 1855—The Trip to Minnesota

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| 1 | We moved to Burlington | |
| | The ride to Burlington | 40 cents |
| | Bought a handkerchief | 70 cents |
| | Paid Erickson for sewing seams | 10 cents |
| | Snuff | 25 cents |
| | 2 envelopes | 40 cents |
| | Writing ink | 10 cents |
| | 2 bottles of force and effect medicine | 20 cents |
| | Total: | \$3.40 [\$2.15] |
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| 4 | In the evening at nine o'clock we went aboard the steamer <i>Sir Campbell</i> . | |
| 5 | In the morning we arrived at Rock Island, and the same day we went aboard in Alhambra. | |
| 6 | Sunday In the morning we arrived in Galena [Illinois]. | |
| 7 | Monday, at night we went from there onto the steamer <i>Lady Franklin</i> . | |
| 9 | Wednesday in the evening we arrived in St. Paul. And there we stopped. | |
| 12 | Saturday in the evening, Alexander, Jonas Peter, and brother-in-law John went with their families onto the steamer <i>Blackhawk</i> . | |
| 13 | Sunday morning. They passed the Minnesota River upwards to San Francisco, but I had to remain in St. Paul because I was sick. | |
| 14 | Monday. I was sick. | |
| 15 | Tuesday. Same today. This is what I have bought for medicine this journey: | |
| | Quinine | 25 cents |
| | Port wine | 60 cents |
| | Castor oil | 10 cents |
| | Bottle beer | 25 cents |
| | Rye vodka | 25-50 cents |
| | White sugar and brandy | 30 cents |
| | 2 bottles of force and effect | 20 cents |
| | Port wine | 50 cents |
| | Total: | \$2.45 |

Deck pass (ticket) from Burlington to St. Paul	\$5
My stuff	\$2.43
My stuff from river in St. Paul	10 cents
My trunk to the river in Burlington	10 cents
For my trunk to the river in St. Paul	10 cents
Freight for my trunk on <i>Blackhawk</i>	50 cents
Total:	\$8.23

Provisions during this time:

Bought smoked pork in Burlington	55 cents
Half-pound butter	25 cents
Tea and sugar	20 cents
A candle	5 cents
Pie in Rock Island	5 cents
Pie in Galena	15 cents
Cider	5 cents
Groceries	40 cents
Bread and tea	20 cents
Bread in St. Paul	10 cents
Fresh apple and milk	10 cents
Lemonade	10 cents
¼ quart molasses	25 cents
Bread	15 cents
Sugar	10 cents
Coffee	10 cents
Tea	10 cents
2 pounds apples	25 cents
Sugar	10 cents
Milk	10 cents
Board at Swenson's house	75 cents
Flour	20 cents
One quart milk	5 cents
Coffee	10 cents
Total:	\$4.45

16 I bought carpentry tools to bring with us on the river to St. Peter. These we went together for:

A saw from Johnson	90 cents
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A long plane with double tooth	\$1.75
A short smooth plane with double tooth	\$1.25
A short plane with simple tooth	\$1
A 1 ½ inch gauge	75 cents
A gauge 1 inch	50 cents
A shingle knife	\$1
Two hand axe	\$1.50
A stretcher rod	50 cents
Chisel	40 cents
A small chisel	40 cents
2 grub hoes, 85 cents apiece	\$1.70
4 bores, 3 set and one smooth bore	95 cents
3 gimlets	25 cents
A saw file	10 cents
A grindstone	\$2
Total:	\$14.95

3 grindstones	35 cents
Total	\$15.30

Bought for my own purpose:

A pole-axe	\$1.50
A whetstone	30 cents
2 gimlets at an auction	10 cents
4 awls (bradawls)	15 cents
A square or L-square	\$1.25
A screwdriver	30 cents
3 pair of hinges with screws	50 cents
Total:	\$4.10

- 17 Thursday. Minister Nilsson and Per Daniel went on the river to St. Peter, but I am still not in full health, so I have to stay here now. Bought salt herring for 10 cents.
- 18 Friday. I wrote letter to Burlington, but I was not in good health.
- 19 Saturday. I sent a letter to Burlington, bought a pint of port wine, with bottle, for 80 cents. I am today still not in good health. A glass of lemonade for 10 cents.
- 20 **Sunday.** I bought brannven [Scandinavian homemade vodka] and wine. I bought a pie for 5 cents.
- 21 Monday, somewhat better in health. Bought fresh meat for 15 cents. I fixed my watch, I paid 1 dollar for the cleaning, a half-dollar for the glass, 25 cents for the

circle and 50 cents for the cuff inside the glass, together it ended up to a total of \$2.

22 I traveled up the Minnesota River.

23 In the evening I came to dock at San Francisco [on the Minnesota River].

June

18 I bought a claim from some Germans for 25 dollars. I paid Fischer's son 5 dollars, because he came with me. P. Daniel went to St. Paul.

19 I grub-hoed and planted potatoes. Alexander, Jonas Peter, and John helped me.

20 I was at Alexander and John's place for the second time, and worked on his shanty on the claim.

21 I stripped bark for my claim. I bought pork from Bengston for \$3.94.

22 I stripped bark for my claim. Per Daniel came from St. Paul.

23 In the morning I dug the basement where the claim would be. In the afternoon I stripped bark.

24 Sunday

25 I cleared the brush to my claim. In the evening Per Daniel and I did a counting of what he had bought for me, not counting provisions:

A pair of shoes	\$1.75
A hand set	75 cents
2 mauls and a chain	30 cents
Window frames	70 cents
Window glass with putty	62 cents
Tobacco	45 cents
Nails	25 cents
Nails in Rapids	25 cents
Nails in Carver (these Alexander bought)	25 cents
Half-interest in the woodman's axe	\$1.62
Chalk	5 cents
Total:	\$6.99

26 I started to chop down timber for the claim. Alexander and John moved away from here.

27 I chopped more timber for the shanty.

28 I stripped bark for the shanty.

29 In the morning I had the German Fischer haul timber to the claim. In the afternoon it was raining, so I did nothing except repair a shoe.

30 It was raining. In the morning, I chopped rafters and shingles for the shanty on the claim. Also paid Bengston for the pork.

July

1 Sunday

- 2 Until 3 p.m. in the afternoon, Peter Fischer and I hauled the last timber to the place for the shanty. Afterwards I tore stripped bark off and I cleared the area where I would sow turnip seed. I paid Fischer for his hauling of the timber.
- 3 I worked with John on his shanty. I started at 9 to join the foundation [footings].
- 4 In the morning I worked on John's shanty. In the afternoon I went to my claim and met Mr. M. Nilsson.
- 5 I timbered at John's shanty all day.
- 6 Me, Alexander, and Jonas Peter worked on John's shanty.
- 7 Me, Alexander, and Jonas Peter worked again on John's shanty. Started to put up the rafters.

8 Sunday

- 9 I finished up at John's on the rafters and started to cover the shanty. Nilsson went home.
- 10 We covered the shanty and stripped bark.
- 11 We finished covering John's shanty and moved in there at night.
- 12 John and me started to work on my shanty and had John's help.
- 13 John and I laid one round of timbers in the shanty. Chopped 4 logs, Alexander hauled them, and we rolled the timbers in place.
- 14 John and I hauled the timber to the shanty, I exchanged a 10-dollar bill with Rauen for one 5-dollar and 5 one-dollar bills.

15 Sunday

- 16 John and I finished hauling the timber. That night we had 3 rows high of timber in the shanty. Paid Fischer \$3 for hauling lumber.
- 17 Timbered. Alexander, Jonas Peter, John, and I worked on the shanty.
- 18 Same again, the four of us worked on the shanty.
- 19 Same again, the four of us worked on the shanty. After the noon meal we quit. In the evening I felt not so well, but went out and helped to mark Magnusson's claim.
- 20 John and I finished covering the shanty. The German Fischer brought home some alcohol for me, 75 cents, apple seedlings, 25 cents, and tobacco for 25 cents. Mr. and Mrs. Nilsson moved here today.
- 21 John and I covered my shanty.

22 Sunday

- 23 I stripped bark, and chinked my shanty. Paid Nilsson \$1.35 for the iron wedge and \$1 for seed. Nilsson paid \$2.25 for a bushel of set onions.
- 24 I made a door for my shanty.
- 25 I was at the German Rauen's and rough hewed logs.
- 26 I worked on logs at Rauen's.

- 27 I built onto the house at Rauens.
- 28 In the morning, I marked a forest claim for Swan. In the afternoon I went to look where I should cut hay.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the morning, I was with Magnus and his wife, and walked around their claim, by the lake. In the afternoon I started to cut hay at Nilsson's claim. I was at Rauens in the evening for white cabbage plants, which he presented to me. I gave him 50 cents and sent him to Chaska for apple seedlings.
- 31 I cut hay at Nilsson's claim, also made pins for his rake.

August

- 1 In the morning I cut hay and made rakes. In the afternoon, we had a meeting and communion and we decided to organize as a congregation.
- 2 In the morning I finished the rakes. In the afternoon I chopped timber for the shanty at Nilsson's claim.
- 3 In the morning I borrowed Svarker's oxen, and I moved my things to the shanty, including my trunk. In the afternoon I split some timber and hewed it into a table.
- 4 Nilsson and I turned hay all day.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I turned the hay in the morning, and stacked it a little in the afternoon.
- 7 In the morning we turned hay, and put it into stacks in the afternoon. Afterwards it rained and I did various things.
- 8 In the morning I spread hay, etc. In the afternoon I cleared space for the hay piles.
- 9 In the morning Nilsson cut hay, and in the afternoon we stacked hay, and did other things.
- 10 In the morning the German Rauens and I hauled hay. In afternoon I cut timber on Nilsson's claim.
- 11 Much as half the day I cut timber on Nilsson's claim. The rest of the day I worked on the hay, etc.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the morning I cut timber on Nilsson's claim. In the afternoon, the German Rauens and I hauled hay until late at night.
- 14 In the morning I fixed my shoes. In the afternoon I finished cutting timber on Nilsson's claim.
- 15 I cleared the brush on Nilsson's claim, also a place where the shanty will be built.
- 16 I cut rafters for Nilsson's claim and finished clearing brush. Today Nilsson walked to Chisago Lake and to Root River.
- 17 This morning Rauens hauled a load of hay for me, then I fixed the haystacks until noon. Afternoon I cut and moved the old saw to where Nilsson's shanty will be built.
- 18 I turned hay all day.

19 **Sunday**

- 20 Two quarters of the day, I hewed logs for Nilsson's shanty. John Anderson, and the farmhand Magnus, dug the basement for Nilsson until noon. Then it rained all evening.
- 21 Me and the German Rauen's boy have hauled home the timber for Nilsson's shanty. John and Magnus have finished digging the basement.
- 22 In the morning, John and I put down the footings for Nilsson's shanty and planned out how we will make it. In afternoon we have trimmed and hewed out the logs. Swen and Magnus worked all day and finished it.
- 23 Swen, Magnus, John, and I worked all day on Nilsson's shanty. At night I went to hear how Greta, wife of Jonas, is feeling.
- 24 Swen, Magnus, John, and I worked on Nilsson's shanty. Nilsson came from St. Paul and had all his stuff with him.
- 25 Swen, Magnus, John, and I worked on Nilsson's shanty and ended in the evening. Then Swen hewed out the sills and other things. I bought tobacco in Chaska for 25 cents.
- 26 **Sunday** Today I received a letter from Sweden.
- 27 Swen and Magnus made shingles for Nilsson's shanty, while I hewed planks for the floor. Today, Nilsson walked from here to New Sweden. John followed with him to St. Paul to get a cow.
- 28 Swen and Magnus split shingles for Nilsson's shanty, and I hewed planks.
- 29 Swen and Magnus covered Nilsson's shanty and I split rails for a cow yard, and built it together in one quarter of the day. Split more planks.
- 30 I finished the yard for the cow. Cleared an area for the outside cellar. Swen and Magnus chinked Nilsson's shanty.
- 31 Swen and I finished odds and ends at Nilsson's shanty, and helped them move into the shanty. John arrived today from St. Paul, with Nilsson's cow.

September

- 1 I put in the window on Nilsson's shanty, put up some shelves, and dug a well. Also covered it all together.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 John and I cut hay at P. Daniel's claim.
- 4 In the morning I paid Rauen 3 dollars for hauling the timber to Nilsson's shanty, and 40 cents for the last hay load he hauled. Later that day I split rails to attach around the haystack.
- 5 I made the fence by the hay pile. Was at John's, and put in glass windows.
- 6 I finished the fence by the hay piles, then John and I spread hay and put up some.
- 7 John and I turned the hay. Our health is not that good.

- 8 I was not feeling well. I split a couple of logs for the boards and John and I put up the rest of the hay. Alexander and Jonas Peter are here to help with the hay.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 John and I cut hay with the felling axe. Then I worked at home on the small wooden vessel.
- 11 First I cut out some doors, and then I did a number of odd jobs.
- 12 I went to John and cut some more doors. Then I turned some hay and put some in stacks.
- 13 First I made a place for a new hay pile. Then I cut out a way through the forest to Alexander's. In the evening John and I turned hay.
- 14 First I made a place for the hay pile, and made a haystack, then cut out a road through the forest.
- 15 Made a door and window for my shanty.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 It rained. I cut wood for Nilsson's window frames.
- 18 I went to Alexander's and made a door for his shanty.
- 19 I went to John's and made a door for his shanty.
- 20 I went to John's and finished the door.
- 21 I went to Alexander's and hewed out boards for the floor.
- 22 Jonas and I hauled loads of hay, and made half a stack, then it rained. In the evening, cut some boards.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Made a carpenter's bench, a last, etc.
- 25 I cut out pieces for lathes. I chopped window openings on Nilsson's shanty.
- 26 Jonas Peter hauled hay for me. John helped a little. In the afternoon I worked on the window frames at Nilsson's shanty.
- 27 I put in the windows at Nilsson's shanty, and I put the last of the lathes in the wagons.
- 28 I worked at a number of odd jobs at Nilsson's shanty. John and Maja Stina were here the 28th and 29th and daubed mud on the chinks.
- 29 I made a door frame, etc., for Nilsson's shanty.
- 30 **Sunday**

October

- 1 I cut timber for my shanty.
- 2 I cut timber for ceiling boards at Alexander's and Jonas Peter's.
- 3 I cut boards for chairs for Nilsson, etc.
- 4 In the morning I cut and made ceiling boards for my shanty. In the afternoon, I cleared brush from around the hay piles.
- 5 I cleared brush from around my shanty; John today went to Cokato for window

frames.

- 6 In the morning I split planks for the door and frames in my shanty. In the afternoon I cleared brush from around the hay piles and did a few little things at Nilsson's shanty. John came today from Cokato; he bought ink for me for 50 cents, window frames for 35 cents, and a plate for 5 cents, for a total of 90 cents.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I worked at my shanty. Cut the doors, etc.
- 9 In the morning I put up a fence around the hay piles, on the meadow. In the afternoon I raised the door frame in my shanty.
- 10 I put up wedges under the door frame in my shanty, finished the door, and put the door into the door opening.
- 11 I cut out a hole for the window, and put the window frame in. Mrs. Nilsson and Mathilda finished digging the potatoes. There were 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ flour barrels or approximately 18 or 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of potatoes.
- 12 I worked on my shanty.
- 13 I worked on my shanty. Mr. Nilsson has today returned from New Sweden.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I worked on my shanty.
- 16 I was at Alexander's and hewed out ceiling planks.
- 17 I worked on my shanty.
- 18 I was at the German Fischer's place for his house-raising.
- 19 In the morning I finished chinking my shanty. John, Maja Stina, and Mrs. Nilsson daubed the chinks and in the evening I helped to daub. Per Daniel returned today from Burlington.
- 20 Mr. Nilsson and Mrs. Nilsson and I daubed on my shanty.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I finished daubing my shanty and the roof.
- 23 I was at Alexander's and made the doors for their shanty. That finished the five days of work I owed them.
- 24 I finished the doors at Alexander's.
- 25 I cut timber for my cattle shed.
- 26 I finished cutting timber for my cattle shed.
- 27 I was at John's and cut timber for my cattle shed.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Jonas Peter and I hauled timber for my cattle shed.
- 30 In the morning I put down the foundation for my cattle shed. In the afternoon I went with John to Bengston's to witness his right to stake his claim.
- 31 First I went with the surveyor to measure John's claim. Afterwards, the surveyor and I measured mine and Nilsson's claims, and we put out markers. Nilsson got his legal description from the surveyor with a payment of 5 dollars 50 cents. He paid in cash. My

brother-in-law got his for housing and boarding the surveyor, and I paid 5 dollars in cash with 50 cents yet to be paid.

November

- 1 I worked on my shanty, etc.
- 2 I worked on my cattle shed. I had Alexander, Jonas Peter, and John for help.
- 3 I cut the door hole, put the door in, etc. Also burned brush around the hay piles.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I was at Alexander's and worked on the cattle shed.
- 6 Worked on my shed, made cribs, etc.
- 7 Worked on my cattle shed. In the afternoon we were at Alexander's and had a language meeting.
- 8 Worked on the shed.
- 9 Again I worked on the shed.
- 10 Nilsson and Alexander hauled hay to cover my cattle shed. I helped with the covering. I cleaned the inside of my shanty, and built a chimney. Nilsson went to Carver to hold a meeting.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I put strips around the windows on my shanty, etc.
- 13 I began to make a storm door for my shanty.
- 14 I finished the door and put in the windows.
- 15 We moved into my shanty. I did a bit of everything.
- 16 I worked at odd jobs in my shanty.
- 17 I worked around the shanty, hung the door to the cattle shed, etc. Nailed shut the windows and fixed the roof on Nilsson's shanty.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 In the morning I fenced on Nilsson's haystack. In the afternoon I put hinges on John's door.
- 20 Nilsson, John, and I went to St. Paul to buy oxen. Nilsson paid me \$15 for my claim. Erickson paid me what he owed. In St. Paul I spent \$15. We were there until the 27th.
- 27 I shopped in St. Paul for 14 dollars. The 28th we left for home.
- 28 We returned home.
- 29 I put up the stovepipes at John's. Today I began to board with Mrs. Nilsson but there has been no decision about the price.
- 30 In the morning I dug for the well on my claim. After dinner we had a meeting at Alexander's. Jonas Peter has made over a coat for me. I am to work for him one day to pay for that.

December

1 I daubed my cattle shed.

2 Sunday

3 First, I sold a hay pile. Then I cut out some timber to cover the well, etc.

4 I finished digging the well, and covered it, etc. Maja Stina and Mrs. Nilsson have sewn a comforter for me. I owe Mrs. Nilsson for this.

5 In the morning I did the well curb and the cap for the well. In the afternoon we had a meeting at John's. I paid Bengston 70 cents for some window frames.

6 I worked for Nilsson, started to make the snow shovel—took the timber out of the forest and cut and carved the bowl [bottom] part.

7 I finished the snow shovel for Nilsson.

8 I started to make a table for Nilsson.

9 Sunday

10 For three-quarters of the day I worked on making a table for Nilsson. The last quarter of the day, we moved the potatoes to Alexander's and I put together the wood chisel shaft, etc.

11 In the morning I finished the table. In the afternoon I nailed in the frames of the cattle shed doors, fixed the calf stall, etc.

12 In the morning I started to work on the panel in my shanty. In the afternoon we had a meeting and singing practice at John's.

13 In the morning I worked on the panel. Afternoon, same.

14 In the morning I worked on the panel. In the afternoon there was a snowstorm, so I made my bookshelf.

15 I cut boards for the panel all day.

16 Sunday

17 In the morning I cut wood for the panel. In afternoon I had Alexander help me haul logs for the stove.

18 In the morning, we loaded and hauled wood for Nilsson. In the afternoon I worked on cutting wood at Alexander's until the end of the day in exchange for what he did for me.

19 In the morning I cut and hauled the wood panel with Nilsson. In the afternoon I cut stovewood for Nilsson.

20 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs for myself. In the afternoon I made a cupboard for Nilsson.

21 In the morning I walked in the woods and picked out wood that would be good for runners on a drag. In the afternoon I hauled them home, and carved them up.

22 I put runners on the sled for Nilsson.

23 Sunday

24 I was at Jonas Peter's, and cut stovewood all day.

25 Christmas Day

- 26 We had singing practice and held a meeting.
- 27 & 28 I mended old clothes for myself.
- 29 I sharpened and repaired the saws, etc.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I made the facing around the doors on my shanty.

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January

- 1 We had a meeting at Bergquist's.
- 2 & 3 I was at John's and hauled hay.
- 4 In the morning I cut up a plank, etc. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.
- 5 I cut up boards and planks, etc.
- 6 **Sunday** We had communion.
- 7 In the morning I cut up a plank, and made a wood mallet. In the afternoon I carved legs for the chairs, etc.
- 8 I started to cut rails.
- 9 I cut up log rails. I was at John's, where I sawed a frame and put it around the door of my shanty.
- 10 I made a cupboard for Nilsson and started making a sleigh for him, etc.
- 11 I cut up log rails for myself.
- 12 In the morning I made a cloth cover for Nilsson's sleigh, etc. In the afternoon I cut up rails for myself.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 In the morning I put out timber for Nilsson, etc. In the afternoon I cut rails for myself.
- 15 I cut rails for myself.
- 16 I cut rails for myself.
- 17 In the morning I was with Nilsson over the lakes, because he was about to travel to St. Paul. I cut rails for myself.
- 18 I cut rails for myself.
- 19 I cut rails for myself.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 In the morning I made a mallet and cut rails. In the afternoon I started to cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.
- 22 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.
- 23 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple. Nilsson arrived today from St. Paul.
- 24 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.

- 25 In the morning I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple. In the afternoon I was at Magnusson's for a meeting.
- 26 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 & 29 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple. In total I had cut 400 rails.
- 30 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.
- 31 I cut rails on the other side of the sugar maple.

February

- 1 I cut rails on the other side of the maple.
- 2 Same.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 I cut rails.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 & 12 I cut rails.
- 13 In the morning I cut rails. In the afternoon we had a meeting. The surveyor was here today with the receipts. On the receipt from the government, I have paid 5 dollars because he measured my land and today I gave him 1 dollar and 50 cents.
- 14 & 15 I cut rails.
- 16 In the morning, John and I took the cow to the bull at Stega. In the afternoon I cut rails.
- 17 Magnus and Christine Peterson were baptized.
- 18 I cut rails.
- 19 I cut rails.
- 20 I cut down the forest on the hill.
- 21 I cut down trees for rails. Nilsson went to get 10 bushels of potatoes on Monday. Ditto on Tuesday, and he planted one bushel of grains at my place. I paid him 1 dollar for it. The Norwegian Jorgenson from Carver was here today to get his deed signed. Alexander was here this evening and made the bill [for his labor] with Nilsson, also with me.
- 22 In the morning I was at Swanberg's to get the money for the hay, which was 5 dollars. In the afternoon we had a language class.
- 23 I cut rails.
- 24 **Sunday** We had communion.
- 25 & 26 I cut rails.
- 27 In the morning I cut rails. In the afternoon we had a meeting. I am not in good health, so I do not have the strength to cut many rails during the day.
- 28 & 29 I cut rails but I was not in good health.

March

- 1 I cut rails, am feeling somewhat better.

2 **Sunday**

3 & 4 I wrote a letter to Sweden, also to cousin Johan from Helgesfall [farm] and the siblings in Burlington.

5 In the morning I cut rails. In the afternoon we had a meeting.

6 I cut rails all day.

7 In the morning I cut rails. In the afternoon I was with Swen Erickson and spoke with the German about my claim. Nilsson walked to St. Paul today; he took my letters with to send to Sweden and Burlington.

8 I cut rails all day, and had Per Daniel for help.

9 **Sunday**

10 I cut rails all day.

11 I cut rails, all day, and now have 2,000 cut down.

12 I cut down forest where the fence will be located.

13 I carried almost 400 rails to the spot for the fence.

14 I had Alexander help me haul rails.

15 I had Alexander help me haul rails.

16 **Sunday**

17 I had Jonas Peter help me haul rails.

18 I worked for Nilsson, making troughs to gather maple sap in. Nilsson arrived today from St. Paul and had Nygren as company. Nilsson bought me 6 yards of fabric for pants for \$1.20, 6 yards of white cotton fabric for underpants for 75 cents, 6 yards of material for shirts for 60 cents, a black hat for \$1, and a comb for 75 cents. Nilsson forgot to pay for my letter that I sent to Sweden when he turned it in at the post office.

19 In the morning, I made spigots for Nilsson, and drilled into the maples. In the afternoon for myself I cut logs into fence sticks for the rail.

20 I cut log for sticks for the fence rails.

21 **Good Friday** We had a meeting.

22 In the morning I cut sticks, in the afternoon I worked a little on the chairs.

23 **Sunday (Easter Day)**

24 In the morning we had a meeting. In afternoon I worked on the chairs.

25 In the morning I made a caned seat for a chair. In afternoon I cut sticks for the fence.

26 27, 28, & 29 I cut sticks for the fence and had a little over 400 sticks.

30 **Sunday**

31 I cut sticks for the fence. At the end of the day, I had 330 sticks.

April

1 In the morning I cut trees on the hill. For a little more than half of the afternoon, for Nilsson, I made 6 troughs for the sugar maple trees, then I put in the seats in the chairs. It rained and snowed heavily. Yesterday and today Nilsson hauled my rails to the fence site.

- 2 In the morning I finished my chairs. In the afternoon I repaired my boots.
- 3 In the morning, for Nilsson, I drilled the sugar maples for the second time, repaired the sleigh, etc. In the afternoon I was at Rauen's, to find out about the fence set-up. I had 25 cents to pay Rauen for the wagon.
- 4 & 5 I worked with the church members for Nilsson. We put fences around his hill.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I cut timber, for Alexander at his house.
- 8 & 9 Cut timber at Alexander's.
- 10 We timbered at P. Daniel's shanty.
- 11 In the morning, we timbered at P. Daniel's shanty.
- 12 I repaired my shovels.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I was at Alexander's and cut timber. In the evening it rained and was unsteady weather, so I came home at 4:30 p.m.
- 15 At 8:30 a.m. I went to Alexander's, cut timber, and put down the foundation. At five o'clock I came home, because it rained.
- 16 I cut logs on my hill all day.
- 17 I was at Alexander's all day, where I finished with the foundation and cut timber.
- 18 I hewed logs at Alexander's.
- 19 I cut timber and put in fence posts at Alexander's.
- 20 **Sunday** Bergquist and his wife and Peter Swenson and his wife were baptized.
- 21 We worked on Alexander's house.
- 22 We worked on Alexander's house. Nilsson and Per Daniel went to St. Paul today and have taken the cows with them to sell.
- 23 We worked on Alexander's house, and finished the side walls.
- 24 I cut logs on my hill and blocks for the fence.
- 25 In the morning it rained, so then I made an axe handle. In the afternoon, Alexander helped me haul logs. Nilsson arrived today from St. Paul and had Alfred with him.
- 26 We met and got to know Alfred at May's house. In the evening, I cut blocks for my cattle shed.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 In the morning Alexander and I hauled logs. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 29 In the morning Alexander hauled logs for me. In the afternoon, Alexander and I started to cut my fence.
- 30 Alexander and I put up fences all day.

May

- 1 Alexander and I put up fence all day. Nilsson went to Chaska and St. Paul today.
- 2 Alexander and I put up fence on the other side of the line, and finished the fence.
- 3 I made a pigsty by the field, etc.

4 **Sunday**

5 In the morning I hewed out pieces for the sty. In the afternoon I picked our potatoes out from the water in Alexander's basement, and made a halter or harness for the calf.

6 I made rakes, and handles for the hoe and axe. I went after the potatoes. Jonas Peter hauled them over here. Then I cut brush.

7 In the morning I cut brush on my field. In the afternoon we had a meeting at John's, and Nilsson arrived today from St. Paul.

8 I worked for Nilsson, then he and I grub-hoed in his field.

9 At Alexander's, I put up the rafters on the house.

10 I finished putting up the rafters for Alexander in the morning. In the afternoon Alexander and I burned brush. For two-thirds of the evening we burned brush in Nilsson's field. He will pay me for that.

11 **Sunday** Nilsson is sick, and Alfred went to Chaska after his wife.

12 I worked for Nilsson. Peter Swenson, John, and I cleared brush and grub-hoed on the potato land.

13 Swanberg and his boy, and me, cut forest at Nilsson's field in the morning. In the afternoon we grub-hoed in the potato field area.

14 Swanberg and his boy grub-hoed on Nilsson's potato field. Swanberg became sick, so he went home. In the afternoon, Jonas Peter and I hauled logs on Nilsson's field from nine o'clock to about six o'clock.

15 I cleared brush in my field. Swan Erickson and brother Magnus hoed potatoes and cleared brush on Nilsson's field. The boy Andreas has also worked for Nilsson in the field.

16 I cleared and burned brush in my field. Andreas, Christine, and Mrs. Nilsson hoed the cabbage field, and planted it. The boy went home at five o'clock in the afternoon. Alexander went to Chaska for Nilsson today, and brought home his bags, boxes, and 2 barrels.

17 I grub-hoed in my field of potatoes.

18 **Sunday** Bergquist's and Peter Swenson's daughters were baptized.

19 In the morning I dug a cold frame bed and planted it. In the afternoon I planted potatoes. At four o'clock we went and dragged a net and a line for fish. Matson from Knoxville was here today.

20 Tonight we went fishing, and had the boat full. We came home by dinner. In the afternoon I planted potatoes and hoed grains.

21 In the morning I planted grains. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Nilsson is sick.

22 I planted grains all day. The farmhand Magnus raked and burned brush at Nilsson's field.

23 We church members planted corn for Nilsson.

24 I planted corn, and I had Alexander's help.

25 **Sunday** The farmhand Magnus Bengston, his wife, and their son Swan, were baptized.

- 26 I raked brush and planted grain. The German Toby was here and asked for directions to the Crow River.
- 27 I planted grains and cleared brush.
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- 28 I raked and burned brush, and replanted corn on the old hill, because some of the corn seed was bad. The Matson Company is here today to take claims.
- 29 I planted corn. Andreas Swanberg worked three-quarters of the day for me. The German Rauen purchased seed corn from me for 25 cents.
- 30 In the morning I plowed and planted wheat in my field. In the afternoon I planted corn. Andreas Swanberg grub-hoed land for Nilsson. Nilsson went to Saint Paul today.
- 31 I planted grains. Andreas Swanberg hoed turnips for Nilsson. He went home in the evening.

June

- 1 **Sunday** We had a meeting at Peter Swenson's.
- 2 In the morning I raked and burned brush. Andreas Swanberg came at nine o'clock in the morning to see me. He hoed corn today for Nilsson.
- 3 I planted corn, Andreas Swanberg hoed corn. Nilsson today arrived from St. Paul.
- 4 I hoed potatoes in the morning. In the afternoon, I lay ill. A. Swanberg hoed corn for Nilsson.
- 5 I hoed potatoes, but was not feeling that well. A. Swanberg hoed corn.
- 6 I was not feeling well. I hoed a little and planted potatoes. A. Swanberg hoed corn at Nilsson's field.
- 7 In the morning I replanted corn, it was like none had germinated. In the afternoon we had a language class at Bengston's. J. Erickson today arrived from St. Paul to visit us. A. Swanberg hoed in the turnip field for Nilsson. In the evening he was at the meeting, and then went home.
- 8 **Sunday** We all had communion at Bergquist's.
- 9 I planted potatoes. I was with Erickson and walked out his claim, but I was not feeling well.
- 10 First I was after [looking for] the mare in the German's field, since she had foaled. Then I planted potatoes. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Bengston's. Erickson went home today, to Saint Paul.
- 11 I did nothing except an accounting of my accounts with Mister Nilsson.
- 12 It rained and I made a hoe, etc. In the afternoon I cleared the little field on the other side of the sugar maples.
- 13 I planted grains on the other side of my sugar maples. In the evening I went to the lake and pulled the net for fish.

- 14 In the morning I planted corn on the other side of my maples. Also I prepared land for turnips. For half of the afternoon I emptied the well, then I hoed corn.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I hoed corn. In between it rained. A. Swanberg came here today.
- 17 I hoed corn, and I went to the German Witzer for my cows and calf. Nilsson arrived today from the Swedish settlement at Carver.
- 18 In the morning I hoed corn. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 19 All of us church members hoed for Nilsson. Nilsson went today to the Cannon River and Root River.
- 20 & 21 I hoed corn for myself.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 & 24 I hoed corn for myself.
- 25 In the morning I hoed potatoes. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 26 & 27 I hoed corn for myself.
- 28 I once again hoed corn for myself.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I hoed corn.

July

- 1 In the morning I went to Kessler's with Nilsson and his mare, but she did not take [would not mate with] any horse. In the afternoon until three o'clock I hoed and pulled weeds at Nilsson's grain field. Then I hoed grains for myself.
- 2 I hoed grains and potatoes and grub-hoed the turnip field.
- 3 In the morning I hoed grains for myself. In the afternoon I repaired Nilsson's wagon.
- 4 The farm hand Magnus and I put up the frame for the porch at Nilsson's shanty.
- 5 The farm hand Magnus and I made a fence for the gate at Nilsson's shanty.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 In the morning I was at Kessler's with Nilsson's mare, but she did not take [would not breed with] any horse. In the afternoon I shingled the porch for Nilsson.
- 8 In the morning I made the fence and finished covering the porch on Nilsson's shanty. In the afternoon I stripped bark off trees.
- 9 In the morning I was at Kessler's with Nilsson's mare for the third time, but she did not take any horse. In the afternoon I stripped bark.
- 10 I hoed potatoes and in between it rained.
- 11 In the morning the German came and made a lot of noise because Nilsson's mare had been in his field and destroyed his wheat. I went over and measured his fence, and it was only 5 railings high, that was 3 feet, 1 inch high. Later I hoed potatoes all day.
- 12 In the morning I finished the porch. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to my siblings and sister-in-law in Burlington.

13 **Sunday**

14 In the morning I finished writing the letter to Burlington. At dinner time I went to Carver to apply for jobs, and I got a job at Noyes's, and I worked for 10 days for 1 dollar a day. Saturday the 26th I went home and ate dinner and supper at Nilsson's.

27 **Sunday** I ate breakfast and supper at Nilsson's. I had dinner at John's.

28 I ate breakfast and dinner at Nilsson's. In the evening I will go to Noyes again to work, for 4 days, digging his well.

August

2 I went to Carver, and started to work for the Count until Saturday evening the 16th. Sunday the 17th, I went home and ate 2 meals at Nilsson's.

18 I ate 3 meals at Nilsson's, went to the store, and paid off my debt of 2 dollars and 45 cents.

19 I went down to St. Paul and bought a stove and provisions. I went to Erickson's and boarded until Saturday afternoon, then I went on the steamboat *Wave*, and came to Carver at eleven o'clock at night. I ate dinner at Nilsson's. On Sunday evening we butchered Erickson's cow. I ate supper at John's.

25 I was at Watson's and asked for use of the wagon to go to Carver. Then I ate breakfast at John's. I cleaned my well in the afternoon. I ate dinner and supper at Nilsson's.

26 Alfred and I went to Carver to get the stoves. I made it to Fischer's at night and dropped off the load. Alfred and I ate supper at Nilsson's.

27 First Alfred and I went for the load at Fischer's. Then we ate breakfast at Nilsson's. Then we put up the stove. This afternoon Tobi, with a lot of Germans, was here; they ate dinner at Nilsson's. They ruined the entire evening for me even though it rained. I ate dinner and supper at Nilsson's.

28 In the morning I was with the Germans to find a shortcut to Chaska. In the afternoon I did a number of odd jobs. I ate 3 meals at Nilsson's. Nilsson arrived today from Chisago Lake and St. Paul. He bought a stove. Shillerstrom arrived from New Sweden today.

29 I cleared brush on the other side of the sugar maples. Today I have started to board myself out.

30 In the morning I plucked cranberries. In the afternoon I cleared brush on the other side of the maples. Shillerstrom went home this evening.

31 **Sunday**

September

1 I went to Carver to get a chain for Matson's wagon, that I had lost.

2 I hoed grain and weeded in the field, but do not feel that well.

3 In the morning I put up corn shocks. In the afternoon, we had a language meeting at John's.

4 I did not feel that well, but fixed the stove and the pipes for Nilsson. Boarding myself.

I count it to 3 ¼ quarter-days.

- 5 Worked for Nilsson. Put on the doors to his shanty, put up pot shelves, and helped him to move. Boarding myself.
- 6 I was at Jonas Peter's and cut boards/planks.
- 7 **Sunday** The Dalecarlian Anderson and his wife, Mattson and his wife, and Frank Bergquist were baptized.
- 8 I was home and cleaned my shanty.
- 9 I was at Jonas Peter's and cut rafters, etc.
- 10 In the morning I was at Jonas Peter's and cut new rafters until two o'clock in the afternoon. Later that evening I repaired Nilsson's wagon.
- 11 In the morning, I had some little things to do for Nilsson, which I did not put on my bill. Then I went to Jonas Peter's for 3 hours and finished making rafters. In the afternoon, I cut up planks for Alfred's door.
- 12 I was at Jonas Peter's and worked on his house.
- 13 I was again at Jonas Peter's and worked on his house.
- 14 [nothing written]
- 15 &16 I husked my corn, and hung it up.
- 17 I chopped wood for the corncrib.
- 18 First I was at John's, then Jonas Peter and I hauled home the timber wood to the corncrib. In the afternoon I husked corn.
- 19 I cut poles, and put them down for the corncrib.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 In the morning I worked on Alfred's door. In the afternoon we had a political meeting at Bergquist's together with the Germans. In the evening I worked on Alfred's door for 4 hours.
- 23 I worked on Alfred's door all day. Alfred husked corn for me all day.
- 24 I worked on Alfred's door until four o'clock in the afternoon. Then I husked corn.
- 25 In the morning I was at Alfred's and put on the door to the shanty. In the afternoon I was at John's and put a bolster on his house.
- 26 In the morning at John's, and finished the bolster. In the afternoon I husked corn for myself.
- 27 I husked corn and put together my corncrib.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I worked on my corncrib.
- 30 Worked on the corncrib, did not feel well.

October

- 1 In the morning I hauled home hay for the corncrib. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.
- 2 In the morning I covered my corncrib. In the afternoon I husked the corn for use in a corn

- husk mattress.
- 3 I was at Nilsson's and worked in the cattle shed.
- 4 I did odds and ends.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Chinked my corncrib.
- 7 In the morning, I made a door for the corncrib. In the afternoon I built a box [to store root crops] in Jonas P.'s basement.
- 8 In the morning we fixed the fishing net at Alfred's. In the afternoon we had a meeting at John's, and then at night I worked to fight fire in the woods at Nilsson's and at Lundsten's and Jonas's.
- 9 I worked fighting fire in the north forest all day.
- 10 We went and put out a fishing net but we did not catch any fish.
- 11 I was home and did a number of odd jobs. I got orders from the County Commission that I was commissioned to be the road supervisor.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the morning John and I bought a pig and carried it to John's home. In the afternoon I dug potatoes.
- 14 We had a lesson at Schilling's.
- 15 I dug up potatoes.
- 16 I dug up potatoes.
- 17 In the morning, I built potato boxes in Jonas Peter's basement. Then I dug up potatoes.
- 18 I finished digging potatoes. Then I went to John's with 4 bushels of potatoes to be made into starch. I got approximately 30 bushels of potatoes from 4 bushels I planted. I have received almost a ½ pound butter from Lundsten's for my old song book.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I was at John's and put in the windows.
- 21 In the morning at John's, I sealed the windows. In the afternoon I started to grub-hoe on the other side of the maples.
- 22 I grub-hoed on the other side of the maples all day.
- 23 I grub-hoed again, all day.
- 24 In the morning I did not do anything. In the afternoon I repaired a shoe. It rained so much all day.
- 25 Nilsson and I went to Chaska and Carver, and I had the blade for Jonas's plow fixed. That cost 1 dollar. I bought 3 quarts of molasses for 60 cents, and 1 pound of starch and candles for 30 cents. I gave Brown, from Alfred and Peter Nilsson, \$8 for a millstone.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I grub-hoed on the other side of the maples.
- 28 I grub-hoed again, all day.

- 29 & 30 I grub-hoed on the other side of the maples.
31 I grub-hoed on the other side of the maples. But for three hours Jonas Peter and I marked out Erickson's claim.

November

- 1 In the morning I grub-hoed on the other side of the maples. In the afternoon we had a language class at Mattson's.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Alexander and I cut rails on Erickson's claim.
- 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 I grub-hoed and cleared on the other side of the maples.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I fixed the roof on my shanty.
- 11 I did not feel well. I grub-hoed and pulled away the fence on the other side of the maples. Jonas Peter and Alfred have started to break sod there today.
- 12 Jonas Peter and Alfred stopped breaking sod at noon today. I didn't feel well.
- 13, 14 & 15 I chinked and fixed my shanty.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 & 18 I was at Nilsson's and made the trim around the windows and doors. Also I made an axe handle, and dragged all the floorboards to the trim. The axe handle and the floorboards, I count as a day job, and that is a good buy. I got a piece of plank from Nilsson, but they already got one of those from me for a food shelf.
- 19 I burned brush on my field, etc.
- 20, 21 & 22 Peter and I did Nilsson's door for his shanty. He owes me 3 days of work for this. The afternoon of the 22nd I fixed the basement doors at Jonas Peter's. I have received a pound of market pork from Jonas Broberg. My cow calved yesterday and had a heifer.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 & 25 I chopped logs for the fence on the other side of the maples but half of these days I went hunting.
- 27 I chopped logs for the fence on the other side of the maples.
- 28 I had Jonas Broberg's oxen and hauled logs to the fence from the other side of the maples. Also Alfred was with me with his oxen hauling logs. He owed me 2 ½ days of work; those 2 were counted off from him and the oxen, the half-day was counted for the sinkers or weights for the net and repair he had done in the evening. In the evening Nilsson and I settled the bill for the last time period of boarding. Six and ½ days work I had done during the last time and 4 days of [extra] work I did, [plus] boards I gave him, were counted off because I would build his cattle shed for this. I had the boards left over after I built mine.
- 29 I was at Jonas Peter's and cut timber because he fixed my clothing.
- 30 **Sunday**

December

- 1 In the morning I made the road to my field. In the afternoon I went to a mission lesson at Mattson's.
- 2 I did a number of odd jobs.
- 3 I repaired my chairs.
- 4 I did various little things in the morning.
- 5 Nilsson and I intend to go to St. Paul.
- 6 I tried to prove my claim in Minneapolis. In the afternoon we arrived in St Paul and I was there until March 19th, then I moved Erickson with his family here.

Andrew was in St. Paul from Decemebr 6, 1856, through March 19.

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March

- 20 The 18th of March Nilsson and I were in Minneapolis, and Nilsson paid for for his claim. Then we came home.
- 21 We put together my shanty.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 In the morning, the Nilssons were here as my guests. After, I did a number of odd jobs. Erickson and John have been to Excelsior for the last things.
- 24 I made troughs for the sugar maples, etc.
- 25 In the morning made maple sap troughs. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Chaunlier was here looking for a claim.
- 26 I made troughs for the maple sap.
- 27 I made troughs for the sugar maples, etc.
- 28 I tried to repair the molasses kettle but it was in vain. I hauled the troughs to the maples for Nilsson and me and had many little things to do.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the morning I drilled the sugar maples for Nilsson. In the afternoon I drilled Erickson's and mine.
- 31 In the morning I made 20 troughs for the sugar maples first. In the afternoon I was with Erickson and looked where to put his house. Later Erickson and I drilled the maples to the end, for a total of 66 maples drilled.

April

- 1 In the morning I hung my corn to dry and had many other things to do. In the afternoon I repaired my pants, etc. In the evening I went to John's, and we settled the bills, both

old and new, and we became even, only John owed me \$3 for corn.

2 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon I split pieces of wood for the rat traps.

3 I cut the wood for the rat traps.

4 In the morning Nilsson and I were at Fischer's, and we reconciled with him—Nilsson paid him 10 dollars, but if the sheep died, it would be 6 dollars more, and if the cow and calf died in 9 days, he should replace the calf particularly. \$2 were paid by Nilsson to Fischer so he could take back the lawsuit. If I had \$2 I would have paid Nilsson. In the afternoon we had a language meeting at John's, and it was pretty nice. Nilsson and I took the title from John.

5 **Sunday**

6 I did a number of odd jobs.

7 In the morning I cut up some planks and put on the roof, then cut ice out of the maple troughs.

8 I made the triggers for the rat traps, etc. I also watched over the cooking maple syrup.

9 I was at John's and cut timber for the church, etc. But it started to rain in the afternoon, so I went home.

10 In the morning I chopped and carried timber for the syrup kettle. It was Long Friday [Good Friday]. So we had a meeting in the afternoon, at Bengston's. John and I have settled the bill for my calf for the first 6 months he feeds him. I have paid \$4 for the first year, and \$6 for the second. John and I now have no bills to settle.

11 In the morning I boiled maple syrup, etc. In the afternoon I finished making the rat traps and tended to Mr. Nilsson's hand.

12 **Sunday (Easter Day)**

13 In the morning, we had a meeting at Bergquist's. In the afternoon we had a construction meeting for the church. Later that afternoon I paid 3 bits for a quarter-bushel of seed corn at Magnus Persson's. I also borrowed the grain grinder from Bengston.

14 I shelled corn all day, 3 ½ bushels.

15 I ground grains all day. I also ground 2 bushels of potatoes for Jonas Peter.

16 First I was with Mr. Nilsson to visit Fischer, and he paid 7 dollars for the calf that was dead. Fischer then said he would never demand anything more for what the dog did. Later that day I ground grains.

17 I ground grain all day. In the evening, I brought the grinder back to Bengston.

18 Brother-in-law John and I put up fence at Mr. Nilsson's all day.

19 **Sunday**

20 I chopped up logs for rails on the other side of the maples. I left 5 dollars with storekeeper Johnson. He will use that to pay my taxes in Chaska.

21 I cut rails on the other side of the maples.

22 I cut logs on the other side of the maples for stakes. Also worked on the syrup kettle.

23 In the morning I cut rails on the other side of the maples. In the afternoon we had a meeting

at Bergquist's.

- 24 I put up a log fence at Mr. Nilsson's.
- 25 In the morning I did the same thing again, I put up a log fence at Mr. Nilsson's. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law in Burlington about the money.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I split rails and stacks on the other side of the maples.
- 29 I had Alfred's ox and hauled log rails on the other side of the maples. At night I had 3 bushels of potatoes with me for Alfred, to pay for the breaking of sod and for the sack sewing.
- 30 In the morning, I was at Jonas Peter's and looked to see if the creek was open. In the afternoon I measured out potatoes—3 bushels for Jonas Peter, 5 pails for Lundsten, 2 bushels for Erickson, and 4 bushels for Mr. Nilsson.

May

- 1 In the morning I worked for Mr. Nilsson, making a front bolster for the wagon. In the afternoon we went to the creek by Jonas Peter's and fished at night.
- 2 We came back home from fishing and I slept until dinner. In the afternoon we had a language meeting at John's.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I split rails on the other side of the maples, etc.
- 5 I had Alfred, Peter, and Nilsson for help to put up the fence. Alfred borrowed flour.
- 6 Peter Nilsson and I finished making the fence around the field on the other side of the maples. Peter Nilsson took a half-bushel of grain with him home. I have received the money from the storekeeper. The tax was \$1 and 60 cents.
- 7 In the morning I fixed all the breaks in the log fence. In the afternoon I made a hoe-shaft, and did other little things.
- 8 I went to Carver, to see if I could get some raffia for the grafting boxes. I went to Noyes for a quarter bushel of grain and it cost 50 cents.
- 9 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs. In the afternoon I raked and grub-hoed the potato land and did other jobs.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Jonas Peter harrowed my wheat on the other side of the maples. Erickson sowed the wheat for me and I dragged it. I was at Mr. Nilsson's and bought a quarter-bushel of wheat, so I have sowed 1 ½ bushels in the little field. Later that day I grub-hoed more of the potato land, and cut cornstalks.
- 12 I went to Jonas Peter's and grub-hoed in exchange for when he harvested my wheat. Mr. Nilsson today was to Carver but he did not get my grafting box.
- 13 In the morning I plucked stones in the little field, and raked grain stacks in the big field. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Alfred's.
- 14 I grub-hoed next to the potato land and I chopped cornstalks. It rained all day.

- 15 Alfred was here and we plowed up the entire potato field. Then I raked the cornstalks.
- 16 I cut grain stalks and raked all day. I measured out 2 bushels of potatoes for Erickson and 2 bushels for Jonas Peter.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I was at Alfred's and grub-hoed because he plowed the entire potato field for me.
- 19 I went to Carver to get my grafting box and one flour sack for Erickson. I left 50 cents to Holms for transportation to St. Paul, but if the boat does not ask for it, I will have half of my money back again, and 25 cents I paid Holms for the trouble, 1 dollar and 50 cents Nilsson took for the ride for me, and 30 cents I got from Erickson for the flour sack I brought home.
- 20 In the morning, I hauled in the grafts. In the afternoon we put out the fishing net and got a splendid lot.
- 21 In the morning, John and I cleaned fish at his house. We were done by 3 in the afternoon and in the evening Erickson and I planted apple grafts.
- 22 I planted grafts all day.
- 23 I planted grafts all day.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 In the morning I was at Nilsson's and planted corn. To count in the priest day work. In the afternoon I carried home potatoes from Jonas Peter, and put down sticks for the grafts, etc.
- 26 First I moved dirt away from the graft tops and then later I planted potatoes.
- 27 In the morning I planted potatoes. In the afternoon we had a language meeting at Alfred's.
- 28 I planted corn. Anders Erickson put down corn.
- 29 I did not feel well. I planted a little corn and in between I lay down.
- 30 I was sick. But I still wrote a letter to my brother Carl, to answer that I have received the grafts, also to brother-in-law John what kind of grafts he should buy. It rained all day.
- 31 **Sunday** I was then sick so I could not attend communion.

June

- 1 In the morning I made a hoe shaft; I went to Scandia and voted in representatives and councils. In afternoon I planted some corn, but I did not feel well.
- 2 I did not feel well, but I planted corn all day and had Erickson for help.
- 3 Also not feeling well, I planted some corn at one point. At four o'clock in the afternoon we went to Lundsten's for a meeting. Erickson and Anders helped me plant corn.
- 4 Erickson and I planted corn in my field all day until we were finished.
- 5 I dug the cabbage beds and planted. Mr. Nilsson today went to St. Paul and will bring home a load of flour for us.
- 6 Over half of the day I was at the pastor's day work. At Nilsson's I planted potatoes.

In the afternoon I did not feel well.

7 **Sunday**

8 I was at Erickson's and helped him with the foundation for his house.

9 I planted potatoes to the end of the day. All together I have planted 7 ½ bushels potatoes.

10 I was at Erickson's, we put in the bolsters.

11 At Erickson's. First we put down a lap around the basement [a trench which was filled with stones], with more fixing. Started to dig [the basement].

12 At Erickson's and we dug in the basement.

13 At Erickson's and we finished digging the basement.

14 **Sunday**

15 In the morning I picked over my grains and fixed the grain crib. Last Wednesday Mr. Nilsson came from St. Paul. He had with him my little barrel of flour, which cost 3 dollars and 75 cents. I sent with him \$5.25, so he did not receive more than 50 cents for hauling it home for me.

16 I hoed around the graft land. Hoed corn and replanted some corn. Made a pole for Erickson and one for me, etc.

17 We started to work on Erickson's house.

18, 19 & 20 We worked on Erickson's house and today, the 20th, Anders and Tilda hoed my corn.

21 **Sunday**

22 At Mr. Nilsson's, on the pastor's day work, where I cut planks for the kitchen.

23 I worked for Mr. Nilsson in the morning. Cut planks for the kitchen. In the afternoon I did not do anything more than sleep and read magazines.

24 In the morning I wrote a letter to Klad in Sweden. In the afternoon we had a business meeting for the church.

25 I worked at Erickson's, chopping wood for the beams on the house.

26 I worked at Erickson's, and finished the sidewalls. Today, Alfred took my cow to Fischer's bull, which I owe him for.

27 I worked by the church.

28 **Sunday**

29 I worked by the church.

30 I worked by the church.

July

1 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs, carried out all my clothes for drying, and more. In the afternoon I started to do the kitchen for the stove.

2 In the morning I finished the kitchen. In the afternoon I worked for Mr. Nilsson and I cut planks for the porch.

3 I cut planks for Mr. Nilsson's porch.

4 We had a meeting all day.

5 **Sunday**

6 I cut planks for Mr. Nilsson's kitchen.

7 I split ceiling boards for Erickson.

8 I split boards again for Erickson. I brought my heifer to Nilsson's bull in the evening.

9 I had a number of odd jobs to do. In the afternoon I split panels for Erickson.

10 I worked for Erickson all day.

11 In the morning I planted beets and turnips. In the afternoon I started to hoe corn.

12 **Sunday**

13 In the morning I hoed corn. In the afternoon it rained. I wrote a letter to Klad in Sweden.

14 I hoed corn all day.

15 I hoed grains all day, and had Tilda help.

16 I cut ceiling boards for Erickson.

17 I cut ceiling boards again for Erickson.

18 We had a language meeting and feast all day.

19 **Sunday**

20 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 I worked for Erickson on his house.

26 **Sunday**

27 I went to Broberg's and made the hayracks. For that I will get to borrow them for my hay.

28 First in the morning I went to Broberg's and finished the hayracks for 3 hours. Later at two o'clock in the afternoon I went to Mr. Nilsson's and put down the foundation for the haystack, with more in pay for his sending letters for me to Sweden. Later in the afternoon I started to write to Sweden. John was at Fischer's today, and took my heifer with him. I paid him 50 cents for that.

29 I wrote to Sweden all day.

30 To three o'clock in the afternoon I wrote letters to Burlington and to my cousin Johan from Helgesfall [farm]. Later that evening I chopped wood to make a road to the little field.

31 I cut and tended hay at P. Daniel's claim.

August

1 I cut and cleaned hay at Per Daniel's claim.

2 **Sunday**

3 First in the morning I finished the letter to Sweden and to cousin Johan, and sent them to Burlington the same day. Then I cut out a road to haul hay. In the afternoon I made a rake, etc.

4 I cut and cleaned hay at Per Daniel's claim.

5 I cut and cleaned hay at Per Daniel's claim.

6 I chopped timber for the basement.

7 I cut bolsters and timber for the basement.

8 John and I hauled and stacked hay at Per Daniel's claim.

9 **Sunday**

10 I put up hay at Per Daniel's claim.

11 I sowed at home all day.

12 In the morning I mowed down my wheat. In the afternoon I mowed, etc.

13 I mowed a little [hay], chopped logs for the basement, and fixed John's scythe, etc.

14 John and I hauled the last hay to Per Daniel's claim.

15 I put up hay all day at home.

16 **Sunday**

17 John and I hauled logs all day to my basement. It was counted as 2 days of work, for which Erickson owes me.

18 In the morning I cut [hay]. In the afternoon I put up hay.

19 I cut a little [hay], and put up hay, etc.

20 I raked together the wheat and put it up with more to do. I went with the letter I wrote to Johansson yesterday to the post office in Chaska.

21 In the morning I cut logs for over the basement, etc. In the afternoon it rained, so I did not do anything.

22 I made a tongue for Broberg's wagon, and started to work on the basement. I also pulled up the well in the evening.

23 **Sunday**

24 Broberg hauled hay for me all day, and I helped.

25 I spread out the wheat, stacked the hay by the well, shocked the wheat, and also finished making the haystack.

26 I worked on the basement, and Broberg and I hauled loads of hay by the well to the cattle shed.

27 & 28 I worked on the basement, etc.

29 I cut the trusses for the basement.

30 **Sunday** Per Daniel is up now.

31 I made a tongue for Broberg's wagon.

September

1 In the morning I was at Mr. Nilsson's and cut shingles for the new house. In the afternoon I took the tongue for Broberg's wagon and finished it.

2 In the morning I made a tie for Broberg's wagon. I have done 2 ¼ days of work on Broberg's wagon, or almost 2 ½, with the time it took me to cut the wood for it. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.

3 I was at Mr. Nilsson's and chopped timber for his house.

4 It rained. I repaired a shoe and did other small jobs.

5 I was at Mr. Nilsson's and worked on the foundation for his house. I do not feel well.

6 **Sunday**

7 8, 9, 10 & 11 I was at Mr. Nilsson's and worked on his house. Wednesday he went to

Chisago.

- 12 I went to Scandia and made a coffin for Andrew Mattson's wife.
- 13 **Sunday** Mattson's wife was buried.
- 14 I was at Jonas Peter's and Broberg's for the flour since they returned from the mill, and I was also at John's, and also did little things.
- 15 I made a cylinder for the basement. Also worked at my house.
- 16 I repaired a shoe and did other small jobs.
- 17 Broberg was over and plowed the little field until five o'clock in the afternoon, then it rained.
- 18 Again Broberg was at my place and plowed the little field. We set up the bill and he owed me one and a half dollars for cornmeal, and I raked there for 3 days for what I owed him for the meal. He insisted that he did not want to take it, or anything for it because he had taken my corn to the mill. That was approximately 2 bushels, but I did not take a quarter days of work because I sold timber to his wagon. We also settled both days we plowed, so no charity has been done for me, but he wanted to count it as that.
- 19 I dug a hole for the side porches by my house, etc.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 & 22 I scaled up my house and started to dig the basement. Had Erickson and P. Nilsson for help.
- 23 I dug on the basement. Fischer's boy said that my heifer had taken the bull today.
- 24 25 & 26 Erickson and I dug the basement. P. Nilsson helped for a day, and we stopped working on the basement for this week. P. Nilsson has now worked off his debt for me, so we are even.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 & 29 I repaired the trusses on my house, and moved in.
- 30 In the morning I shoveled away the soil around the house. In the afternoon, we had a meeting. I went to Bengston's for my bushel of rye.

October

- 1 I cut corn stacks, etc.
- 2 I cut corn stacks. Erickson cut 8 shocks today for himself.
- 3 In the morning I went to look for John's oxen but I could not find them. In the afternoon I finished shoveling the soil around the house. Erickson cut cornstalks for me today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 John was here and cultivated the rye with his oxen, and I sowed the rye and did more little things. I also put together the swine sty and took it to John.
- 6 & 7 I was at Mr. Nilsson's and worked on the house.
- 8 I was again at Mr. Nilsson's and worked on the house.

- 9 & 10 I worked on the church, we put in windows.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I worked on the church, for John, and we put in doors.
- 13 In the morning I worked alone in the church, I then finished the doors, and put on trim. In the afternoon we had a lecture in Waconia.
- 14 15, 16 & 17 I worked for Nelson on the house.
- 18 **Sunday** Abrahamson was baptized.
- 19 I worked for Nelson on the house. Erickson and his kids dug potatoes for me today.
- 20 & 21 I worked on Nelson's house. But Andreas Swenson dug potatoes for me both days, so I had nothing for him at Nelson's. On the 20th Erickson and his kids dug potatoes for me and finished today. The entire potato harvest was 99 bushels, after planting 7 ½ bushels.
- 22 23 & 24 I worked for Nelson on the house, now it's completed. In the afternoon I did little things for myself.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 In the morning I went to Alfred's and Johan's. Erickson and I ground things, etc. In the afternoon I did small chores.
- 27 I daubed my house.
- 28 29, 30 & 31 I cut wood for my house.

November

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 In the morning I cut panels. in the afternoon we had a mission meeting.
- 3 I cut panels, etc. Erickson hauled boards for me today.
- 4 In the morning I hauled boards. In the afternoon I started to put up the ceiling.
- 5 I finished putting up the ceiling.
- 6 I did a number of odd jobs at the house and cut panels.
- 7 8 & 9 I went with Mr. Nilsson to Carver Settlement and two women were baptized.
- 10 I hauled rails with John's oxen, and hauled turnips and hides to John.
- 11 I was at John's and put up the pigsty.
- 12 I sewed a pair of mule gloves, etc.
- 13 I was at Broberg's and worked on the foundation of his house.
- 14 I lay ill with a cold all day.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Erickson and I grub-hoed in my field.
- 17 In the morning Erickson and I grub-hoed as well. In afternoon we had a meeting at Nelson's.
- 18 I was at Broberg's and worked on his house.
- 19 In the morning I went to Scandia to speak with A. Mattson about the woodcutting

and also at John's. In the afternoon I worked for Nelson and I started to frame the porch.

20 I worked for Nelson. In the morning I butchered the boar. In afternoon I worked on the porch.

21 I worked for Nelson on the porch until two o'clock in the afternoon. Later I did little things for myself.

22 **Sunday**

23 24 & 25 I was at Erickson's and made a door for his house.

26 I was at home, and made the outside door for the basement. Also fixed the corncrib.

27 I hoed corn and had help from Erickson's kids.

28 I was at Broberg's and worked on the house. Erickson and his kids hoed corn for me today.

29 **Sunday**

30 I hoed corn and had help from Erickson and his kids.

December

1 2 & 3 I hoed corn and had Erickson and his kids for help, and have now stopped hoeing. Erickson's kids have done 10 days of work together, and I have given them 5 bushels of corn for their work.

4 In the morning I made a potato box in the basement. In the afternoon I did little things.

5 In the morning I did little things. In afternoon we had language class.

6 **Sunday**

7 In the morning I looked for runners for the stone boat for Broberg. In the afternoon we had a mission meeting.

8 I had John's oxen and hauled a load of corn to John. I also repaired Mattson's wagon box that Johan was to use.

9 I made a jumper for John's sled.

10 I finished making the sled, etc.

11 For as much as three-quarters of the day I spent on behalf of Broberg. I cut and chopped wood for his sled, but it may happen that I may not get paid for more than a half of a day, but that would be unjust, because he himself was the reason for lost time, as he did not come and haul the timber to the sled at the time he promised.

12 In the morning Broberg and I hauled home the timber for his sled. In the afternoon I cut up the material for the runners.

13 **Sunday**

14 I worked on Broberg's sled. I cut up timber and hewed out the boards for the jumper and finished one of the runners.

15 I did various little things. I was at Fischer's with Erickson's cow to breed to the bull. I cut up wood for Broberg's sled. Per Monson and Johan from Molone were here to

buy 10 bushels of potatoes and 2 bushels and a panful of corn. Brother-in-law John took 5 bushels of corn to Carver for me. He received 60 cents a bushel, but he must take planks instead of cash. Per Monson shall pay for the potatoes next spring for 30 cents per bushel, and corn based on the prices in the spring.

16 I worked on Broberg's sled. Erickson's Anders [his son] has today stopped digging my potatoes, it shall now be 65 bushels in the cellar, except the ones I sold to Per Monson.

17 18 & 19 I worked on Broberg's sleigh. Anders Erickson was here for 2 bushels of potatoes, which is his pay for digging the potatoes. There is now not more than 60 bushels of potatoes in the basement.

20 **Sunday**

21 & 22 I worked on Broberg's sleigh and I finished it. I worked on the sleigh for a total of 9 days, except the times I spent on small jobs. He did not want to pay more than 75 cents per day, but I shall at least have 7 dollars for my work on the sleigh.

23 & 24 I chopped elm trees to enlarge my house with.

25 **Christmas Day** We had meetings and a feast.

26 We had two meetings.

27 **Sunday** We had 2 meetings. I have been at John's all three days.

28 & 29 I cut a road from my claim to Johnson's.

30 & 31 John was at my place and hauled logs to my house and kitchen, but started late in the morning and quite late in the afternoon.

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January

1 We had meetings all day.

2 I finished cutting the road from my claim to Per Daniel's.

3 **Sunday**

4 I started to make Broberg's door. In the evening I went to John and we settled the bill between us. I paid him \$48 for feeding my cows and \$18.50 for feeding the pigs.

5 I worked on Broberg's door.

6 & 7 I worked on Broberg's door.

8 I was at Broberg's and put in the door to his house. He shall do a day's work for me in return. I shall have 3 dollars and 55 cents for the door and 5 cents for a hoe handle.

9 In the morning I did little things, and put in the planks on the ceiling. In the afternoon I worked for Mr. Nilsson, cutting and hauling some runners for his sleigh.

10 **Sunday**

11 I worked for Mr. Nelson, cutting and hewing the runners for the sleigh.

12 13, 14 & 15 I was at brother-in-law John's and put on the panels, and fixed the doors.

- 16 I was home and put hoops on a barrel that will be used for salting the pork.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I filed saws, and fixed the stand for the wood-timber saw, etc.
- 19 I cut timber and split wood for Mr. Nilsson's sled. Also cut canes for Nelson's salt barrel. I worked for Nelson all day.
- 20 In the morning I had Nelson's mare and hauled corn to John. In the afternoon I worked for Mr. Nilsson, where I cut timber for his sled.
- 21 In the morning I had Nelson's mare and hauled hay at Johan's. In the afternoon first I was at Erickson's and cut, then cleaned the well, etc.
- 22 I worked for Nelson, where I put hoops on the salt barrel, which took three-quarters of the day. Then I worked on his sled.
- 23 I worked on the sled for Nelson.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I was at John's, we butchered a sow. She weighed 180 pounds.
- 26 I worked for Nelson on the sleigh.
- 27 In the morning I worked for Nelson on the sleigh. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 28 29 & 30 I worked for Nelson on the sleigh.
- 31 **Sunday**

February

- 1 In the morning I was with the road supervisor Johnson on his claim, and spoke with him about the road tax. In the afternoon I worked for Nelson on the sleigh.
- 2 3, 4 & 5 I worked for Nelson on the sleigh.
- 6 In the morning I worked for Nelson, where I hooped a washtub.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 I worked for Nelson on the sleigh, and stopped on Saturday night at eleven o'clock.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I shelled and ventilated the grains so I could send them with John, to be ground at the mill.
- 16 I went to John's for the oxen, then went to Scandia and borrowed the wagon box and went home and hauled grain to John's for the pigs.
- 17 In the morning I was at John's. Afternoon we had a meeting.
- 18 In the morning I made a pair of lasts for the boots. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 19 & 20 I repaired my boots.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I repaired shoes and boots.
- 23 I did little things, including making a snow shovel for John.
- 24 We butchered the second sow. She had 180 pounds of pure pork.
- 25 I made a stair for the basement, and went to the forest and looked for oak to make

shingles.

- 26 I was at Swanberg's in Waconia and borrowed Swanberg's saw. I went to the farm hand Magnus, and Johan's, and sold 29 pounds of pork to Johan Moller, for 12 ½ cents per pound. Also, to Peter Bran, I sold 24 pounds of pork for 12 ½ cents per pound. Ditto Peter Bran for one pig, 3 dollars.
- 27 I had the farm hand Magnus for help sawing the shingles. In the evening I wrote a letter to Burlington and sent it shortly thereafter for the grafting boxes.
- 28 **Sunday**

March

- 1 & 2 I cut shingles and had brother-in-law John for help.
- 3 In the morning I was at John's and helped him to saw. At dinner time I went home with the saw to Waconia. In afternoon we had a meeting, where Broberg was called to the church assembly for his claim jumping of Braun's claim.
- 4 In the morning I made a sawbuck and filed the saw. In the afternoon I cut shingles.
- 5 I cut shingles, etc.
- 6 I hauled home shingles with Nelson's mare and did other odd jobs. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Burlington again.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I did a number of odd jobs, including repairing a fro for Erickson, and he made a clamp for me. In the afternoon we had a mission meeting.
- 9 I finished making the clamps for the boards, etc. I was also at Alfred's and sharpened the shingles knife.
- 10 I did little things, including carrying in corn to let it dry.
- 11 In the morning I made a gutter. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 12 In the morning I chopped beams for my house and also some timber logs. In the afternoon I walked over to Alfred's and John's.
- 13 I cut a road around the field, cut logs for the rails, etc. Mr. Nilsson arrived from St. Paul. He brought home 1 ½ bushels of Canada club wheat for me that cost 1 dollar and 5 cents a bushel.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I made a stone boat to haul logs in, and put a shaft on a fro for Johan, etc.
- 16 & 17 I hauled logs to my house with Johnson's oxen.
- 18 & 19 I made some shingles, etc., but I have not been well for the past two weeks. It has been very bad weather, with rain with strong thunder, and the frost is not yet gone. Yesterday the 18th I measured 2 bushels of corn for Mr. Nilsson because I got to borrow his mare. Ditto 3 bushels of corn for Mr. Nilsson and for those 3 bushels I shall have his mare to go to Carver and get the grafting boxes. Tonight as I write, there is a very strong thunderstorm followed by some really heavy rain with a storm, which is very rare this time of year in Minnesota.

- 20 I made shingles and had the farmhand Magnus for help; we made 350 pieces.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 In the morning I gathered together the grain straw, and in the afternoon I went to the farmhand Magnus's and worked on his house.
- 23 I worked again at Magnus's house.
- 24 In the morning I worked at Magnus's again. In the afternoon I went to a meeting. At night I became pretty sick.
- 25 I did not feel that well, so I did little things.
- 26 & 27 I made shingles, etc.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I made shingles, etc.
- 30 I grub-hoed in the old field.
- 31 John and I went to Louisville after dinner.

April

- 1 I grub-hoed in the field all day.
- 2 Today is Good Friday. In the morning I grub-hoed. In the afternoon I went to a language meeting.
- 3 I grub-hoed all day. In the evening I wrote a letter to Per Daniel that he should address the grafting boxes to Holms in Carver. Same evening to brother Carl in Burlington, he should address grafting boxes.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I hauled away the stumps with Erickson's wheelbarrow.
- 6 I grub-hoed all day, and finished the cultivated soil.
- 7 We went and made a road to Chaska for the school children.
- 8 In the morning I went over to Johnson's. In the afternoon I made shingles, etc.
- 9 In the morning I made shingles. In the afternoon I did not feel well, so I had to lie down all afternoon.
- 10 I cut rails and sticks from the logs in the field, etc.
- 11 **Sunday** Today it snowed a lot.
- 12 I made shingles, it snowed and rained.
- 13 I made shingles, etc.
- 14 I started to dig the ditch for the basement.
- 15 In the morning I dug in the basement ditch. In the afternoon I went to Larson and voted against the railroad bill.
- 16 I finished digging the basement ditch.
- 17 In the morning I repaired Cornelius's boots. In the afternoon I made shingles, etc.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I made shingles all day.
- 20 I grubbed on the unbroken land with Erickson's help.

- 21 I grub-hoed all day.
- 22 I made shingles all day. Abrahamson was here with a message that my grafting box has arrived in Carver.
- 23 I grubbed all day, but I do not feel well.
- 24 I do not feel well, in the morning I laid down. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I made shingles, etc.
- 27 I went to Carver to get my grafting boxes with Nelson's mare. Jonas Peter was with me as well and we took the new road toward Chaska. I had to pay 1 dollar for the shipping for the box, from St. Paul to Carver; they said there was no bill for the handling. Holms charged 40 cents because he took care of the boxes, the greedy dog. I took home one sack of flour, for me and Abrahamson. The flour cost 5 dollars per barrel.
- 28 I grub-hoed with Erickson's help.
- 29 First I took the grafts out of the box, and the grafts were healthy and good. Then I burned up the weeds I grub-hoed. I grub-hoed to the cattle shed.
- 30 Brother-in-law John was here in the morning until nine o'clock. We plowed a place for the grafts. In the evening I started to plant the grafts.

May

- 1 I planted grafts all day.
- 2 **Sunday** The German has today taken the communion with us.
- 3 I planted grafts all day.
- 4 I planted grafts. Broberg has plowed up the potato land and started to plant potatoes.
- 5 I finished planting the grafts.
- 6 First I made sticks and markers for the grafts. Then I carried off the grubbed weeds from the field at the end, etc.
- 7 First I made labels for grafts. Then I cut shingles, etc.
- 8 I made shingles. Erickson was here for 5 ¼ bushels of corn. John was here yesterday and today plowed for the wheat.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 In the morning I sowed the wheat and John harrowed it in. I hauled logs that will span the basement ditch, etc.
- 11 We went to Smithtown for a lecture.
- 12 13 & 14 I was at John's and helped him to clean up in his field, because he plowed my field with the wheat, and harrowed it.
- 15 I cleaved and cut up planks to span the basement ditch.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I cut up planks for the basement ditch, and started to put planks in the ditch.

- 18 I put planks in the basement ditch. Mr. Nilsson visited me tonight, and we have settled the bill between us, and now he owes me 3 dollars and 12 cents.
- 19 I made shingles all day. Today there has arrived, or fallen, 3 inches of deep snow. This is unusual.
- 20 I made shingles all day.
- 21 In the morning we had a meeting at Fischer's, to organize the school. Also we discussed where the schoolhouse should be built. In the afternoon I worked on the basement ditch.
- 22 I filled up the basement ditch with stones.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 In the morning I repaired a shoe. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to brother Carl in Burlington.
- 25 I made shingles all day. Today I sent my letters to Burlington.
- 26 I made shingles all day.
- 27 In the morning I ground up 52 pails of potatoes that will go to John. I also ground up 9 bushels for Mr. Nilsson, for which they will pay 25 cents per bushel, which totals 2 dollars and 25 cents. Broberg has hauled potatoes to John's. Today I stopped making shingles.
- 28 First, I helped Miss Nelson to put up the post for the porch. Then until dinner I put down shingles, there are 2,740 pieces, and in the evening I started to make the lathes for the ceiling.
- 29 I made lathes for the ceiling.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I went to the Watertown settlement and tried to borrow money, but I did not get any except for Maller. Broberg planted corn for me to the finish. He declined my request of trading for planting the grain field, so I shall give him 2 ½ days of work because he planted it.

June

- 1 I started to clear a field near the back of my kitchen, where I will plant corn and potatoes.
- 2 I brushed and cleared the field. Miss Nelson was here for one bushel of potatoes from me.
- 3 In the morning I plucked leaf bugs and other vermin from the grafts. In the afternoon I cut potatoes. I also went to John's for milk and seed corn.
- 4 I planted corn in the new clearing, west of the house.
- 5 In the morning I cleared the bugs off the grafts again. In afternoon I raked and burned brush and planted some corn, and in the evening I planted melon seeds.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I planted corn and potatoes all day.

- 8 In the morning I dug cabbages, and planted beets, carrots, melons, and beans. In the afternoon the assessor was here and figured out the tax. While I was with him we went to Nelson's and counted the things on his property. Nelson's tax became 191 dollars and my tax was 86 dollars. Later that afternoon I plucked worms off the grafts and planted potatoes.
- 9 10 & 11 I grub-hoed at Broberg's. For 2 ½ days of work shall he take off, for when he planted my grains.
- 12 We went to Witzacher's for a raising bee until three o'clock in the afternoon. We also made a log fence. It will have 4 inches between the rails until it is 2 feet high. From there it will be 6 inches between rails until it is 5 feet high, including stakes and riders. Later that afternoon I planted potatoes.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I did roadwork just opposite Andrew Mattson's house.
- 15 In the morning I planted potatoes. In the afternoon we went fishing using the fishnet.
- 16 I did little things.
- 17 & 18 I grub-hoed at Broberg's.
- 19 In the morning I removed worms from the grafts, and started to hoe corn in the newly broken field. In the afternoon I hoed grains and measured 8 bushels of potatoes for Broberg. We are now even.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I worked at the church, putting in frames for the windows.
- 22 23 & 24 I hoed grains, and also dug on the land.
- 25 In the morning I worked on my road opposite Fischer's. In the afternoon I hoed grains.
- 26 In the morning I hoed corn in the unbroken field. In the afternoon I worked on my road for Nelson.
- 27 **Sunday** My cow was bred by the bull today.
- 28 I worked on the road near Nelson's.
- 29 I did little things, but did not feel well. Lundsten bought 6 bushels of potatoes from me.
- 30 I hoed potatoes, etc.

July

- 1 I hoed grains all day.
- 2 For half a day I hoed corn, then I went with the cow keeper to John's and we paid our taxes—my tax was 3 dollars and 37 cents.
- 3 I hoed corn all day.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I hoed grains, etc.
- 7 In the morning I hoed grains. In the afternoon, it rained, then I did little things.
- 8 I was at John's and helped him to clear the land to sow turnips.

- 9 In the morning I did not do anything. Today in the morning there was an unusually strong rainstorm, with a lot of rain. In the afternoon I repaired a shoe, etc.
- 10 I finished hoeing corn grains in the unbroken field. Mr. Nilsson today arrived from Chicago with Torsten, Hammerberg, and the girls.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I was with Torsten and Hammerberg and went out to stake claims on the school section.
- 13 I hoed potatoes all day.
- 14 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 15 & 16 I was at Broberg's and hoed corn.
- 17 I hoed corn at home in the unbroken field. Erickson hoed corn for me today at Broberg's.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 In the morning I was at Erickson's and ground corn. In the afternoon I worked on the road to John's.
- 20 First I was at John's, then I worked on the road. In the afternoon I had Erickson help me harvest rye.
- 21 In the morning Erickson and I harvested rye. In the afternoon we went to meetings.
- 22 I finished harvesting rye with Erickson's help.
- 23 I worked on the road to John's. In the evening I had Cornelius's help.
- 24 I worked on the road to John's. Afternoon I hoed, etc.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 At dinner time I returned home from Peter Swenson's whom I had helped because he was sick. In the afternoon I repaired a copper pot for John, and repaired my pants.
- 27 In the morning I hauled corn to John's with Nelson's mare. In the afternoon I repaired the scythe for Broberg and he ground corn for me.
- 28 First I went to John's, then I screened corn flour, and finished hoeing the corn. In the afternoon I hewed out the beams for my house.
- 29 In the morning I chopped beams for my house. In the afternoon I was at Broberg's and shocked rye.
- 30 In the morning I went with a Swede to the land surveyor to claim his land, and learn the price for it. In the afternoon I repaired a shoe, etc.
- 31 In the morning I cut down the big hollow maples. I tore off the bark and will use it to cover the kitchen.

August

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 In the morning I cut planks from the big maples that I had stripped the bark from for the kitchen. In the afternoon we had a mission meeting.
- 3 In the morning I did little things, then I hewed the log for the ceiling.

- 4 I was at Mitchell's and shocked wheat.
- 5 First I repaired a scythe for John, and checked over it. Then I hewed planks.
- 6 & 7 I cut planks and did other little things.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 In the morning, I did not do anything. Granlund from the other settlement was here. He hindered me in my work, the same with Cornelius. In the afternoon I cut down a maple and cut it up as planks.
- 10 In the morning I was with Hammerberg and looked at a place for his house, then did small things. In the afternoon I cut up planks on the other side of the maples.
- 11 In the morning I dug around the grafts, and plucked worms off them. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.
- 12 Broberg was here, we hauled rye, etc. Johan and Cornelius cut down wheat.
- 13 Cornelius and I cut down wheat, etc.
- 14 Cornelius and I cut wheat. In the evening John was here and helped us finish.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I was at Mr. Nilsson's and flailed wheat, then did church assembly day work.
- 17 18, 19, 20 & 21 I flailed and tended hay for myself. Supposedly my heifer has taken the bull this week since Fischer's bull followed her all the time.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I was at Scandia and made a coffin for Peter Swenson, and in the evening we buried him.
- 24 I tended [turned] the hay and flailed.
- 25 & 26 I went with Elsa to the Swedish settlement in Carver.
- 27 I groomed hay, etc.
- 28 Broberg was here and we hauled hay all day.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I flailed all day.
- 31 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon Broberg helped me haul and pile up the wheat. Today my heifer took the bull.

September

- 1 I tended hay, etc.
- 2 In the morning I went to John's. In the afternoon I put up hay.
- 3 In the morning I went to Broberg and Mattson to get a ride to Chaska. In the afternoon I put up hay. In the evening I went to John's.
- 4 Elsa and I, and Maja Stina, went to Chaska and Mattson gave us a ride.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 In the morning we had a meeting with Mrs. Nelson regarding the school. In the afternoon I went to Erickson's and ground corn.
- 7 I flailed all day, and also went to John's.

- 8 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs, then went to Lundsten's. In the afternoon I flailed and did other jobs.
- 9 First I put in the heater, then I started to put in the panels on my house.
- 10 In the morning I was at John's. In the afternoon I piled up my haystack in the meadow on the south claim and had John and Erickson help me.
- 11 I tended hay in the bog, which is mine and Nelson's claim.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the morning I put up hay. In the afternoon I honed/edged planks for the panels, etc.
- 14 I put up the panels on the house.
- 15 In the morning I went to John's and cut corn. At dinner time John followed me home, and started to plow for the wheat. In the evening at five o'clock, Elsa and I were married.
- 16 John was here and plowed, and I cut. I also went to Bengston's for the seed wheat, etc.
- 17 I sowed and harrowed wheat.
- 18 In the morning I cut corn and Elsa and Anna helped me. In the afternoon I went to a prayer meeting, to prepare for when the conference starts.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 The conference started, I was there all day.
- 21 I went to the conference; it ended that day.
- 22 In the morning I stacked hay in the north bog. I had Erickson's and Hammerberg's help. In the afternoon I started to put up the frames on Nelson's [hay] wagon. Elsa and Anna cut corn today. In the evening they went to Cornelius's.
- 23 I was at Nelson's all day and fixed the frames and did other work on Nelson's wagon.
- 24 I was at a meeting all day. We had a baptism service: August Johnson and his wife, Magnus Johnson and his wife, and Cornelius and his wife were baptized.
- 25 I cut corn all day and finished it.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I made pigpens and went after the pigs at John's.
- 28 In the morning I cut rails and sticks for the fence around the haystacks. In the afternoon I hauled hay at John's, etc.
- 29 I hauled rails with John's oxen, also stakes for the fence around the haystack.
- 30 I made the fence for a cow yard, etc.

October

- 1 I did little things.
- 2 I finished working in the cow yard.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 In the morning we were after the cows at John's. In the afternoon I sowed rye in the little field. Broberg plowed and harrowed the field.

- 5 In the morning I went with the old man Hammerberg and stepped out the lines for his claim. In the afternoon I worked on a box for the basement.
- 6 I harvested the rye in the little field with John's oxen, and ground corn at John's for the calves.
- 7 In the morning I worked on finishing the potato box in the cellar. In the afternoon I went to Ersin's and ground corn.
- 8 We dug potatoes all day.
- 9 I fenced around the haystacks.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I went down to the Oskar settlement to borrow money and I got a lot. I borrowed 10 dollars from my mother-in-law, and 20 dollars from Anders Swanson today.
- 12 I came home from the Oskar settlement, and I brought home 16 plum trees.
- 13 I was at Broberg's and dug potatoes all day.
- 14 I was again at Broberg's and dug potatoes. I now do not owe Broberg my 3 days of work.
- 15 John and I walked to St. Paul, and we had his big ox with us. We exchanged it for a pair of other oxen and I stayed in St. Paul until October 21st.
- 22 I came home from St. Paul.
- 23 In the morning I husked corn. In the afternoon Fischer and I went to John's for the calves.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 John and I hauled the wheat and rye over to Nelson's for threshing.
- 26 Threshed with the threshing machine: 25 bushels rye and 7 ½ bushels wheat. Jonas Peter, Lundsten, Fischer, Otto Broberg, 3 of Hammerberg's sons, John, and I worked by the machine. I had to pay 5 dollars to the ones who owned the machine and Broberg, one day's work, because he provided the oats for the horses.
- 27 First I went to Scandia. In the afternoon I hauled timber to Hammerberg's house.
- 28 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon I finished hauling timber for Hammerberg's house.
- 29 First I went to John's with the ox, then I did little things.
- 30 I fenced the pen for the little pigs, then I did a variety of small jobs.
- 31 **Sunday**

November

- 1 Elisabeth and I husked corn all day. Brother-in-law Sven, Anna, and Elisabeth came up a week ago Sunday.
- 2 In the morning I husked corn. In the afternoon I made a pair of husking pegs, etc.
- 3 In the morning I worked on stalls for the cattle. In afternoon I hewed out a shovel, etc.
- 4 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon I husked corn, etc. I paid one dollar to Fischer's John Adam, for the bull breeding the cow.

- 5 I husked corn, etc.
- 6 I was at Lundsten's and cut up planks for his ceiling.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 In the morning I butchered our first boar. In the afternoon I planted the plum trees, and finished husking corn.
- 9 I was at Hammerberg's and worked on his house.
- 10 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon I dug up soil by the apple trees.
- 11 I was at Lundsten's and worked on his house.
- 12 In the morning I was at Erickson's and ground corn. In the afternoon I cleaned the furniture.
- 13 I worked in the stable, etc.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I started to work on the rod for Broberg's wagon, etc.
- 16 I continued working on the rod for Broberg's wagon. I also wrote a letter to Burlington. In the evening I went to the spelling school, sent the letter to Burlington, bought post stamps, and paid Bergquist for Charley's papers.
- 17 I finished making the rod for Broberg's wagon, etc. Anna and Elisabeth have carried the clogs [wooden shoes] to Carver, and to get Anna's fabric.
- 18 Jonas Peter today bought a bushel of wheat from me, for one dollar and a quarter. Today I have been at Johan's and ground corn all day.
- 19 I made a box to keep hens in.
- 20 I went to Chaska and sold butter.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I butchered the white boar. He weighed 212 pounds and he had 14 pounds of lard.
- 23 I went to Erickson's, and hauled timber for the hen house and pigsty, also went to John's with Elsa.
- 24 Until two o'clock in the afternoon I was at Mr. Nilsson's and butchered. Then I finished making the boxes [roosts] for the chickens.
- 25 First, I salted the pork, then I did little things.
- 26 I hooped the barrels and washtubs for Mr. Nilsson all day.
- 27 First I was at Alexander's and paid for 3 ½ bushels rye, then I made straps for the hay [fodder] chute in the barn, with more. Paid back: pork to Erickson, 11 pounds, Mattson, 5 pounds, Torssten, 4 pounds.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Today I have begun to feed the oxen. Did little things.
- 30 First I hauled home a log for a water trough. Then I hauled more wood, etc.

December

- 1 I made the water trough, etc.
- 2 I did little things.
- 3 I daubed on the cattle barn, etc.

- 4 First I worked on Erickson's wall shelf. Then I repaired the saw, with more little things.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I went to Johan's and butchered the oxen.
- 7 I sawed off the corner of my house, also hauled timber.
- 8 I daubed the house outside, etc.
- 9 I put up frames around the door, etc., and fed the cattle. Elsa is sick.
- 10 I went to Lundsten's and ground corn, also put up a lock on his door, and repaired the door.
- 11 I daubed my house on the inside with more.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I finished repairing everything. Got ready to go to the mill and cleaned the rye and corn.
- 14 Johan and I went to the mill in Carver, we went to Chaska on the way home, so I could pay my debt to Warner in Chaska.
- 15 In the morning I did not do anything. Afternoon I hauled grain hay with more.
- 16 I hauled barley straw, rye straw, and wheat straw with more.
- 17 I did little things.
- 18 In the morning I went to Lundsten's and ground corn, then little things. Brother-in-law Olaf and Elisabeth came here tonight.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I started to make a bed.
- 21 I continued making the bed with more.
- 22 John and I went to the mill in Carver to fetch the flour and cornmeal.
- 23 I worked out my road tax. We worked on the road between Johan Peter and me, also the oxen worked on the road.
- 24 I did little things.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We went to a meeting all day.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 In the morning I went to Peter Nilsson's and cut a pair of runners for the sleigh. Afternoon I cut a pair of runners on Schilling's land.
- 28 In the morning I worked for Mr. Nelson, on my road to the well. Also worked for Mr. Nelson one day. It is counted off since my oxen worked on the road. Brother-in-law Olaf went home today.
- 29 & 30 I was at Anderson's and hauled hay.
- 31 In the morning I went home from Anderson's and took home 4 bushels corn from Magnus Johnson and paid Bengston 23 corn-on-the-cob for seed corn.

January

1 We had a meeting all day.

2 Sunday

3 We were with Cornelius at Mr. Nilsson's for a party, we had spiritual conversations.

4 In the morning Cornelius went home. In the morning we had a meeting at Nelson's about the schoolhouse. In the afternoon I did a number of odd jobs, a variety of miscellaneous little things.

5 Until four o'clock in the afternoon I hauled home timber and material for a sled or drag, also called a stone boat, then I cut timber.

6 I went to Cornelius's, then went to Carlson's meeting.

7 In the morning I went home from Cornelius's and Elisabeth went home with me. In the afternoon I made a sled for Nelson's boy.

8 In the morning I finished making the sled. Then I chopped timber.

9 Sunday

10 In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon we had a special meeting about all the complaints that Nelson had received during the assembly.

11 I was at Swan's hauling logs; he will grub for me, 2 days in the spring, for that.

12 I butchered the boar, and John helped me.

13 I went to Chaska and Carver to sell the pork. I also took home planks for Per Daniel.

14 I hauled timber, etc.

15 In the morning I hauled timber for the church. In the afternoon I cut timber at home, etc.

16 Sunday

17 I went to Chaska and sold the boar—he weighed 236 pounds, but I did not get more than five cents a pound.

18 In the morning I went to Mr. Nilsson's and butchered. In the afternoon I went and looked for the pigs.

19 I went and looked for the pigs. In the afternoon I found them at the Frenchman Winkel's. I had Nelson's mare to drive home the pigs.

20 21 & 22 I did not feel well but I repaired a shoe and did other small tasks.

23 Sunday

24 I repaired a shoe. Olaf and Kanson are here now. Elsa went to Cornelius's house.

25 I did little things. Elsa is back home, and Bengta is here, to help Elsa knit a quilt/blanket.

26 I wrote a letter to Burlington, etc.

27 I did little things.

28 & 29 I did little things. Elsa and Bengta, with the help of other people, knit a blanket/comforter.

30 Sunday

- 31 In the morning I went to John's and hewed out a pair of sled runners. In the afternoon I did a number of odd jobs.

February

- 1 I went to Chaska and made arrangements for the stove, etc. I bought unusable sugar.
- 2 I dried corn and rye, etc.
- 3 I hauled hay and had John for help.
- 4 I cut timber and hauled it home, etc.
- 5 In the morning I hauled timber, then I cut timber and hauled barley straw.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I did not feel well and did not do anything.
- 8 I dried rye, etc. Brother-in-law Olaf, and my mother-in-law, came here today.
- 9 I hauled hay and used it to cover the graftings with other little things. Brother-in-law Olaf sewed a pair of pants today.
- 10 I did little things. Brother-in-law Olaf and Nelson today went to Forest City.
- 11 In the morning we cut and hauled timber to the schoolhouse, then I covered the grafts with straw.
- 12 I did not feel well, I did not do anything.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 & 15 I finished making the bed, with more.
- 16 I got ready to go to the mill. Anna today came with Mr. Nilsson from Forest City.
- 17 & 18 I went to the mill in Watertown with 12 bushels of rye and 6 bushels of corn.
- 19 I packed the flour, then hauled it home from Watertown.
- 20 **Sunday** The sow has taken the boar today.
- 21 I hauled timber and rails logs with more.
- 22 I cut logs for maple sap troughs with more. Mr. Nilsson and Anna went back home today.
- 23 I started to clear the field.
- 24 I cleared in the field.
- 25 I hauled logs in the field all day.
- 26 I hauled logs again, with more.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I cut down more of the woods in the field, with more.

March

- 1 I cut and hauled logs in the field, with more.
- 2 I went and did little things.
- 3 I did carpentry work in the house and made a fireplace, with more. Yesterday and today it snowed a lot.
- 4 & 5 I went to the house and did carpentry work, also other little things.
- 6 **Sunday**

- 7 First, I went to Andrew Nilson's and sharpened the grub hoe and axe. Then made maple syrup troughs, with more.
- 8 I again made maple syrup troughs.
- 9 First I did more troughs, then I went to Jonas Peter's and walked out a line. It was to pay for his help at my place.
- 10 & 11 I was inside because these last couple of days a lot of snow has fallen.
- 12 I made 19 maple syrup troughs.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 & 15 I repaired a shoe, etc.
- 16 I bored into some of the maple trees, and made troughs. I also put a shelter around the molasses kettle.
- 17 I made spouts for the sugar maples and also hewed out the troughs, with chisels, etc. The pig has taken the boar today for the second time.
- 18 I made 20 troughs and also carried the troughs to the trees.
- 19 I did little things.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 & 22 I did more little things. I made a lantern, and wrote a letter to Burlington.
- 23 I drilled in the sugar maple trees, etc.
- 24 In the morning I repaired John's molasses kettle, then I drilled into the sugar maples and carried sap.
- 25 & 26 I cut logs for the rails and worked by the molasses kitchen with more.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I cut out a storage trough for the sap, then I cut logs for the rails.
- 29 First we had a depaternade meeting at Mitchell's. Then I cut rail logs and carried logs.
- 30 In the morning I cut a few rails as I watched the molasses kettle. Also I did more little things. Then, I made a tongue for Rauen's wagon, which Per Daniel had broken when he drove it off the road at night.
- 31 We went to Chaska for Per Daniel's things.

April

- 1 First I went to John's after the hay wagon, then to Rauen with the wagon for Per Daniel. Then, I went to burn the grass in the meadows. Then I boiled 3 ½ gallons of molasses, but it burned.
- 2 Today a lot of snow came, almost 2 feet deep. Today, I repaired clothes, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 First I hauled hay from the north bog, I had Olaf Hakanson for help. Then I hauled timber, etc.
- 5 In the morning we had a lecture at Witsack's house. In the afternoon I repaired Mattson's kettle and coffee pot.
- 6 I was at Erickson's and hauled logs for the fence.

- 7 I boiled maple syrup and cut timber, etc.
- 8 In the morning I was at Erickson's and hauled logs, then piled wood. We boiled maple syrup, etc.
- 9 The pig was taken to Nelson's boar today. I boiled maple syrup and did little things.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 12 & 13 I boiled maple syrup, cleaved rails, and hauled rails. Today, the 13th, Cornelius went home.
- 14 I hauled rails and timber, etc. "Kulla" calved today.
- 15 & 16 I boiled maple syrup, made a cover for the vinegar tub, etc.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 First Per Daniel and I went to Broberg's with rye for John. Then I cut timber, boiled maple syrup, and finished making the smokehouse tub. Also, started to smoke the pork.
- 19 Peter Nilsson was here and cut the boar [neutered]. Then I cut rails, boiled maple syrup and cut timber, with more.
- 20 21, 22 & 23 I boiled maple syrup, hauled rails and timber, also cut timber, with more little things. It is still pretty cold at night.
- 24 **Easter Day** We had a German meeting, and two Germans were baptized. In the afternoon I took the Germans home and stayed at Wendt's for the night.
- 25 At dinner time I came home from Mr Wendt's. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 26 I planted the apple seeds, etc.
- 27 I worked in the schoolhouse all day.
- 28 I plowed the wheat, and I had John drive the oxen.
- 29 I cut brush and burned in the field. I also planted horseradish and rhubarb.
- 30 I went to Cornelius's and borrowed 4 dollars from him, also I went to Braun's and got 22 pounds of sugar, since he owed me that, and it counted for 2 dollars, at 9 cents a pound, but if I get 10 cents a pound in Chaska, I will give him the difference.

May

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I sowed wheat and harrowed it in.
- 3 In the morning I did a variety of little things. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 4 First I raked the wheat, among the fall wheat. Then, I fixed and cut the dead apple trees, where they were rotten and winter-damaged, etc.
- 5 I plowed and had Per Daniel for help. Today I have received a bill for the grafting box that is in Chaska.
- 6 & 7 I went to Peter Nilsson's and built a boat.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I went to Chaska for the grafting box. I paid 3 dollars for shipping and Warner took nothing. Jonas Peter, John and Peter Nilsson were with.

- 10 I planted graftings and had Erickson for help.
- 11 I planted graftings and had Erickson for help.
- 12 I started to grub-hoe and had Anderson and Peter Nilsson for help.
- 13 Anderson and I grub-hoed.
- 14 Anderson and I grub-hoed. Today, I went to get a pig which is a month old, at Broberg's. Today I let the oxen out.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I grub-hoed and had Erickson for help.
- 17 I grub-hoed and had Schilling for help, and Erickson for half of the day.
- 18 & 19 Schilling and I grub-hoed. Also I shoveled dirt up in the cabbage beds. Elsa planted two bushels of potatoes. The 19th Alexander and I grub-hoed.
- 20 Schilling and I grub-hoed. Elsa planted her garden.
- 21 Broberg and I were at Mr. Nilsson's and broke ground.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I burned grub and brush in the field.
- 24 I planted corn, etc.
- 25 I went with Broberg and broke ground, with our oxen.
- 26 I did little things. Today it rained hard.
- 27 I went to Broberg's and broke ground.
- 28 I burned and grub-hoed in the field, and had Schilling for help.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I grub-hoed and had Schilling for help. The cow calved tonight.
- 31 Broberg and I broke ground in my field.

June

- 1 Broberg and I broke ground in my field.
- 2 In the morning I made milk shelves in the basement, etc. In the afternoon I grub-hoed.
- 3 In the morning I grub-hoed and burned brush.
- 4 Broberg and I finished breaking ground in my field.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 & 7 I planted corn grains in the new field.
- 8 I went to Broberg's and broke ground.
- 9 I planted corn, etc.
- 10 & 11 I planted potatoes, etc.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I planted potatoes in the new field.
- 14 In the morning I planted potatoes and stopped in the afternoon. In the afternoon I dug ginseng roots.
- 15 I went to John's and broke ground.

- 16 I went to Chaska and sold the ginseng roots and butter.
- 17 I worked on the road.
- 18 Per Daniel and I made a harness for the ox, and then I dug some ginseng roots.
Also went down to "bee" for Lina and settled with them. We decided who owned the bee swarm [beehive, honey]. I received a hatchet and 40 cents.
- 19 **Sunday** Today "Kulla" was bred by the bull.
- 20 In the morning Elsa and I dug for ginseng roots. In the afternoon I made a beehive. In the evening the assessor was here and assessed me.
- 21 I was at Broberg's and broke ground for P. Daniel. I also went to Waconia for plants.
- 22 In the morning I dug for ginseng roots. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 23 I went and worked on my road for myself. My oxen also worked on the road.
- 24 & 25 I did not do anything, but I did not feel well.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 In the morning I stripped fiber from the basswood. In the afternoon I did little things, I did not feel well.
- 28 Today I did little things and painted the labels for the trees, but I do not feel that well.
- 29 In the morning I went to Waconia and sold ginseng roots, then I hived a bee swarm.
- 30 In the morning I hoed some corn, etc. The bee swarm flew away today. I do not feel well.

July

- 1 & 2 I hoed corn all day, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 In the morning I wrote a letter to brother Carl in Burlington. In the afternoon I hoed around the grafts.
- 5 I was at Nelson's and hoed corn.
- 6 I went to August's and worked on the foundation of his house.
- 7 I hoed by the trees and the grafts, etc.
- 8 August and I hoed in the corn in the new field.
- 9 In the morning I went to look for the pigs. In the afternoon I hoed corn.
- 10 **Sunday** Cornelius was here today, and had his boy Johan with him.
- 11 I went with Cornelius and bought a pair of pigs for 75 cents apiece. He received 1 ½ gallons of maple syrup as payment for the pigs at 60 cents per gallon.
- 12 I had John and Schilling for help to hoe grains.
- 13 I hoed deeply by the trees and sowed oats around them. Brother-in-law Olaf arrived here today, also Olaf Hakanson.
- 14 & 15 I deep-hoed by the trees, etc.
- 16 I hoed some corn, but do not feel well, have not been well these days. Also it has been extraordinarily hot and sunny.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 & 19 I hoed the corn and potatoes, I had Schilling for help. Brother-in-law Olaf was

here again.

- 20 I hoed potatoes and had August for help and have today finished hoeing potatoes. Brother-in-law Olaf left today, and took the oxen with him to Carver.
- 21 I went and looked for the pigs for the second time.
- 22 I went to August's and put in the rafters for his house. Yesterday Cornelius sold his land, and today he went to Carver and shall look for brother-in-law Olaf and go with him to Forest City.
- 23 It rained all day, I did little things. I bred Per Daniel's cow to the bull.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I harvested the rye from the little field, and had Schilling for help. August plucked the thistles out.
- 26 I harvested the rye, and had August for help. We also harvested some of the fall wheat.
- 27 I harvested the fall wheat, and had Oskar Hammerberg for help. I also did more little things.
- 28 I started to cut hay. Oskar Hammerberg hoed corn.
- 29 I cut hay, and Oskar Hammerberg hoed corn. We plucked thistles from the little field, and also raked it.
- 30 First I did little things, then I cut hay and Oskar Hamerberg hoed potatoes for Per Daniel at my place.
- 31 **Sunday**

August

- 1 I put up hay in the middle field, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 2 First I did little things, then I put up hay, then we had a heavy rain, then I did little things.
- 3 First I cut the white cabbage, then I repaired the hayrack for Broberg's wagon, then I put up hay, etc.
- 4 I cut and put up hay. In the evening Elsa went into labor. First I went to Erickson's, and then to Hammerberg's, and I came home at eleven o'clock [went to get a midwife].
- 5 I was inside all day. At 12:30 a girl, Ida Gustava, was born, and everyone is well.
- 6 I cut our wheat, and had John and Hammerberg for help.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I harvested the last wheat, etc. Per Daniel helped me half of the afternoon.
- 9 I hauled the rye and the fall wheat, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 10 I hauled hay, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 11 I was at Per Daniel's, and hauled and stacked wheat, etc.
- 12 I stacked our wheat, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 13 First I did little things, then Per Daniel helped me to stack hay.
- 14 **Sunday** Cornelius and Bengta came here to say goodbye because they will move

to Forest City.

- 15 Today Cornelius went home. Today I trimmed the grafts and did little things.
- 16 I cut hay all day in the southern quarter.
- 17 I wrote a letter to my brother Carl in Burlington. Bengston's boy is meeting Cornelius in Waconia with our oxen. Anna Britta came here today.
- 18 In the morning Per Daniel and I cut hay in the southern quarter. In the afternoon I stacked the hay.
- 19 I turned, and stacked hay, etc.
- 20 First Per Daniel and I cut hay on the north quarter, then I stacked hay, on the southern quarter. Then we had a big rainfall.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I cut hay on Per Daniel's claim, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 23 I went to August Taylor's, and cut timber.
- 24 First I wrote a letter to brother Carl, then I put up hay on the southern quarter.
- 25 Per Daniel and I stacked hay in the southern quarter of his claim.
- 26 I stacked hay in the northern quarter of Per Daniel's claim. In the afternoon I had Per Daniel for help.
- 27 I tended the hay on Per Daniel's claim all day and had Per Daniel for help.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I was at Per Daniel's and repaired a fence.
- 30 & 31 I plowed the little field, and Gottfried Hammerberg drove the oxen. Nelson and I have come to an agreement about the claim. He will pay 25 dollars in the exchange of claims.

September

- 1 I stacked my hay on Per Daniel's claim, and had Per Daniel and Oskar Hammerberg's help. In the evening we went to John's and hauled hay to build a stack.
- 2 I plowed for rye in the big field and had Per Daniel drive the oxen.
- 3 In the morning I stacked hay in the north quarter. In the afternoon I went to Per Daniel's and cut rails. In the evening we went to the lake and fished.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 We had a school meeting at Nelson's. Then I wrote a letter to Burlington, and did more little things.
- 6 I was at Per Daniel's land and put up hay for Mr. Nilsson. Then I went to Bengston's with my cow to be bred by his bull.
- 7 First I looked for the cattle, then I made a harrow and cut away weeds in the little field.
- 8 In the morning I went and looked for "Kulla." Later I helped John and plowed. Then I went after "Kulla," who was at Magnus Persson's place. John went with me to Andrew Mattson's for 4 bushels rye.

- 9 In the morning I made pins and put them on the harrow. In the afternoon I sowed the little field.
- 10 I sowed rye in the big field, harrowed it in, and also harrowed the little field.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 In the morning I went to Swan Schilling's and hauled logs for a cattle shed. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Burlington, etc.
- 13 In the morning I was at John's and harvested rye. In the afternoon I was at Per Daniel's and cut corn.
- 14 In the morning I finished writing the letter to Burlington. Then I went to a mission meeting.
- 15 I made a beam for Jonas Peter's plow, then did other little things.
- 16 I worked at Per Daniel's, we started digging for the well. In the afternoon, Nilsson, along with others, was here to pray for Ida.
- 17 We worked at the schoolhouse.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 & 20 I made a pen for the oxen.
- 21 I fenced around the haystack in the southern land. I made a pigsty, etc.
- 22 I went to Chaska and sold 83 pounds of butter.
- 23 In the morning I sowed rye for Per Daniel. In the afternoon I went for news about my pigs.
- 24 In the morning Jonas Peter and I went after my pigs at the German Bramer's, and we paid \$1.40 to the German. In the afternoon we cut corn, then it rained, so we did not do anything.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 27, 28, 29 & 30 I cut corn in the old field, and in the new one.

October

- 1 In the morning I finished cutting corn. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.
- 2 **Sunday** M. Gell from Minneapolis and a priest from Shakopee were here today, and we chose Alfred and Erickson as teachers to preach God's words.
- 3 I worked on the Chaska road.
- 4 I did a number of odd jobs.
- 5 I went to Per Monson in Watertown, and collected money.
- 6 I put up labels on the apple trees, etc.
- 7 I made a feed manger for the oxen, etc.
- 8 I cleaned the cattle barn of manure, and repaired it.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I dragged the pruned twigs from the field and also other little things.
- 11 First I went to a lecture at Witsacker's house, then in the afternoon we cut down the maple with the beehive and hauled the bees home. In the evening I wrote a letter

to brother Carl in Burlington.

- 12 I started to dig potatoes.
- 13 & 14 We dug potatoes.
- 15 We continued to dig potatoes. Elisabeth arrived here today.
- 16 **Sunday** Crinsjo [Crisjoin] from Carver was here today.
- 17 & 18 We finished digging potatoes. We have a little over 80 bushels. Later in the afternoon we dug turnips. In the evening I went to Mr. Nilsson and we settled the bill—I shall have 25 dollars in addition to the exchange for the land. I shall get a calf for 10 dollars and 2 dollars in cash, with 13 dollars remaining.
- 19 I worked at the schoolhouse. Elisabeth and Olaf Ingebritson left us today.
- 20 I continued working at the schoolhouse.
- 21 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs. In the afternoon I plowed by the trees.
- 22 First, I mounded soil in the trees, then I did little things.
- 23 **Sunday** Mr. Nilsson spoke the last time before he left for Rock Island.
- 24 I did little things. Hammerberg got a bushel of rye.
- 25 I helped Jonas Peter to haul his wheat, etc.
- 26 In the morning we hauled Jonas Peter's rye. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 27 & 28 I made room under the beds to store rye and wheat, and did little things. In the evening the threshing machine arrived.
- 29 We threshed until about two o'clock in the afternoon, then the threshing machine broke down.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I did little things. In the afternoon the threshing machine came back.

November

- 1 We threshed until one o'clock. The rye harvest was 25 bushels, our wheat was 24 ½ bushels, and the fall wheat was 8 ½ bushels. All together we had 58 bushels. I shall pay 8 cents per bushel, for a total of \$4.65.
- 2 In the morning I was with Per Daniel and hauled hay. Then I did little things.
- 3 I went to Chaska, after 3 barrels salt, and also a number of odd jobs.
- 4 I was at August Taylor's and laid ceiling boards.
- 5 I was at Per Daniel's and cut shingles.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I was at Per Daniel's and put up the panels on Nelson's house.
- 8 In the morning I was at Per Daniel's, then I did little things.
- 9 I made some benches and did some beekeeping and other little things.
- 10 I repaired the roof on the house, also the doors. Today, I received a letter from Carl, also a draft for \$150.
- 11 I made stalls in the cattle barn for the young cattle.
- 12 I went to John's and worked in the pig barn.

13 **Sunday**

- 14 I was at August Taylor's house and put in a window.
15 In the morning Per Daniel and I cut rails for the cattle barn. The Abrahams came after the salt, then Per Daniel and I cut and hauled the rails. But I do not feel well.
16 I took my draft to Chaska. Per Daniel came with Broberg and me, we walked past Carver when we came home.
17 First I melted snow for the ash barrel to make lye for soap making. In the afternoon I went to Peter Nilsson's after a pig. I will pay 8 bushels corn for the pig.
18 I did little things.
19 Per Daniel and I fenced the cattle barn for the oxen. I also made soap.

20 **Sunday**

- 21 Per Daniel and I covered the oxen's stable and arranged the inside.
22 I repaired the sleigh, etc.
23 In the morning we hauled hay for Per Daniel. In the afternoon we hauled hay for me.
24 I butchered the pigs, and had Per Daniel for help.
25 & 26 I salted and prepared the pork after the slaughter, and did other little things.

27 **Sunday**

- 28 I did little things.
29 I went to August Taylor's, and made a salt trough.
30 Per Daniel and I went to Watertown, to Per Monson's and bought a boar.

December

- 1 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs. In the afternoon Per Daniel and I hauled hay from the southern quarter.
2 Until two o'clock Per Daniel and I finished hauling hay from the southern quarter, then I did little things.
3 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon I went to a language meeting.

4 **Sunday**

- 5 I did little things.
6 I did little things.
7 In the morning Per Daniel helped me to haul hay. Then I carried and cut timber. Per Daniel has received a bushel of rye and a bushel of wheat.
8 I went to Chaska after money, but I did not get more than 75 dollars.
9 I husked white corn, etc.
10 In the morning I hauled barley straw and timber. Later I repaired a shoe, etc.

11 **Sunday**

- 12 Peter Nilsson and I husked corn.
13 I went to P. Nilsson with 8 bushels of corn for the sow and I took home a boar.
14 I repaired the pigsty, etc. The sow farrowed today, but she only had one piglet.

- 15 I went to Per Daniel's and built a corncrib.
- 16 First I went to Alexander with the white sow to Alexander's boar, then I daubed the outside of the house, etc.
- 17 In the morning I daubed the cattle house. In the afternoon I went to Per Daniel's and covered the corncrib.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 First I did a number of odd jobs. In the afternoon I went to the mill.
- 20 I went to Chaska after the money.
- 21 22 & 23 I did little things.
- 24 Per Daniel and I made the cattle barn door.
- 25 **Christmas Day** Elsa went to a meeting [church service].
- 26 I went to a meeting all day.
- 27 First I winnowed the rye that Per Daniel took to the mill—it was 6 bushels for me and 1 from Erickson that Anders Mattson should have. Then I caught the dog, etc.
- 28 I did little things.
- 29 I helped Per Daniel to bring home his big haystack.
- 30 I hung up the door for the cattle house, etc. In the evening Tyler was here, and I paid him 4 dollars and 65 cents for the threshing machine for threshing my grain. I also paid him for threshing Jonas Peter's grain, 3 dollars and 45 cents.
- 31 I did little things, and Swan Mortenson arrived. It is the end of the year today.

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January

- 1 **Sunday.** Elsa went to a meeting all day.
- 2 First I shelled corn. Then I went to the mill in Waconia. I took along butter from John and me that Per Daniel shall take with him to St. Paul.
- 3 I threshed corn, etc. Today, Per Daniel went to St. Paul to buy land warrants.
- 4 In the morning John and I went after the hay load and corn for Per Daniel. Then I hauled barley, straw, and timber.
- 5 6 & 7 I did little things, including writing a letter to Sweden. Today, the 7th, Per Daniel came home from St. Paul with the land warrants. One cost 120 dollars and one cost 122 dollars.
- 8 **Sunday** Berglund is now here and is holding the meetings.
- 9 10, 11 & 12 I did little things. The 12th I paid the taxes.
- 13 & 14 Per Daniel and I hauled home my hay from Alexander's field.
- 17 I took off the hair from the dead pigs, etc.
- 18 I finished writing the letter to Sweden, and in the evening I mailed it in Scandia.
- 19 I went to the mill, etc.
- 20 I husked corn all day.
- 21 I husked corn. Today I paid my debt to Anders Swanson, which was 15 dollars.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 First Peter Nilsson and I measured out the corn that he shall have for the pig, then I did little things. Later I was at P. Nilsson's with corn. Berglund was here today.
- 24 25, 26, 27 & 28 I husked corn and hauled barley straw, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I husked corn and cut wood, etc.
- 31 I went to the forest and cut down trees.

February

- 1 In the morning I cut timber. In the afternoon I shelled corn. Miss Hammerberg is here and sewing Elsa's coat, etc.
- 2 I shelled corn. Today I sent a letter and a note to my brother Carl.
- 3 & 4 I shelled corn and hauled cornstalks, but am now finished.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 We cleaned the rye and wheat, etc.
- 7 I went to the mill and also did other little things.

- 8 I cut timber, etc.
- 9 First I went to John's after Maja Stina, to have her help quilt, then to Hammerberg and Torsten for some flour. I also cut wood. Swan gave Maja Stina a ride home.
- 10 I cut sawn timber with more.
- 11 First I measured 5 bushels of rye for Torsten. Then I went to the mill. I have today sent one dollar with the German's son, Ludvik, to give to brother Rask. I have not gotten more than 196 pounds of flour out of 6 bushels.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 Cut and hauled timber. I have today paid my debt to Bengston, which was 1 dollar and 62 ½ cents.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 & 21 I hauled logs for sawing.
- 22 I repaired a shoe. It rained all day.
- 23 I went to Anders Swanson's, and cut timber for sawing.
- 24 In the morning I repaired a shoe, then I cut timber for sawing.
- 25 I cut timber for the corncrib.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I cut timber for the corncrib.
- 28 I cut logs for the corncrib.
- 29 I cut logs for the corncrib, etc.

March

- 1 I hauled logs to the grain [corn] crib. But first in the morning I went with Broberg after his load of hay. Today Erickson and Peterson arrived from Forest City.
- 2 I worked in the meetinghouse, we put in a panel.
- 3 I started to cut down logs in the field.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I hauled logs to the corncrib.
- 6 I repaired the smokehouse and hung the pork.
- 7 I hauled timber to the syrup kitchen [maple syrup boiling kitchen], etc.
- 8 I cut and hauled logs to a crib [barn] where I will feed the cattle inside.
- 9 I was at the meetinghouse [church] and helped Hammerberg to make the preaching chair.
- 10 I was at Per Daniel's and cut timber.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 In the morning I did little things. Then I worked in the barn, where the cattle eat inside.
- 13 I drilled maple trees and repaired the syrup kitchen.
- 14 First I drilled maples, then I made spouts, etc.
- 15 First I planted the fir pine tree seed. Later I cut logs in the field.

- 16 I hauled logs out of the field, etc.
- 17 I was at P. Daniel's and cut timber.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 In the morning I put in the ceiling planks in the cattle barn. In the afternoon I cut logs in the field.
- 20 First I winnowed the wheat, then I hauled logs out of the field. Then I carried maple sap.
- 21 I was at Schilling's and hauled logs.
- 22 I hooped a washtub, sawed wood, carried maple sap, etc.
- 23 I worked by the maple syrup kitchen. I also did a number of odd jobs and other things.
- 24 In the morning I boiled syrup, cut wood, etc. In the afternoon I was at Schilling's and hauled rails and stakes.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I worked by the syrup kitchen, burned brush from the field, and hauled timber. Wiest was here for 3 bushels of wheat.
- 27 I worked in the syrup kitchen, winnowed wheat, etc. "Kulla" calved today.
- 28 In the morning I was at Broberg's after the wagon. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 29 I went to Chaska and sold 120 pounds of pork, I got 8 ½ cents per pound. I also went to Carver and bought a grindstone for 2 dollars and 20 cents.
- 30 In the morning I worked in the syrup kitchen. The Swanbergs were here to buy 3 ½ bushels of wheat at 80 cents per bushel. In the evening the timber stack caught fire.
- 31 In the morning I went to the meeting at Witsack's house. Later I hauled hay, etc.

April

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 P. Daniel and I went to the mill, and to Swanberg's with 3 ½ bushels of wheat, also I went to Andrew Swenson for rye for P. Daniel, which we took to the mill.
- 3 In the morning I went to a lecture at Witsack's. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 4 I started plowing for the wheat. Anders Erickson helped me in the morning.
- 5 6 & 7 I plowed for the wheat, etc.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I plowed for the wheat.
- 10 In the morning it snowed. So today in the morning I hauled hay. In the afternoon I plowed for the wheat.
- 11 In the morning I plowed for the wheat and finished that. In the afternoon John Nelson was here and helped me to plow around the trees. Then I went to Rauen's and got 6 rhubarb plants. Later I planted them.
- 12 I went and took up apple roots, which I plan to graft.
- 13 I grafted cherries and apples on the [dwarf] hawthorn roots.
- 14 In the morning I was at the smith in Waconia and had steel put in the mattock. I

have paid the smith my debt. In the afternoon I planted grafts.

15 **Sunday**

16 I did little things. P. Daniel went to Chaska with Carolina and Hammerberg's wife.

17 I sowed the wheat; the old field is 220 square rods and on that I sowed 1 ¼ bushels. The new field area is 305 square rods and there I sowed one and two quarter bushels. So far I have sowed 3 bushels on 3 ¼ acres. P. Daniel harrowed it for me in the afternoon.

18 In the morning I sowed wheat for Per Daniel. In the afternoon I started to make the frame for the grindstone.

19, 20 & 21 I did little things including finishing the frame for the grindstone. The 19th P. Nilsson was here and cut a calf [neutered] and the 20th John sold his land warrants.

22 **Sunday**

23 I made an axe, etc.

24 I was at P. Daniel's and cut some shingles.

25 26 & 27 I grub-hoed and burned in the field.

28 In the morning P. Daniel and I made a fence for the ox, and let it out. Then I grub-hoed.

29 **Sunday**

30 I grub-hoed and did little things.

May

1 I grub-hoed and did other little things. Sister Maja Stina went with Peter to Chaska today.

2 I grub-hoed and burned in the field.

3 & 4 Schilling and I grub-hoed in the field. Today M. Nelson came home from Rock Island. I also planted pine tree seeds today.

5 I burned in the field. I also planted melon seeds, etc.

6 **Sunday**

7 Schilling and I grub-hoed. Today I noticed that the rye is beginning to head.

8 Schilling, P. Daniel, and I grub-hoed.

9 First I wrote a letter to brother Carl in Burlington. Then Per Daniel and I grub-hoed until dinner time. In the evening we went to a meeting. I walked from there to John Peterson's to buy a calf, of which I was given 18 pounds.

10 I grub-hoed in the field. In the afternoon I had P. Daniel for help.

11 Schilling and I grub-hoed in the field.

12 Schilling and I grub-hoed in the field. In the afternoon I went to Bengston's bull with "Kulla" for the first time.

13 **Sunday**

14 & 15 I grub-hoed and burned brush. I had Schilling for help.

16 I was at P. Nilsson's and broke sod.

- 17 I burned the things I grub-hoed in the field all day.
- 18 I went to an auction at Mr. Nilsson's.
- 19 I was at Jonas Peter's and broke sod.
- 20 & 22 I grub-hoed, and finished burning grass in the field.
- 23 I was at Jonas Peter's and broke sod.
- 24 & 25 I broke sod in the big field and had Jonas Peter for help.
- 26 Jonas Peter and I broke sod and finished.
- 27 **Sunday** Today Peterson was elected as a pastor for our parish. Norelius, and Nelson's brother, are here today, also Granlund, Swedlund, and Mortenson.
- 28 We had a large feast and meeting all day. Today is actually the day Peterson is elected.
- 29 I went to Jonas Peter's and broke sod all day.
- 30 I did little things.
- 31 I started to plant corn.

June

- 1 & 2 I planted corn, etc.
- 3 **Sunday** Today is the last Sunday Mr. Nilsson was here with us.
- 4 I planted corn all day.
- 5 In the morning we went and said goodbye to Mr. Nilsson. Today he started his journey to Sweden. In the afternoon I planted corn, and finished it. In the afternoon I had P. Daniel for help.
- 6 I planted potatoes, etc.
- 7 I worked on the road with our oxen.
- 8 I worked on the road.
- 9 In the morning I worked on the road. In the afternoon I planted potatoes and had Per Daniel for help.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 In the morning I wrote a letter to Forest City. After I cleaned the pigsty, I went to get the pigs at P. Daniel's, and sawed wood. "Nebba" has given birth to a calf today.
- 12 In the morning I planted potatoes. In the afternoon I repaired the fence around the field. I had P. Daniel for help.
- 13 I worked in the garden, and planted it.
- 14 Mattson and I went to Chaska, and to John Nelson's. The pig was bred by the boar.
- 15 & 16 Today Ida weaned. I was at P. Daniel's and worked on the foundation for his house.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 In the morning I hauled timber. In the afternoon I made room for the pot for the soap in the kitchen. I cut timber and worked in the cow yard, etc.
- 19 Jonas Peter and I went to cut wood and hauled logs.

- 20 In the morning I cut timber and cut weeds. In the afternoon I stripped bark for the back shed.
- 21 I went to Per Daniel's and cut the poles for the house.
- 22 I cut and hauled the planks from the sawmill. There was a total of 970 feet.
- 23 I built the back shed, etc.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I did little things.
- 26 I went to P. Daniel's and cut the beams for the house.
- 27 I cut timber for the corncrib with Per Daniel and Hakanson's help.
- 28 & 29 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on the house. We were taxed today, my tax was 87 dollars.
- 30 I did little things.

July

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 In the morning I planted turnip seed. Then I repaired a shoe.
- 3 I went to Per Daniel's and built on his house.
- 4 We had a meeting, and celebrated with the school children.
- 5 I made mosquito frames for the windows and the doors. In the evening Hakanson and I went to Andrew Nilson's bull with my cow.
- 6 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on his house.
- 7 I hauled timber to the corncrib and had P. Daniel and Hakanson for help.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I did little things.
- 10 I hoed potatoes and had Hakanson for help. In the afternoon P. Daniel also was here and he helped to hoe potatoes.
- 11 Per Daniel and I hoed corn all day.
- 12 Mitchell was here and cradled the rye in the little field. It was 42 dozen bundles and in the big field 35 bundles—77 dozen total. I paid one dollar and 15 cents for the cradling. P. Daniel and I tied the rye.
- 13 In the morning I shocked the rye. Afterwards I did little things and planted tobacco.
- 14 Oskar Hammerberg and I hoed corn.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I was at Per Daniel's and cradled his rye.
- 17 I started to cut hay, and had Hakanson for help.
- 18 I changed the log sleigh, etc.
- 19 First I went to the bull with the cow. Then I put up hay, etc.
- 20 I stacked the rye, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 21 I put up hay. In the afternoon Hakanson helped me for a couple of hours.
- 22 **Sunday**

- 23 Erik Swardlund and his wife were here tonight. Today I put up hay and also hauled hay.
- 24 Lundsten and I stacked hay in the southern forty. In the afternoon we cut hay in the southern forty.
- 25 I cut hay on the marsh by the well and on the little ridge that is north of the manse, with more little things.
- 26 Per Daniel and I hauled and stacked hay.
- 27 I put up hay in the southern forty, also in the marsh.
- 28 First I sowed turnip seed for the third time by the potatoes. Then I stripped fibers from the basswood logs and cut hay.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I put up hay on Nelson's field, behind the marsh.
- 31 In the morning I helped Per Daniel and stacked hay. In the afternoon Per Daniel helped me to put up hay in Nelson's field.

August

- 1 In the morning Per Daniel helped me to finish stacking the hay in the southern forty. In the afternoon I fenced around the haystack.
- 2 In the morning P. Daniel and I cut hay on his land for me; after we started to cut wheat.
- 3 I cradled the wheat, Hakanson tied it. In the afternoon P. Daniel and Schilling were here. They tied wheat half the afternoon.
- 4 In the morning I cut the wheat and P. Daniel and Hakanson tied it. In the afternoon I cradled for P. Daniel.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 In the morning Hakanson and I put up the wheat, also dug the well. In the afternoon we put up hay on P. Daniel's land.
- 7 In the morning I cut wheat, had P. Daniel for help. In the afternoon we finished harvesting wheat on P. Daniel's land. We also had a lot of meetings here, and we elected Peterson and Alexander to go to Chaska as delegates.
- 8 In the morning I cut hay on P. Daniel's land and had P. Daniel for help. In the afternoon, we stacked hay for P. Daniel and shocked wheat for both of us.
- 9 I was at P. Daniel's and stacked hay.
- 10 In the morning I stacked hay in the meadow by the minister's land and had P. Daniel and John for help. In the afternoon we went to John's and stacked hay.
- 11 In the morning I put up hay on P. Daniel's land and had Lundsten for help. In the afternoon I cut hay on P. Daniel's land and put up hay. I have 200 dozen bundles of wheat this year.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the morning I went to P. Daniel's and hauled and stacked wheat at my place until late at night.

- 14 In the morning I went to P. Nilsson's and tied some wheat. In the afternoon I put up hay on P. Daniel's land.
- 15 I hauled and shocked wheat, and had Taylor for help.
- 16 I stacked hay on P. Daniel's land, and P. Daniel helped me.
- 17 In the morning P. Daniel and I stacked hay on his land. In the afternoon P. Daniel and I went to get the pig at Peter Nilsson's place.
- 18 In the morning I did little things. In the afternoon P. Daniel and I went to the lake and fished.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Half of the day I went to P. Daniel's and stacked hay. The other half of the day I did little things.
- 21 I went to P. Daniel's and worked on the house. We worked on the top section and put up the roof beams.
- 22 In the morning I repaired a shoe and cut down some brushwood and some weeds in the little fields. In the afternoon I went to P. Daniel's and put up the roof beams at the house.
- 23 I cut timber for my corncrib, and I had August Taylor for help.
- 24 In the morning I plowed in the little field. In the afternoon I did a number of odd jobs.
- 25 I plowed in the little field all day, and finished it.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I plowed in the big rye field. In the afternoon brother-in-law Olaf Johansson's boy arrived from Forest City.
- 28 I did little things.
- 29 I hauled foundation logs and beams to the corncrib and had Anders Hakanson's help.
- 30 In the afternoon I went to get the boards from the mill in Waconia. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

September

- 1 I put down the foundation for the corncrib and had Erickson for help. Swan Mortenson and his wife arrived here tonight.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 In the morning I plowed. At dinner time Swan Mortenson went home. In the evening we had a call meeting.
- 4 I did a number of odd jobs. Elsa is sick [most likely she has morning sickness—Sture is born February 19, 1861, five months after this entry].
- 5 I worked in the corn shed and had Hakanson for help.
- 6 I worked on the corn shed and had Hakanson, Lundsten, and Taylor for help.
- 7 In the morning I worked on the corn shed and had Hakanson, Lundsten, and Taylor for help. In the afternoon we got a lot of rain.
- 8 I cut timber and hauled it to the corn shed.

9 **Sunday**

- 10 I cut timber and worked on the corn shed and had Hakanson's help.
- 11 I worked on the corn shed and had Hakanson's, Jonas Peter's, and Peter Nilsson's help.
- 12 I repaired the stove and installed it, etc.
- 13 I sowed rye in the big field and harrowed it in. Also sowed in the little field but did not harrow.
- 14 I split panels and repaired them, and did other little things.
- 15 I harrowed in the rye in the little field.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 In the morning I built a rack by the corn shed. In the afternoon I worked on the grain shed and had Hakanson, Lundsten, and Schilling for help.
- 18 In the morning I built a ladder. In the afternoon I went to Andrew Nilson's for the wagon. I took home butter and rye for Torsten.
- 19 I went to Chaska with P. Nilsson, Hakanson, Taylor, and Lundsten. I paid the tax for my mother-in-law's land.
- 20 In the morning I did a number of odd jobs. In the afternoon Broberg, Alexander, and I went to Gustafson and were sworn in to the school board.
- 21 I started to cut corn. In the afternoon I had Hakanson for help.
- 22 Elsa and I cut corn, and we finished the task.

23 **Sunday**

- 24 I cut rafters for the corn shed. Hakanson and P. Nilsson have been here today and changed the salt. John and P. Daniel went to Chaska.
- 25 P. Daniel went to Burlington. I cut rafters for the corn shed. John went to Forest City.
- 26 I went with Broberg to Chaska. Per Daniel went to Burlington today.
- 27 I worked in the corn shed all day.
- 28 In the morning I hauled home corn and potatoes for P. Daniel and I had Alexander's wagon. In the afternoon I dug potatoes.
- 29 I did little things.

30 **Sunday**

October

- 1 First in the morning I put up the rafters in the corn shed with help from Hakanson and Taylor. Later I, Peter, and Elsa dug potatoes.
- 2 Elsa and I dug potatoes. J.A. Peterson was here yesterday and made a tax list for the school district.
- 3 I dug potatoes and did other little things. Henry Schraan, Alexander, Broberg, and J. Peterson were here today and we have decided with Peterson that he shall be the schoolmaster [teacher] in the winter for 15 dollars a month.
- 4 In the morning I went after the boar at Peter Nilsson's. In the afternoon I did little things.
- 5 Erickson, Peter, and I traveled to Forest City.

- 6 We arrived at the Swedish settlement.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 We arrived at Forest City.
- 9 We had a meeting with the Swedes.
- 10 We left the place.
- 11 At three o'clock in the afternoon we came home. I had to prove up my land again, and had to pay 2 dollars for it.
- 12 We dug potatoes and finished, also turnips and roots, etc.
- 13 I started to plow and did other little things.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I went to Chaska, and filed my naturalization papers, which cost 1 dollar.
- 16 & 17 I plowed and sent a letter to Pikes Peak.
- 17, 18, 19 & 20 I plowed, etc.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on his house.
- 23 I split strips from the logs for the corn shed roof.
- 24 & 25 I nailed the strips on the roof. Per Daniel split strips all day.
- 26 I nailed the shingles onto the corn shed with August Taylor for help. Per Monson from Newark was here today.
- 27 It rained all day. Today I cleaned out the manure from the cattle shed, and did little things. Brother-in-law John had the oxen for four days this week and plowed.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I covered the corn shed with Taylor and Per Daniel for help.
- 30 I went to Per Daniel's and put up grout around the windows, etc.
- 31 Per Daniel, Hakanson, and I finished covering the corn shed.

November

- 1 I put in wainscoting on the southern end of the corn shed. Andrew Nilson took our oxen to the mill today.
- 2 I went to Per Daniel's and made the doors for his house. Andrew Nilson had our oxen in the morning and hauled hay.
- 3 John and I hauled hay from the southern forty.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 In the morning I worked on the corn shed. In the afternoon I went to Per Daniel's and put up the doors in the house. Per Mortenson left for New York or Newark today.
- 6 In the morning I went to a lecture at Hammerberg's. In the afternoon I finished working on the north side of the corn shed.
- 7 I started to make a box to store rye and wheat in. Last night we had two travelers from St. Paul; one of them was an English man by the name of Leed.
- 8 I worked on the box in the corn shed.

- 9 I finished making the box and repaired the stove for Mrs. Monson.
10 In the morning I hauled hay from the southern quarter and finished. I had Per Daniel for help. In the afternoon I hauled timber from parish land for Mrs. Monson. I used Andrew Nilson's wagon. In the evening, I went after 4 bushels of oats at Fischer's.

11 **Sunday**

- 12 & 13 I made the stairs in the corn shed. I also finished carving, made ceiling planks, and cut brushes by the cornstalks.
14 I went to Broberg's and threshed.
15 I went to Scandia and threshed.
16 I cultivated by the apple trees, and had Andrew Nilson's horse. Andrew Nilson himself helped me.
17 I did little things. Leed and his companion, with their wives, were here tonight.

18 **Sunday**

- 19 I made a crib to stack the straw.
20 I did a number of odd jobs/little things.
21 In the morning I hauled cornstalks, etc. In the afternoon I went to Anders Nelson's and threshed until nine o'clock at night.
22 We threshed at Jonas Peter's, two times a day, but it was awful weather, so we had to stop twice during the day.
23 In the morning we threshed at Jonas Peter's, and finished. In the afternoon we threshed at my place—a wheat stack. We ended up with 30 bushels of grain.
24 In the morning we threshed at my place and stopped at one o'clock. When we were done we had 83 bushels of wheat and 57 bushels of rye, for a total of 140 bushels. The thresher's salary is 6 cents a bushel, but he received wheat as payment from me. At 5¼ cents a bushel, I paid him 15½ bushels of wheat.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 I did little things.
27 I did little things.
28 At ten o'clock in the morning, I collected the carpenter tools, and started to make the coffin for Oskar Hammerberg and worked on it to one o'clock at night. Anders Peter from Vassamalen [farm] was here tonight.
29 In the morning I finished making the coffin. In the afternoon we buried Oskar Hammerberg.
30 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on the cattle barn.

December

- 1 In the morning I hauled cornstalks. In the afternoon I did little things.
2 **Sunday** Today Olaf Bengston will be buried.
3 I went to Hammerberg's and butchered a pig. Swan Mortenson came here tonight.
4 Today I did little things. Swan Mortenson went back home today. J.A. Peterson and

- Andrew Nilson went to St. Paul today.
- 5 & 6 I did little things.
- 7 I went with Hakanson and measured the claim on the north side.
- 8 I went to the mill, etc.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 In the morning I husked corn, and hauled it and the cornstalks. Later I went to P. Daniel's with the oxen.
- 11 First I made a dog chain, then I cut timber, etc.
- 12 First I did little things. In the afternoon I started to make a coffin for John's boy Ludvik.
- 13 I completed the coffin.
- 14 I did little things.
- 15 I repaired and enlarged the ox pen.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I did little things.
- 18 I daubed the inside of the cabin.
- 19 I finished making the cattle shed.
- 20 I husked corn, etc.
- 21 In the morning I hauled straw, and covered the oxen barn. In the afternoon I went to the mill in Waconia.
- 22 I hauled hay, cornstalks, and timber.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did little things. I paid Peterson for the newspaper *The Minnesotan*, and mailed the money for all the newspapers and the coffee.
- 25 **Christmas Day**—We had a meeting all day.
- 26 In the morning I husked corn. In the afternoon Broberg, Alexander, and Peterson were here for a meeting about the school district.
- 27 I went to Per Daniel's and installed the panels in his house.
- 28 I repaired shoes all day.
- 29 I did little things.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I hauled hay from parish land and hauled cornstalks and corn.

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January

- 1 I screened rye, etc.
- 2 I daubed the cow barn, etc.
- 3 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. I paid

Mitchell 31 pounds wheat flour.

4 In the morning I repaired the saw. In the afternoon we had a raising bee in Scandia.

5 I went to the mill, etc.

6 **Sunday**

7 I did a variety of little things.

8 In the morning I butchered the biggest boar and had Per Daniel for help. In the afternoon I hauled hay.

9 I hauled hay and cornstalks, went to Peter Nilsson's for the two pigs, and went to Andrew Nilson's with them, and my boar.

10 I went to the mill and had a log sawed for Hakanson. Brother-in-law Olaf Johansson, Hakanson, and Rosenkrans came here tonight.

11 I shocked corn, and cut timber.

12 I shocked corn and Rosenkrans helped me.

13 **Sunday**

14 Today brother-in-law Olaf Johansson left for home. I have been hauling hay, corn, and cornstalks.

15 I did odd jobs.

16 I butchered 3 pigs, and had Hakanson and Per Daniel's help. We finished at twelve o'clock and did odd jobs.

17 I did odd jobs. Today I sent the pig down to Chaska, she weighed 212 pounds but I did not get more than 3½ cents a pound for her.

18 I did odd jobs. Mortenson was here today after Peterson.

19 I cut timber for the schoolhouse, etc.

20 **Sunday**

21 I hauled a saw to the sawmill for Hakanson and took home flour for me and Per Daniel. I also hauled a half-cord of cut wood to the schoolhouse.

22 I cut timber for the sleigh and hauled it home, etc. Today I paid Fischer's boy for 4 bushels of oats at 72 cents, Fredrik Fischer for a half of day of threshing at 25 cents, and Loyd for a half day of threshing at 20 cents.

23 I did odd jobs. Today we got a lot of snow with a snowstorm and lots of wind.

24 First I did odd jobs. Then Per Daniel and I started to make the sleigh; we worked on it half the day. Swan Mortenson was here today for Elgin's clothes.

25 I went and paid the tax, it was 2 dollars and 90 cents. Afterwards I did odd jobs.

26 Per Daniel and I worked on the sleigh, but not all day.

27 **Sunday**

28 I did odd jobs.

29 I hauled hay from Alexander's field.

30 I did odd jobs.

31 For ¾ of the day Per Daniel and I worked on the sleigh.

February

- 1 & 2 Per Daniel and I worked on the sleigh.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Per Daniel and I worked on the sleigh.
- 5 I hauled hay from Per Daniel's land.
- 6 I went to Peter Nilsson's and worked on Peterson's sleigh. Today I sent a letter to brother Charles [Carl].
- 7 I cut wood for the stove, etc.
- 8 I made an ox yoke, etc.
- 9 In the morning Hakanson and I walked out a line between the two of us. Afterwards I did odd jobs.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I finished making the ox yoke, etc.
- 12 13, 14, 15 & 16 I did odd jobs.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I went to Miss Monson's and chopped and piled wood.
- 19 I hauled hay from Alexander's field. This morning between five and six o'clock my son George Andrew Sture [who went by middle name Sture] was born, at 12 pounds, 3 ounces. "Kulla" the cow calved.
- 20 I hauled home the last hay from Alexander's field.
- 21 I cut wood for the stove, etc.
- 22 I shelled corn, etc.
- 23 I did not feel well so I stayed in and repaired the hearth, etc.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I shelled corn all day and finished it.
- 26 I hauled cornstalks and barley straw, etc.
- 27 I went to the sawmill with logs, etc. Jonas Peter received 13 bushels and 12 pounds of wheat from me for what I owed him, so now we are even.
- 28 I did odd jobs. Miss Hammerberg went home today.

March

- 1 I did odd jobs.
- 2 I cleaned the corn husks for the mattresses. Also I cut a log, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 & 5 I hauled sawn logs to the Waconia mill and did other odd jobs.
- 6 & 7 I did odd jobs. Also I made a tongue for the sleigh. Erickson has the oxen.
- 8 First I finished making the yoke. In the afternoon I started to tame the bull calf with Taylor's help.
- 9 I hauled sawn logs.
- 10 **Sunday**

- 11 In the morning Hakanson and I walked out a line between the two of us. In the afternoon I cut timber.
- 12 I hauled 1½ loads of hay for Hammerberg.
- 13 In the morning I hauled a log to the sawmill. In the afternoon I hauled a log for Bergquist to Per Daniel's place.
- 14 In the morning I piled wood. In the afternoon I hauled a saw log to Scandia, etc.
- 15 I hauled logs to the sawmill, hauled in one log from Anders Swanson, and now I have 9 logs at the sawmill.
- 16 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I trained the bull calf and had Taylor for help.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 25 I made troughs for the maple sap, etc.
- 26 In the morning I cut brush where I want to put my fence. In the afternoon I cut rails and had Taylor's help.
- 27 I cut rails, etc.
- 28 I cut rails. In the afternoon, I had Taylor for help.
- 29 I hauled rails, etc.
- 30 I drilled spigots into most of the maple trees.
- 31 **Sunday**

April

- 1 I boiled syrup, etc.
- 2 In the morning I went to a lecture. In the afternoon I boiled syrup until midnight.
- 3 I boiled syrup all day, with more little things to do.
- 4 I finished making the syrup, etc.
- 5 I repaired a shoe, etc. At night, the cow "Betty" calved.
- 6 I went and cleaned the meetinghouse.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8, 9 & 10 I did odd jobs. Between when I cut rails, and the 10th, at night, we had a prayer meeting at Miss Monson's and said a prayer for our newborn child.
- 11 I boiled maple syrup for vinegar.
- 12 I did odd jobs. I went to Scandia and put up notices about timber for sale.
- 13 I cut rails, and did other little things. Gustafson was here today and bought apple trees.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 & 16 I boiled syrup, etc.
- 17 I cultivated by the apple trees, had Andrew Nilson's horse and Jens for help, and did other little things.
- 18 First I went and dug up the plum trees in the hops field. Afterwards I did odd jobs. In the evening I took "Kulla" to Andrew Nilson's bull.
- 19 & 20 I sowed the wheat, and harrowed it. On the 20th, Heit from Waconia was here

and bought an apple tree.

21 **Sunday**

22 & 23 I went to Hammerberg and plowed. The 23rd "Nebba" calved.

24 & 25 I did odd jobs. I planted rhubarb and tobacco seed and grafts.

26 I moved the apple trees from the lower spot.

27 In the morning we had a school meeting in the schoolhouse, and those of us who are trustees became elected to directors. In the afternoon I planted apple trees.

28 **Sunday**

29 I planted apple trees all day.

30 I sowed wheat and harrowed for Taylor and finished at four o'clock in the afternoon.

May

1 I sowed oats and plowed the cabbage meadows, and a spot close to the apple trees.

2 I repaired the ox yoke and took the oxen to Per Daniel's. Later I worked in the garden and sowed flaxseed, etc.

3 I did odd jobs and planted beans.

4 In the morning I did not do anything. Getzen was here today and I was sworn in as the director for the school district. Later I planted melons, etc.

5 **Sunday**

6 It rained all day. I trimmed the apple trees.

7 I planted in the garden, also planted early potatoes. Mitchell was here this evening with 16 dollars for the schoolmaster.

8 First I went to Mitchell for his wagon, it was at his brother's place, and later I went to the mill with 12 bushels of rye and 8 bushels of wheat.

9 I went to Hammerberg's and hauled logs off his field.

10 First I went to Mitchell's with the wagon, then I hauled rails for Hakanson, cut logs for his fence, and planted red onion, carrots, and tomatoes.

11 I went to Per Daniel's and cut logs for his fence all day.

12 **Sunday**

13 I went to Waconia to get the flour and did other things.

14 15 & 16 I planted corn on the new land.

17 & 18 I did odd jobs. It rained both days.

19 **Sunday**

20 I cleared manure down by the cow barn where I will have the fence.

21 22 & 23 Elsa and I planted corn. "Bindi" was bred by the bull the 23rd.

24 First we planted corn down by the cow barn. Afterwards I went and borrowed a cow bell and hung it on one of the calves and let them out. Later I did odd jobs.

25 First I went to A. Nelson's bull with my cow "Garti." Afterwards I went to Waconia and traded some butter for ink. In the afternoon I cleaned the cow barn.

26 **Sunday** It rained all day.

- 27 First I went to Andrew Nilson's bull with "Nebba." Later I went to John's, then cut brush by the cow barn.
- 28 & 29 I dug ginseng roots. The 28th I went to Andrew Nilson's bull with the cow "Lady."
- 30 I hauled straw and put it on the cow barn roof, and had Taylor for help.
- 31 I worked clearing the field by the cow barn.

June

- 1 In the morning I dug ginseng roots. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I planted potatoes all day. In the evening Mr. Kraft came here with his whole family.
- 4 I did not do anything because it rained all day.
- 5 In the morning I worked on the clearing by the cow barn. In the afternoon I planted potatoes. Today Mr. Kraft traveled home.
- 6 I went to Peter Nilsson's and sawed some shingles.
- 7 I finished planting potatoes. Today Cornelius, as well as brother-in-law O. Johnson and sister-in-law Maja Greta, arrived.
- 8 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I dug for ginseng roots.
- 9 **Sunday** Hanson from Vasa settlement is here today.
- 10 I burned brush and straw down by the cow barn, etc.
- 11 I did odd jobs. Elsa is sick.
- 12 I hoed and planted corn, also I burned straw.
- 13 I watered the wheat and had Cornelius for help.
- 14 I cleared by the cow barn. Today the Forest City people left for home.
- 15 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I grubbed.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I hauled barley straw and chaff down by the cow barn, etc. Today the pig farrowed.
- 18 & 19 I worked on the road, but not to pay for the road tax.
- 20 In the morning I hauled things. In the afternoon I put out logs for the fence down by the cow barn, and had P. Daniel for help.
- 21 I put up the fence down by the cow barn, and I had P. Daniel for help.
- 22 I grub-hoed by the cow barn all day.
- 23 **Sunday** Granlund was here today.
- 24 & 25 I finished grubbing by the cow barn.
- 26 In the morning I weeded the melon field. In the afternoon I broke ground for the turnips and rutabagas, and had Broberg's help.
- 27 I harrowed the turnip land, planted the turnips, and went to Waconia with ginseng.
- 28 I cultivated corn with Andrew Nilson's horses.
- 29 I hoed corn and had Taylor for help.
- 30 **Sunday**

July

- 1 I hoed corn, etc.
- 2 Taylor and I went to Carver and Chaska to buy a cradle in Walter's store for 3 ½ dollars and from Warner I bought a scythe for 1 ¼ dollars, a jar for 3 bits, and tobacco for 10 cents.
- 3 I cleaned in the field, dug, and planted the tobacco land.
- 4 We had a celebration and meeting in Scandia. I sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 5 I hoed corn by the cow barn and hoed in the trees.
- 6 I went to P. Daniel's and we made wheels for the wagons.
- 7 **Sunday** Magnus Persson was here tonight.
- 8 I hoed grains and Taylor helped me.
- 9 Peter, Lundsten, Hakanson and I went to Waconia and hauled logs.
- 10 I went to Broberg's, where we dug out his peat.
- 11 First I hoed by the apple trees, afterwards I went to Waconia and took home the boards at the mill.
- 12 I hoed the potatoes, and had Hakanson for help. Norelius came here this evening.
- 13 In the morning I went to P. Nilsson's after the dog, etc. In the afternoon I repaired my shoe.
- 14 **Sunday** Gale was here today.
- 15 I went to P. Daniel's where we finished making the wheels for the wagons.
- 16 Peter, P. Daniel, and I went to Waconia and ferried our boards over the lake.
- 17 I went to Hakanson's and cradled off his rye.
- 18 I went to Erickson's and cradled rye until four o'clock in the afternoon. Afterwards I cradled my rye. Erickson and his boy, as well as Hakanson, tied it and shocked it.
- 19 Today some Swedes arrived. I finished cradling my rye. Hakanson and Anders Erickson tied, and Erickson was up until twelve o'clock.
- 20 I went to P. Daniel's and cradled his rye.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I started to cut hay, and had Hakanson and Taylor for help.
- 23 I went to Taylor's and cut hay. Hallon's father-in-law was here for "Nebba" which he bought from me yesterday. He paid 23 ½ dollars for her. P. Nilsson was here and gelded the pigs.
- 24 In the morning I turned hay on the southern plot of ground. In the afternoon I put up hay and had Taylor for help.
- 25 First I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I put up hay and had Hakanson's help.
- 26 I stacked the big haystack on the southern plot of ground and had P. Daniel's help.
- 27 From ten o'clock to four o'clock I went to Hakanson's and cut hay. Afterwards he went with me and helped fix the big haystack.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 First I stacked the little haystack on the island with Hakanson's help. Later we cut

hay until dinner time. Hakanson went home in the evening. I cut hay with Taylor all day.

- 30 I cut hay at Hammerberg's and had Peter Swenson's boy for help, also Hammerberg and Gottfried helped me for 2 hours.
- 31 Elsa and I put up hay here at home, it is an awful heat.

August

- 1 Elsa and I put up hay here at home.
- 2 I cradled at Hammerberg's until two o'clock in the afternoon. Afterwards I put up my hay and Hammerberg and Gottfried helped me.
- 3 I cradled my wheat. In the morning Per Daniel helped me, and in the afternoon Hakanson.

4 Sunday

- 5 I hauled home the hay and had Hakanson and Mitchell's wagon for help.
- 6 I went to Hammerberg's and cradled wheat.
- 7 I went to P. Daniel's and cradled wheat.
- 8 First I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I cradled wheat at John's.
- 9 I stacked the hay at Hammerberg's. Hammerberg and Gottfried helped me.
- 10 First I went to Torsten's auction. In the afternoon I went to P. Nilsson's and cradled wheat.

11 Sunday

- 12 In the morning I went to P. Daniel's and cradled wheat. In the afternoon I cradled Scottish Fife wheat at home, and John, Gottfried, and Hammerberg tied the wheat for me.
- 13 I cradled wheat for Gottfried and Anders Erickson tied the wheat.
- 14 I cut rye on P. Daniel's land and had Hakanson for help.
- 15 I stacked the rye and had P. Daniel for help.
- 16 I went to Per Daniel's and hauled together his rye.
- 17 I cut grass hay in the bog on the northern plot of ground.

18 Sunday

- 19 I put up hay on P. Daniel's land. In the afternoon I had Jonas Peter, Swan, and Anders for help.
- 20 I put up hay on the northern plot of ground.
- 21 I stacked the hay on P. Daniel's land. P. Daniel helped me.
- 22 I went to Per Daniel's and cut and put up hay.
- 23 I went to John's and stacked wheat.
- 24 I hauled and stacked wheat and had Jonas for help.

25 Sunday

- 26 In the morning I stacked hay in the bog on the northern plot of ground.
- 27 I went to P. Daniel's and Peter Nilsson's and stacked hay.

- 28 In the morning I sharpened my scythe. In the afternoon I cut hay on the bog by the well and cut weeds, etc.
- 29 I went to Waconia and had the plow fixed. It cost 30 cents and I paid Johnson one dollar for the sawing of maple wood.
- 30 I cut weeds and fenced around the haystack in the northern quarter.
- 31 I went over to Hakanson's and cut timber all day.

September

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 In the morning I hoed corn with P. Daniel. In the afternoon I put up hay in the bog by the well.
- 3 I cut weeds in the rye field, among other chores.
- 4 I went to Hakanson's and cut timber.
- 5 I did odd jobs.
- 6 I went to Chaska and sold 18 bushels of wheat, receiving 45 cents a bushel. I paid 3 dollars on the debt. P. Daniel, Niklas, and P. Nilsson were with me.
- 7 First I did odd jobs. At 11:30 I went to Nelson's and threshed in the evening.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 & 10 I cut weeds on the big field. I went to Waconia and bought a pair of shoes for one dollar and sixty cents. I also hoed and weeded between the apple trees.
- 11 I went to Andrew Nilson's and hauled logs to the cow barn.
- 12 & 13 I plowed the little field.
- 14 I harvested corn and had Niklas for help.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 & 17 I finished harvesting corn and did other little things.
- 18 19 & 20 I plowed on the field near the cow barn.
- 21 I went to Hakanson's and cut logs.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I hauled sand and planks from Scandia.
- 24 I hauled planks from Scandia. In the afternoon I helped Niklas to train his bull calves to be oxen.
- 25 I went to Hakanson's and worked on the foundation for his house.
- 26 According to the government official, we had a government proclamation of a prayer day with each other.
- 27 I did not do anything, I did not feel well.
- 28 I sowed rye and harrowed it. In the evening we had a school meeting.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I cut the tobacco and hung it up [to dry].

October

- 1 I started making the wagon.
- 2 I worked on the wagon and other things.
- 3 I was at Jonas Peter's and made window frames.
- 4 In the morning I went and looked for the calves. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.
- 5 I built the pigpen, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I worked on the wagon all day.
- 8 I did odd jobs, also I went to a lecture. In the afternoon I worked on the wagon.
- 9 First I was at Hammerberg's and fenced by the haystack. Afterwards I worked on the wagon, etc.
- 10 I was at Hakanson's and cut wood.
- 11 & 12 I made the wagon, etc.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I dug potatoes and Niklas's boy helped me.
- 15 I dug potatoes and had Niklas and his boy for help.
- 16 & 17 I worked for Boyd in Waconia. Niklas dug up the last potatoes, and worked on the wagon for me.
- 18 I hauled pumpkins, etc.
- 19 I fixed the cow barn, etc.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 First I went to Anderson's after the boy Swan Erickson. Afterwards I worked on the wagon's body.
- 22 I went to Waconia, and sold roosters and eggs.
- 23 & 24 I pulled up turnips and rutabagas, etc.
- 25 & 26 I was at P. Daniel's and put down the floor. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 & 29 I did odd jobs.
- 30 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon at four o'clock the threshing machine arrived, and we threshed oats with it.
- 31 I threshed until three o'clock, then we stopped. There were 48 ½ bushels of Scottish Fife wheat, 22 bushels of club wheat [bread wheat], 44 bushels of rye, and 8 bushels of oats.

November

- 1 We threshed at J. Peter's and started at Lundsten's in the afternoon.
- 2 I was at Lundsten's and threshed until ten o'clock. Afterwards I went home and burned the straw, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I did odd jobs.
- 5 I was at Per Daniel's and threshed.

- 6 I hewed logs for the cow barn.
- 7 I fenced the ox land. Elsa went to Hammerberg's.
- 8 I was at John's and threshed.
- 9 I hauled barley straw and timber to the cow barn.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I worked on the cow barn and had P. Daniel for help.
- 12 I worked on the cow barn and had Taylor for help.
- 13 I fenced the cow yard, etc.
- 14 First I did odd jobs. Afterwards I went to the mill.
- 15 I did odd jobs.
- 16 I worked on the cow barn with Taylor.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I went with Broberg, Andrew, Swan, and Niklas to Shakopee and bought goats for 3 dollars apiece.
- 19 First I did odd jobs. It rained all day.
- 20 First I went to Anderson's to hear about the boy Swan. Afterwards I did odd jobs.
- 21 I worked on the cow barn and had Niklas for help.
- 22 First Niklas and I hauled rails and put them in the cow barn. At ten o'clock Niklas went home. It snowed pretty heavily. Later that day I did odd jobs.
- 23 I hauled hay from the northern plot of ground. Norelius from Red Wing arrived tonight.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I placed straw on the cow barn roof and P. Daniel helped.
- 26 I hauled barley straw and timber, etc.
- 27 I did odd jobs. Norelius went home today.
- 28 29 & 30 I chinked the cow barn, as well as fixed up the other barns. I also husked corn, etc.

December

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I went to a mission prayer, also the funeral for Broberg.
- 3 I was at Per Daniel's and butchered the pigs.
- 4 I finished chinking the cow barn.
- 5 I daubed the cow barn and had P. Daniel's help. I also sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 6 & 7 I daubed the house on the outside, etc.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 In the morning I went to Waconia and spoke with Johnson and Boyd, who said I owed him 7 dollars 54 cents. In the afternoon I husked corn.

- 10 Niklas, both Schraans and I, and Boyd, measured land.
- 11 I hauled barley straw and timber, also 12 planks to Hakanson.
- 12 & 13 I was at P. Daniel's and I put ceiling boards in his house. On the 11th my brothers-in-law, also sister-in-law Elisabeth, were here.
- 14 I husked corn and my brothers-in-law came from St. Paul.
- 15 **Sunday** The brothers-in-law went home today.
- 16 I finished husking corn. I also drilled in 18 sugar maple trees. We bought 3 pounds of sugar.
- 17 & 18 Elsa and I hauled corn and barley straw, etc.
- 19 I butchered the pig and P. Daniel helped.
- 20 I was at P. Daniel's and made doors and hung them up.
- 21 I did odd jobs.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I did odd jobs. I do not feel well.
- 24 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I made a cow barn door.
- 25 **Christmas Day** I made a cow barn door, also I chopped poles.
- 26 I hung up the cow barn door, etc.
- 27 & 28 I repaired a shoe, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 & 31 I fixed the inside of the new cow barn, etc.

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January

- 1 I was at P. Daniel's after the oxen. Afterwards I went to Waconia. In the afternoon we had a language meeting.
- 2 I hauled home the little haystack from the southern field.
- 3 I butchered 4 pigs, and had Per Daniel and Niklas for help.
- 4 I went to Waconia with 2 of the biggest pigs, one weighed 263 pounds and the other 226 pounds.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I went to Waconia and received the money for the pigs, I got 2 cents per pound. All together I received 9 dollars and 78 cents. In the afternoon we had the yearly business meeting at the church in Scandia.
- 7 I did odd jobs.
- 8 Peterson, John, P. Daniel, P. Nilsson, and I went to Chaska. I had 24 bushels of wheat, and 75 pounds of butter. For the wheat I received 45 cents a bushel for a total of 10 dollars and 80 cents after my calculations. So I owe Warner 6 dollars and 21 cents but after Warner's calculation I owed 7 dollars and 21 cents.

- 9 I hauled in a load of hay from Hammerberg.
- 10 I hauled two loads of hay from Hammerberg, etc.
- 11 I hauled in one load of hay from Hammerberg, also I cut timber.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 I did odd jobs. On the 16th brother-in-law Olaf came here.
The 18th he went back home.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I ground the wheat, etc.
- 21 Lundsten, Jonas Peter, Alexander, John, and I traveled to the water mill.
- 22 We were at the mill.
- 23 In the evening we were home. I had 15 bushels wheat and got 38 ¼ pounds of flour to the bushel. I had 2 ½ bushels of rye, and got 25 pounds of flour per bushel and everything was perfectly evenly measured.
- 24 I emptied the flour bin, etc.
- 25 I put hoops on the pork barrel, etc.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I did odd jobs, including getting rid of the schoolmaster. The 25th in the evening Peterson and Per Daniel returned from St. Paul.
- 28 I went to Chanhassen and paid the 8 dollars tax.
- 29 I went to Waconia with Hakanson's wheat using the young ox. "Kulla" calved today.
- 30 I hauled two loads of hay from the southern forty, with more.
- 31 I went to a meeting where we elected new church officers.

February

- 1 I went to Waconia after Hakanson's flour.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I hauled home the last hay from the southern forty.
- 4 In the morning I cut stovewood. In the afternoon I cut an ox yoke.
- 5 I worked on the cow barn; afterwards I piled the cut timber in the forest.
- 6 I cut and piled timber in the forest all day.
- 7 I hauled timber all day.
- 8 In the morning I fixed the saw and fro for Schilling. In the afternoon I did odd jobs.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 & 11 I did odd jobs.
- 12 I salted the pork and Per Daniel went to Waterville.
- 13 & 14 I cut timber, etc. Today, the 14th, Per Daniel came home from the mill.
- 15 I did odd jobs.
- 16 **Sunday** Swan and Maja Greta from Billpan [Belle Plaine] are at P. Daniel's.
- 17 I sawed lumber for board and had Niklas for help.
- 18 I hauled 2 loads of hay from Peter Nilsson's.

- 19 I went to Waconia to have a log sawed.
- 20 I hauled logs for the sap trough. I hauled with the ox and had Hans Niklas for help.
- 21 I hauled a log to Waconia to be sawed.
- 22 I hauled logs to Waconia to be sawed. "Kulla" was bred by the bull today.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did odd jobs.
- 25 I went to Chaska with wheat; P.Daniel and Hakanson came with.
- 26 I did odd jobs.
- 27 I hauled hay from Alexander's field. Peterson traveled to Cambridge. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 28 I hauled hay from Alexander's field; Anders Erickson helped me.

March

- 1 I did odd jobs. "Lady" calved today.
- 2 **Sunday** "Betty" has calved today.
- 3 In the morning I shoveled snow. Yesterday and last night we got a lot of snow. In the afternoon we had a meeting.
- 4 5, 6 & 7 I did odd jobs.
- 8 I went to Waconia with flour.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 11, 12 & 13 I did odd jobs.
- 14 I finished writing a letter to Sweden.
- 15 I made sap spigots, and did other small jobs.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I made sap spigots, etc. Today the sheep had lambs.
- 18 In the morning I made sap spigots. In the afternoon I was at P. Daniel's and sold the oxen for 70 dollars.
- 19 First I went to P. Daniel's after the sled, and later I did odd jobs.
- 20 I went to Waconia with orts to be ground for Jonas Peter.
- 21 First I went to Hopp's after hay, but I did not get anything, and I had Jonas Peter's oxen.
- 22 I made sap spigots and hewed an evener for Broberg's wagon.
- 23 **Sunday** In the afternoon I was at John's.
- 24 I made a maple syrup kettle.
- 25 First I was at Johnson's in Waconia, and received my money. Afterwards I finished making the syrup kettle.
- 26 I hauled hay from Jonas Peter's meadow. The sow was bred by the boar today.
- 27 In the morning I was at a meeting about the demonization at Witsack's. In the afternoon I started to drill in the maples. In the evening Witsack and his son were here and changed oxen with me. I received 9 dollars in the exchange, but I don't know if that will be

in gold, or government money.

28 I did odd jobs.

29 First I hauled two hay loads from Hakanson. Afterwards I hauled rails all day.

30 **Sunday**

31 I drilled in the maple spigots, etc.

April

1 Today was a lecture, but I did not have the time to go there because I was boiling syrup and doing other jobs.

2 Peterson was here and wrote a letter for me to Sweden, and I worked in the maple syrup kitchen.

3 4 & 5 I worked in the molasses kitchen, and also worked at driving rails. The 3rd, Elisabeth came here to visit with us.

6 **Sunday**

7 I went to a mission meeting. Elisabeth went to Chaska today. In the afternoon I put together timber for the molasses kitchen.

8 In the morning I hauled wood for the maple syrup kitchen. Anders Homan and Hakanson are here with me today and cleared land for the apple trees. In the afternoon, Taylor was here and helped with the clearing.

9 I worked in the syrup kitchen all day.

10 11 & 12 I worked in the syrup kitchen and this year, I boiled between 27 and 28 gallons.

13 **Sunday**

14 I did odd jobs.

15 I cleared for the orchard and had Hakanson and Taylor for help.

16 I cleared for the orchard and had Taylor, Hakanson, and P. Daniel for help.

17 I fenced around the orchard. Niklas was here all day, Hakanson in the morning, and P. Daniel in the afternoon.

18 We had a meeting, when Abrahamson left the church.

19 I fenced and cleared in the orchard. I had Taylor, Hakanson, and Niklas for help, and P. Daniel in the morning.

20 **Sunday**

21 Niklas and I boiled maple syrup together, the total was about 7 gallons and now I have made a total of 30 gallons in the maple syrup kitchen. In the afternoon I hauled the chaff off the field, etc.

22 I dug the apple trees with Per Daniel and Niklas's help. In the afternoon we finished making the fence by the orchard.

23 24 & 25 Peterson and I sold the apple trees for 24 dollars. The 25th, P. Nelson's boy was buried.

26 First I went to Waconia and spoke with Birrel to ask if he would recommend my

apple trees and take orders for them. I gave him 3 trees to sell.

27 **Sunday**

28 I started to plow the wheat field and Anders Erickson led the ox.

29 & 30 I plowed the wheat field. One day Hans led his ox on the plow.

May

1 Broberg was here today and plowed a field for me for 1 dollar. Today I have sown 2 bushels of club wheat. I also sent a letter to Sweden.

2 First I sowed 1½ bushels of Scottish Fife wheat. Afterwards I hung the pork in the smokehouse. Later I plowed a little.

3 I plowed wheat on the first and foremost plot.

4 **Sunday**

5 I plowed the first and foremost plot of wheat, and finished.

6 I sowed wheat on the first and foremost plot, and harrowed almost all of it. In the evening we had a school meeting. Tonight "Centy" was bred by the bull.

7 We finished harrowing in the wheat then hauled wood from the orchard.

8 I sowed peas and plowed them over and hauled wood.

9 I did odd jobs. Mr. Grimm bought 12 apples trees, I charged him \$2.

10 Per Daniel raked and burned in the orchard.

11 **Sunday**

12 I hoed around the apple trees, etc.

13 I dug and hoed the cabbage beds. The cow "Nebba" was bred by the bull.

14 I made an evener for J.A. Peterson's buggy.

15 I plowed for oats, seeded, and harrowed it in.

16 I hauled manure onto the small field. Elsa went with J.A. Peterson to Chaska.

17 I plowed for corn on the small field.

18 **Sunday**

19 I plowed for corn on the small field, and on the field near the well.

20 I marked out for corn on the small field and went to Niklas but was delayed by tending to his sick ox.

21 I planted corn on the small field. In the evening we had a school meeting.

22 I plowed for a garden by the cow barn. In the afternoon we planted the garden.

23 I trimmed apple trees all day.

24 First I went to Hakanson's and hauled rails, and then I did odds and ends.

25 **Sunday**

26 I planted potatoes by the cow barn.

27 I hauled rails and harrowed for Per Daniel.

28 I finished planting potatoes by the cow barn. I have planted 1 1½ bushels.

29 I planted beans, squash, and melons. I carried all the potatoes out of the cellar and cleaned them.

- 30 I grubbed for Per Daniel.
- 31 First I took "Nebba" to the bull for the second time. In the afternoon, I replanted corn on the small field. The first time I used Atkin's corn it did not germinate.

June

1 Sunday

- 2 I hauled away the pigsty, shelled corn, and did other small things.
- 3 I went to Waconia with corn for Hakanson, Niklas, and myself, then hauled pig manure.
- 4 I cut a road around the field, etc.
- 5 I went to Waconia to fetch the wall clock. I got it for the \$4 that Johnson owed me. Today "Lady" was bred by the bull.
- 6 Niklas helped me saw logs. In the evening we had a meeting.
- 7 I made a cabinet for the clock and hung it up.

8 Sunday

- 9 & 10 I hoed in the orchard and had Taylor for help.
- 11 In the morning we went and hoed around the church. In the afternoon we had a prayer meeting.
- 12 I prepared the tobacco field and planted on the big field. Also I moved out the stove, etc.
- 13 I started working on the roads. I built the bridge by Scandia and plowed close to the hill.
- 14 I worked on the road for Niklas's cow barn. Brother-in-law Olaf Johansson was here last night; today he went home.
- 15 **Sunday** Today "Betty" was bred by the bull for the second time.
- 16 I worked on the road and built the bridge close to Jonas Peter's.
- 17 I worked on my road by the schoolhouse. Elsa and Anna are at John's.
- 19 I hoed and burned brush in the orchard.
- 20 In the morning I went to Waconia and spoke with Boyd. In the afternoon I hoed and burned brush in the orchard.

- 21 In the morning I was at an auction at the school's hay land. I bought hay for 2 dollars on Hammerberg's claimed land. In the afternoon I hoed and burned brush in the orchard.

22 Sunday

- 23 I hoed and burned brush in the orchard all day.
- 24 First I hoed and burned brush in the orchard, afterwards I made an evener for Broberg's wagon.
- 25 I broke sod in the orchard and had Broberg for help.
- 26 First it rained, and from eleven o'clock to one o'clock we plowed in the orchard and finished that. In the afternoon I harrowed in the orchard. In the evening I sowed

some turnip seed.

- 27 I was at Lundsten's and broke sod, and Broberg was at my place and cultivated corn and potatoes.
- 28 I did odd jobs, including sowing rutabaga seeds, which I finished.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I was in Waconia and worked for Boyd, and had Schilling for help.

July

- 1 & 2 Schilling and I worked for Boyd. The 2nd, the heifer "Misa" was bred by the bull.
- 3 I hoed corn on the little field with Niklas's help.
- 4 We had a celebration in Scandia all day.
- 5 I hoed the tobacco and beans, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I hoed and hilled the tobacco, later I went fishing.
- 8 I hoed by the apple trees, etc.
- 9 In the morning I wrote a letter to brother Carl and went to the post office with it. In the afternoon I hoed by the apple trees, etc.
- 10 In the morning I hoed corn by the cow barn. In the afternoon I made a frame for the grinding stone.
- 11 I was with Peterson and Maja Stina and took them to Chaska. I also went to Carver and to Tureson.
- 12 I cultivated corn on the little field and used Broberg's horse for that because I did the eveners for his wagon.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 First I went to Taylor's and John's. Afterwards I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I went and stripped raffia from the basswood at P. Daniel's.
- 15 I started to cut hay on the southern field; I had Hakanson and Niklas Swenson for help.
- 16 I harvested with Hakanson and P. Daniel's help. Today the assessor was here, I said I had 30 acres of swampland, 9 acres of broken land, at 7 dollars per acre equals 63 dollars, and 121 acres of unbroken land, at 2 dollars per acre equals 144 dollars, but he calculated it to 330 dollars. Personal property includes: a pair of oxen at \$25, one ox at \$12, one ox at \$8, cows with calves at \$37, a heifer at \$8, 3 calves at \$12, 2 ewes with lambs at \$4 each, 5 pigs at \$4 each, and household items at \$10. All together \$120, the log house \$10, so my taxable property is \$330 and the personal property \$120.
- 17 In the morning I lay in bed because I was sick. In the afternoon I put up hay on the southern plot of ground, and from half past two to the evening, I had Niklas and Hans for help.

- 18 I made a horse rake, to rake grain with. It rained all day.
- 19 In the morning I raked the rye stubble until two o'clock in the afternoon. Afterwards I made a hayrack and did other odd jobs.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Elsa and I put up hay on the southern forty. In the evening I sharpened Hammerberg's cradle.
- 22 First I cut hay, afterwards I stacked it, and Elsa helped me.
- 23 I was at P. Daniel's and cradled off the rye.
- 24 I stacked the hay on the southern quarter, and had Taylor and P. Daniel for help, also Hakanson's until dinner time. In the afternoon we put up hay and stacked it. Sister-in-law Maja Greta arrived yesterday.
- 25 I stacked hay at P. Daniel's place.
- 26 First to half past one, I cut hay on the swamp by the well and had Schilling for help. He went home at 9:30. Afterwards I put up hay and cut hay, close to the field on the big meadow. Maja Greta went home today.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I cut hay in the swamp on the northern plot of ground, had Schilling for help. Also I cut hay a little on the home meadow and finished it. Afterwards I put up hay by the well.
- 29 I hauled home hay from the home meadow and had Alexander's boy Albert for help. Also I did more little things.
- 30 First we put up hay on the home meadow. Afterwards we hauled home hay all day and finished. In the evening I put up a fence around the small haystack, on the southern quarter. Alexander's Albert helped me.
- 31 I cut hay on the school land and had Taylor and Albert, Alexander's son, for help.

August

- 1 In the morning I repaired the cradle. In the afternoon I hauled the rye and hay. Anders Erickson has worked for me all day.
- 2 I was at the school land and cut hay and stacked hay. From two o'clock until the evening, Alexander's son Albert helped me.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 First I was supposed to cut down the club wheat but then it started to rain. Afterwards I went with P. Daniel home and cut hay until half past 3, then P. Daniel went home with me and we cut wheat until the evening.
- 5 I cradled off club wheat until dinner. Hakanson and P. Daniel tied. In the afternoon Hakanson and I went and put up hay on the school land.
- 6 First I went and put up some haystacks on the school land. Afterwards it rained all day and then I repaired a shoe for Ida.
- 7 I was at P. Daniel's and stacked hay and cradled wheat. Elsa and the kids have been to John's today.

- 8 It rained all day. Today I have adjusted the clock. I paid Alexander today.
- 9 I was at the school land and turned and put up hay.
- 10 **Sunday** Mortenson and Per were here today.
- 11 Elsa and I stacked a haystack on Hans's field, etc.
- 12 I cradled wheat and John and P. Daniel tied.
- 13 It rained. In the morning I did not do anything. In the afternoon I did odd jobs. In the evening I went to a war meeting at Witsack's.
- 14 I continued to put up hay. Later I was at John's and cradled.
- 15 First at ten o'clock, I was at P. Daniel's and cradled. Later I cradled wheat at home and finished. P. Daniel and Hakanson tied.
- 16 First until eleven o'clock I repaired the cradle. Afterwards I was at P. Daniel's and cradled. Schilling was here in the afternoon and harvested peas.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I cradled oats, and Schilling cut hay down and the peas. Later Schilling, Elsa, and I shocked the wheat that had been lying unshocked. We also tied it together and put it up. I should never let grain lay unshocked.
- 19 I stacked hay on Hammerberg's land, and had Schilling for help.
- 20 We became scared by the Indians. So we fled to the island in Clearwater Lake, and stayed there until the evening of the 21st, then we went back home.
- 22 I fenced around a haystack on Hammerberg's land.
- 23 In the morning I cut hay on the northern plot of ground. In the afternoon I stacked wheat and had Niklas's boy for help all day.
- 24 **Sunday** As soon as we started our service, Anders Swenson came and said that we had to go to war against the Indians. The meeting was broken up and everyone went to their own place to prepare, but then we decided to wait until further notice.
- 25 I went to Nobles for a meeting and to be examined by a doctor to see if I was capable of joining the war.
- 26 In the morning I fenced around the haystack on the northern quarter. In the afternoon I turned and bundled the peas and had Niklas for help.
- 27 I hauled wheat, hay and oats with the help of Niklas and his boys, Alexander's Albert, and Niklas's oxen.
- 28 I was at the school land and cut hay all day.
- 29 I cut hay on P. Daniel's land all day.
- 30 I was at John's and cut hay for A. Peterson all day.
- 31 **Sunday**

September

- 1 In the morning I went to Waconia and hauled out logs. In the afternoon Hakanson and I stacked hay on the school section.
- 2 Elsa and I went to Chaska. Peterson drove us there.

- 3 I stacked hay in P. Daniel's fields all day.
- 4 I stacked hay near Winkel's place on the school section and Alexander's boy, Albert, helped.
- 5 & 6 Did nothing as we had another Indian scare. We carried our stuff out in the brush and intended to flee to St. Paul.
- 7 **Sunday** We are more peaceful about the Indians today.
- 8 P. Daniel and I stacked his hay.
- 9 I did odd little things. Hakanson's Hanna cut the tobacco for me today. I paid her 30 cents.
- 10 & 11 I put panels in the corncrib, made a movable storage box, built a pigsty, etc.
- 12 I made an ox yoke for P. Daniel. He cut corn for me for a few hours.
- 13 I cultivated all day.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 P. Daniel and I cut corn all day on the small field.
- 16 & 17 John stopped here on his way, as he is moving to Red Wing. They left at noon on the 17th. Swen Bengtson drove them as far as Chaska.
- 18 First I made a flail and then I cut weeds all day.
- 19 I did many little things and cleaned the manure in the cow barn.
- 20 I went to Waconia and rolled logs to the saw. In the afternoon I did odds and ends. At noon on the 17th, the Dalecarlian woman came here and worked until the evening of the 20th. She hoed around all the apple trees, pulled weeds in many places, and also flailed the flax.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I went to Waconia and worked for Boyd. I took along P. Swenson's Andrew, from Scandia, to work for me at Boyd's. I sent a letter to brother Carl today.
- 23 I cultivated. The Dalecarlian's daughter, Anna, led the oxen. P. Swenson's Andrew, from Scandia, worked at Boyd's for me today.
- 24 I cultivated and Anna led the oxen.
- 25 I cultivated and Anna led the oxen
- 26 I sowed a good 2 ½ bushels of rye and harrowed it in. Anna did various small jobs. Schilling worked for me in Waconia.
- 27 I went to John's house and built a movable storage box.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I plowed and Anna led the oxen.
- 30 I went to Waconia and hauled my boards out of the way. In the evening I went to John's house and waited for the threshing machine but it did not come.

October

- 1 I threshed at John's and covered his corncrib.
- 2 I made a gate in the cow barn fence.

3 & 4 I plowed and Anna led the oxen.

5 **Sunday**

6 It rained. I tied the tobacco into bundles, mended the wagon and many little things.

7 First I put up the stove, then I cut the grass and raked the path in the back.

8 In the morning I cut and raked the rye stubble. In the evening we elected Bergquist as deacon at our mission prayer meeting.

9 I went to John's for 3 bushels of wheat and 2½ bushels of rye, and took it to Waconia. I hauled out of the way more of my boards and piled them all. I now have 24 butternut boards and 11 oak boards by the mill. The boards from the 3 butternut logs totaled 774 feet and the cost for milling was \$4.64. The boards from the oak log John gave me made 266 feet and cost \$1.86.

10 First I hauled pumpkins and rutabagas. Then I went to Hammerberg's and threshed.

11 We dug potatoes and the Dalecarlian's boy helped.

12 **Sunday**

13 Elsa and I finished digging the potatoes.

14 I dug the rutabagas. The Dalecarlian's boy and girl Anna, also Niklas's Hans and Kana, all helped.

15 I dug the rutabagas. The Dalecarlian's boy and girl helped.

16 I went to Waconia after the oats. The 3 bushels of wheat from John weighed 192 pounds and yet I only got 65 pounds of flour from it. The 2½ bushels of rye weighed 119 pounds and I got 55 pounds of flour from it. John owed us 45½ pounds of rye flour, so I have 10 pounds too much of that, but John owed us 2 bushels of wheat and 30½ pounds of flour, but I got only 21½ pounds of flour for the bushels, so the 10 pounds of rye flour will have to be added. Now John and I are square. In the evening I fixed my wagon and did other little jobs.

17 I hauled manure. In the morning Niklas's Hans helped and in the afternoon Hakanson helped.

18 In the morning I butchered two pigs and in the afternoon I hauled manure. The boy from Dalecarlia worked for me all day.

19 **Sunday**

20 I threshed over at Niklas's all day.

21 Until 11:30, we threshed at Niklas's and then they came here. In the afternoon we threshed here.

22 We threshed until 10 in the morning. The Scottish Fife wheat yielded 65 bushels, the club wheat, 26 bushels, the rye, 37 bushels, and the oats, 24 bushels, with a total of 152 bushels of grain. All the grain was cut too close to the ground, so the straw was too long; also the grain stacks had leaked. Another year I must be more careful in the stacking and put all the heads to the inside and make a steeper slant. I also believe that the wheat should be sown earlier. In the evening we threshed at Jonas Peter's place. I sent a letter to Elisabeth.

- 23 In the morning we threshed at Jonas Peter's and in the afternoon at Lundsten's.
- 24 In the morning we threshed at Lundsten's and in the afternoon at Erickson's.
- 25 Until 10 a.m. we threshed at Erickson's. In the afternoon I made a pigpen, etc.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I did various little things.
- 28 In the morning I threshed at Peter Nilsson's. In the afternoon I hauled pumpkins and put straw on the pigsty roof.
- 29 I hauled manure. The Dalecarlian boy helped me. Brita and Anna husked corn—130 ears apiece.
- 30 In the morning I did odd jobs. In the afternoon I cleaned the well. Brita and Anna husked corn, and Brita also helped me with the well.
- 31 I plowed and Anna led the oxen.

November

- 1 In the morning I plowed and then hauled pumpkins, beans, etc. Later I cultivated around the apple trees using Peterson's mare. Peterson also helped.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I cultivated all day.
- 4 First I went to a lecture at Witsack's, then I plowed.
- 5 I began building a shelter by the apple trees and Niklas Swenson helped me.
- 6 I did little things. Elsa had company today to help her quilt a comforter.
- 7 I hauled straw for the shelter by the apple trees.
- 8 I hauled more straw for the shelter, etc.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I hauled corn. Schilling worked for me at the meetinghouse.
- 11 I fixed around the apple trees and hauled corn. Schilling threshed my peas for me today.
- 12 I winnowed and aired the peas—they totaled 6 bushels.
- 13 Schilling and I piled wood all day.
- 14 I first repaired J. A. Peterson's boots and then I hauled hay from the swamp by the fields.
- 15 Today, I fixed the cattle barn and shut up the cattle because last night we had our first snow and it was a really heavy snow.
- 16 **Sunday** We both stayed home.
- 17 Schilling and I cut down logs for rails on the southern forty.
- 18 I hauled swamp hay and chopped down logs for mangers.
- 19 I fenced in a piece for the manger in the cattle yard. Schilling did a bit of everything this morning and also piled the manure. This afternoon he worked on the road.
- 20 I fenced in a yard for the geese between the cattle yards, etc.
- 21 I worked on the road in the woods below the cattle barn. Schilling worked for

John on the road. Julius Witsack was here and bought the colored ox for \$35.

22 In the morning I worked on the road. Altogether this year I worked on the road for 5 ½ days. In the afternoon I hauled cornstalks from the small field. Schilling chopped down logs for rails today.

23 **Sunday**

24 In the morning I hauled home a load of hay from the school section over near Winkel's. In the afternoon I did little things.

25 I daubed on the loft, etc. Schilling has begun to split rails.

26 I daubed the cabin on the inside. This afternoon Schilling split rails.

27 I daubed the cattle barns, etc.

28 First I went to Mitchell after the ram for the ewes and then I chopped wood and built a shelter for the cherry trees.

29 I hauled hay from the school section near Winkel's.

30 **Sunday**

December

1 First I did various little things and then I went to get Mrs. Hammerberg.

2 I went to Poppitz's, Carver, and Chaska.

3 I did various little things. I took Mrs. Hammerberg home.

4 In the forenoon I did various small jobs, then I went to Waconia with 8 bushels of rye oats. Elisabeth arrived from St. Paul today.

5 I did various little things.

6 I did various little things.

7 **Sunday**

8 First, I went to the school section after a load of hay. Then, I made everything ready for the butchering of the pigs.

9 I butchered the pigs with P. Daniel's and Niklas's help.

10 I hauled hay and did various little things.

11 I went over to John's and butchered his pigs.

12 I did various jobs.

13 First I took Mitchell's ram home and then I went to a mission meeting. Peterson resigned as pastor.

14 **Sunday**

15 I chopped out the road on the line between Jonas Peter's and my land.

16 My son, John Axel, was born at 12:30 in the morning. Today, I did various little things.

17 In the morning I salted down the pork and in the afternoon I did odd jobs.

18 I hauled hay from the large stack on the southern forty.

19 First, I butchered a calf, and then Mitchell and I stepped out the line between our properties.

- 20 In the forenoon I did several odd jobs and in the afternoon I went over to John's house with the hide that the people from Dalecarlia were to tan.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 First I made brine for the pork and then I husked corn, etc.
- 23 I butchered Peter Nilsson's pigs.
- 24 I chopped wood all day.
- 25 **Christmas Day** I went over to John's after some books for Peterson and took them to him in Scandia. Peterson is very sick.
- 26 I did various little things. Granlund and Swedlund went home today.
- 27 I did little things and in the afternoon I husked corn.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I husked corn all day. I received \$15 from Julius Witsack today as payment for the oxen. One \$5 bill commercial bank of Whitehall of New York, Littra A., a \$2 bill on the Metropolitan Bank of New York, Littra D, one \$5 bill on the Carter Oak Bank of Hartford, Connecticut, Littra B., a \$2 bill on the Bank of Minnesota. Littra A, nr. 153., a \$1 bill on the People's Bank of Minnesota, Littra S. (The 3rd of Jan. 1863, I gave the two above described \$5 bills to Schilling).
- 30 I finished husking the corn.
- 31 I hauled corn and cornstalks, etc.

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January

- 1 We had a meeting.
- 2 & 3 I hauled hay from the southern southern forty, among other tasks.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I cut up a line between Mitchell's and my land. The 5th Witsack's boys were here and cut rails for the first time.
- 7 & 8 I did various little things. Schilling cut rails the 5th and 6th until dinner on the 7th.
- 9 I cut planks for beds and hauled them home, etc.
- 10 I did various little things. Today Witsack's boys cut down trees for rails.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 & 13 I did various little things.
- 14 I cut planks for the beds, etc.
- 15 I went to Chaska with the pigs and the peas. John Nelson hauled for me.
- 16 & 17 I hauled hay from the school field, and from Haupt's field.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 20 & 21 I finished hauling hay from the school land.

- 22 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Hammerberg's after an iron harrow that I bought from him for 2 dollars and 50 cents, also a pair of clevis rings for 50 cents. Elsa, Elisabeth, and the kids were with.
- 23 I did various little things. Today it snowed heavily.
- 24 I cut timber and got ready to take a trip to the Waterville mill.
- 25 **Sunday** Today the smaller ewe gave birth to a lamb.
- 26 Jonas Peter, Lundsten, Schilling, and I traveled to the Waterville mill.
- 27 We went to the mill.
- 28 We came back home at four o'clock. I had 12 bushels of club wheat that was ground into 437 pounds of flour—that is 38 pounds of flour per bushel. There were 7 bushels of rye that was ground into 197 pounds of flour, making 28 pounds of flour per bushel.
- 29 & 30 I did various little things. Today I paid Nukom the last of my debt, 7 dollars and 89 cents.
- 31 Jonas Peter, Felt, and I went to Chaska with wheat. I had 20 bushels and received 90 cents per bushel from H. Jung. I also left the 9 dollars to Bacus for Jung when I received too much from when I sold the pork to Jung.

February

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 First I cut timber. Later I went to a mission meeting.
- 3 I repaired a shoe.
- 4 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Andrew Nilson's.
- 5 I went to Waconia with a log to be sawn for Peter Nilsson, and took home a load of planks for me. I also paid Boyd my last debt of 2 dollars.
- 6 I repaired my shoes and did other tasks.
- 7 First I fully repaired my shoes. Afterwards I went to Waconia after the last planks. Mr. and Mrs. Greg were here today.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 & 10 I made a cradle, etc.
- 11 I did various little things.
- 12 I went to Carver with wheat. I sold it to Walter for 90 cents per bushel. The total was 16 dollars and 25 cents and I bought a plow for 17 dollars. I still owe 25 cents for the plow.
- 13 I went to the money meeting at Mitchell's. Afterwards I did various little things.
- 14 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I cut down some trees to make rails, down by the new road with Schilling's help.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 In the morning the Dalecarlians helped me to cut down some trees to make rails. In the afternoon I cut down trees for a road to the haystack on P. Daniel's land.
- 17 I hauled hay from P. Daniel's land. I bought a ton of hay from P. Daniel.
- 18 I hauled hay from P. Daniel's land. Today my brother-in-law Olaf Johansson and his

wife arrived here.

- 19 I did various little things.
- 20 Today brother-in-law and sister-in-law Olaf Johansson traveled home to St. Paul. Lisabett [Elisabeth] traveled with them to St. Paul.
- 21 Today Andrew from Scandia arrived here. In the morning we measured out a line on the southern forty. In the afternoon Andrew hauled rails and I made an axe shaft, etc.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 24 & 25 I hauled rails out by the southern quarter.
- 26 I hauled rails here at home.
- 27 I hauled rails here at home. Tonight the cow "Nebba" gave birth.
- 28 I went to a language meeting. In the afternoon I was at Andrew Schraan's and searched for the cow who did not become clean. [Following the birth of a calf, the cow did not expel the full afterbirth.]

March

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I repaired boots for Andrew and he hauled rails. Olaf Hakanson from Red Wing was here today.
- 3 I hauled rails, etc.
- 4 I hauled logs from the little field by the swamp. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl, and I also received a picture of him.
- 5 I hauled logs for the fence down by the small field. Schilling cut rails on the southern forty today.
- 6 Again I hauled logs. In the morning Schilling cut the fence for the field by the swamp. In the afternoon he cut logs for the fence on the southern forty.
- 7 I put down the fence by the swamp with Niklas's help.
- 8 **Sunday** "Kulla" the cow was bred today. Tonight "Lady" the cow calved.
- 9 I hauled rails all day, etc.
- 10 I hauled rails all day. Schilling cut rails and finished his month of service.
- 11 In the morning I went to Bergquist with my duplicate certificate on the land. I also sent a letter to brother Carl and to sister-in-law Elisabeth. Andrew hauled rails. In the afternoon I hauled rails.
- 12 & 13 I hauled rails. Schilling cut rails daily for two days.
- 14 I hauled rails and stakes by the southern quarter and finished. Niklas cut rails for me today.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I started to put up a fence on the southern quarter and had P. Daniel for help. Andrew went to Chaska and bought some clothes on my account at Warner's for 2 dollars and 70 cents.

- 17 Andrew and I installed the fence on the southern quarter, etc.
- 18 Niklas and I installed the fence on the southern quarter and Andrew hauled rails close to the barn; we also hauled barley straw.
- 19 In the morning, Niklas, Per Daniel, Andrew, and I put up the fence on the southern quarter and finished. In the afternoon we put up a fence between Mitchell and me and we started down by his field.
- 20 We got a lot of snow tonight. Andrew went to Scandia today and I did various little things. Today one of the ewes gave birth and had twins, but one was dead and the other one is about to die.
- 21 First I went and helped Niklas to haul out a log to be sawn. Afterwards I cut spigots out of butternut wood. Andrew cut stovewood. In the afternoon Andrew hauled rails from the little field to fence around the syrup kitchen. I also hauled rails for the cattle yard. I did various little things. Today the second sheep has given birth, it was a boy.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Andrew hauled rails from the little field, and I did various things and went to Andrew Schraan's.
- 24 Andrew Schraan was here today and doctored a sheep. He also hauled rails from the little field and I did various little things. Peter Nelson was here today and neutered two bull calves. In the morning Andrew and I hauled some stones off from the big field.
- 25 In the morning Andrew and I hauled rails that were left over from making the fence on the southern quarter. We hauled them to the haystacks. In the afternoon Andrew made the fireplace or pit to place the syrup kettle. I made a frame from which to hang the kettle. In the afternoon "Betty" the cow gave birth.
- 26 In the morning Andrew hauled rails to the haystacks, and hauled timber to the syrup kitchen. I did various things. In the afternoon I dug a hole [a boiling pit—used to place wood for a fire. The boiling pan or kettle was placed over the open fire] for the syrup kettle. The cow "Lotta" was bred.
- 27 In the morning we worked in the syrup kitchen. In the afternoon we started to drill into the maples, but the sap wasn't yet flowing.
- 28 In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon we had a school meeting. Afterwards I did various things. Andrew hauled straw and rails.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I made maple sap spigots. First Andrew went after hay at P. Daniel's, later he made spigots for the maples. Today Andrew started to work for a monthly salary.
- 31 In the morning Andrew and I hauled 1 ¼ loads of hay from Mitchell's. In the afternoon I made maple sap spigots. Andrew boiled syrup and did other things.

April

- 1 First I did various things. Afterwards I was at Hammerberg's for an auction. Henry Schraan walked with me home and bought the cow "Betty" for 21 dollars. Later that afternoon I drilled the maples. Andrew did various things.
- 2 Andrew hauled logs all day. I made maple sap spigots.
- 3 In the morning Andrew and I burned the swamp. In the afternoon Andrew cut down trees for fence posts, and I did various little things.
- 4 I put up a fence close to the field and had Niklas for help. Andrew did various little things.
- 5 **Sunday** Today the cow "Amalia" was bred.
- 6 In the morning I made maple sap spigots and hauled them out to the trees. In the afternoon I drilled the maples.
- 7 We had a lecture. Later I put gathered maple sap, etc.
- 8 Today we had to take the life of the cow "Froken" [in Swedish it means Miss] and it has taken up most of the day. She gave birth to a calf yesterday. Today I boiled more than a gallon of maple syrup. Tonight we had a meeting at our place and Sund from Marone Mills spoke.
- 9 I put up the fence and had Schilling for help. The cow "Nebba" was bred today.
- 10 In the morning I went and burned off the meadows, etc. In the afternoon I harrowed and Schilling cut rails.
- 11 In the morning it snowed. Today I repaired Ida's shoe, etc.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I installed the posts in the bottom of the fence, and had Schilling for help. Andrew hauled us more logs as soon as we put them in.
- 14 In the morning I sowed 2 bushels of wheat and Andrew harrowed it. In the afternoon I removed the brush cover for the apple trees and burned it up. Andrew plowed the wheat.
- 15 I sent a letter to Ahlstrom and put up a fence with Schilling's help. Andrew plowed.
- 16 In the morning I put up the fence alone. In the afternoon I had Schilling for help. Andrew plowed all day.
- 17 In the morning I sowed wheat in the barnyard. Andrew harrowed. In the afternoon I put up fence and Andrew plowed. I sowed 2 ½ bushels.
- 18 In the morning Andrew and I hauled rails, etc. In the afternoon I put up fence. Wendt was here and bought 12 apple trees for 40 cents apiece. Andrew plowed.
- 19 **Sunday** Elsa went to church. I stayed home.
- 20 I sowed wheat on the other side of the creek. I sowed 3 bushels and 3 pecks.
- 21 Today I plowed for wheat by the back shed. Henry Schraan was here today and bought apple trees for one dollar. Today "Lady" was bred.
- 22 I sowed wheat by the back shanty and harrowed it in. I sowed 2 bushels and 1 peck. Schilling worked for me today. He has weeded and hoed by the two apple trees

in the garden.

- 23 I put up my fence by the barn and had Schilling for help. Also I sowed a pint of wheat that I received from Washington. Andrew resigned today.
- 24 I put up a fence and Per Daniel helped me finish it.
- 25 In the morning I went to P. Daniel's for hay. Later Peter Nilsson came and neutered the bull calf. In the afternoon I plowed the little field.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 In the morning I plowed the little field. I sold apple trees to Guldsmit's wife and Cal's boy. In the afternoon I sowed $1\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of wheat in the little field with wheat and harrowed it. This year I have sown 10 bushels of wheat except the club wheat, which totaled 2 bushels, but it was two quarts too thick.
- 28 I plowed the field for barley and oats near the barn, and went after hay at Mitchell's that he gave me. Schilling cut down trees in the orchard.
- 29 First I went to John's after a bushel of barley. Later I sowed it and harrowed it. Afterwards I went to an auction at Alexander's house, and did various other things.
- 30 According to the President's proclamation, today is a day of repentance and prayer. Elsa went to church. First I sowed oats and harrowed it. Later I piled logs in the orchard, and plowed for apple trees.

May

- 1 I planted trees in the orchard. I had Niklas and P. Daniel for help.
- 2 Again I planted trees, and had Niklas and P. Daniel's help. Peterson had close to 25 dozen eggs and $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of butter for us to bring to Chaska today to put in Warner's store. Jonas Peter took the apple trees in exchange for the hay that I bought from him last fall.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 First I moved the smokehouse and hung the pork in it. Afterwards I did various little things.
- 5 In the morning I plowed in the orchard as well as in the garden. In the afternoon I planted potatoes in the garden.
- 6 First I worked in the cabbage beds. Afterwards I made a snath for the brush scythe.
- 7 First I sowed oats near the apple trees, and harrowed close to them. Afterwards I started to clear up the new field by Mitchell's field, etc.
- 8 Schilling worked for me and hoed by Mitchell's field. I cleaned first, then I did various little things and helped Elsa to shear the sheep. We got 1 pound of wool from the old sheep, 3 pounds of wool from the other old one, 6 pounds from another one, $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds from the fourth sheep.
- 9 First I went to Waconia with 14 bushels rye. I also paid Birrel 30 cents for an old debt. Afterwards in the afternoon I carried water and watered the trees.

10 **Sunday**

- 11 I cleaned down by Mitchell's field and Schilling hoed.
12 First I went to Waconia after the sod plow. Afterwards I did various little things. In the afternoon I was supposed to help Niklas break new land, but it did not work. Later Jonas Peter and I went and burned meadows by the school land.
13 I cleaned up by Mitchell's field, and Schilling hoed.
14 Today I continued to clear brush all day.
15 Today I hoed and had Hanson, who is visiting Alfred, for help.
16 In the morning I went to Waconia after the grain—14 bushels rye oats I paid one dollar and forty cents for. In the afternoon I did various little things.

17 **Sunday**

- 18 I hoed down by Mitchell's field and had the Dalecarlian Hansson, and Anderson, for help.
19 I continued hoeing, and had the Dalecarlian for help. This afternoon my mother-in-law, brother-in-law, and Elisabeth arrived here.
20 I hoed and had the Dalecarlian Hanson for help. A.J. Peterson recorded my deed today.
21 Today Elsa and I burned brush, roots, and logs by Mitchell's field. Today my brother-in-law and Elisabeth left for St. Paul.
22 In the morning I went to Waconia and repaired the sod plow. In the afternoon I did various little things.
23 I repaired a shoe, etc. It has been raining all day.

24 **Sunday**

- 25 I worked in the new field down by Mitchell's field. I had Schilling and Hanson for help.
26, 27 & 28 I worked in the new field by Mitchell's field.
29 & 30 I broke [land] down by Mitchell's field. I was helped by Jonas Peter and his oxen, as well as Niklas's oxen. On Friday, Hans held the plow, on Saturday, Felt's boy held it.

June

- 1 I broke [land] by Mitchell's field. I had Peter and his oxen, as well as Niklas's ox.
2 Same, broke [land]. Had Lundsten and his oxen as well as Niklas's ox in the morning. I also finished.
3 Elsa and I planted corn in the new broken land. Niklas had my ox to break land.
4 I sowed 3 ½ bushels of oats in the new broken land.
5 & 6 Elsa and I finished planting corn in the new broken land.
7 **Sunday**
8 Elsa and I planted potatoes in the broken land.
9 I was at Peter Nilsson's and made the foundation for his house.
10 Elsa and I finished planting potatoes.
11 In the morning I brought out the stove. In the afternoon I went to a mission meeting.

- 12 I worked on the road and built the bridges on the school land, with the oxen, which counts for one day of work.
- 13 First I made a mosquito net for the window and door. Later I did various little things. Afterwards brother-in-law John and Carl Johnson from Vasa settlement arrived.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 & 16 We had a conference here in Scandia.
- 17 & 18 I did various little things.
- 19 Brother-in-law John and Carl Johnson from Vasa settlement left for home. The 19th and 20th I was at Peter Nilsson's and worked on his house.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 & 23 I was at Peter Nilsson's and worked on his house.
- 24 I did various little things.
- 25 I hoed on the old road from the corn shed and had Peter Nilsson for help. I also plowed in the orchard.
- 26 I did various little things. Peter Nilsson was here and hoed by the fence by the corn shed.
- 27 Peterson and I traveled down to the Carver settlement.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 We traveled home. I went and discussed Anderson's business, with Ahlstrom.
- 30 I did various little things.

July

- 1 Niklas, Per Daniel, Elsa, and I went to Chaska.
- 2 I did various little things.
- 3 & 4 I cleared off the fence from the corn shed.
- 5 **Sunday** The old man Granlund was here.
- 6 First I plowed or broke [land] by the corn shed. Afterwards I did various little things.
- 7 I harvested rye. But it was so hot I could not work that much.
- 8 First I harvested rye and finished it. Afterwards I did not do anything.
- 9 First I went after a load of water in Clearwater Lake. Afterwards I went to Per Daniel's and cut hay.
- 10 I hoed corn and potatoes on the new broken land and had Per Daniel for help.
- 11 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I made a rake.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the morning I cut hay by Hakanson's with Per Daniel's help.
- 14 I cut hay in the small swamp meadow on the southern quarter.
- 15 In the morning I cut hay in the little meadow on the southern quarter; I had Schilling and Nils Persson for help. In the afternoon we put up hay on the northern forty.
- 16 First we cut hay on the northern quarter. Afterwards we stacked hay. In the afternoon we put up hay on the southern quarter. I had Nils Persson for help all day.

- 17 I cut the club wheat.
- 18 We put up hay on the southern quarter.
- 19 **Sunday** We were all at home and were not feeling well.
- 20 I cut hay and had Nils Persson for help.
- 21 I cut hay. Miller helped Elsa with stacking it.
- 22 Nils Persson cut hay for me because I was ill.
- 23 Elsa and I stacked hay; and I cut hay a little.
- 24 I had Nils Persson and Miller and we cut hay and stacked it.
- 25 Nils Persson and I cut hay all day. I stacked hay.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 In the morning I cut the barley. In the afternoon we stacked hay because Miller and his boys were here all day.
- 28 I went after water at Clearwater Lake and cut some wheat. In the afternoon it rained, and I did various little things.
- 29 In the morning I cut wheat. In the afternoon I stacked hay. Nils Persson was here all day.
- 30 Elsa and I stacked hay all day.
- 31 I stacked the big hay pile in the southern quarter. We had Nils Persson for help.

August

- 1 We cut wheat. We had Per Miller for help.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Elsa and I cut wheat all day.
- 4 We have not had any rain all summer, but today we received a very big rainfall, so I have not done anything.
- 5 Today we have cut wheat and oats.
- 6 Until three o'clock in the afternoon we cradled wheat at J.A. Peterson's. Afterwards I cradled wheat in my own little field.
- 7 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we stacked the rye, corn, and a lot of wheat. Niklas's Hans helped us.
- 8 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we cut the wheat in the little field with Per Miller's help.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Elsa and I hauled hay home from the big field and stacked it.
- 11 In the morning we spread hay. In the afternoon we stacked some wheat.
- 12 First we hauled a load of wheat. Later it started to rain, and then I walked to Per Daniel's and worked on the wagon.
- 13 In the morning Elsa and I went to Waconia with eggs. In the afternoon we stacked hay.
- 14 & 15 We stacked hay, and finished.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 I hauled and stacked hay in the southern quarter and had Hanson for help.
- 18 In the morning I hauled home hay and had Peter Nilsson for help. For a while in the afternoon we prepared the area where I will stack the barley; I also had Per Daniel for help.
- 19 We were at Jonas Peter's and threshed until half past four in the afternoon. Then the threshing machine was moved to my place.
- 20 We threshed at our place until the afternoon. In the afternoon we threshed at Niklas's. We have 138 bushels wheat, 22 bushels of rye, 11 bushels of barley, and 17 bushels of oats—altogether, 193 bushels.
- 21 In the morning I went to Niklas Swenson's and threshed. In the afternoon I cut hay in the swamp by the well.
- 22 I cut hay all day in the big meadow.

23 **Sunday**

- 24 I went to John's and built grain boxes for Peterson; the threshing machine was here today.
- 25 Elsa and I stacked hay in the big meadow today.
- 26 Elsa and I hauled home hay from the big meadow and stacked it.
- 27 I cut hay in the big meadow on the island all day.
- 28 In the morning I cut hay in the big meadow and had Nils Persson for help. Around dinner I walked to Peter Nilsson's and was supposed to thresh, but it did not happen that afternoon. Elsa and I put barley straw on the cattle barn roof and later we cut weeds in the little field.
- 29 I went to Peter Nilsson's and Per Daniel's and threshed. In the evening I wrote a letter to Otto Johnson and Per Monson in Gotaholm. Peterson is here tonight, and his mother-in-law, and he will walk to Carver settlement tomorrow.

30 **Sunday**

- 31 I shocked hay all day. Per Miller helped me for 2 hours in the morning, and Nils Persson helped me from five o'clock until the evening.

September

- 1 Elsa and I spread hay on the island all day.
- 2 I worked on Peterson's building all day.
- 3 In the morning I worked on Peterson's building. In the afternoon I started to plow for the winter wheat and harrowed it.
- 4 First I plowed, later I sowed 1 ½ bushels wheat by the barn.
- 5 I plowed all day.
- 6 **Sunday** I butchered the cow that was injured by the ox.
- 7 First I went to the settlement and took orders for the meat from the cow. Afterwards I salted the meat, etc. In the afternoon I cut oats.

- 8 I cut oats and corn and I had the Dalecarlian man Hanson for help.
- 9 In the morning Elsa and I cleaned the well and in the afternoon I plowed.
- 10 In the morning I plowed. In the afternoon I went to a mission meeting.
- 11 & 12 I plowed.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 In the morning I went and looked for the calves. In the afternoon Elsa and I shocked the green oats.
- 15 First we shocked the oats. Per Miller helped for two hours. Later we hauled the oats home and stacked them.
- 16 First I hauled a hay load for Nils Persson and Miller. Later it rained and I did various little things.
- 17 I sowed 2 bushels of rye and harrowed it.
- 18 I did various little things.
- 19 I went to Chaska. P. Nilsson, Hakanson, Nils Persson, Schilling, Lundsten, Niklas, and his wife came with. I also went to Carver and sold Ahlstrom's wagon for 7 dollars.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I made a gate, etc. In the evening Senator Anderson was here.
- 22 & 23 I went to Peter Nilsson's and worked on his house.
- 24 I finished making the gate and hung it up in the fence on the southern field. Bergquist walked to Minneapolis today.
- 25 I cut the last oats and hauled home corn.
- 26 Hauled home corn and pumpkins, etc. Bergquist came home today. He bought a draft for me of 65 dollars.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 In the morning I hauled rails for the haystacks. In the afternoon I dug a well near the old one in the swamp, among other odd jobs.
- 29 In the morning I stacked barley straw and had Peter Nilsson's help. In the afternoon Peter Nilsson and I fenced around the stack. Phillip Otto Johnson has been here today and paid me 145 dollars and 75 cents for Ahlstrom's land.
- 30 I went to Waconia with the plow, but I did not get it repaired. Today I have sent a letter to brother-in-law Johnson in Burlington, with a draft of 65 dollars and 2 dollars in cash money. Elsa and Grandma were at Per Daniel's and quilted.

October

- 1 I worked on the road. Today mother traveled with Magnus Persson to St. Paul.
- 2 In the morning I worked on the road between P. Daniel's and Alexander's house. In the afternoon I did various things.
- 3 I plowed with more. In the evening Magnus Persson came from St. Paul.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 In the morning I did various little things. First in the afternoon I plowed a little. Later

- I had to get to the sheep, but one was mauled to death by dogs.
- 6 I dug potatoes and had Niklas's Hans and Nils, as well as Felt's boy, for help.
 - 7 In the morning Elsa and I dug potatoes and finished doing that. We did not get more than 15 bushels. In the afternoon I did various little things.
 - 8 I went to Waconia with the plow to get it repaired. I sold chickens and one hen to Frits.
 - 9 I did various little things.
 - 10 I plowed all day, etc.
 - 11 **Sunday**
 - 12 In the morning I went to Broberg and bought a sheep for 4 dollars. In the afternoon I started to cover the sty.
 - 13 I finished covering the sty.
 - 14 I plowed all day. Today some people from the assembly traveled to Red Wing.
 - 15 Plowed all day.
 - 16 I went to Peter Nilsson's and installed studs.
 - 17 I plowed all day.
 - 18 **Sunday** Swan was here.
 - 19 & 20 I did various little things.
 - 21 I did various things. Today I sent 15 dollars and 90 cents in a registered letter to Hammerberg for cows.
 - 22, 23 & 24 I did various little things.
 - 25 **Sunday**
 - 26 I did various little things.
 - 27 I started to dig the apple trees in the orchard. I had Niklas and Per Daniel for help.
 - 28 I dug apple trees with Niklas.
 - 29 I dug gooseberry bushes. Niklas and Per Daniel dug up and moved the rest of the apple trees (we moved half of them). Also Niklas moved half the seedlings.
 - 30 I moved the currant bushes.
 - 31 I plowed the little field, etc.

November

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I plowed the little field, and a little in the other field.
- 3 First I went to a lecture at Witsack's. In the afternoon I plowed the big field by the well.
- 4 In the morning I butchered the pigs; had P. Daniel and Niklas for help. Today Bergquist sent the draft to a lawyer in Village Creek.
- 5 I cut apart the pork, and plowed.
- 6 I salted the pork and plowed near the well.
- 7 In the morning I plowed near the well and finished. In the afternoon I plowed the little field, etc.
- 8 **Sunday**

- 9 & 10 I cleaned away logs and brush near the well.
- 11 I plowed ditches in the swampland. I had Niklas and Hakanson for help.
- 12 I was at Niklas's and plowed the ditch in the meadow to approximately a little bit over two that afternoon. Later I plowed in the little field. Brother-in-law John came here this afternoon to collect the money for his land.
- 13 I plowed the little field all day, but it went pretty slow, since the plow could not take that much [the plow had been fixed several times and had broken. It appears the spot that was fixed was weak].
- 14 I was at Hakanson's and hoed.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I plowed the little field and finished by dinner. Later I plowed in the new broken land. This morning, brother-in-law John traveled home.
- 17 I plowed in the new broken land.
- 18 In the morning I did some butchering at Per Daniel's. In the afternoon I plowed in the new broken land. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 19 I was at Per Daniel's and plowed a ditch in the meadow.
- 20 I plowed in the new broken land, etc.
- 21 I plowed in the new broken land. In the evening I was at Andrew Nilson's for a wedding.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 & 24 I did various little things.
- 25 I did various little things.
- 26 I went to meetings, for Mourning and **Thanksgiving Day** [this was the first national Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln, celebrated by all 50 states].
- 27 I put together firewood, etc.
- 28 I went to Waconia and waited for the corn all day, but never received it.
- 29 **Sunday** Andrew Nilson's and Nils Mortenson's boys were baptized.
- 30 I went after the ground grain in Waconia, etc.

December

- 1 I did various little things.
- 2 In the morning I went to Waconia with grain. In the afternoon I went to Gerdson's bull with the cow "Betty." Today I have sent a letter to Ahlstrom.
- 3 I dug a well wider and deeper, with more little things to do.
- 4 & 5 I daubed the barn on the outside, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I put up a fence around the barley stack, with more little things to do.
- 8 & 9 I did various little things. I do not feel well.
- 10 I went to Anderson's and bathed, then went to a mission meeting.
- 11 & 12 I did not do anything because I didn't feel well.

13 **Sunday**

14 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 I did various little things including daubing the house and repairing the door.

20 **Sunday**

21 I hauled home the haystack from the northern swampland. Per Daniel took home the ground grain from Waconia. "Kulla" has given birth today.

22 I hauled home the last hay from the southern quarter.

23 I went to Waconia to look for Niklas's bag, which was lost. Norelius came to Erickson's tonight.

24 I fixed the stalls in the barn, etc. Tonight at nine o'clock the cow "Lotta" calved.

25 **Christmas Day** I went to church.

26 I cleaned the well and had Schilling for help. I also took care of the animals.

27 **Sunday**

28 I plowed and shoveled snow with more little things to do.

29 I chopped stovewood and Elsa went to a meeting. Norelius preached.

30 I went to Waconia and was paid for the sack that I lost; I received 3 dollars off the bill for the sack. Later I went to church meetings in Scandia.

31 I butchered a calf, etc. Today Norelius traveled home. It is very cold.

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January

1 I went to a meeting in Scandia. It is extraordinarily cold.

2 I did not do more than taking care of the animals. It is still cold, if anything worse than ever.

3 **Sunday**

4 I hauled a load of hay, etc.

5 I hauled home the haystack by the west end of the island and had Felt's boy for help.

6 7 & 8 I made a yoke for Hanson. In between I took care of the animals.

9 I did various little things.

10 **Sunday**

11 I butchered a calf. I fed the animals and sent a letter to cousin Johan's Calle.

12 13 & 14 I cut, bundled, and hauled firewood home.

15 I went to Chaska with 20 bushels of wheat and sold it to Warner for 85 cents per bushel.

16 I went again to Chaska and brought 20 bushels of wheat that I sold to Jung for 85 cents a bushel. Today I paid both Jung and Warner the last of my debt, so now I am even with them both, and I also paid my debt with Poppitz, 40 cents.

17 **Sunday**

18 I went to Witsack's and paid the tax. Afterwards I did various little things.

- 19 I prepared for my trip to the mill.
- 20 21 & 22 Jonas Peter and I went to the mill in Minneapolis.
- 23 I emptied the flour sacks, etc. Today "Nebba" gave birth, and one of the sheep gave birth to a lamb.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I did various little things.
- 26 I dug a well out by the big swamp, etc. This night one of the sheep gave birth to twin lambs.
- 27 28, 29 & 30 I did various little things.
- 31 **Sunday** Today the old ewe gave birth to two rams.

February

- 1 I did various little things.
- 2 I went to Chaska and Carver and sold 2 bushels of barley for 85 cents per bushel, one hide that weighed 19 ½ pounds for 15 cents a pound, a calf that weighed 43 pounds for 3 ½ cents per pound to Jung, 11 dozen eggs at 20 cents per dozen, and 15 pounds of butter at 15 cents per pound to Nykom. Today I have paid my debt to Nykom and Walter.
- 3 I did various little things. Nils Mortenson was here and sewed clothes.
- 4 I went to Waconia with grain: 8 ½ bushels of rye and 1 ½ bushels of wheat for the levy. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 5 & 6 I did various little things.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I made a gate by the barley field, and did other odd jobs.
- 9 I did various little things. Today "Lady" calved.
- 10 11 & 12 I hauled home the big haystack from the southern meadow and Per Mortenson helped me.
- 13 Niklas and I went to Poppitz with eggs and butter.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I did various things. Today I sold the cow "Nebba" to Swanberg for 17 dollars. I have received 1 dollar and the rest I will get fourteen days from now. And I have sold the cow "Lotta" to the renter at Swanberg's for 15 dollars and 50 cents.
- 16 We cut down trees on the cemetery land.
- 17 & 18 I repaired a shoe. It is extraordinarily cold.
- 19 I did various little things.
- 20 Niklas and I went to saw a wagon wheel at Andrew Swanson's and Anderson's, but none of the trees would work for that.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Niklas and I went to Anderson's to saw wood for the wagon wheels. Today Swan from St. Paul arrived. He bought a shawl for me that cost 7 dollars.

- 23 I did various little things and cut wood. Today Swan traveled home. I sent a letter to Ahlstrom.
- 24 & 25 I was at Per Daniel's and made window sills and window frames, and started a water cistern.
- 26 I did various little things. Today Niklas went to Chaska and let his son, Hans, enlist [in the Civil War].
- 27 First I went to the smith in Waconia. Later I did various little things. Peter Nilsson neutered a calf.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 First I was at Bergquist's and signed an affidavit that Hammerberg is a citizen in our town. Swanberg was here and paid me for the cows.

March

- 1 & 2 I cut rails in the northern quarter and had Mortenson for help.
- 3 Today I sent a letter to brother Carl. I did various little things.
- 4 I sawed wood for the well and I had Per Daniel for help.
- 5 I cut wood for the well, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I went to Poppitz with eggs; Per Daniel was with me.
- 8 First I went to the smith in Waconia, and later I went to a mission meeting.
- 9 Tonight and today we received a lot of snow. Today, I hauled timber for the well.
- 10 I was at Peter Nilsson's and hauled rails.
- 11 I went to Waconia with a butternut log, and later I went to Olaf Anderson's to get yellow dye for the jean cloth.
- 12 First I went to the cemetery with a load of rails. Later I did various little things.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I did various little things.
- 15 I was at Magnus Johnson's and cut 4 logs, and hauled them to the lake. Mons helped me, and I gave him 50 cents.
- 16 First we went to Mitchell's with a sow to be bred by his boar. Afterwards I did various little things.
- 17 I went to Anderson's and took a steam bath.
- 18 I cut timber, etc.
- 19 I repaired my boots on the ankle, and cut stovewood.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 & 22 I repaired shoes, with more little things to do.
- 23 24 & 25 I did various little things.
- 26 In the morning I went to Witsack's to a denominational meeting. In the afternoon I did various things.
- 27 **Sunday** Granlund, Swedlund, and Swan Mortenson were here today.

- 28 I walked with Mortenson to the smith in Waconia.
- 29 I wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.
- 30 I went to an auction at Schilling's, as well as doing various things.
- 31 I cut out a trough to clean the sheep in, etc.

April

- 1 I did various little things. Today, A. Peterson went to Chaska where he received 5 ½ dollars for me for the sheep that the dog killed.
- 2 I did various things. Later we had a school meeting.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I drilled spigots into the maples, etc.
- 5 I drilled in the maples and boiled sap.
- 6 I did various little things.
- 7 I did various things.
- 8 I went to the smith in Waconia.
- 9 I worked on the harrow and boiled sap.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I worked by the maple sap kitchen, etc.
- 12 I went to Chaska to get and mail a draft to Ahlstrom.
- 13 I worked on the harrow, and in the maple sap kitchen.
- 14 I finished the harrow and boiled syrup.
- 15 & 16 I sowed 3 ¼ bushels of wheat on the western field nearest the house.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I sowed 1 ¾ bushels of wheat, close to the rye field.
- 19 I sowed half the little field. Today I paid my poll tax to the tax collector, Bierlien [Bierlein]. The German Schell was here and bought 12 apple trees for 3 dollars.
- 20 I rolled wheat, etc.
- 21 I went to Chaska for a draft for Ahlstrom.
- 22 & 23 I plowed in the new broken land by Mitchell's field.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I plowed in the new broken [land]. In the evening we had a meeting about what we could do for the [families of the] people who were drafted.
- 26 I planted the grapevines and had P. Nilsson for help.
- 27 I plowed in the new broken land and also harrowed. Today I have sent a draft to Ahlstrom at Pikes Peak for 60 dollars.
- 28 In the morning Elsa and I gathered hazel brush roots on the newly broken field. In the afternoon I went for a while to Andrew Schraan's for a house raising.
- 29 First I gathered and burned hazel roots in the new broken field. Later, I sowed 2 ½ bushels of wheat in the new field.
- 30 In the morning I rolled the wheat in the new broken land. In the afternoon I plowed

in the new field for barley. P. Nelson was here today and we planted the lilac bushes.

May

1 Sunday

2 I plowed in the new field, etc.

3 I sowed barley and harrowed it. I also planted potatoes.

4 I plowed in the new field for oats. Mrs. Bengston bought grapevines from me today.

5 I sowed oats in the new field and harrowed it.

6 I plowed where the apple trees used to be and sowed oats there.

7 Elsa and I gathered hazel roots in the new field where the oats were. This afternoon Anders Peter from Hogli [in Sweden] and Anders from Kellogg arrived.

8 **Sunday** Gale preached this evening.

9 First I made a gate for the barn, with more. Gale was here today.

10 Today Anders Peter from Hogli went home. Today I burned the swampland and did various things.

11 We planted the garden, etc.

12 In the morning we planted potatoes in the orchard. In the afternoon I started to plant corn.

13 In the morning and afternoon I planted corn. In the middle of the day we let out the lambs.

14 I planted corn and burned hazel roots on the southern quarter of the new field.

15 Sunday

16 I harrowed and rolled the corn field, etc.

17 In the morning I marked out the corn field. In the afternoon we planted corn. Emanuel helped.

18 We planted corn, Emanuel helped, and we finished at 3 in the afternoon. We burned the marsh on the school land.

19 In the morning I sheared half of the sheep. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

20 First I sheared the rest of the sheep. In the afternoon I cleared the hay land in the meadows.

21 I cleared off the hay land, etc.

22 Sunday

23 First I went after a load of water from Clearwater Lake. Afterwards I raked the potato field. In the afternoon I hoed and burned swampland down by the well.

24 I hoed by the well.

25 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we planted potatoes down by Mitchell's field.

26 I hoed and burned by the well.

27 I broke [land] by the well and had Niklas and his oxen as well as Nils for help.

28 I sowed oats in the new broken land by the well at the swampland and harrowed it. Niklas

had my oxen for 2 ½ days to break the sod.

29 **Sunday**

30 First I plowed on the new broken land. Afterwards, I trimmed the apple trees and weeded in the orchard. Gottson (census taker) took my age on the 26th this week.

31 In the morning we planted potatoes in the garden. In the afternoon we weeded in the orchard, with more things to do.

June

1 First I went and put up rails in the northern quarter. Afterwards I did various little things.

2 First I painted the cultivator, etc. In the afternoon I went to a prayer meeting.

3 I worked on the well, etc.

4 I worked on the well, etc.

5 **Sunday**

6 First I took "Lady" to Mike's bull to be bred. Afterwards I dug ginseng. Later I worked on the well.

7 I was at Per Daniel's and broke [land].

8 I was at Per Daniel's and broke [land] until four o'clock, in the afternoon.

9 First I went to Mike's bull with "Lady" for the second time. In the afternoon I worked on the well curbing.

10 I did various little things.

11 I went to Chaska, with Jonas Peter and Alfred's wife Mary.

12 **Sunday**

13 I worked by my road opposite my well. I laid a new road across the swamp. My oxen worked and Elsa was to Mike's bull with "Kulla."

14 I worked on my road in front of my well.

15 I did various little things.

16 First I went to Waconia, to roll logs over to the saw, but there was no work to be had. I bought a pair of shoes for Ida for one dollar. Afterwards I did various little things.

17 I was at Swan Monson's in Carver settlement to get Ahlstrom's things. Peter Swenson in Scandia drove me there. We also went to Chaska. I bought a well jack and shoes for myself from Warner for one dollar.

18 I worked on the well house.

19 **Sunday**

20 First I sowed rutabagas, then moved out the stove. Then I prepared things for soap making and went to Waconia.

21 I cultivated corn and had Peter Swenson's horse.

22 First I cultivated for turnips, later I cut down a sugar maple to make sled runners and wrote a letter to Ahlstrom. Afterwards I did various little things.

23 Niklas and I went to Waconia with the log for sled runners. We hauled planks out of

the way and piled them. Later I sowed turnip seeds, etc.

- 24 First I went to Mike's bull with the cow "Molly." Later I weeded the corn. In the afternoon Peterson was here and helped me to write to Sweden.
- 25 First I was at Peter Nilsson's and washed the wool; unwashed it weighed 44 pounds. Later after it was cleaned it weighed 22 pounds—half was lost after the washing.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 First I went to Bengt Mattson and borrowed \$100. Later I worked on the wagon wheels, etc.
- 28 I went to Chaska to get Warner to get me and Erickson drafts. I also went to Poppitz and bought fabric for dresses for Ida and Sture.
- 29 First I wrote a letter to brother Carl. Later I did various little things.
- 30 I went to Lundsten and put up rafters in his house.

July

- 1 I went to Chaska with wheat.
- 2 I finished making the wheels for the wagon. Miss Salter was here and bought 3 pounds of wool, for 80 cents per pound.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We had a meeting and collected a subscription for the three who became drafted to the war. I promised 40 dollars.
- 5 In the morning I started to harvest the rye, Per Daniel cradled a piece of land while I repaired his cradle.
- 6 In the morning I harvested rye. In the afternoon we received a lot of rain. So I did not do anything. Today I sent a letter to Sweden.
- 7 Elsa and I cultivated corn with Peterson's horse. Today I have insured my property for 200 dollars against fire, and for that I shall pay 4 dollars and 75 cents.
- 8 In the morning Elsa and I cultivated potatoes and had Peterson's horse. In the afternoon we harvested the last rye.
- 9 In the morning I went and looked for the calves. In the afternoon Magnus Johnson and I plowed the rye stubble, and sowed grass seed for John A. Peterson.
- 10 **Sunday** Johan A. Peterson went with the drafted to St. Paul.
- 11 I plowed in the rye stubble, sowed turnips for Peterson and me, and plowed the entire field.
- 12 I did various little things.
- 13 First I went to M. Richenberger's bull with the cow "Molly" for the second time. Afterwards I started to make the axles for the wagon. Today I have sent a letter to brother Carl with the news that I cannot pay the money this year.
- 14 I worked on the wagon, etc. The assessor was here today.
- 15 I worked on the wagon, etc. In the afternoon until four o'clock I went out to the lake and fished. Peter Nilsson and Per Daniel were here for the salt.

- 16 First I finished making the wagon and later I worked on a rake, etc.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 First I cradled a little on the fall wheat but it was so hot, so I had to leave it. Later I went to Broberg and the widow Swenson to ask Peterson if he planned to walk to Minneapolis.
- 19 In the morning we harvested the fall wheat. In the afternoon I worked on the rake, etc.
- 20 In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon I shocked the wheat.
- 21 Elsa and I went to Poppitz with eggs. Later I did various things. Andrew Nilson went to Minneapolis with 30 bushels of wheat for me.
- 22 I cut hay on the southern quarter, and had Per Daniel for help.
- 23 First I hauled and stacked wheat and rye. Later I cleaned the well. Today Schilling came here.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Elsa and I put up hay in the southern quarter.
- 26 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon Niklas and I cradled wheat in the little field.
- 27 Schilling and I cut hay on the southern quarter until ten o'clock. Later I cradled barley.
- 28 First I cut hay, later I tied wheat in the little field. Schilling worked for me today.
- 29 First I cut hay, later I stacked hay in the southern quarter. Later, we tied barley. Schilling worked for me today.
- 30 First Schilling, I, and Elsa tied barley until half past ten. Later Schilling went to a meeting at Alfred's. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Witsack's schoolhouse, where we raised a bounty of 250 dollars.
- 31 **Sunday**

August

- 1 I cut the barley, etc.
- 2 In the morning I cradled wheat. In the afternoon Elsa and I put up hay.
- 3 In the morning Elsa and I hauled home hay. In the afternoon we tied barley.
- 4 It was a fast and prayer day. First I cradled wheat, later I went to a meeting. In the afternoon from four o'clock until evening, Schilling, I, and Elsa tied wheat.
- 5 Schilling cut hay all day; I have been cradling. I broke the cradle, but repaired it, and also cut hay and shocked the barley.
- 6 First Schilling and I cradled, later we cut hay and hauled home the barley and stacked it.
- 7 **Sunday** Today Schilling went home.
- 8 Elsa and I put up hay all day.
- 9 Elsa and I tied wheat all day.
- 10 We harvested wheat and oats.
- 11 We harvested oats in the new field.

- 12 I did nothing while it rained.
- 13 In the morning I hoed weeds in the orchard. In the afternoon Elsa and I harvested wheat in the new field.
- 14 In the afternoon we went to a meeting at Peter Nilsson's.
- 15 We harvested wheat on the new field near Mitchell's land. Lundsten helped us in the morning.
- 16 We harvested wheat on the new field as well.
- 17 In the morning I repaired the cradle. In the afternoon we harvested wheat in the new field and finished.
- 18 I cradled wheat on the old field, and finished. Elsa is at a funeral for Jonas Peterson.
- 19 We hauled and stacked oats.
- 20 We stacked the unbound wheat. In the afternoon Niklas helped me, as well as his kids and his oxen. They worked for approximately 2 ½ hours.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 First until two o'clock Elsa and I hauled hay. Later I went to a business meeting where we would collect money for Niklas, who had been drafted.
- 23 I started to cut hay for the big haystack in the meadow.
- 24 In the morning I cut hay. In the afternoon, I went to a meeting in Witsack's schoolhouse, to collect money for soldiers.
- 25 I hauled wheat from the new broken land and stacked it and finished it. Manuel helped me.
- 26 I cut hay, etc.
- 27 We stacked hay by the big haystack and cut more hay. Tonight the Swedish neighbors went to enlist.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Elsa and I cut corn all day.
- 30 In the morning we cut corn. In the afternoon we stacked hay by the big haystack.
- 31 I cut hay and Andrew Nilson's boy helped.

September

- 1 I cut hay and had Andrew Nilson's boy for help.
- 2 Elsa and I stacked the big haystack in the meadow.
- 3 I cradled oats in the new field. Today the cow "Betty" gave birth.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 We put up hay and had David Andrew Nilson for help.
- 6 In the morning we put up hay. In the afternoon it rained.
- 7 I cut hay by the island and David Andrew Nilson helped.
- 8 In the morning, A. Hakanson and I cut hay. In the afternoon we stacked hay close to the road.
- 9 Elsa and I stacked the big haystack.

- 10 We put up hay west of the island and did other jobs.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Today we started with stacking hay by the island. We had Hakanson and Greta for help but it immediately started to rain and therefore I went and cut hay all day for Hakanson.
- 13 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I did various little things.
- 14 First I went to Peterson's. Later we cut the last of the hay and butchered a calf.
- 15 We turned the oats in the new field and shocked it and the hay.
- 16 We hauled and stacked oats. Margareta and Peterson's Mildred were here and put up hay.
- 17 We hauled and stacked hay. Greta was putting up hay with Peterson's Mildred.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Elsa and I hauled and stacked the hay by the island.
- 20 I hauled and stacked hay at home.
- 21 I fenced around the haystacks, etc. Elsa is in Waconia.
- 22 I made a pigpen, etc.
- 23 I did various little things.
- 24 I went to Carver and bought a plow for 25 dollars. I sold ham and eggs in Chaska. Peter Nilsson, Erickson, and Clara were with me.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 In the morning I went to Mike's bull with the cow "Betty." In the afternoon I did various things.
- 27 First I went to Lundsten's for the boar. Later, I did various things.
- 28 & 29 I built grain bins/boxes in the corn shed.
- 30 I did various little things.

October

- 1 I was at Carolina's from ten o'clock until the evening and built grain bins.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 & 4 I was at Niklas's and threshed through morning of the 5th.
- 5 In the afternoon, I was at A. Hakanson's and threshed.
- 6 Until ten o'clock I was at A. Hakanson's and threshed. Later I went to Carolina's and butchered the pig. In the afternoon, I hauled manure to where we wanted to sow the rye.
- 7 I went to Peter Nilsson's and threshed.
- 8 I was at Carolina's and threshed.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I was at old lady Hanson's from Dalecarlia, in place of Carolina, and threshed.
- 11 I was at Erickson's and threshed.
- 12 I was at Lundsten's and threshed.
- 13 I was at Jonas Peter's and threshed.

- 14 In the morning, I hauled manure. The Dalecarlian lady helped. In the afternoon I did various little things.
- 15 In the morning the threshing machine came here. Today we have threshed the wheat and barley.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 In the morning we threshed the rye, fall wheat, and the oats. In the afternoon I did various things. The entire grain crop yielded 244 ¼ bushels: spring wheat—118 bushels, rye—39 bushels, fall wheat—6 bushels, loose grain—5 bushels, and oats—60 bushels.
- 18 & 19 I plowed and sowed rye.
- 20 & 21 We dug potatoes—we had Louisa Taylor, the Dalecarlian lady, and P. Daniel's maid for help.
- 22 I was at Per Daniel's and repaired the stall in the barn. I built a pigsty, etc.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 & 25 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay, along with Olaf Hakanson.
- 26 I went to Waconia, and sold oats.
- 27 It rained all day, so I did not do anything.
- 28 I was with Erickson at Andrew Swanson's after a pig.
- 29 I went to Frits in Waconia with 43 bushels of oats. I sent letters to brother Carl, John, and Elisabeth.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I made a fence gate with more little things to do.

November

- 1 I made another gate, and hauled home the turnips, etc.
- 2 I hung up a gate down by the straw yard. Today I sent a letter to Ahlstrom.
- 3 & 4 I plowed the new field by Mitchell's.
- 5 I fenced in the straw yard, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I worked on the road by the swamp, with the oxen.
- 8 I went to Lundsten's and painted the window frames.
- 9 & 10 I made a fence and a stall in the ox barn.
- 11 I sawed off the partition in the sheep barn and built the calf stalls in the cattle barn.
- 12 I made a box for giving sheep oats and salt.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I did various little things.
- 15 Elsa and I daubed on the sheep shed.
- 16 I daubed on the sheep shed and house and had Peter Nilsson's help.
- 17 I finished daubing the house, etc.
- 18 I butchered the cow and had Niklas for help half of the day.
- 19 I went to Waconia, with grain, and also a quarter of the cow, but was not able to sell it.

20 **Sunday**

21 & 22 I did various things; it is kind of cold.

23 I went to Carolina's and butchered a sow and repaired the door and put baseboard on the floor by the walls.

24 We had a prayer day at the request of the President. Also we elected Bergquist and Jonas Peter as deacons.

25 I covered the cattle barn roof with straw. I had Olaf Hakanson for help.

26 First I went to the Dalecarlian woman and butchered a boar, and removed the skin which I bought. I tanned the skin with alum. In the afternoon I did various things.

27 **Sunday**

28 I did various things. Today the sheep has given birth.

29 & 30 I relocated the fence by the cattle yard and also hung a gate.

December

1 We cut timber in the cemetery for heating the church and then had a meeting.

2 I fenced by the cattle barn, etc.

3 I did various little things.

4 **Sunday**

5 & 6 I made a coffin for Peter Nilsson's wife Johanna.

7 8, 9 & 10 I did various little things, including making a wheelbarrow.

11 **Sunday**

12 I went to Waconia with grain for Carolina and took home mine.

13 14, 15, 16 & 17 I did various little things. I finished making the wheelbarrow.

18 **Sunday**

19 & 20 I daubed and chinked by the stove.

21 & 22 I hauled and split timber and logs.

23 & 24 I did various things.

25 **Sunday (Christmas Day)**

26 I husked corn and had Peter Nilsson and Manuel, Niklas's Kennard, and Nils for help.

27 & 28 I hauled barley straw. Per Daniel's Carolina and kids are here.

29 I hauled hay from the southern quarter. Erickson's Matilda is here sewing.

30 I hauled hay, etc. Elsa went to help clean the meetinghouse.

31 In the morning I helped Niklas to bore in the sleigh parts. In the afternoon I fenced in the haystack located in the cattle yard.

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January

1 **Sunday**

- 2 We had a meeting and election for a new pastor at the church.
- 3 I husked corn and had Lundsten and P. Nilsson for help.
- 4 I went to Chaska and John A. Peterson hauled butter and eggs for me. I sold 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds of butter, at 25 cents per pound, and 23 dozen eggs at 25 cents a dozen. Today I paid my debt to Warner of \$11.47 and \$7.50 to Poppitz.
- 5 I chopped stovewood and did various little things.
- 6 I hauled home the haystacks from the island, and had Olaf Hakanson and Per Daniel's oxen for help.
- 7 I hauled barley straw and rails, etc.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I fenced by the corncrib, etc.
- 10 I butchered the boar, and had Niklas for help.
- 11 First I cut and salted the pork. Later I did various little things.
- 12 First, I hung the pork in the smokehouse. Later I did various little things.
- 13 & 14 I did various little things.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I husked corn and the Dalecarlian women helped.
- 17 We changed the cornhusks in the mattresses, and later I did various little things.
- 18 Hakanson and I hauled hay for Carolina.
- 19 I went to Carver and Chaska with J.A. Peterson. A. Sargent wrote an affidavit for me that I was too old to go to war.
- 20 In the morning I was with the land surveyor to measure the road, between Bengston's and Per Daniel's. In the afternoon, I chopped wood.
- 21 I hauled timber, etc. The sow was bred by the boar.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I did various little things.
- 24 I hauled sawn logs from Magnus Johnson and had Niklas for help.
- 25 I cut timber, etc.
- 26 I repaired my shoes, with more little things to do.
- 27 I went to Carver, and was released from being drafted.
- 28 I went to Waconia with a log for sawing for Niklas Swenson.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 & 31 I hauled logs to Waconia for sawing.

February

- 1 I cut a log and hauled it to the Waconia mill to be sawn.
- 2 & 3 I did various little things.
- 4 First I did repairs in the sheep shed. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with 20 bushels of barley and sold it to Fritz May for a dollar a bushel.
- 5 **Sunday**

- 6 I went and paid the tax—almost 57 dollars.
- 7 I did various little things, cut stovewood, etc.
- 8 & 9 I made a bed, etc.
- 10 I was at P. Nilsson's, hewed out ox yokes, and then went to P. Daniel's and took the skin off a wolf.
- 11 First A. Hakanson and I cut a maple in the orchard, he shall have it for boards. Later I dug the well deeper and had the Dalecarlian Erickson for help.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 14, 15 & 16 I did various little things, including making a bed.
- 17 I did various things. Andrew in Scandia today went to Minneapolis with 21 ½ bushels of wheat for me, to be ground. He shall have 25 cents per bushel.
- 18 Tonight at twelve o'clock Andrew from Scandia came from the mill. I had 2 rail cutters from Watertown this week.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I did various things. Today we had a heavy rain.
- 21 I went to Chaska with a load of barley.
- 22 I did various things. Fischer's son Fredrik was here and bought 10 bushels of corn for 85 cents a bushel.
- 23 I did various things. I went to P. Nilsson with 5 bushels and 16 pounds corn and was paid 85 cents a bushel.
- 24 Niklas and I cut down a maple tree for boards.
- 25 I finished making the bed.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I went to Waconia with logs to be sawn, with more.
- 28 I did various little things. Today the rail cutters finished. They cut 1,595 rails and I paid them \$20 at \$1.25 per hundred.

March

- 1 & 2 I made a trundle bed, etc. We have now received a lot of snow, and it is cold, stormy, and ugly weather.
- 3 I cut timber and did other little things. Tonight Niklas got cholera, so I was there with him last night.
- 4 I stacked timber and hauled it home.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I hauled hay from the big hay pile and had Olaf Hakanson for help—we used P. Daniel's oxen.
- 7 I did various little things.
- 8 I went to Chaska and sold wheat.
- 9 I did various little things. Mortenson has bought hay from me for \$4 that he will haul home today.

- 10 I did various little things. Elsa is at a feast at Lundsten's house.
- 11 Niklas took a bushel of beans from me and sold it in Chaska for 3 dollars.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 I did various little things.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I started to haul rails to the fence line between Niklas and me.
- 21 I hauled rails and had Olaf Hakanson and P. Daniel's oxen for help.
- 22 I did various little things, including making a manure fork. My oxen were at Per Daniel's and hauled home hay.
- 23 I hauled rails with Olaf Hakanson and Per Daniel's help. I was at Mitchell's and bought 4 bushels of oats at 65 cents per bushel. In the afternoon, Niklas and Lundsten came home from St. Paul. The sow was bred by the boar a second time.
- 25 I hauled rails to A. Nelson's, etc.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 28, 29 & 30 I did various little things but I do not feel well.

April

- 1 In the morning I cut logs for stakes and hauled them to a fence. In the afternoon we had a school meeting.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I did various little things.
- 4 I went to a lecture, etc.
- 5 6 & 7 I did various little things. On the 6th, we had a really awful snowstorm.
- 8 My son Carl Jakob was born. Mortenson's Per Miller is here for the function.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I hauled timber for the syrup kitchen. Andrew Schraan was here and neutered the lambs.
- 11 I did various things. It is snowing a lot.
- 12 In the morning I hauled hay and Niklas helped me with his oxen. In the afternoon I drilled the maples.
- 13 First I drilled the maples. Afterwards I started to boil sap.
- 14 Now Jonas Peter shall come with me and boil sap. In the morning we drilled the maples. In the afternoon we moved the kettle and started to boil.
- 15 I worked by the maple syrup kitchen.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 We boiled sap. Today we boiled 10 ½ gallons.
- 18 & 19 Jonas Peter and I boiled sap. Jonas Peter and I have boiled 20 gallons together.
- 20 21 & 22 I boiled sap alone.
- 23 **Sunday**

- 24 I boiled sap and finished.
- 25 26 & 27 I plowed on the new field at home.
- 28 It rained.
- 29 I plowed in the cornfield by the pasture.
- 30 **Sunday**

May

- 1 I did various things. I went to the bull with "Kulla" at Bengston's.
- 2 I started to sow wheat in the new field.
- 3 I sowed wheat in the new field.
- 4 In the morning I plowed in the new field.
- 5 I plowed in the same area (as yesterday).
- 6 I sowed wheat, harrowed, and plowed in same area.
- 7 **Sunday** In the evening we had a meeting at our house, and a prayer for the child Charly.
- 8 I plowed and repaired the cabbage bed. Today a German from Little Falls Prairie was here and bought apple trees for seven-and-a-half dollars.
- 9 & 10 I plowed the little field.
- 11 I sowed wheat in the little field.
- 12 & 13 I plowed and sowed barley in the field on the other side of the creek.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I finished sowing barley.
- 16 I cleared straw and manure down by the cattle barn.
- 17 It rained; I did various little things.
- 18 I planted oats. Christine was here today and cleaned out the sheep manure.
- 19 I sowed oats, harrowed, and plowed. Christine is raking the orchard and planting potatoes.
- 20 In the morning we washed the sheep and had Christine and Margareta for help. Christine went home around dinner. In the afternoon I plowed for corn. In the evening we received a lot of rain.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I plowed for corn and sowed flaxseed.
- 23 First I went to Bengston's bull with "Kulla," for the second time. Later I plowed a little. It rained.
- 24 & 25 I plowed for corn.
- 26 I harvested and turned soil for the corn.
- 27 I planted corn, pumpkins, squash, beans, and brown corn.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Today we sheared the sheep, and we had Christine Moody for help. In the afternoon I started to make a coffin for Andrew Mattson, and I was making it all

night.

30 We went and buried Andrew Mattson. Later I went to bed and slept. [Mattson was a prisoner at Andersonville during the Civil War and had returned home several days earlier.]

31 In the morning I planted potatoes. In the afternoon I did various things.

June

1 I did various little things.

2 I went to Chaska with wheat.

3 I picked worms off the apple trees. I removed the stove, as well as other various little things.

4 **Sunday**

5 First I went to Waconia with grain. Later I did various little things.

6 I worked in the garden, etc.

7 I went to the sawmill and moved logs to the saw.

8 In the morning I went to Carolina's and looked for my sheep. In the afternoon I made a corn plow.

9 I hoed and trimmed the apple trees.

10 I went to Waconia and took the planks from the sawmill, and took home the ground grain.

11 **Sunday**

12 & 13 I worked on the road. The oxen worked 1 ½ days and I worked 2 ½ days. Since I worked on contract I still owe ½ day of work.

14 First I went to the sawmill, later we had a meeting.

15 I did various little things.

16 Niklas, A. Hakanson, and I went to Chaska. There was a big, awful rainstorm when we were there.

17 I did various little things.

18 **Sunday**

19 I did various little things.

20 I made gates down by the road. Swan Swanson was here and hoed by the apple grafting.

21 In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia.

22 I hung up the gates down by the road. Mortenson was here and sewed caps for us. Today our soldiers from the 4 regiments came home.

23 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon we planted potatoes in the garden.

24 First I went to Ottinger's with the cow "Molly" to be bred. In the afternoon I went to Niklas and joined the foundation to his grain shed.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 First I planted tobacco. Later I hoed down by the grapevines. Nils Mortenson was here for 4 days to sow, and he went home tonight.
- 27 I cultivated in the orchard, with more things to do.
- 28 I hauled roots down by the grapevines, etc. The tax man was here today and valued my property at 136 dollars.
- 29 I planted rutabagas. Later I did various little things.
- 30 I started to put the ceiling boards in the corn shed and I had Olaf Anderson for help.

July

- 1 I put in the ceiling in the corn shed; O. Anderson helped.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I hoed by the grapes and did various little things. O. Anderson made a door for the corn shed. The Dalecarlian women hoed corn.
- 4 The kids and Elsa went to Scandia. I stayed home and repaired shoes, etc.
- 5 I plowed and broke [land] by the grapes, etc.
- 6 I first went to Waconia, later I did various little things. I went to Chaska and sold wheat.
- 7 Per Daniel and I sawed off the ash stump, etc.
- 8 I cultivated corn using the oxen and had Niklas's Nils for help.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Elsa and I cultivated corn, beans, and potatoes.
- 11 I worked for Olaf Hakanson and started haying on Peter Nilsson's swampland.
- 12 I hoed corn, potatoes, and pumpkins. O. Anderson put in a window in the corn shed.
- 13 & 14 I did various little things.
- 15 I cut hay on the southern quarter, and on some parts of the big meadow. Mortenson, Per Daniel, and Olaf Anderson's farmer all helped.
- 16 **Sunday** Today I went to Ottinger's bull with the cow "Betty."
- 17 In the morning until almost eleven o'clock I cut hay with Per Daniel. In the afternoon I put up hay in the southern quarter with Per Daniel and Henry Moody.
- 18 I cut hay in the big meadow by the road, and put up hay. Had Henry for help.
- 19 I cut hay in the big meadow by the big haystack.
- 20 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to the lake and fished.
- 21 We put up hay, etc. In the afternoon we had the Dalecarlian woman and Anna's help.
- 22 I stacked hay on the southern quarter and cut a little hay with Olaf Hakanson's help.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I cut logs for the haystack bottoms by the barn. It rained all day. Elsa and Elisabeth were at Per Daniel's.
- 25 First I hauled logs to the haystack bottom, later I cut hay and turned hay, had Mortenson for help.

26 First I put down the logs for the haystack bottoms. In the afternoon Elsa and I stacked hay on the big haystack.

27 First I went to Ottinger's bull with the cow "Betty" for the second time. In the afternoon Elsa, Per Miller, and I stacked hay.

28 I hauled home hay and stacked it. I had Mortenson for help. Torsten was here. Elisabeth went to St. Paul—she rode with Fischer's boy, Joseph, as far as Minneapolis.

29 I cradled off the rye. Per Miller was here and tied the rye. Later we stacked for Franzen.

30 **Sunday**

31 In the morning I hauled hay, I had Mortenson for help. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to witness for Peter Nilsson because Ludvik had stolen his hay. Mortenson cut hay in the afternoon.

August

1 I cut hay by the island, I had Mortenson and Andrew Swenson for help.

2 It rained quite a lot. I made oxen breeching for Broberg.

3 In the morning I did various little things. In the afternoon Mortenson and I hauled hay.

4 I hauled and stacked hay all day and I had Mortenson for help.

5 I did various little things. Today we received a lot of rain again.

6 **Sunday**

7 I harvested barley and stacked hay by the island. I had Per Miller for help.

8 I stacked hay by the island with Christine Moody.

9 Last night we had a horrible rain and windstorm. All the haystacks have been blown down. In the morning Christine carted. In the afternoon we harvested barley.

10 First Christine and I spread out the hay to dry. Later we cradled the barley and stacked the hay.

11 Christine and I cradled the barley and finished it, and stacked some hay.

12 I cut hay and stacked it. Christine raked the barley stubble and put up hay. I also had Olaf Moody's help from eleven o'clock until evening.

13 **Sunday**

14 I stacked hay by the island and had Mortenson for help.

15 In the morning I cut hay. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and testified for Peter Nelson about the hay that Ludvik stole from him.

16 First I cut hay. In the afternoon I stacked hay and had the Dalecarlian woman for help.

17 I started to cradle wheat and had Andrew Swenson for help.

18 I finished cutting hay and then stacked hay.

19 It rained quite a lot. I did various little things. In the evening I went to the lake and

fished.

20 **Sunday**

21 It rained. Broberg was here and I gave him the leash [breechings] for his oxen.

22 I cradled the wheat here by the cabin and had Per Daniel for help.

23 I cradled wheat with Andrew Swenson.

24 I cradled wheat with Per Daniel.

25 I cradled wheat with Christine Moody.

26 I stacked the rye and barley with Christine Moody for help.

27 **Sunday** We had a German meeting and baptism.

28 We cradled wheat in the little field and had Broberg for help, in exchange for the leash I made for the oxen.

29 I cradled wheat with Christine Moody and Per Daniel.

30 I cradled wheat in the afternoon with Christine and Per Daniel.

September

1 I harvested oats and finished it. I had Per Daniel and Christine for help. Per Daniel stacked hay half of the day.

2 I hauled and stacked wheat with Christine for help.

3 **Sunday** Today, Christine Moody went home and I paid her six dollars for the 12 days she was here.

4 I hauled and stacked wheat from the new field near Mitchell's field with Per Daniel, Mortenson, and the Dalecarlian woman, as well as Per Daniel's oxen.

5 Elsa and I stacked the oats.

6 I hauled and stacked hay with Emanuel for help.

7 Emanuel and I hauled hay until three o'clock in the afternoon; afterwards we threshed beans.

8 We threshed beans, etc.

9 I did various little things.

10 **Sunday**

11 I put up a fence between Niklas and me and had Per Daniel for help.

12 I put up a fence with Andrew Swenson for help.

13 In the morning I hauled rails. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

14 Per Daniel and I put up a fence, and finished.

15 I fenced around the haystack, with more little things to do.

16 I did various little things.

17 **Sunday**

18 I did various little things.

19 I went to Chaska with wheat.

20 21 & 22 Olaf Hakanson and I went to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

23 I cut corn, I had Lundsten for help. Olaf Moody hoed for me all week.

- 24 **Sunday** The old man Granlund and Granlund's daughter were here.
- 25 Olaf Moody and I hoed.
- 26 I cut corn, I had Olaf Moody and the Dalecarlian woman for help.
- 27 I went to Lundsten's and put in a support in his house.
- 28 In the morning I worked on the road. In the afternoon we had the biggest rainfall I have ever seen.
- 29 & 30 I was sick, I did not do anything. Olaf Moody hoed all week.

October

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I made an ash barrel, for making soap.
- 3 We hauled manure, we had the Dalecarlian woman for help.
- 4 I went to Shakopee with Ida, to Doctor Wickfill, Magnus Persson drove us there.
- 5 Elsa and I hauled manure.
- 6 I plowed for rye, etc.
- 7 I plowed for rye all day.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I sowed rye and harrowed it.
- 10 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on the cistern.
- 11 I dug potatoes in the little field with Niklas's Kana and Nils, Carl Erickson, and Sara Lundsten.
- 12 I dug potatoes alone.
- 13 In the morning I moved the stove and installed it. In the afternoon Elsa, Carl Erickson, and I dug potatoes.
- 14 I was at Mitchell's and threshed.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 In the morning I was at Mitchell's and threshed. In the afternoon we dug potatoes.
- 17 & 18 I went to Chaska and testified before the grand jury as a witness for P. Nilsson.
- 19 We dug potatoes and husked corn.
- 20 We dug potatoes and finished.
- 21 First I butchered a sheep, later I did various little things.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 First I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Bergquist's and threshed. Per Daniel traveled with my oxen to Shakopee.
- 24 I was at Bergquist's and Broberg's and threshed.
- 25 & 26 I did various little things.
- 27 I did various things. Carl Swenson from Gotaholm was here and bought 13 lambs for 4 dollars apiece.
- 28 I hauled and cut timber, etc. Erickson was here and made a coffin for Andrew Mattson's boy.

29 **Sunday**

30 & 31 I did various things.

November

1 First I went to Waconia. Later I did various things. Christine Moody was here and bought the stove.

2 I butchered a ram. Later I did various things.

3 I went to Carver and bought a cooking stove.

4 I did various things. Per Moody was here for the stove that Christine bought.

5 **Sunday**

6 7 & 8 I did various little things.

9 In the morning, I chopped wood. In the afternoon I was at Per Daniel's and waited for the threshing machine, but did not do anything.

10 In the morning until one o'clock I was at Per Daniel's and threshed. In the afternoon I was at Peter Nilsson's and threshed.

11 I husked corn and chopped wood.

12 **Sunday**

13 I was at Hakanson's and threshed.

14 & 15 I was at Niklas's and threshed.

16 In the morning the threshing machine arrived here—to be exact, Jonas and Bengston's machine. Later in the afternoon it rained, so we had to quit for the day.

17 We threshed and stopped at half past one. Later we walked to Jonas Peter's and threshed. Our harvest was: wheat—187 bushels and 7 quarts, rye—20 bushels 7 quarts, barley—62 bushels 6 quarts, oats—62 bushels 6 quarts; everything together totaled 321 bushels.

18 I was at the Dalecarlian woman's and threshed.

19 **Sunday**

20 I was at Erickson's and threshed.

21 I was at Lundsten's and threshed.

22 I went to Chaska with 24 bushels of wheat.

23 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to a mission meeting and a blessings meeting.

24 First I did various things. In the afternoon I rethatched the roof of the cattle barn once again. I had Per Daniel and Lundsten for help.

25 First I did various things. In the afternoon I was at Per Daniel's and worked.

26 **Sunday**

27 & 28 I went to the meetinghouse, where we made the plank fence.

29 I went to Waconia with grain, also to A. Peterson's for two ewes and two lambs that I shall take care of for a ½ share. Tonight John and Wilson from Vasa arrived at Erickson's.

30 I did various little things.

December

1 & 2 I did various little things.

3 **Sunday**

4 Did various little things.

5 Today I went to Waconia for my and the Dalecarlian woman's grist. Today brother-in-law John from Vasa traveled home.

6 I did various little things.

7 **Thanksgiving Day** I went to meetings. We also had an election for the new pastor. We voted in J. Erickson.

8 I did various things.

9 I daubed the outside of the cabin.

10 **Sunday**

11 I went to A. Hakanson's, Per Daniel's, and Taylor's. Today it snowed a lot.

12 & 13 I repaired a shoe, it is very cold.

14 15 & 16 I stacked wood, etc.

17 **Sunday**

18 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 I did various little things, in between I took care of the animals.

24 **Sunday**

25 **Christmas Day** Elsa went to church.

26 I cut the stovewood. I also husked corn grains.

27 I went to Chaska and to Niklas's.

28 I hauled home the big haystack by the island, I had Per Daniel for help.

29 In the morning I hauled the rest of the hay by the island. In the afternoon I did various things.

30 I hewed out the ceiling boards.

31 **Sunday**

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January

1 I went to church in Scandia.

2 & 3 I did various little things.

4 5 & 6 I did various little things.

7 **Sunday**

8 I went to Andrew Hakanson's and butchered the pigs.

9 We butchered our 3 pigs, I had Niklas, Andrew Hakanson, and Per Daniel for help. Two of the pigs we sent to Minneapolis with John Nelson. One boar weighed 379 pounds, the other one 355 pounds. We received 9 ¼ cents a pound. For both boars

- we received \$67.89. The pig we kept for ourselves, it weighed 344 pounds.
- 10 First I cut and salted the pork. Later I worked on Olaf Hakanson's sleigh, etc.
 - 11 I worked on Olaf Hakanson's sleigh.
 - 12 I went to a membership meeting at the church.
 - 13 I plowed and shoveled snow, etc.
 - 14 **Sunday**
 - 15 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay. Today we received a lot of snow again.
 - 16 17, 18, 19 & 20 I did various little things, in between I fed the animals and chopped stovewood.
 - 21 **Sunday**
 - 22 23, 24 & 25 I hauled wood, chopped wood, plowed, and shoveled snow. I took care of the animals, etc.
 - 26 I went to the tax meeting at Mitchell's and paid the tax of \$30. Today I did not do anything except visit Johan Lafler Smith. Mary and Alfred's brother came here, I had not seen him for over 15 years.
 - 27 I chopped stovewood, etc.
 - 28 **Sunday**
 - 29 30 & 31 I did various little things.

February

- 1 I went to Warner in Chaska with a load of wheat. I received 78 cents per bushel. I paid my debt to Warner, so we are even.
- 2 I did various little things.
- 3 I hauled hay from the southern quarter. Per Daniel helped.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I did various things.
- 7 I went to Henry Jung in Chaska with a load of barley, and received 40 cents per bushel. I paid Faber my debt, so we are even.
- 8 & 9 I did various things.
- 10 I went to Faber in Chaska with a load of wheat. I received 78 cents per bushel.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 13, 14, 15 & 16 I did various little things.
- 17 I started to write a letter to Sweden.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I continued to write the letter to Sweden.
- 20 Lundsten, I, and J. Smith, went to Chaska. We received 76 cents a bushel for the wheat from Warner, and also I left 164 dollars with Warner, to get me a draft, which I will send to brother Carl in Pikes Peak.
- 21 I finished writing the letter to Sweden, and put it in the mail.
- 22 & 23 I did various little things. Today the 23rd my entire family is at Per Daniel's.

24 I did various things.

25 **Sunday**

26 & 27 I did various things.

28 & 29 Jonas Peter and I went to the mill in Jordan, but we did not get it ground. Later we went to the Chaska mill and put down the load. A. Peterson received a draft from Warner for me for one hundred and sixty-three dollars.

March

1 We came home from the mill.

2 & 3 I did various things. Saturday night I sold a pair of horses to Carl Swenson in Gotaholm for fifty-five dollars.

4 **Sunday**

5 I cut down trees to saw into timber, etc.

6 I went to Carl Swenson and called off the oxen trade. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl in Pikes Peak, with a draft for one hundred and sixty-three dollars.

7 I went to a mission meeting, etc. Tonight the cow "Kulla" calved.

8 I hauled logs to Waconia.

9 I hauled logs for Per Daniel to Waconia.

10 I did various little things. Today Carl Swenson from Gotaholm was here to get the oxen.

11 **Sunday**

12 I hauled two logs to Waconia, I had Per Daniel for help. I sold the logs to Hasselstolp for 18 dollars per 1,000 feet. They measured 700 feet so I received 12 dollars and 50 cents for them.

13 I hauled logs to the sawmill.

14 & 15 I hauled logs to the sawmill and sold one to Hasselstolp for 5 dollars and 40 cents.

16 I did various little things. Today we have very cold weather with a strong wind from the west.

17 I went to the sawmill with logs. In the evening Erickson, Lundsten, Jonas Peter, and I went to the Dalecarlian's house. Jonas Peter rented the land from Hans for one year. He will pay Hans 12 dollars in rent. The first payment is January 1st, 1867. Jonas will have to fix the fence, for the pasture, himself.

18 **Sunday**

19 I did various little things.

20 Today I cut wood for hoops and I had Andrew Erickson for help. Today the Dalecarlian woman, Christine Hanson, moved.

21 I did various little things.

22 I went to Chaska with the hoop sticks. I can sell them for ten dollars per thousand. Today I received a letter from my siblings in Sweden, as well as pictures of them.

23 I did various things. Andrew Erickson cut the sticks for hoops for me, and I bundled them up at night.

- 24 I went to Chaska with the hoop sticks.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I went to Waconia with grain, etc. Andrew Erickson cut 300 sticks for hoops.
- 27 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay.
- 28 I cut hoop sticks and tied them together.
- 29 I went to Chaska with the hoop sticks, charging 10 dollars per thousand.
- 30 In the morning I went to meetings, later I did various things.
- 31 I went to Waconia after the grist. Later we had a school meeting. In the evening Andrew Schraan walked with me home and neutered the male lamb.

April

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I did various little things.
- 3 I did various things and went to the lecture.
- 4 I hauled the cornstalks, etc.
- 5 I hoed corn, etc.
- 6 I cut jolarkipper [not translatable from the Swedish], etc.
- 7 I did various little things. In the afternoon we had a meeting in the schoolhouse regarding starting a private school.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 First I repaired shoes, later I went to P. Daniel's to get the wagon, to go to the Chaska mill.
- 10 I made sap spigots, etc.
- 11 Jonas Peter and I went to the Chaska mill after the ground grain and I also took the hoop sticks to Chaska.
- 12 In the morning I emptied the flour. In the afternoon I started to drill the maples for the taps.
- 13 We worked by the sap kitchen. Today I bricked the maple syrup kettle.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 17 & 18 I worked by the sap kitchen. Taylor cut wood one day and hoed corn one day.
- 19 Holtmeier was here and pruned the grapes.
- 20 & 21 I worked by the maple sap kitchen.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I repaired the bark around the apple trees, as the bark had loosened in the winter cold.
- 24 I hoed corn, and hauled cornstalks.
- 25 I started to plow in the field down by the well.
- 26 I plowed, then returned the wagon to Per Daniel. Schraan was here and neutered the big ram, and one bull calf.

- 27 I plowed. Today we finished boiling maple syrup. We boiled 13 gallons.
28 I sowed wheat in the field by the well and went to Rauen's bull with "Kulla."
29 **Sunday**
30 I plowed wheat all day.

May

- 1 Today I worked plowing. We received two inches deep snow, but it went away throughout the day.
2 I plowed wheat. Today Bergquist moved to Minneapolis.
3 I sowed wheat between the cabin and the bend in the road.
4 I harrowed in the wheat. Tonight "Betty" gave birth in the southern quarter.
5 In the morning I plowed for wheat. In the afternoon I plowed in the plot next to Mitchell's field. Johan Lefler was here today, at midday he will begin his journey home.
6 **Sunday**
7 8 & 9 I plowed down by Mitchell's field.
10 I sowed wheat by Mitchell's field.
11 I harrowed and rolled down the wheat, etc.
12 First I rolled for a while. Later, I cultivated cabbage and walked a line between Niklas's land and mine. Later I repaired cabbage beds. The old man Granlund came here tonight.
13 **Sunday**
14 & 15 I plowed, sowed, and harrowed oats on the field on the other side of the creek.
16 I cultivated barley down by the barn.
17 In the morning I sowed and harrowed barley and oats down by the barn. In the afternoon I went to a blessing meeting in Scandia. Per Daniel and I then became elected deacons.
18 I went to Chaska with 24½ bushels of wheat. I received 1 dollar and 30 cents per bushel.
19 In the morning we sheared the sheep, we had Andrew Schraan and Mrs. Erickson for help. In the afternoon Erickson, Per Daniel, and Lundsten were here, because we talked about certain things.
20 **Sunday**
21 & 22 I cultivated corn on the little field.
23 First I went to Rauen's bull with the cow "Molly." Later I finished plowing the corn field, then I marked it.
24 & 25 We planted corn and burned brush on the new field.
26 In the morning I went to Waconia with grist, in the afternoon I gathered brush on the new broken field.
27 **Sunday**
28 I burned brush along the side of the little field.
29 I did various little things.

- 30 I broke [land] next to the little field and I had Jonas Peter for help. I have been to Rauen's bull with "Kulla" for the second time.
- 31 In the morning I harrowed and rolled in the new broken field. In the afternoon I went to a language meeting.

June

- 1 We planted corn in the new broken field.
- 2 First we carried the potatoes out of the basement. In the afternoon I cut stumps and hoed in the orchard.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and hauled logs, with more things to do.
- 5 I hoed in the orchard.
- 6 I hoed in the orchard, as well as planted pumpkins. In the afternoon Johan Vannerstrom arrived.
- 7 In the morning it rained, I did not do anything. In the afternoon I went to a mission meeting. In the afternoon the hired man Johan hoed in the orchard.
- 8 We planted potatoes in the orchard.
- 9 I went to Waconia and took my planks from the mill. The hired hand has been hoeing by the grapevines. Also cut stovewood.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I did various little things. Vannerstrom cut wood in the forest by the cattle yard.
- 12 First I went to Rauen's bull with the cow "Betty." Later I fixed the back shed.
- 13 I did various things.
- 14 In the morning I cultivated close to the grapes, etc. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 15 First I did various things. In the afternoon I went to examination exercises in the City Hall [for the school].
- 16 I did various little things.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I went to Chaska with wheat, I received \$1.40 per bushel. I also went to the mill with 6 bushels wheat.
- 19 I did various little things. Peter Nilsson returned home.
- 20 I chinked the corn shed, etc.
- 21 I worked on the road with the oxen and Johan Vannerstrom. I wrecked the plow.
- 22 Worked on the road, cutting a new road across Mitchell's land. In the afternoon I worked with the oxen.
- 23 I chinked in the corn shed. Johan Vannerstrom worked on the road for me. So far I have been working for 2 days and Vannerstrom for 2 days, the oxen 1 ½ days, for a total of 5 ½ days.
- 21 I went to Rauen's bull with the cow "Kulla" for the third time.

24 **Sunday**

25 I cultivated the corn with the small harrow, Vannerstrom led the oxen.

26 & 27 Vannerstrom and I hoed corn.

28 Elsa and I hoed corn.

29 First I hoed pumpkins. Later I painted, etc.

30 I put up the door on the corn shed, etc. Elsa cleaned the church.

July

1 **Sunday**

2 I did various little things.

3 I hauled three loads of chips from Scandia.

4 We had a celebration.

5 I chinked in the corn shed.

6 P. Daniel and I daubed on the corn shed.

7 We kept daubing. This evening brother-in-law Nils and Anna, as well as Nil's mother, were here.

8 **Sunday**

9 Johan and I cultivated corn. Today the Forest City people left for home.

10 I did various things. Johan has been hoeing corn and pumpkins.

11 Elsa and I went to Chaska and we had our portraits taken.

12 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Swanberg's and ordered the reaper to come and cut grain for me.

13 I did various little things.

14 I started to cut hay, and had two newly arrived Swedes for help. I was delayed in my work because I had to bury the ox that died.

15 **Sunday**

16 I cut hay, stacked hay, cradled some rye, and I had two Varmlanders for help—Peter and Johan.

17 In the morning I went and looked for one of the oxen. In the afternoon Elsa and I harvested some rye.

18 I harvested the rye and put up hay on the southern quarter. We had Johan Vannerstrom for help.

19 I cut hay and had Peter and his brother Mats for help.

20 I stacked hay on the southern quarter with Johan Vannerstrom for help.

21 I hauled away the chaff pile with Vannerstrom's help. Brother-in-law John from Vasa came here today.

22 **Sunday**

23 I cut hay with Peter and Johan for help. Elsa and I stacked hay in the afternoon.

24 Elsa and I stacked hay. Today brother-in-law John from Vasa went home.

25 Peter and I cut hay.

- 26 J. Vannerstrom and I hoed in the orchard and stacked some hay.
- 27 J. Vannerstrom and I hauled and stacked hay.
- 28 Elsa, Vannerstrom, and I put up hay.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I cut hay by the island, I had Peter Falk for help.
- 31 Vannerstrom and I hauled home hay and stacked it.

August

- 1 Vannerstrom and I hauled home hay and stacked it.
- 2 Elsa and I hauled home hay and stacked it.
- 3 I harvested some wheat and fixed Per Daniel's and my cradle.
- 4 Elsa, Vannerstrom, and I put up hay by the island.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I did various things; it rained all day.
- 7 I did various things. It rained all the time. Johan Vannerstrom continued his journey. Mathias's wife came here in the afternoon.
- 8 9 & 10 We harvested some wheat and in between it rained. Erik and Peter hoed.
- 11 I did various things and went to buy tobacco in Waconia.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I did not do anything, I was sick. In the afternoon Elsa and Maja put up hay. In the morning, Maja weeded the orchard.
- 14 Elsa, Peter, and I stacked hay by the island, but I did not do much because I was sick.
- 15 Elsa and I stacked rye, barley, and wheat.
- 16 I cradled oats, but only a little because I was sick. Maja tied oats.
- 17 In the morning I cradled in the wheat field by Mitchell's field. Maja tied wheat. In the afternoon at four o'clock Witsack came here with the reaper and he cut the wheat until seven o'clock. Maja, Elsa, and I tied wheat, as well as Per Daniel's Caroline, and Peter Falk tied wheat for 4 hours. The reaper cost 3 dollars.
- 18 I plowed in the rye stubble. In the afternoon Elsa and Maja stacked hay, as well as tied some wheat.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Elsa and I stacked wheat.
- 21 I plowed the rye stubble, etc.
- 22 Elsa and I hauled and stacked hay, even though it rained.
- 23 I harvested the last of the oats, etc.
- 24 Elsa and I hauled and stacked wheat from the marsh field.
- 25 We hauled and stacked wheat from the marsh field. Peter Falk hoed all week.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Elsa and I stacked oats with more small things to do.

- 28 I did various little things. Mathias and Peter Falk traveled to Morris Prairie today.
- 29 First I went to Mitchell and installed two horizontal layers on the log cattle barn. Later I did various things. In the afternoon for a meeting, Abrahamson and Olaf Anderson were accepted as members.
- 30 In the morning, I went to Mitchell's and threshed. In the afternoon it rained a lot.
- 31 I went to Jonas Peter's and worked on the grain bin.

September

- 1 I was at Mitchell's and threshed. Nils Pearson's wife from Morris Prairie was here and bought an ewe and two lambs for \$15.25.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 & 4 Elsa and I hauled manure to the rye field.
- 5 In the morning we hauled manure. In the afternoon I was at Lundsten's and threshed.
- 6 I plowed the rye field, etc.
- 7 In the morning I hauled manure; I had the widow Moody for help.
- 8 In the morning I plowed the rye field. In the afternoon I did various little things.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 John Nelson came to us and threshed, our crop this year is: wheat—170 bushels, rye—31 bushels, barley—14 ½ bushels, oats—64 bushels, altogether 279 bushels, at 7 cents per bushel for wheat and rye, 6 cents for the barley, and 5 cents for the oats. The total cost for threshing was \$18.14.
- 11 I was at Jonas Peter's and threshed.
- 12 I plowed and sowed rye.
- 13 I was at Peter Daniel's and Peter Nilsson's and threshed. Olaf Moody's widow was here for three days when we had the threshing machine.
- 14 I harrowed close to the rye and rolled the soil, etc. Elsa is at Lundsten's to quilt.
- 15 I went to Chaska with 22¾ bushels of wheat. I received 1 dollar and 20 cents per bushel.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 & 18 I plowed in the southern field.
- 19 I traveled with John Smith to Minneapolis and sold the wool, receiving 50 cents a pound. The wool weighed 60 pounds but 1/3 is counted off, so it remained 40 pounds and for that I got \$20, which I took in trade for products.
- 20 I went to Becker for Elisabeth.
- 21 We traveled home.
- 22 I plowed in the southern field.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did various little things.
- 25 & 26 We cut and hauled corn home. We had Soder and his wife for help.
- 27 & 28 I cut and hauled home cornstalks and pumpkins.
- 29 I went to Chaska with 25 bushels of wheat. I received \$1.31 per bushel. Peter Falk was with

and bought clothes.

30 **Sunday**

October

1 I plowed in the southern quarter. I paid Erik 22 dollars and 25 cents for one-and-a-half field of hoeing, ditto 4 dollars for threshing. I paid Peter Falk 13 dollars for the last hoeing and 11 dollars for the first hoeing.

2 I plowed the south field. John Smith was here today and I gave him a bond for \$100, written on the 23rd of August, 1866.

3 I plowed the corn field by the little field where the corn had been.

4 First I plowed. Later I went to a covenant meeting.

5 & 6 I plowed in the corn field.

7 **Sunday**

8 First I finished plowing the corn field. Later I did various little things.

9 I made a box for the wagon. Today Elisabeth traveled with Jonas Peter to Chaska and shall later take the railroad to St. Paul.

10 I was at William Mitchell's and hauled logs.

11 12 & 13 Elsa was sick. I could not do anything. Nils' wife is here, we dug potatoes once in a while. Nils dug potatoes for two days.

14 **Sunday** Elsa is sick.

15 Nils' wife and I dug potatoes. Anna Erickson is here and is baking bread.

16 & 17 I dug potatoes, Nils' wife helped.

18 I did various little things.

19 I dug potatoes alone, and finished that.

20 I did various little things.

21 **Sunday** I went to church, Anna Erickson is at home.

22 I went to Waconia, later I did various things.

23 I went to Chaska and took orders for the pigs.

24 I did various little things.

25 I butchered two pigs with Per Daniel and Andrew Hakanson's help.

26 Lundsten and I went to Chaska with the pork. We sold it to Mayor Singer for 10 cents per pound. One of the boars weighed 287 pounds, the other 267 pounds.

27 I did various little things. Anna Erickson went home tonight. She has stayed with us for 10 days. We gave her 3 dollars for that.

28 **Sunday**

29 I started to make a pair of ox yokes, etc.

30 I went to the forest and put up some rails, etc.

31 Soder and I started to work on the well.

November

- 1 We went to the assembly and put up fence by the meetinghouse. Soder and Nils dug my well. Mrs. Abrahamson became a member.
- 2 Soder and I worked on the well.
- 3 Soder daubed the barn. I worked on the well until dinner. In the afternoon we both daubed, etc. Today I have let the rams in with the ewes.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I daubed in the house, etc.
- 6 Lundsten and I went to the Eden Prairie mill. But we turned around by Kriers's place, in between it started to rain. Later I went to a lecture. In the afternoon I daubed on the house.
- 7 In the morning I went to P. Daniel's and butchered. In the afternoon I cut timber, as well as doing various little things.
- 8 & 9 Andrew Hakanson and I went to the Eden Prairie mill. Soder is grubbing and cutting brush.
- 10 I did various things. Soder made gates and fenced the barn. At three o'clock he went home.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I fenced and fixed gates with more in the barn. Nils's wife husked corn.
- 13 In the morning I was at A. Hakanson's and butchered. In the afternoon I did various things. Nils's wife husked corn for half of the day.
- 14 I did various little things.
- 15 In the morning Peter Falk and I gathered stones for the house. William Mitchell grub-hoed. In the afternoon it snowed so we did not do anything.
- 16 In the morning I piled wood. In the afternoon I made a shaft for the broad axe. Mathias Falk came here this afternoon.
- 17 Mathias started to work, we gathered rocks and piled them together.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Mats and I cut rails, and piled them. Olaf, who lives with Vineberg, grub-hoed.
- 20 In the morning Mats and I piled rocks on the lake shore. In the afternoon I cut rails, while Olaf hoed and cut brush.
- 21 Mats and I cut rails, and piled wood. Olaf hoed.
- 22 23 & 24 Mathias and Olaf cut down and stripped the bark for the house; they cut four logs a day, and I did various things.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Mathias and Olaf cut and stripped timber. I made a gate to the orchard.
- 27 It rained all day. Mathias put hoops on a barrel. Later, towards the evening they hewed some on the logs. I made a pair of ox yokes, etc.
- 28 Mathias and Olaf cut and hewed timber. I did various things. Peter Falk hunted and cut saplings to be used for hoops.
- 29 Mathias and Olaf cut and hewed timber. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks. I was at a

meeting, and did various things.

- 30 I went to Per Daniel's and butchered. Later I did various things. Mathias and Olaf cut timber. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks.

December

- 1 Mathias and Olaf cut timber. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks. I worked on an ox yoke, etc.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I did various little things. Peter Falk cut sticks for hoops and Mathias cut timber. Olaf is not here today.
- 4 I butchered the boar and had Per Daniel for help. Mathias and Olaf cut and cleaved timber. Peter Falk cut sticks for hoops.
- 5 6, 7 & 8 I did various things. Mathias and Olaf cut timber. Peter Falk cut sticks for hoops.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 I did various things. Mathias and Olaf cut and cleaved timber. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I did various things. Peter Falk cut hoop sticks and finished. He has now cut 6,000. Mathias and Olaf cut and hewed timber.
- 18 19, 20 & 21 I hauled the rock to the house. Mathias and Olaf cut and hewed timber.
- 22 I cut stovewood, etc. Mathias and Olaf cut and hewed timber and finished. They have now cut and hewed 99 logs.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 First I went to Per Daniel's and butchered a ram, later I cut stovewood, etc.
- 25 **Christmas Day** I was at church.
- 26 Elsa went to a meeting and I wrote a letter and did other things.
- 27 28 & 29 I wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I went to Waconia and mailed the letter at the post office. It will go to Sweden.

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January

- 1 We had meetings all day.
- 2 3 & 4 Elsa and I hauled home the haystacks that were located by the island.
- 5 I started to haul logs to the house.
- 6 **Sunday** Bergquist is here today.
- 7 I hauled some logs to the house. I also went and met the town board, which was in session at Henry Schraan's, and got a town order for 5 dollars because of my broken plow

that was wrecked by the road work.

- 8 & 9 I hauled logs to the house, etc.
- 10 I went to Chaska with hoop sticks.
- 11 I did various things and went to Broberg's for a prayer meeting in the evening.
- 12 I went to Chaska with hoop sticks. I had 800 each time.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I went to the mill in Chaska with grist.
- 15 & 16 I hauled and cut stovewood, etc.
- 17 I went to Chaska with 800 hoop sticks.
- 18 I hauled stovewood, etc. I threw manure out from the barn.
- 19 I went to Chaska with 800 hoop sticks, etc.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I did various little things and hauled a load of hay.
- 22 Elsa and I hauled home the haystack from the southern quarter. Nils is with me and is tying the hoop sticks into bundles again.
- 23 I did various things. Nils is tying the hoop sticks into bundles, etc.
- 24 I went to Chaska with hoop sticks.
- 25 I went to Witsack's and paid the tax, it was 23 dollars and 50 cents.
- 26 I went to Chaska with hoop sticks. Olaf cut cordwood for 2 days.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I went to Chaska with 400 hoop sticks, 7 bushels of barley, and 2 bushels of wheat. I received 1 dollar for the barley, one and fifty-five for the wheat. I have hauled down 5,200 hoop sticks, and received 8 dollars per thousand.
- 29 I went and ordered rafters for the house.
- 30 I went to Waconia with two logs to be sawn.
- 31 I went to Waconia with one log to be sawn. Olaf Hagg is cutting down logs to be sawn for me.

February

- 1 I went to Waconia with two logs to be sawn.
- 2 I went to Waconia with two logs to be sawn. Olaf has cut cordwood for 3 ½ days and sawed logs for the mill, 1 day this week.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I went to Waconia with logs to be sawn. In the afternoon I cut logs and had Olaf's help.
- 5 6 & 7 I hauled sawn logs. Olaf cut down logs.
- 8 I went and cut tamarack for rafters for the house at Henry Schraan's swampland. Olaf chopped down cordwood.
- 9 I went after a load of rafters in Schraan's swamp. Olaf cut stovewood in the afternoon.
- 10 **Sunday**

- 11 I hauled the rafters from Henry Schraan's swamp. I sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 12 I went to Waconia with a log to be sawed, and took the last wood from Schraan's swamp, for the last rafters,
- 13 14, 15 & 16 I did various little things. Olaf has now been cutting for two days this week.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 & 19 I hauled rocks from Clearwater Lake to the foundation for the house.
- 20 I hauled rocks and went to Andrew Nilson's bull with the cow "Fanny."
- 21 & 22 I hauled rocks from Clearwater Lake.
- 23 In the morning I went after a load of rocks. In the afternoon I cut stovewood and did more little things.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I cut timber for joists at William Mitchell's land.
- 26 I hauled timber for joists from William Mitchell's land.
- 27 I wrote a letter to sister Anna in Sweden, etc.
- 28 I hauled a log to be sawn to Waconia for Lundsten. I sent sister Anna's letter to Sweden. Today "Molly" has given birth, she had twins.

March

- 1 I hauled joist timber from William Mitchell's land.
- 2 I cut stovewood, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I repaired shoes. Taylor sewed a vest for me.
- 5 I hauled joint logs from the school land.
- 6 Taylor traveled home to Minneapolis. Today, I butchered a calf.
- 7 I went to Waconia for the grist, etc. Andrew was in Scandia today and brought back 5,000 shingles from Minneapolis for me, which cost 22 ½ dollars.
- 8 & 9 I did various little things.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 & 12 I did various things. We got a lot of snow and it is pretty cold.
- 13 I did various little things.
- 14 I did various things. Bill from Waconia was here today and asked for money for the railroad—I committed to 3 dollars. "Sana" gave birth today, she had two piglets.
- 15 & 16 I did various little things.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I hauled timber, etc.
- 19 I hauled joist logs and timber. Nils is chopping wood.
- 20 I went to Peter Nilsson's and cut and cleaved a white oak for plates in my house.
- 21 I hauled home the white oak, as well as one log for joists.
- 22 & 23 I hauled rails out to the southern quarter to make a fence for a sheep pasture.

24 **Sunday**

25 I went to Chaska with 24 ½ bushels of wheat, but it was a level measure of 26 bushels. I sold it for \$2.05 a bushel.

26 I did various things. It has been snowing all day and has been a hard winter, we have got two feet of deep snow.

27 I hauled, etc.

28 In the morning I hauled rails. In the afternoon I was at Niklas's where we raised the framework for his barn.

29 I hauled rails, etc.

30 In the morning I hauled rails. In the afternoon we had a school meeting.

31 **Sunday**

April

1 I hauled rails, etc.

2 First I went to a lecture, later I did various things.

3 I hauled rails all day, etc.

4 I hauled rails, etc. Later in the evening Niklas was here and we settled our disputes.

5 I hauled rails and put in crossties for the sleigh.

6 I hauled rails, etc. Nils was here and cut rails for five ¾ days this week.

7 **Sunday**

8 I did various little things. In the afternoon I drilled the maple trees.

9 I did various things. Today "Kulla" gave birth.

10 I hauled timber to the house. Nils was here and cut logs for the maple sap kitchen.

11 I hauled timber to the house.

12 I hauled timber. Nils's Maja was here half of the day and carried sap to the kettle. Lars was here today, he worked half of the day.

13 I hauled timber and had Lundsten for help half of the day. Nils and Lars cut rails and blocks.

14 **Sunday** Winberg preached today.

15 In the morning I hauled blocks to the fence. In the afternoon I drilled the maples. Nils has been cutting rails on the southern quarter. Lars has cut down trees where the new field will be.

16 First I bricked the maple syrup kettle. Later I hauled rails and blocks. Nils cut rails on the southern quarter. Lars did various things. Gottson was here and invited me to a town board meeting on Saturday.

17 I hauled timber and rails. Nils cut rails, burned brush, and cut grass and brush.

18 It rained. I repaired shoes. Lars worked half of the day.

19 I hauled logs and boiled sap.

20 I went to the town board meeting at Gottson's house. Lars piled brush. Nils cut rails.

21 **Sunday**

- 22 It snowed and rained. First I went to Erickson's and spoke with Winberg. Later I did various things. Lars worked half of the day.
- 23 24 & 25 I made a harrow, as well as doing other various little things. Lars Nilson hoed and gathered brush.
- 26 & 27 I plowed for the wheat by the back shed. Lars hoed and gathered brush.
- 28 **Sunday** Today I went to A. Schraan's bull to breed the cow "Molly."
- 29 In the morning I went to Waconia for the mail and I paid for the magazines, for April, May, and June. In the afternoon I plowed. Lars gathered brush, burned, and piled maple logs.
- 30 I plowed. Lars piled and burned brush.

May

- 1 I plowed. Lars burned brush, etc.
- 2 I sowed 3 ½ bushels of oats in the field near Mitchell's land. Lars burned brush, and did other things. Today we stopped boiling syrup. We boiled 24 gallons.
- 3 & 4 I sowed 6 ½ bushels of wheat in the home field. Lars harrowed and burned brush. Magnus Persson was here tonight. There are 9 families from Moline with 12 horses. They plan to take out homesteads.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I trimmed the grapevines and planted red onion seed. Lars burned brush, etc.
- 7 I sowed more oats in the field near Mitchell's land and wheat in the little field. Lars harrowed it in. I took "Molly" to A. Schraan's bull for the second time.
- 8 I sowed wheat on the field near Mitchell's's land. Lars harrowed and burned brush, etc.
- 9 I plowed all day. In the morning Lars did not feel well. In the afternoon he hoed.
- 10 I plowed for barley. Lars and Nils's Maja raked and burned brush, etc.
- 11 In the morning I plowed. In the afternoon I sowed barley and wheat in the plot by Niklas's field. This year I have sown 15 bushels of wheat and 2 ½ bushels of barley. Lars has burned and harrowed.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 It rained. I went to Per Daniel, Jenni, and Ludvik with the road list. In the afternoon Lars, Elsa, and I cleared off brush in the new field, among other tasks.
- 14 We started to break ground. I had Per Daniel and Lars for help, but it didn't go well.
- 15 I went to Waconia and had my little plow fixed to break land with. In the afternoon I broke a little [land]. Lars burned brush. Elsa has been boiling soap these days.
- 16 In the morning I broke [land] with my oxen. In the afternoon, I plowed in the orchard. Nils and Lars burned brush on the small piece.
- 17 First I plowed in the orchard. In the afternoon I broke [land] but only with my oxen. Lars and Elsa have gathered the brush and burned it.
- 18 I rolled the barley on the other side of the creek and then sowed barley in the orchard. In the afternoon I broke [land] a little. Lars has worked here half of the day.

Today I paid Lars what I owed him. Peter Nilsson was here today.

19 **Sunday**

20 I was with the other town board during the road inspection. It rained all day.

21 I plowed for corn down by the barn.

22 I broke [land] only with my oxen. Today we have planted a part of the garden.

23 I harrowed and plowed for the corn field, etc.

24 I broke [land], with my oxen. Elsa and Nils's and Lars's wives planted corn on the new field.

25 In the morning Elsa and Lars's wife planted corn in the new field. I marked for corn north of the barn. In the afternoon I planted corn north of the barn, and removed manure from the sheep house. Today I went to Andrew Nilson's bull with "Molly"—this was the third time with a bull. Lars has been breaking [land] at Per Daniel's with my oxen.

26 **Sunday**

27 I broke [land] using only my oxen. Lars's wife Maja planted potatoes. Little Lars hoed in the afternoon.

28 In the morning I broke [land] and Lars planted potatoes. In the afternoon we did not do anything while it rained.

29 I broke [land], and finished the big pieces. Lars and Elsa have been planting potatoes.

30 In the morning I broke [land]. Lars's wife Maja, Elsa, and little Lars planted corn and finished. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Lars hoed, etc.

31 In the morning I plowed near the grapes so I can plant the beans there. In the afternoon I did various things. Little Lars went home today.

June

1 I did not do anything. Today we received a lot of rain, and it is still raining.

2 **Sunday**

3 We daubed the house and lined it. Lars's Maja planted potatoes, squash, and melons, among other tasks.

4 Elsa and I went to Chaska. I had 14 bushels of wheat and I received \$1.75 per bushel. The Moody widow was here to look after the children. Lars's Maja worked half of the day.

5 I did various little things. Elsa washed clothes. The widow Moody helped her.

6 I did various little things. In the evening at ten o'clock brother-in-law John, sister Maja Stina, as well as the two oldest boys came here from Vasa.

7 The conference started. I went to it, and Elsa was home.

8 The conference continued and Elsa went to it. Today Mathias Falk has started to work, he and I marked out the foundation for the house, and he dug for the rock foundation.

9 **Sunday**

10 Mathias dug the rock foundation and I did various things. In the afternoon and evening we had meetings.

- 11 Mathias and Soder started to put down the rock foundation for the house. Olaf Anderson cut joist logs. I did various things. Lars's and Nils's wives were here and helped Elsa to cut the sheep, I paid them 5 cents apiece. Andrew Schraan was here and cut a ram.
- 12 Anderson cut joists, Mathias and Soder put down the rock foundation, and I helped sometimes. In the afternoon the Vasa people traveled home, namely Wilson, John, Maja Stina, and two of their boys.
- 13 Mathias and Soder put down the rock foundation. Anderson cut joists. I did various things.
- 14 Mathias and Soder put down the rock foundation, I helped sometimes. In the afternoon we put up the foot plates on the foundation. Anderson cut the beams. Nils built a fence in the southern quarter.
- 15 Anderson cut beams. Mathias and Soder started to dig in the basement. Nils and I fixed fence around the field and orchard.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I sent a letter to Chicago with \$4.50 for 3 magazines. Mathias and Soder dug for the basement and Anderson cut beams. Nils and I cut, hewed, and positioned the scantlings in the morning. In the afternoon Nils dug for the basement. I went to a meeting since we had Peter Nilsson's matter up for discussion.
- 18 Mathias and Soder dug for the basement, as well as Nils in the morning. I hauled and positioned scaffold. In the afternoon Nils and I hauled corn, etc. Anderson cut beams.
- 19 Mathias and Soder, as well as Anderson and me, put down the girders for the house, and it is now ready for carpentry work.
- 20 I built on the house with Mathias, Soder, and Anderson.
- 21 & 22 We all four worked as carpenters on the house today. Nils has put up fence both days. The 21st I went to A. Nilson's bull with the cow "Betty."
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 It rained all day. Anderson and Mathias made a pair of block and tackle, and cut down two logs for the house. I cut hay and wheat, etc.
- 25 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I built on the house. Elsa and Lars's Maja washed the wool.
- 26 Mathias, Anderson, Soder and I worked on the house. Nils's Maja weeded the red onion.
- 27 Mathias, Anderson, Soder, and I worked on the house. The vestryman Lars cut weeds, and hoed potatoes. Lars's Maja hoed potatoes. Nils's Maja weeded the red onion.
- 28 Mathias, Soder, Anderson, and I worked on the house. Jonas Peter and Vestry Lars broke ground for rutabagas while Lars's Maja held the plow. Maja weeded the red onions.

29 Mathias, Soder, Anderson and I worked on the house. Jonas Peter and Lars finished breaking [land] at dinner. In the afternoon Lars turned and harrowed the new field. Lars's Maja hoed corn. In the afternoon Nils's Maja also hoed corn. Yesterday the assessor Bierlien [Bierlein] was here and assessed me at \$231, but \$100 is allowed.

30 **Sunday**

July

1 Mathias, Soder, Anderson, and I worked on the house. Both Majas hoed corn from nine o'clock until evening. Louis Kiel was here and bought wheat, for \$1.35 a bushel.

2 We four men worked on the house again.

3 We four men worked on the house again. Louis Kiel came to get his wheat today. He took 24 bushels.

4 We did not go to the celebration, we worked on the house.

5 Mathias, Soder, Anderson, and I worked on the house until dinner and then we stopped. Soder and Anderson went home. In the afternoon Mathias cut ceiling joists and I did various things.

6 In the morning I went out and invited the men to work out their road tax. In the afternoon I did various things. Mathias made ceiling joists. Big Lars and Nils's Maja hoed corn.

7 **Sunday**

8 I worked on the road. Lars and his wife Maja hoed corn. Mathias moved the little corn shed.

9 I worked on the road. Lars and his wife Maja hoed corn in the new field.

10 In the morning I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I did various things. Lars and his wife hoed corn.

11 Elsa, Lars's wife, and I hoed corn down by the barn. In the afternoon I made things ready for a trip to the mill.

12 I went to the mill in Chaska and traveled home at night. Elsa and Maja hoed corn and beans. In the evening Elsa went to Andrew Nilson's bull with "Betty" for the second time.

13 In the morning I slept. In the afternoon I did various things.

14 **Sunday**

15 I did various little things. Maja hoed beans.

16 I cultivated beans and grains. Lars's Maja led the oxen.

17 I started to cut hay and had Mathias and W. Mitchell for help.

18 In the morning Mathias and I made the road on the southern forty. In the afternoon we received a lot of rain, so we did not do anything.

19 In the morning Mathias and I dug two mushrooms on the southern forty. In the

afternoon we cut hay.

- 20 Jonas Peter, Per Daniel, and I hauled logs to the sawmill. Mathias cut and stacked hay on the southern forty.
- 21 **Sunday** I wrote a letter to Sweden.
- 22 I went to Waconia and took home the planks at the sawmill—they totaled 2,500 feet, and cost \$18.66. Mathias cut hay in the afternoon.
- 23 Mathias, Lars's Maja, and I put up hay on the southern forty. Louis Kiel came and bought a pair of three-year-old oxen from me for 77 ½ dollars.
- 24 It rained a lot. Mathias and I removed gates.
- 25 First I made a milk shelf in the basement. Mathias turned hay. In the afternoon we stacked hay.
- 26 Mathias and I cut hay and stacked it.
- 27 In the morning Mathias and I cut hay. In the afternoon it rained. I did various things. Mathias finished sewing his pants.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I cradled the rye, I had Lars's Maja for help. I sent a letter asking for two issues of the *Americans* [magazine].
- 30 I stacked two haystacks on the southern forty with W. Mitchell's help.
- 31 Mortenson and I stacked the outer haystack on the southern forty.

August

- 1 In the morning I looked for the pigs. In the afternoon Carl and I stacked hay. I went to Andrew Nilson's bull with "Betty" for the third time.
- 2 Per Mortenson and I cut hay all day.
- 3 I did various little things.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 In the morning I went to Soder in Waconia. In the afternoon Elsa and I turned hay, etc.
- 6 I stacked hay on the eastern side of the island, I had Lars's Maja and little Olaf for help. I cradled a little barley.
- 7 Lars's Maja and I cradled barley. Lars and little Olaf cut hay. The Dalecarlian woman from Anderson cut barley in the orchard. At dinner Mathias came here. In the afternoon he cut hay as well.
- 8 Mats and Lars cut hay. Mathias's Maja and I hauled home hay and did other little things.
- 9 Mathias and I stacked a big part of the haystack, east of the island. Mathias's Maja cut barley, stacked hay, and turned hay.
- 10 Mathias, as well as Maja, and I cut hay in the swamp, and cradled barley in the orchard. In the afternoon we stacked hay.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 For more than half of the day I was looking for the sheep. Mathias cut hay all day,

- and I cut hay in the afternoon. Mathias's Maja and Gerti weeded the red onions.
- 13 Mathias and I hauled and stacked hay. Mathias's Maja weeded the rutabagas.
 - 14 Mathias, Mortenson, and I cut hay by the island and finished by noon. Maja turned hay and weeded the rutabagas. In the afternoon we all stacked hay.
 - 15 Mathias and I hauled and stacked the rye and barley. Mathias's Maja turned and stacked up hay.
 - 16 Mathias, Maja, and I stacked hay, etc.
 - 17 Mathias, Maja, and I cradled the oats.
 - 18 **Sunday**
 - 19 In the morning I cradled wheat. In the afternoon I stacked hay with Mathias and his wife and Carl Erickson.
 - 20 21, 22, 23 & 24 I cradled wheat with Mathias and his wife Maja.
 - 25 **Sunday**
 - 26 Mathias and I stacked hay by the island.
 - 27 In the morning Mathias hewed ceiling joists. I did various things. In the afternoon we fenced haystacks. Maja did various things.
 - 28 Mathias and I stacked wheat. Maja weeded the rutabagas.
 - 29 In the morning Mathias and I stacked wheat. In the afternoon I went to a meeting and Mathias did various things. Mathias's Maja went home today.
 - 30 Mathias and I stacked wheat and oats.
 - 31 Mathias dug ditches in the swamp by the well. I helped once in a while and did various other things.

September

- 1 **Sunday** Erickson is preaching his farewell sermon today.
- 2 Mathias and I stacked the last of the wheat. Erickson is moving away from here today.
- 3 Mathias and I hauled and stacked hay.
- 4 Mathias and I tore up the floor boards and the insulation in the cabin.
- 5 In the morning we worked on the ceiling. In the afternoon Mathias went to Lundsten's and threshed.
- 6 Mathias and I put the ceiling in the house.
- 7 Mathias was at Niklas's and threshed, and I finished installing the ceiling in the house. Later I did various things.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 In the morning Mathias and I did various little things. At four o'clock the threshing machine arrived and we threshed wheat until the evening.
- 10 We threshed until dinner time and then finished. The wheat totaled 142 bushels, the barley 32 bushels, the rye 30 bushels, and the oats 61 bushels, altogether 265 bushels. In the afternoon we went to Scandia.
- 11 In the morning I went to Scandia and threshed. In the afternoon I did various things.

Mathias went home today.

12 I hauled manure and did other little things.

13 I went to Andrew Nilson's and threshed.

14 I hauled manure. Soder was here and bought an ewe for 4 dollars.

15 **Sunday**

16 I hauled manure, to where I will plant the rye.

17 It rained. I repaired shoes, etc.

18 I hauled manure all day.

19 It rained. I repaired the straw roof of the cabin.

20 I hauled manure all day.

21 I cut grains, I had Lars's Maja for help.

22 **Sunday**

23 I cut corn, I had Lars and his wife Maja for help. I went to Soder, after his boy, to herd the cattle.

24 I was at Peter Nilsson's and threshed. I plowed a little in the afternoon.

25 A little after dinner I was at Per Daniel's and threshed. Later, in the evening I plowed for the rye.

26 I plowed for rye all day.

27 First I plowed, later I sowed 2 bushels rye and started to harrow. At three o'clock I went to Pofahl's and threshed. Elsa finished the harrowing.

28 I threshed at Pofahl until 9:30. Afterwards I went to Jonas Peter's and threshed until the evening. Erickson's grain was 86 bushels of wheat, 20 ½ bushels of rye, and 32 bushels of oats. Erickson will have half of everything—43 bushels of wheat, 10 ¼ bushels of rye, and 13 ½ bushels of oats, since the threshers took 5 bushels of oats.

29 **Sunday**

30 In the morning I went and looked for the pigs. In the afternoon I plowed for the rye field. The Vestry Lars cut corn. Tonight brother-in-law Olaf Johansson and his wife arrived.

October

1 Per Daniel and I went to Chaska with Erickson's wheat, which totaled 45 ½ bushels and 5 pounds. I received \$1.55 per bushel. Brother-in-law Olaf Johansson traveled to St. Paul today.

2 In the morning I went to Soder in Waconia. In the afternoon I hauled rails to the haystacks, etc.

3 I hauled home corn and had Soder for help.

4 I drove sister-in-law Hanna to Watertown.

5 I hauled corn, I had Vestry Lars for help.

6 **Sunday**

7 In the morning I did various things. In the afternoon we had a business meeting;

Jonas Peter was elected as pastor.

- 8 & 9 I hauled home rutabagas. On the 9th I had Olaf Anderson's girls for help.
- 10 In the morning we harvested rutabagas. In the afternoon I built the vegetable bin for the cellar. Anderson's girl dug potatoes.
- 11 & 12 I worked on the road. Anderson's girls dug potatoes.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 In the morning I went to Gerdson with road lists, etc. After, I fenced the hay stack. Anderson's girls dug potatoes.
- 15 In the morning I fenced by the haystacks. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought a pair of shoes for Sture. Anderson's girls harvested vegetables.
- 16 17 & 18 I plowed by Mitchell's field.
- 19 I plowed by Mitchell's field and did other little things.
- 20 **Sunday** Today Gale and two other preachers and Jonas Peter were ordained.
- 21 I was at Andrew Hakanson's and watched his wife, because she is crazy.
- 22 I did various little things.
- 23 In the morning I did not do anything. Peterson is here. In the afternoon I plowed, etc.
- 24 I plowed, etc.
- 25 & 26 I plowed in the little field and the new field.
- 27 **Sunday** I watched Hakanson's wife.
- 28 I plowed on the new field, etc.
- 29 Tonight my son Frans Joseph was born. Today it snowed all day. I did various little things.
- 30 I did various little things.
- 31 Plowed, etc.

November

- 1 I was at Andrew Nilson's and valued the oxen for the horse they have taken up.
- 2 I plowed on the new field, etc.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 In the morning I went to Waconia and Soder. Today I paid postage for the last six months, for the *Americans*.
- 5 I went to a lecture all day.
- 6 7, 8 & 9 I did various little things.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Per Daniel and I went to the mill in Chaska. I then sent a letter to Sweden.
- 12 I put soil on the grapevines, etc.
- 13 I went to Doctor Wickfill in Shakopee with the boy John Axel and had him cut off a growth. It cost fifteen dollars.
- 14 I started to daub the house, etc.
- 15 I daubed the house, etc.

16 First I butchered a sheep. Later I daubed the cattle barn and the sheep barn, as well as other little things.

17 **Sunday**

18 I recovered the cattle barn roof. I sent a letter to Carl and John.

19 I plowed on the new field, etc.

20 I went to Gerdson's, for a meeting. We elected Schaap for chairman.

21 I butchered a ram and plowed the new field.

22 I butchered a ram and plowed in the new field.

23 Per Daniel and I went to the Chaska mill after the grist. I had along 30 bushels of barley that I sold for \$1.28 a bushel. Lars, the tanner, hoed for me this week.

24 **Sunday**

25 I plowed the new field, etc.

26 We went to Sara Lundsten's funeral.

27 I plowed in the new field, etc.

28 29 & 30 I did various little things. I have had four men hoeing this week.

December

1 **Sunday**

2 I butchered the pigs, I had P.J. Broberg, Per Daniel, and Jonas from Morris Prairie for help.

3 I went to Chaska with Erickson's pigs and sold them. I paid my debt of \$9 to Warner. I paid Erickson's debt in Carver, to Faber in Chaska.

4 I butchered "Kulla" today. Niklas helped. "Kulla" weighed 440 pounds.

5 I salted the pork and meat. Niklas went to Minneapolis to sell meat and pork for me.

6 I did various little things.

7 I went to Chaska and traded a pair of boots that I had before for a pair of leather boots. Tonight Niklas arrived from Minneapolis. He sold two pigs for me at 8 cents per pound—one weighed 332 pounds and the other 222 pounds; total price was \$44.20. Three-quarters of the cow weighed 325 pounds, she sold at the rate of 6 cents for the front and 8 cents for the back. Jonas from Morris Prairie cut and brushed a way for a fence, hewed an oak for sled runners, and cut stovewood this week.

8 **Sunday**

9 In the morning I went to Waconia for the grist. In the afternoon I butchered a calf.

10 We, the town board, met and inspected the roads.

11 I piled wood and I had Johan Peter Broberg for help.

12 13 & 14 I did various little things.

15 **Sunday**

16 17, 18 & 19 I did various little things. Mortenson was here and sewed for four days.

20 & 21 I did various things. Peter Broberg cut stovewood on the 21st.

22 **Sunday**

- 23 I went to Waconia, etc.
- 24 I did various little things.
- 25 **Christmas Day** Elsa is attending church.
- 26 I did various little things.
- 27 & 28 I repaired shoes, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 & 31 I did various little things.

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January

- 1 We had an all-day meeting in the meetinghouse.
- 2 I did various small things.
- 3 I went to Waconia with grist.
- 4 I did various small things.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I did nothing more than tend to the cattle.
- 7 Ditto.
- 8 Ditto.
- 9 I went and paid the taxes for myself and the Dalecarlian woman and J. Erickson.
- 10 I did various things. Andrew Swanson and J.A. Peterson arrived today.
- 11 Ditto.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Went to meet with the town board and made a proposal to build a bridge. Peter Broberg is here and chopped stovewood.
- 14 I made a snowplow and plowed the road.
- 15 I hauled hay and Peter Broberg helped.
- 16 Peter Broberg and I hauled hay until noon and after, we husked corn and chopped wood, etc.
- 17 I did various small things. Soder was here and put new soles on my moccasins.
- 18 I did various small things.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Today J.A. Peterson and Andrew Swenson came home. I helped Jonas Peter made an ox yoke, etc.
- 21 I did various things.
- 22 Ditto.
- 23 I did various things. Elsa quilted a comforter and has had several women help her.
- 24 I made a new cart for the oxen.
- 25 Ditto.
- 26 **Sunday**

- 27 I cared for the animals and worked on the sled, etc.
- 28 Ditto.
- 29 Ditto.
- 30 Ditto.
- 31 Ditto.

February

- 1 I hauled wood and chopped stovewood, etc.
- 2 **Sunday** Magnus and Kristina Persson are here.
- 3 I did various small things.
- 4 I made a tongue for the sled. Lars Johnon was here and chopped wood.
- 5 First I did various things and then in the afternoon I went to the meetinghouse with a load of cordwood.
- 6 First I went to Mortenson for some leather and after that I hauled a load of hay from the southern forty.
- 7 I hauled hay from the southern forty.
- 8 I went to the town board for a meeting near Waconia for bids on the bridge that will be built.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I went to the doctor to get medicine for an infection in my shoulder.
- 11 I did various small things.
- 12 I went to Chaska with a load of wood.
- 13 I did various small things.
- 14 I went to Chaska with another load of wood. Organist Lars was here today and began to cut cordwood for me.
- 15 I made an axe handle and did other small things.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 18 I did various small things.
- 19 I went to Chaska with 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of wheat that I stored in Faber's building.
- 20 I went to Waconia with grist and hauled a load of boards home.
- 21 I hauled logs to be sawed to Waconia and hauled home boards.
- 22 Ditto.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did various things.
- 25 Ditto.
- 26 Ditto.
- 27 Ditto.
- 28 I hauled logs to Waconia and brought home the grist.
- 29 I did various things. Today "Malli" (Molly) calved. She had two calves—the same as last year.

March

- 1 **Sunday** Today Broberg's daughter was buried.
- 2 I cut trees for logs for sawing, etc.
- 3 I hauled the logs to Waconia, etc. I received a letter from Sweden today.
- 4 First I did various things. Later we had meetings. Olaf Hakanson is here.
- 5 I hauled a load of logs to Waconia.
- 6 I hauled an oak log to Waconia. Per Daniel helped me haul it out from the southern forty.
- 7 First I helped Per Daniel saw off the logs for sawing and after, I did various small things.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I went to Waconia with a load of logs for Per Daniel and brought home the mail, etc. I sent letters to Sweden, Marine, and Vasa.
- 10 I went to Per Daniel's woods and found an oak log from which I want to make a water trough.
- 11 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat—26 bushels and 7 pounds.
- 12 I was at Per Daniel's to get an oak log and hauled it to Waconia. I now have 7 logs in Waconia—2 oak, 1 butternut, 1 maple, in the lower stack (pile) and I have 2 elm and 1 butternut in the upper stack (pile).
- 13 I hauled home the haystack from the flat meadow. I asked Per Daniel to help me and after we hauled a load of logs.
- 14 I did various small things.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I went to Per Daniel's for a log to make shingles. John Nelson worked half a day hewing out a log for a water trough.
- 17 I did various things. John hewed out the water trough and also cut logs for rails.
- 18 I did various things. In the evening, I went to Luther to borrow 40 dollars. John worked half a day. Mathias came down today.
- 19 Mathias and I cut logs for shingles and also built a feeding bin in the straw garden.
- 20 Mathias made molasses troughs; I did various things.
- 21 Mathias cut rails and I hauled manure.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I hauled rails —John and Mathias cut rails.
- 24 I went to Shakopee and bought a bank draft for 125 dollars that I sent to Chicago to buy two tickets to send to Sweden. I came home during the night. It rained very hard.
- 25 I hauled supports for the fence—John and Mathias cut rails for the fence.
- 26 I did various things—Mathias and John cut rails.
- 27 I started to drill holes in the maple trees. Mathias made troughs and spouts.
- 28 We hung the kettle to catch the syrup. Mathias bored more holes in the maple trees.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I hauled wood to the syrup-making area. Mathias did various things.

31 We had the town board meeting at John Etzell's home.

April

1 Mathias and I worked on the small corncrib.

2 Mathias and I worked on the corncrib. Olaf Johansson cut rails, etc.

3 Mathias and I roofed the corncrib. I did various things. Olaf Johansson cut rails and split shingles for the corncrib.

4 Ditto.

Sunday

6 I hauled rails and carried sap to the kettle.

7 I went to a lecture. Olaf Johansson cut rails.

8 I hauled rails, etc. Olaf Johansson worked on the fence. Mathias worked harrowing 1 ½ days.

9 Ditto.

10 **Good Friday** In the forenoon I went to a meeting and in the afternoon I hauled rails. Olaf Johnson fenced and transported maple sap.

11 I finished hauling rails. Olaf Johansson carried sap and cut wood. We have cooked down over 100 pounds of sap, producing 7 ½ gallons of syrup.

12 **Sunday** Olaf Johansson went home today.

13 In the forenoon I hauled wood to the syrup-cooking place. In the afternoon I plowed on the new field. Lars from Daltappa carried sap and chopped wood.

14 I finished the harrowing before noon. J. Peter Broberg is plowing.

15 First I did various things. After, I sowed oats and Elsa helped with the harrowing.

16 I fixed the little corncrib. J.P. Broberg plowed, etc.

17 I plowed, etc.

18 I plowed and finished sowing the oats. Broberg and Tina are here and carrying sap.

Sunday

20 I plowed over by the creek.

21 I sowed wheat on the newly plowed field. Johan Peter Broberg cleared the hazelnut brush. Broberg's Tina carried maple sap yesterday and today she was husking corn.

22 It snowed. I piled boards.

23 I sowed wheat in the newly broken field. Elsa harrowed, etc.

24 I sowed a little wheat as well as barley. Elsa harrowed it in. I rolled the oats and the barley.

25 I rolled the wheat on the newly broken land. Elsa and Tina pulled up the hazelnut roots. Magnus Persson and Kristina came over in the evening. I went to A. Schraan's bull with "Fanny."

Sunday

27 I plowed the field alongside the rye. Peter Broberg laid the fence and Tina husked corn.

28 I sowed wheat in the field by the creek. Peter Broberg laid fence and his wife Tina husked

- corn. Jonas Peter sold the wheat I had stored in Chaska—52 ½ bushels at \$1.65 a bushel.
- 29 In the morning it rained. In the afternoon we hauled manure to the field by the well.
- 30 I plowed the field by the well, etc.

May

- 1 I plowed the land by the well. Andrew from Scandia has bought a pair of two-year-old bullocks from me for 51 dollars and 50 cents. He came to get them this evening. Peter Falk worked this afternoon.
- 2 I sowed wheat in the field by the well. Peter Falk cut and piled brush.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Broberg's Tina separated the rye seeds from the wheat. I plowed and sowed wheat in the field above the cow barn.
- 5 In the forenoon I rolled the wheat, etc. and in the afternoon I hauled manure to the apple trees. Yesterday Gerdson's son came with apple trees and I gave him two grapevines.
- 6 I planted the apple trees and did various small things.
- 7 I planted apple trees, etc.
- 8 Elsa and I went to Chaska and sold 22 bushels of wheat for \$1.80 a bushel. I bought clothes from Faber for 35 dollars. Peter Falk piled and burned brush all week.
- 9 In the forenoon I dug stumps in the apple orchard. In the afternoon Elsa and I burned stumps and brush in the newly plowed field and Peter Falk pulled up roots and stumps.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I went to Waconia and brought 11 bushels of wheat and 4 bushels of corn to be milled. At the same time I brought a log to the sawmill.
- 12 Elsa and I hauled manure to the corn field.
- 13 Ditto.
- 14 First I plowed the corn field and after, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Peter Falk went home today.
- 15 I plowed and overturned the corn field. Broberg's Tina planted in the garden.
- 16 First I marked for corn. In the afternoon, Elsa and I planted corn in the field by the creek.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I burned brush on the newly plowed land. I had J.P. Broberg to help me. Elsa and Tina Broberg planted corn and squash and raked up the brush on the newly plowed land. In the evening I took "Fanny" to the bull for the second time.
- 19 I dug the stumps and roots and finished clearing the newly plowed land.
- 20 I started breaking new land. Per Daniel helped me.
- 21 I broke new land and Nils Persson drove the oxen. Yesterday A. Schraan was here and helped Elsa shear the sheep.
- 22 Nils Persson and I worked on breaking land until noon. In the evening I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened and at the same time I brought home studs from the sawmill. Nils Persson cleaned out the ditches in the swamp by the well.

23 Elsa, Broberg's Tina, and I finished planting corn on the newly broken land. Nils Persson took my oxen to Per Daniel and broke land for me.

24 **Sunday**

25 First, I took out the stove. Nils Persson dug the ditch in the swamp by the well. In the afternoon it rained and I mended shoes, etc.

26 Nils and I dug roots and stumps in the orchard around the apple trees. In the afternoon I trimmed the trees.

27 I plowed in the orchard. Nils Persson finished digging the ditches in the swamp by the well.

28 It rained the whole day. Nils Persson went home today. I didn't do anything.

29 I did various small things.

30 I went to Chaska and sold 23 ½ bushels of wheat for \$1.60 a bushel. Elsa planted beans.

31 **Sunday**

June

1 I tended the cabbage patch. In the afternoon I went to a meeting. O. Hakanson is here.

2 In the afternoon, we planted potatoes. In the afternoon I went to a meeting.

3 I did various small things.

4 I went to Waconia and picked up a letter from brother Carl. In the letter was a check for \$140. After, I did various things. Nils Mortenson was here and sewed for the boys.

5 In the forenoon I did various small things. Mathias and John came here around noon. In the afternoon, Mathias and I cut poles for the grapevines.

6 Latti, Mathias, John, and I put up trellises for the grapevines. Tina Broberg pulled weeds in the wheat fields.

7 **Sunday**

8 First I tied up the grapes and then I sharpened my saw. Soder and Mathias worked on the rafters, etc.

9 I went to Shakopee to the doctor for the second time for my shoulder. I even bought a new wagon in Shakopee for \$85. I took oats and potatoes to Chaska to sell. Soder and Mathias hewed wood for the partitions for the house.

10 & 11 Soder, Mathias, and I worked on the house, etc. I brought "Molly" to the bull at A. Schraan's for the first time.

12 & 13 Soder, Mathias, and I worked on the house.

14 **Sunday** I brought "Fanny" to the bull at A. Schraan's for the third time.

15 16 & 17 Soder, Mathias, and I worked on the house.

18 We worked on the house. Broberg cultivated my corn.

19 & 20 Soder, Mathias, and I worked on the house.

21 **Sunday**

22 Soder and Mathias put sheeting boards on the north side of the roof. I did various things.

23 24 & 25 We nailed shingles on the north side of the roof.

- 26 I went to Chaska for two bundles of shingles and four pieces of siding for roof molding.
27 Per Daniel and I traveled to Vasa until July 3rd. Soder and Mathias did various things for me while I was in Vasa. They did work on the southern forty.

July

- 3 We returned from Vasa.
4 We had a celebration.
5 **Sunday**
6 I cut hay on the southern forty. I wrote a letter to Sweden to tell them sister Anna had died.
7 Elsa and I hayed on the southern forty.
8 Two Dalecarlians and I cut hay. Tina Broberg hoed beans.
9 The Dalecarlian Erik and I cut hay. Tina Broberg hoed corn and Jonas Broberg cultivated the corn.
10 Borrow Nilson was here with the pigs and bought corn. Per Johan, Johan, Dal Erik, and I cut hay and cradled rye and stacked hay. Tina Broberg hoed corn, etc.
11 I cradled the rye and stacked hay. Both Tina and Dal Erik helped.
12 **Sunday**
13 I stacked hay with Nils Mortenson's help. Mortenson, Tina Broberg, and Elsa cradled rye and stacked hay.
14 I stacked hay with P. J. Broberg's help.
15 Nils Mortenson and I finished the haystack at ten o'clock and then we cut hay on the island by the large haystack.
16 The entire forenoon Elsa and I were out and searched for the heifer "Knutu." She came home on her own. In the afternoon we did various jobs.
17 First I went to Waconia for a sack of cornmeal and then I cut hay. For many weeks the weather has been dry and hot but this afternoon we are having a wonderful heavy rain so we are doing nothing.
18 I cut the hay in the field and had Johan for help. Tina Broberg was here for half a day and hoed the turnips.
19 **Sunday**
20 We harvested some of the prized oats and cut hay by the well. Dal Erik chopped wood for me.
21 Dal Erik, Elsa, and I turned and stacked hay all day.
22 Tina Broberg, Dal Erik, and I stacked hay all day. I took "Fanny" to Schraan's bull for the third time.
23 In the forenoon Elsa and I harvested oats and in the evening I went to a meeting at Niklas's house.
24 Elsa and I harvested oats all day. Today I took "Betty" to Schraan's bull.
25 Elsa, Per Falk, and I worked with the oats and in the afternoon we worked with the

wheat in the old south field.

26 **Sunday**

27 Elsa, Per Falk, and I harvested wheat in the field by the creek.

28 We harvested wheat on the small field by the creek. Dal Erik helped.

29 In the forenoon Erik harvested wheat with us from the newly broken land in the south field. In the evening it rained hard, so Erik and I did nothing.

30 In the morning, I worked on the wagon. Erik hoed in the garden. In the afternoon we harvested some wheat on the newly broken field.

31 In the forenoon we did various things. Erik hoed. In the afternoon we harvested wheat. From five o'clock until dark Erik and I were at Niklas's place and bundled wheat.

August

1 Niklas's Hans was here from 8:30 until 4:30 and reaped wheat. Niklas, Nils, and Carina were here and bundled wheat. Also, Andrew Hakanson and his boy and also Dal Erik and Jonas Peter's Charlotte bundled wheat in the evening.

2 **Sunday**

3 Elsa, Erik, and I harvested the wheat from the newly broken field and finished the harvesting of the wheat. (On the 30th of July, I took my "Froken" to Schraan's bull and on the 1st of August I took my "Betty" to the bull.) [this note added later]

4 Erik and I stacked the rye and the barley. Today A. Schraan's bull was with "Knutu."

5 Erik and I stacked most of the wheat that was harvested from the field by the house.

6 It rained the whole day. I finished the hook for the wagon. Erik did nothing.

7 Erik and I did various small things in the afternoon. In the evening we did nothing because it rained.

8 I plowed the rye stubble in the field and planted oats. Erik sawed wood, etc.

9 **Sunday**

10 I plowed the field by the creek. Erik made a ladder and worked down by the road.

11 & 12 Erik, Elsa, and I stacked wheat on the south field.

13 We stacked wheat in the field by the house.

14 We stacked the oats.

15 Erik and I stacked hay on the south field.

16 **Sunday**

17 I plowed the field for the rye. Dal Erik grubbed down by the road.

18 Elsa and I hauled manure to the rye field. Erik was over to Andrew Nilson's to help with the threshing. I was detained by a land agent from Ohio.

19 Erik was at Andrew Nilson's threshing. Elsa and I hauled hay and stacked it. Today I took "Betty" to Schraan's bull for the third time.

20 Erik grubbed. Elsa and I finished hauling and stacking hay.

21 Erik harrowed and rolled the rye. I first sowed the rye and then I took out the grain bins from the granary so I could daub the granary. I bought apple trees for \$4.

- 22 I daubed the granary and Per Daniel helped me. Erik plowed the field by the cow barn.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I was at Per Daniel's and helped put a loft in his granary. Erik threshed half a day at Niklas's place.
- 25 26 & 27 I built bins for the corncrib. Erik threshed for Niklas.
- 28 I built grain bins. Erik threshed for ½ day for Niklas.
- 29 I went to Carver and sold the heifer "Fanny" for 25 dollars.
(On the 24th of August I went to Schraan's bull with "Knuta" for the second time.) [this note added later]
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I fixed the grain bins in the granary. Erik threshed at A. Hakanson's in the forenoon and then plowed the field at home.

September

- 1 Erik plowed for me again and in the afternoon he threshed for Hakanson. I plowed in the evening.
- 2 Erik threshed for Hakanson until noon and in the afternoon he threshed in Scandia. I plowed the whole day.
- 3 I plowed the southern half of the south field. Erik threshed in Scandia.
- 4 I plowed. Erik threshed half a day in Scandia.
- 5 I plowed in the forenoon and Erik threshed in Scandia. Erik plowed in the afternoon and I did various things.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Elsa, Erik, and I cut the corn on the new broken field.
- 8 I plowed along the fence and Erik grubbed by the well.
- 9 I plowed and Erik threshed at Broberg's.
- 10 I plowed and Erik grubbed by the well.
- 11 During the night, strange dogs were in the pasture and killed eight sheep and injured eight others. I spent all day tending to the injured sheep. Erik grubbed.
- 12 I plowed and Erik grubbed.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 It rained all day. I did various small things. I took "Knuta" to Schraan's bull for the third time.
- 15 Elsa and I cut corn by the creek.
- 16 Tina Broberg and Elsa cut corn. I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened.
- 17 I plowed the south field.
- 18 In the morning I did various things and then I went to Per Daniel's and helped with the threshing.
- 19 In the morning I did various things and plowed in the afternoon. Erik is helping with the

threshing at Per Daniel's.

20 **Sunday**

21 22 & 23 John is here with his threshing machine. I hired Erik and Friberg to help. We finished the threshing at 9 in the morning of the 23rd. The grain totaled 257 bushels of, wheat, 36 bushels of rye, 28 ½ bushels of barley, and 123 bushels of oats—all together 444 ½ bushels. It cost me 7 cents a bushel for wheat and rye and 5 cents for barley and oats—altogether 28 dollars and 8 ½ cents. Then I did various things while Erik went for me to Jonas Peter's and helped with the threshing.

24 I hauled corn from the south field and Peter Falk helped me. Elisabeth and her husband, along with John's son John, came here. Erik is threshing at Jonas Peter's.

25 Peter Falk and I hauled corn. Erik is threshing at Lundsten's place.

26 Today brother-in-law Christopher Persson and Elisabeth returned home. They bought "Betty" from us for 49 dollars. They assured what I owed my mother-in-law and also forgave my debt to Elisabeth, which was 10 dollars besides 10 dollars interest and the 4 dollars for the gold. Erik was threshing for me over at Lundsten's for half a day.

27 **Sunday**

28 In the morning, Tina Broberg and I dug up the rutabagas and in the afternoon, I plowed, and Tina dug the carrots. Erik grubbed.

29 I was at Per Daniel's and put up ceiling boards in his cabin. Tina Broberg and Elsa dug up carrots. Erik grubbed.

30 I plowed. Tina Broberg and Elsa picked beans. Erik grubbed.

October

1 Per Daniel and I plowed. Tina Broberg and Elsa picked beans. Erik grubbed.

2 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

3 I went to Chaska with 23 bushels of barley that I sold for \$1.45 a bushel, and 2 ½ bushels of wheat that I sold for \$0.95 a bushel. Erik shopped at Faber's store and added \$12 on my account.

4 **Sunday**

5 I plowed and Erik grubbed.

6 & 7 I did various things. I wrote a letter to my sister Gustava. Erik did nothing. We had 3 inches of snow.

8 I did various small things. Erik grubbed.

9 I worked on the corncrib to keep the rats out. Erik grubbed.

10 I hauled wood and squash and fixed the pigpen. Erik grubbed.

11 **Sunday**

12 I worked on the road. Erik grubbed.

13 In the morning I worked on the road and in the afternoon I did various things. Erik grubbed.

14 Tina Broberg and Sara Friberg helped us dig potatoes.

- 15 Tina and Sara helped us husk corn in the field on the other side of the creek.
- 16 Elsa and Tina husked corn while I painted the roof borders on the house.
- 17 First I butchered an ewe and then I finished painting the roof borders on the house. I did various small things, etc. Erik grubbed all week.
- 18 **Sunday** (I wrote a letter to Rydell)
- 19 Elsa and I hauled corn. Erik and Friberg grubbed.
- 20 I plowed the new field. Erik grubbed for half the day.
- 21 & 22 I plowed the new field.
- 23 In the morning I finished plowing the new field and then after, I hauled rails for the fence on Niklas's border.
- 24 I hauled more fence rails.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I went to Waconia with grist.
- 27 Friberg and Per Daniel helped me plow the ditches in the meadow.
- 28 I did various things. Elsa is at Niklas's for a quilting bee.
- 29 I went to Per Daniel's and plowed ditches in the meadow.
- 30 I did various things. We had heavy rain all day.
- 31 In the forenoon I did various things and in the afternoon I built a fence between my field and Niklas's.

November

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I went to Waconia to pick up the ground grist, etc.
- 3 I went to the election and voted for Grant for president and Colfax for vice-president. I worked on building the fence after I came home.
- 4 I worked on the fence, etc.
- 5 I finished the fence in the field between Niklas and me.
- 6 Friberg and I went to Clearwater Lake and piled rocks. We made five piles of rocks by Broberg's and seven piles by Simon's.
- 7 I cleaned out the plowed ditches in the south field, etc. Friberg has grubbed for three days this week.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I cleaned out the plowed ditches, etc. Friberg grubbed the whole day.
- 10 I did various small things. Friberg grubbed half of the day. We had lots of snow today.
- 11 Friberg and I dug trenches for the grapevines and covered them.
- 12 I hauled hay the whole day.
- 13 & 14 I fixed shoes and did other small things, etc.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Last night and today we had heavy rain and today we have gotten a foot of snow. I did various small things.

- 17 & 18 I did various small things. It is still snowing.
- 19 I did various small things.
- 20 First I went to Louis Fischer to pick up the apple trees that he brought home for me. I planted the apple trees in the orchard and hilled them for protection.
- 21 I did various small things.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 24, 25 & 26 I did various small things.
- 27 & 28 I butchered the rams, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I butchered the pigs. Per Daniel and Peter Broberg helped.

December

- 1 Today Niklas traveled to Minneapolis. I cut up and salted the pork.
- 2 I helped Per Daniel butcher pigs.
- 3 Friberg and I stacked wood. Niklas returned from Minneapolis. He sold one pig that weighed 341 pounds for \$0.08 ¼ per pound for \$28.13. The other pig weighed 356 pounds for \$0.08 per pound for \$28.50, however, this pig soured on the road so I only got \$0.07 a pound. The butter sold for \$0.28 and \$0.30 a pound. The two rams sold for \$0.07 and \$0.07 ½ a pound. The freight was \$0.50 per hundred pounds.
- 4 I did various small things.
- 5 I did various small things. Erik and I figured out what I owed him. He grubbed 1 ¾ acres and 15 rods at \$12 an acre for a total of \$22.12. I paid him today so I do not owe him anything.
- 6 **Sunday** (Today the sow took Fischer's boar)
- 7 & 8 Friberg and Erik helped me husk corn.
- 9 Niklas and I went to Carver. I went along to witness for his horse dealings. I witnessed that I heard Johnson say that the mare was not a restive horse.
- 10 I helped Per Daniel butcher the pigs. It is horribly cold today.
- 11 & 12 I did various small things.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Elsa and I husked corn all day and finished it. I sent a letter to Per and Peterson.
- 15 I chopped stovewood, etc.
- 16 I chopped, etc.
- 17 18 & 19 I hauled molasses wood and stovewood and did various small things.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 & 22 I hauled manure to the old south field. I also tended to the cattle.
- 23 I hauled and split stovewood, etc.
- 24 I went to Waconia and sent a letter to the editor of the *Swedish American Newspaper* in Chicago. I sent \$1.50 for two subscriptions, three months each, and also \$3 that I owed for Barras's and Broberg's papers. I also paid 55 cents for postage

for 1868 and 10 cents for postage for the two papers for the first three months of 1869.

- 25 **Christmas Day** Elsa went to church.
- 26 I hauled manure all day.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I hauled manure and Friberg cut rails all day.
- 30 First I took the sow to P. Swenson's boar in Scandia and then I hauled manure.
Friberg cut rails.
- 30 I hauled manure and Friberg cut rails.
- 31 I hauled manure and finished hauling. Friberg cut rails.

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January

- 1 We had a meeting in Scandia the whole day. Jacobson from Carver settlement was here overnight.
- 2 I did various small things. Jacobson went home today.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I did various small things.
- 5 I hauled two loads of hay from the old haystack on the island. I also did small jobs.
- 6 & 7 Per Daniel and I hauled the old haystack from the island. Friberg cut rails all day.
- 8 I did various small jobs. Friberg cut rails.
- 9 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay. Friberg cut rails.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I went to the mill in Waconia with 20 bushels of wheat.
- 12 & 13 I hauled home the little haystack by the island.
- 14 I went to Olaf Anderson's for a property division.
- 15 I hauled home the haystack from the southern forty.
- 16 I was in Waconia with a maple log that I sold to the wainwright for \$2 and I took home the grist. Friberg cut rails the whole week.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Per Daniel helped me haul rocks from Clearwater Lake for my cellar.
- 19 Lundsten and I hauled rocks from the lake.
- 20 I hauled two loads of rocks.
- 21 & 22 I hauled one load of rocks from Anderson's land. Left 40 pounds of middlings for the pigs.
- 23 I hauled a load of rocks from Anderson's land. The tailor is here sewing pants, etc. Friberg cut rails the first four days.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 26 & 27 I hauled rocks from Broberg's.
- 28 I went to the mill in Waconia with a load of rye and hauled home a load of rocks from

Broberg's land.

- 29 Andrew from Scandia and I hauled a load of rocks from Olaf Anderson's land.
- 30 I hauled a load of rocks from Broberg's land and also hauled the rocks I had piled by the lake to Scandia.
- 31 **Sunday**

February

- 1 We have had very nice weather for the last month but today we are getting a lot of snow. Today I have done various small jobs.
- 2 & 3 I repaired shoes, etc.
- 4 I plowed and shoveled snow.
- 5 I went to Waconia to get the milled grist.
- 6 I chopped down trees for sawing. Friberg helped.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I did various small jobs.
- 9 I went to the Waconia mill with a load of logs.
- 10 I went to the Waconia mill with a load of logs.
- 11 I went to the Waconia mill with a load of logs. I wrote a letter to Sweden for the second time to ask about the money for the tickets.
- 12 I went to Chaska with poles for the hops.
- 13 I mended shoes and chopped wood for the stove.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I did various small jobs.
- 16 I went to Chaska to store 26 bushels and 33 pounds of wheat at Faber's.
- 17 I chopped stovewood, etc.
- 18 I went to Chaska with 26 bushels and 29 pounds of wheat.
- 19 I did various small jobs.
- 20 I went to Chaska to store with Warner 25 bushels and 56 pounds of wheat and sold to Warner 4 bushels and 20 pounds of beans for \$2.75 a bushel.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I hauled manure from the sheep barn.
- 23 24 & 25 I hauled and chopped stovewood, etc.
- 26 I was at the Waconia mill with 16 bushels of oats to be ground. Elsa is sick. Mrs. Friberg is here doing the washing. Elsa was sick yesterday, also.
- 27 I did various small jobs. Elsa is sick today. Friberg began chopping wood today.
- 28 **Sunday**

March

- 1 Went to Waconia with a load of logs and at the same time I took home the grist from the mill.
- 2 & 3 I hauled home the haystack from the middle of the meadow.

4 5 & 6 We had extreme cold so I only tended to the cattle and cut stovewood.

7 **Sunday**

8 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay.

9 I was at Per Daniel's and butchered pigs and hauled home a load of logs.

10 I did various small jobs.

11 I went to Waconia with a load of logs.

12 I chopped stovewood, etc.

13 I cut and hauled logs. Holmquist was here for two days. It has been very cold here all week.

14 **Sunday**

15 I went to Waconia with the breaking plow. I took home the grist from the mill and also the large pork barrel.

16 I went with Niklas to the court in Chaska.

17 I cut and hauled logs home for troughs for the molasses.

18 I went with Niklas to the court in Chaska again.

19 I did various small jobs. I chopped stovewood, etc.

20 I went to Waconia with Friberg's hay. I hauled home a load of rocks from Scandia. I got a letter today from Rydell with the information that he would send the money to Kaliff. "Molly" calved last night.

21 **Sunday**

22 Today I am sick. Elsa is not well either.

23 We all are sick today.

24 Today we are all more or less sick. We have very nice weather today.

25 Today we are somewhat better. Friberg is here chopping stovewood, etc.

26 Today we are in worse health again.

27 I am feeling better today but Elsa and the children are not. I went to the school meeting this afternoon and I was elected treasurer. It is raining this afternoon.

28 **Sunday**

29 I made a yoke to use for carrying milk. It has rained all day.

30 I hauled hay. Friberg helped me and in the afternoon he chopped wood.

31 I hauled rails for the fence by the road to Simon's. Friberg chopped wood for cooking the molasses.

April

1 Today we have gotten two feet of snow. I mended shoes.

2 I hauled rails. Friberg made molasses troughs.

3 I hauled rails.

4 **Sunday**

5 I went to Chaska for the school district's money.

6 I went to Waconia and paid Nierhouse \$30 for the school district. Then I went to a class at Witsack's house. In the evening I started boring into the maples.

- 7 & 8 I bored into the maples and did various small jobs while cooking molasses.
- 9 I built a brick stove for the syrup kettle.
- 10 I finished the brick oven and today we cooked 2 gallons of syrup. Birrel and Bernfelt from Waconia were here and each one bought 6 bushels of oats.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 13, 14 & 15 We worked with the molasses bucket, etc.
- 16 & 17 I did various little jobs.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 & 20 I did various small jobs.
- 21 I started to plow on the corn field that is by Niklas's field. Tina Broberg has been here awhile and helped Elsa by carrying 75 pails of sap to the kettle.
- 22 I finished plowing the corn field. Elsa has cooked 4 ½ gallons of syrup.
- 23 I plowed barley by the sheep barn.
- 24 I started sowing wheat. Today I have sowed 5 bushels in the south field.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 27 & 28 I sowed, harrowed, and rolled the south field. I have sowed 13 bushels in the south field. On the 26th, Friberg chopped stumps.
- 29 & 30 I sowed 4 ¼ bushels of barley and nearly 1 bushel wheat in the field by the sheep barn. On the 29th, P. Broberg's Tina picked up hazelnut brush roots from the newly plowed field until four o'clock in the afternoon.

May

- 1 I sowed a little over 4 ½ bushels of oats on the field by Peterman's land. Birrel from Waconia was here and bought 18 bushels of the poorer grade of oats and 2 bushels of the better grade of oats. He also bought 4 bushels of oats for Bernfelt.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I sowed wheat in the home field on the other side of the creek.
- 4 I rolled the oats. The sow is sick. Peter Swenson from Scandia removed the thorn from the sow's eye.
- 5 I cut back the grapevines, etc.
- 6 I planted apple trees, etc.
- 7 I built bridges on the road I made in the south field and did other small things.
- 8 I sowed a bushel of wheat in the south field where I had planned to sow timothy but it was too late in the season so I sowed the wheat instead. "Froken" calved last night.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I rolled the corn in the field by Peterman's land. Broberg's Tina hauled manure to the south field and then cleaned out the manure in the sheep barn. Elsa planted the garden.
- 11 In the morning, with the help of Tina Broberg, we washed the sheep and then I marked the farther south field for corn.
- 12 I plowed the south field for corn. Elsa planted corn in the southernmost south field.

- 13 I plowed the south field for the corn and Elsa planted the corn. We had a prayer meeting here today.
- 14 I harrowed and rolled the corn. Elsa sheared the sheep and Broberg burned brush.
- 15 In the morning I marked where to plant the corn. In the afternoon I went to a meeting at Per Daniel's and A. Hakanson preached. Friberg burned brush. Elsa and Broberg's Tina planted in the old, little south field.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 & 18 Friberg, Tina Broberg, Elsa, and I raked brush, piled, and burned it.
- 19 I plowed in the garden. Elsa and Tina Broberg raked the brush.
- 20 I plowed the rye field by the cabin where I plan to plant beans and corn.
- 21 I harrowed the rye and then I went to Waconia and bought 7 pounds of rape seed.
- 22 Elsa and I, along with Tina Broberg, planted corn, beans, and squash in the rye field by the cabin.
- 23 **Sunday** Today I brought "Molly" to Schraan's bull.
- 24 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the small plow sharpened. In the afternoon Per Daniel broke new land.
- 25 I broke new land and had help from Per Daniel.
- 26 We broke new land using Per Daniel's oxen. Elsa and Hakanson's John led the oxen.
- 27 In the forenoon it rained. In the afternoon we broke new land. Per Daniel's hired man, Lars, led the oxen.
- 28 We broke land and had Per Daniel's oxen again. Elsa and Sture led the oxen.
- 29 Today, Elsa and I finished breaking the land in the new field.

30 **Sunday**

- 31 I harrowed and rolled the newly broken field.

June

- 1 First I did various small jobs and after, I sowed rape seed. Per Daniel is using the oxen to break new fields on his land.
- 2 I sowed rape seed and rolled it in. Elsa planted potatoes.
- 3 I wrote a letter to Sweden and went to Waconia to mail it. I read a Swedish letter to Per Daniel from California.
- 4 I worked in the cabbage patch, etc.
- 5 I hilled the sweet potatoes and did various small jobs. Per Daniel has the oxen to break up new land.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I sent a return letter to Sweden and did various other small jobs.
- 8 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and I had brought 2 loads of wheat to Chaska before. I sold 103 bushels and 8 pounds for 86 cents a bushel. Today I have paid all my debt to Faber—\$75.60; and also to Warner—\$2.65; I also arranged for new credit of \$40.
- 9 10, 11 & 12 I did various small jobs. I also made shoe lasts and plowed by the grapes.

13 **Sunday**

- 14 & 15 I cut out door and window openings in the new building. Olaf Anderson helped me. On the 14th, I mailed a draft to Palmquist for \$118.
- 16 I had O. Anderson's and my oxen to work on the road in the field in front of the well. I have 84 cents for working here.
- 17 It rained very hard. I did small jobs.
- 18 I did various small jobs.
- 19 It rained in the morning. In the afternoon, Niklas's Nils was with me and plowed corn on the old south field.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Friberg and I cleaned up the area where we were going to build a fence between Simon's and my land. We had to stop work because it rained.
- 22 Friberg worked on building the fence. Niklas's Nils helped me to cultivate the corn in the afternoon.
- 23 Nils and I cultivated the corn and Friberg worked on the fence. In the afternoon I helped him with the fence.
- 24 & 25 Elsa and I hoed corn on the old south field.
- 26 Friberg, Elsa, and I hoed corn.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Elsa and I hoed corn. We had Friberg and Tina Broberg help us. I sent a letter to Palmquist.
- 29 It rained in the morning and in the afternoon Elsa, Tina Broberg, and the children hoed the beans and I did various small jobs.
- 30 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska that I sold for \$1 a bushel. Elsa and the children and Tina Broberg hoed the beans. Today I paid my taxes in Chaska for \$33.90.

July

- 1 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. I could only get 97 cents a bushel. Today I received from Adam Fischer the deed to half an acre of land on which to build a schoolhouse. The deed cost \$2. I also paid Adam Fischer \$5 for the five acres. Today I paid Andrew Johnson from Scandia \$12.50.
- 2 I did various small jobs.
- 3 We had a celebration for the Sabbath School. Elsa, Ida, and Sture went while I stayed home with the small children.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Friberg and I covered the wagon shed and repaired the fence by the well.
- 6 I went to the Chaska water mill with 8 sacks of wheat to be ground. I had 10 sacks with me to sell. I got \$1 a bushel.
- 7 First I made rake and fork handles and then I did various small jobs.
- 8 We started to cut hay. I had Peter Broberg and Friberg to help. We cut hay on the southern forty field.
- 9 I made a rake. I dug out a basin for the oxen to get water. Then I turned some hay and

cultivated the beans. Elsa is at Jonas Peter's house quilting.

- 10 In the morning, Friberg and I cut hay and in the afternoon, Friberg, Elsa, and I cocked hay.
- 11 **Sunday** Today I took "Knuta" to Schraan's bull for the first time.
- 12 In the morning I did various small jobs and then the old Dalecarlian man, Andrew Sigfridson, and I cut and cocked the hay.
- 13 In the morning I fixed the rakes and in the afternoon, Andrew from Scandia cultivated the corn. Friberg is in Scandia cutting hay at his place.
- 14 In the morning, Andrew from Scandia and I cultivated the corn and in the afternoon we and Friberg cocked hay.
- 15 In the morning, Friberg and I cut hay and then stacked hay on the southern forty. The Dalecarlian, Andrew Sigfridson, cut hay in the afternoon. Elsa is at Broberg's house quilting.
- 16 Friberg, Andrew Sigfridson, and I cut hay by the island. In the afternoon, Friberg and I stacked the outside haystack in the large meadow and Andrew Sigfridson and Elsa cocked hay.
- 17 Friberg and I cut hay in the morning by the large meadow. In the afternoon we cocked and cut hay.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 & 20 We cocked hay in the large meadow.
- 21 We cocked hay, etc. Hammerberg is here.
- 22 We made a haystack by the island.
- 23 Friberg and I cut hay in the south meadow, and with that, we finished cutting hay.
- 24 We cradled rye.
- 25 **Sunday** Hammerberg had the meeting.
- 26 We finished cradling the rye. Then we cocked hay on the south meadow.
- 27 In the morning Elsa and Friberg finished the haying in the south meadow. I was not feeling well. In the evening I cut the barley.
- 28 Friberg and I hauled hay and stacked it by the turnip cellar. We also cradled some barley.
- 29 Friberg and I stacked hay on the island. We finished cradling the barley.
- 30 Friberg and I hauled home the last of the hay and stacked it by the sheep barn. Today I took the heifer, "Lady," to Schraan's bull.
- 31 First I cleaned out the well and then I dug in the southern forty to get water for the cattle. After, I went to Waconia for various small things.

August

- 1 **Sunday** Today I took "Knuta" to Schraan's bull for the second time.
- 2 I did various small jobs. Friberg dug ditches in the meadows.
- 3 Elsa and I went to Chaska with 26 bushels of wheat that I sold for \$1.10 a bushel. We took the grist from the mill home with us. Tina Broberg was here and hoed corn and Friberg dug ditches in the meadows.
- 4 Elsa, Tina Broberg, and I hoed corn. Friberg dug ditches in the meadow.

- 5 Per Daniel and I hauled a load of logs to the sawmill in Waconia. Elsa and Tina Broberg hoed corn and Friberg dug ditches in the meadow.
- 6 Friberg and I hauled and stacked the rye and barley.
- 7 In the morning I went to the lake and fished. Friberg dug ditches in the meadow and in the afternoon I did various small things. At five o'clock the eclipse of the sun began and lasted about an hour. Almost the whole sun was darkened.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Friberg, Elsa, and I cradled oats all day.
- 10 In the forenoon, I plowed the field by the sheep barn and in the afternoon, Elsa and I went fishing at the lake.
- 11 I plowed the whole day.
- 12 I plowed in the forenoon. Friberg spent all day leveling the dirt on the sides of the ditches in the meadow. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had my cradling tool mended.
- 13 In the forenoon, Elsa and I cradled wheat and Friberg was at Niklas's from 11 until 5 and bundled wheat. In the evening, Elsa and I cradled wheat by the wagon shed.
- 14 In the forenoon I did various small jobs. Friberg leveled off the dirt by the ditches in the meadow. In the evening, Niklas's son Hans was here and reaped the wheat and Niklas, Kaisa, and Nils, along with Hakanson and his boy and Friberg and Elsa bundled the wheat and I shocked the wheat.
- 15 **Sunday** Jonas Peter came home three days ago from Kansas.
- 16 In the forenoon, I did various small jobs. Friberg leveled off the dirt in the ditches in the meadow until around four o'clock. We reaped the wheat in the south field and later Friberg went to Jonas Peter and bundled the wheat. I was even there for a couple of hours and bundled wheat.
- 17 First, Friberg grubbed and then we cradled the late wheat. Later Friberg was at Niklas's and bundled wheat. I went there at four o'clock and shocked wheat.
- 18 Friberg was at Niklas's and bundled wheat and I went there at eleven o'clock and helped, Today I took "Froken" to Schraan's bull.
- 19 Friberg, Elsa, and I reaped the wheat. In the afternoon, Niklas reaped wheat on the west side of the creek in the home field.
- 20 Elsa and I reaped the wheat that was laying down in the newly broken field. Friberg was at Jonas Peter's.
- 21 Elsa and I cradled the last of the wheat in the south field and in the afternoon we cradled the late-sown wheat in the south field. Friberg is at Jonas Peter's.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I made a toy box for Lundsten's children, etc. Today I took "Knuta" to Schraan's bull for the third time.
- 24 I was at A. Hakanson's and hayed. This evening my sister, Gustava, came here.
- 25 I did nothing other than sit and visit with my sister Gustava.
- 26 Today my sister Gustava went home. Friberg and I shocked wheat.

27 Per Daniel and I went to the Waconia sawmill and pulled boards. Friberg grubbed.

28 I plowed in the rye field, etc. Friberg grubbed.

29 **Sunday**

30 Friberg and I shocked wheat.

31 Today Friberg and I finished shocking the wheat.

September

1 In the forenoon, Friberg and I stacked the oats. In the afternoon at two o'clock, we went to Jonas Peter's and helped him stack wheat.

2 I finished plowing for the rye.

3 I did various small jobs.

4 I fixed the roof on the house. Friberg grubbed in the meadow.

5 **Sunday**

6 Friberg and I dug and hauled dirt from the cellar. A man from Marsh Prairie bought "Knuta" the heifer from me for \$34.

7 I sowed 2 bushels of rye and harrowed it in. Friberg grubbed and cut the flax.

8 I did various small jobs. Friberg cut the rape. Tina Broberg helped cut the rape.

9 In the forenoon I did various small things and in the afternoon I was at Jonas Peter's and threshed and Tina Broberg cut the rape and threshed the beans.

10 In the forenoon I was at Jonas Peter's and threshed and in the evening, Tina Broberg and I shocked the flax. We also butchered a ram. Tina was here the whole day.

11 Andrew from Scandia was here and helped thresh. We threshed the wheat and the oats today. Tina Broberg is here.

12 **Sunday** It rained a lot.

13 Today it has rained very hard. I have never seen such heavy rainfall in Minnesota before. I did various small jobs.

14 At one o'clock we started threshing and we finished at 3:30. Then we went to Lundsten's and helped thresh. My yield this year was 391 bushels of grains. I had 235 bushels of wheat, 48 bushels of rye, 50 bushels of barley, and 58 bushels of oats.

15 We went to Lundsten's and threshed.

16 Friberg and I went to Pofahl's and helped thresh until late afternoon. In the evening we threshed for Hakanson.

17 We threshed at Hakanson's until noon and then in the evening, Friberg and I hauled home the flax and stacked it.

18 Friberg and I cut the corn on the southernmost field. At three o'clock in the afternoon, Friberg went to Per Daniel's and threshed. Tina Broberg was here and cut the rape and stacked it and threshed the beans.

19 **Sunday**

20 Tina Broberg, Christine, and I cut the rape. Friberg was at Per Daniel's and threshed.

21 Friberg, Tina Broberg, Christine, and I cut rape the whole day.

22 Tina Broberg and Christine cut rape and threshed beans. Friberg dug a ditch by the well. I

- dug until noon and after, I did various small jobs.
- 23 Friberg dug the ditch by the well. Tina Broberg threshed beans. Ida and I went to Chaska with wheat and sold it for 85 cents a bushel. I bought 300 bricks. In the evening on our way home, it rained and thundered more than I have ever seen or heard.
- 24 Friberg and I finished digging the ditch by the well.
- 25 Friberg, Tina Broberg, and I cut the corn on the little old south field.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Friberg and I cut the corn on the home field and did various small jobs.
- 28 Friberg and I fixed the wagon and built containers to carry the rape, etc. Erik has bought 4 sheep from me for \$12 and a bell for 40 cents.
- 29 & 30 We hauled and threshed the rape. Friberg, Lundberg, and Tina Broberg helped.
- October**
- 1 Today it rained. Elsa and I threshed the rape and screened them.
- 2 I butchered an ewe and did small variety of things. In the evening, Elsa and I hauled the rape straw and also screened the rape seed.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We threshed and hauled the rape. I had Friberg and Malmberg to help in the forenoon and Tina Broberg was here the whole day. Friberg threshed at Niklas's for me in the evening.
- 5 We threshed and hauled the rape. I had Christine and Tina Broberg to help. Friberg threshed at Niklas's for me.
- 6 Hauled and threshed the rape. I had Tina Broberg to help and in the evening we had Lundberg for help. Friberg threshed for Niklas in the forenoon for me.
- 7 Elsa and I screened the last of the rape. In the afternoon, Friberg was at Broberg's and threshed for me.
- 8 In the forenoon I was in Waconia and after, Elsa and I screened and cut the wheat, etc. In the forenoon, Friberg threshed at Broberg's for me.
- 9 I hauled two loads of rape to Waconia. They weighed 2,621 pounds.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I went to Chaska with 8 bushels of barley. I received \$1 a bushel for it. I even went out to the limekiln for 8 barrels of lime and also sold 9 ½ cords of wood for \$4 a cord.
- 12 & 13 Friberg and I hauled corn from the south field.
- 14 I worked on the road in front of Johnson's.
- 15 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and Friberg worked on the fence around the haystacks. In the afternoon Friberg finished hauling the last of the corn.
- 16 First I butchered a ram. Later I went to Waconia and bought a dozen soldiers' caps for \$1, and also two harnesses for \$3. In the evening, Elsa and I hauled the rape straw and squash.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 & 19 I vaulted the cellar ditch with stones. Friberg plowed the newly broken field.
- 20 I went to an auction at J. P. Johnson's.

- 21 I hauled our things to Chaska for J. P. Johnson. I even had our 21 ½ bushels of barley that I sold for \$1.50 a bushel.
- 22 Friberg and I vaulted in the cellar ditch. I sent a letter to Sweden.
- 23 In the morning Friberg and I finished the cellar ditch. In the afternoon I went to a meeting. Friberg did not go with me to the meeting.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 & 26 I did various small jobs. The cold has now set in and the frost is two inches in the ground.
- 27 I removed the old straw from the roof of the cow barn, etc.
- 28 & 29 Friberg and I thatched the straw roof. The Dal woman, Karin, husked corn.
- 30 I hauled corn as well as butchered a ram. The Dal woman and Elsa husked corn.
- 31 **Sunday**

November

- 1 First I went to Waconia and then we dug up potatoes. After I did various small jobs.
- 2 In the forenoon I went to the election [voted]. In the afternoon I plowed. I sent Carl a letter.
- 3 I plowed and Elsa husked corn.
- 4 I did various small jobs.
- 5 First I fixed the schoolhouse door, etc., and then I plowed.
- 6 I did various small jobs and then I plowed.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 9, 10, 11 & 12 I did various things as well as trenching the grapes and covering them.
- 13 I went to Chaska and took an order on a boar for 9 cents a pound. I also withdrew \$100 and bought some books for the school district.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I fixed the pigsty, etc.
- 16 First we butchered the boar. Friberg and Per Daniel helped me. At eleven o'clock I took the boar to Chaska and sold it to Warner for 9 cents a pound. It weighed 304 pounds.
- 17 I did various small things.
- 18 I daubed the cow barn.
- 19 First I went to Waconia and asked for the money for the rape seed. In the evening I daubed.
- 20 First I butchered an ewe and later I daubed the cow barn.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 & 23 I did various small jobs.
- 24 & 25 Friberg and I slaked the lime.
- 26 & 27 Friberg helped me pile wood for the stove and molasses camp.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I hauled rails, and did small jobs.
- 30 I went to the mill in Chaska to pick up my grist. I gave a note to Faber for my debt. The note is for 5 months and the interest rate is 12% a year.

December

- 1 First I emptied out the flour and then I hauled a load of rye to Waconia.
- 2 I hauled rails, etc.
- 3 I hauled logs, etc., and did small jobs.
- 4 I hauled and chopped stovewood.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 First I went to Waconia and picked up the grist and in the afternoon, I emptied all the sacks.
- 7 I went to Waconia in the forenoon to pick up my money for the rape, but I only got \$10. In the afternoon I husked corn. Elsa husked corn all day. Today I mailed a letter to J. P. Johnson containing two drafts worth \$50 each, totaling \$100.
- 8 In the forenoon I went to Per Daniel's and helped him butcher. In the evening I took the sow to Louis Fischer's boar.
- 9 & 10 Elsa and I husked corn and I chopped stovewood for half a day. I also butchered a ram.
- 11 I daubed the outside of the cabin.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I butchered a sow, etc. I had help from Friberg and Per Daniel.
- 14 Elsa and I went to Waconia to sell the sow. I got 10 cents a pound and it weighed 290 pounds.
- 15 I did various small jobs.
- 16 Elsa and I daubed the cabin on the inside.
- 17 Elsa and I daubed the cabin on the outside.
- 18 I chopped and hauled stovewood.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 First I went to Waconia and I got \$30 from Birrel for the rape. In the evening I did various small jobs.
- 21 I hauled home the small haystack from the southern forty.
- 22 I did various small jobs.
- 23 I hauled the haystack home from the island. I had Per Daniel to help me.
- 24 I chopped wood, etc.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We have meetings. John Erickson from Blue Earth is with us for the holiday and is preaching for us.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 28, 29 & 30 I did various small jobs. Tomorrow Erickson leaves for home. On the 27th I sent a letter to Sweden.
- 31 I hauled logs for the pigsty.

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January

- 1 I did various small jobs.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 4, 5 & 6 I hauled logs for a pigsty and chopped stovewood, etc. On the 4th I sent a letter to Carl.
- 7 I did small various jobs. I paid the doctor in Waconia \$2 for Johnson.
- 8 I fixed shoes and chopped wood for the stove. Today John Wendt was here and wanted to buy my farm.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I went to Faber's in Chaska with \$700 of Johnson's money to buy a draft for them.
- 11 I hauled wood, and did various small jobs. Today Birrel Nilson started hauling wood for me to Merriam Station.
- 12 I did various small jobs.
- 13 I went to Chaska and picked up the draft I bought with Johnson's money. I mailed the draft to Johnson from the post office in Chaska. I also had with me 30 bushels and 45 pounds of Johnson's wheat and stored it until May 1. I even got the schoolhouse lot deed recorded and paid \$1.
- 14 I went to Birrel in Waconia and received \$25 for the rape. In the afternoon I did various small jobs.
- 15 I did various small jobs.
- 16 **Sunday** Today we have gotten a lot of snow.
- 17 I did various small jobs. We are having a blizzard.
- 18 19 & 20 I did various small jobs. It is very cold.
- 21 I butchered the third (the last) of the old pigs and even a young pig that weighed 172 pounds. Per Daniel and Friberg helped me.
- 22 I plowed the road by the meadow and in the evening I went to a meeting in Scandia. Olaf Hakanson preached.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did various small jobs.
- 25 26 & 27 I went with N. Swenson to Minneapolis and sold one of the boars for 9 ½ cents a pound. He weighed 324 pounds. I got almost \$30. I bought boards, three doors, window casings, glass, and putty.
- 28 I did various small jobs.
- 29 I made runners for O. Hakanson's sleigh.

30 **Sunday**

31 In the forenoon I hauled a load of cordwood to the other side of Schraan's place and in the evening I went to Andrew Nilson's for a meeting.

February

1 I went to Benton Township for a meeting to discuss moving the courthouse from Chaska.

2 I did various small jobs.

3 I went to Per Daniel's and helped him haul hay.

4 I hauled wood to the syrup camp, etc.

5 I put up ceiling boards in the cow barn, etc.

6 **Sunday**

7 I did various small jobs. I went to Waconia and mailed a letter to the magazine *Swenska Amerikanaren* with \$1.50.

8 & 9 I hauled home the large haystack that was by the island. Charley Bachman helped me.

10 & 11 I hauled wood and did small jobs, etc.

12 Elsa and the children went to P. D. Anderson's to visit.

13 **Sunday**

14 I made new runners for the sled.

15 I went to Waconia to get the mail. Birrel gave me the remaining money for the rape. I went to Swanberg for help to get a hired man. I sent a draft for \$98.25 to Johnson for his auction.

16 I finished the sled, etc.

17 Per Daniel and I butchered the last two pigs. The biggest one weighed 232 pounds.

18 I did various small jobs. Mrs. Rietz is here. Today I took "Nancy" to Schraan's bull. Charley Bachman helped.

19 The only thing I did today was tend to the cattle. It is very cold and has been for many days.

20 **Sunday** "Molly" calved. It is so cold we took the calf into the cabin.

21 First I went to Pofahl and had some trousers made and I paid my bill. After, I did various small jobs.

22 I hauled home wood for the syrup camp.

23 I cut logs for the sawmill, etc.

24 I went to Waconia with logs for the sawmill and brought home a load of boards from the mill.

25 I was at the schoolhouse all day helping with the school children's testing.

26 I went to Waconia for a load of boards. After, I did various small jobs.

27 **Sunday**

28 I mended shoes and chopped wood for the stove, etc.

March

1 O. Hakanson and I each hauled a load of wheat to Chaska for J. P. Johnson.

2 I hauled a load of grist to Waconia and hauled home a load of boards.

3 I went to Waconia and hauled home a load of boards and then I did various small jobs.

4 I stayed inside and mended shoes for the children.

5 I went to Waconia to pick up the ground grist and then I did various small jobs.

6 **Sunday**

7 I did various small jobs.

8 First, A. Schraan and I stepped off the fence line between our properties. In the afternoon, I started moving my part of the fence. Jonas Magnus Broberg cut wood for the syrup camp yesterday and today.

9 & 10 I hauled rails from the above-named fence.

13 & 12 I mended shoes and chopped wood for the stove. We have snow and bad weather.

Sunday

14 I chopped blocks for the fence, etc.

15 I did various small jobs.

16 I plowed and shoveled snow all day. These have gotten lots of snow.

17 I went to Waconia for the boards from the butternut log. I paid \$1.15 to the mill to have it cut. I took home the plow. It cost \$2 to have it fixed.

18 & 19 I worked on the syrup kettle, etc.

20 **Sunday**

21 I finished the syrup kettle and did other small jobs. Friberg is here chopping wood for the stove, etc.

22 I did various small jobs, etc.

23 I helped Rietz make a syrup kettle.

24 Charley Bachman and I hauled home the last haystack.

25 I chopped blocks for the fence and hauled rails and blocks to the fence line.

26 First I went to a school meeting and after, I piled boards. Friberg and I took the heifer, "Benty," to A. Schraan's bull.

27 **Sunday** Today I took the heifer, "Fanny," to A. Schraan's bull.

28 I did various small jobs, etc.

29 I again did various small jobs today. Lars Nilson started to work for me today; he husked corn.

30 I made a trough for the sap, etc. Lars husked corn.

31 I got the syrup kettle ready for cooking syrup. Lars finished husking corn. The sow farrowed yesterday. She had 6 piglets.

April

1 I hauled rails, etc. Lars made syrup troughs.

2 First, we did various small jobs and after dinner we started boring the maple trees. We bored 80 trees.

3 **Sunday**

4 & 5 We bored the maple trees, etc.

6 7, 8 & 9 Lars and I worked with the syrup making. We made more troughs and did other small jobs.

10 **Sunday**

11 Today I did nothing. Our daughter, Emma Rebecca, was born.

12 13, 14, 15 & 16 Today we did various small jobs. One day, Lars went to Chaska to get medicine for the oxen and I have wasted a lot of time caring for the sick oxen. The 14th I went to A. Schraan's for his ox. In the beginning of the week, it was very warm and toward the end of the week it was very cold; very unhealthy weather.

17 **Sunday**

18 19 & 20 I sowed wheat and harrowed it in using A. Schraan's bullock and my ox. Lars worked cooking the syrup.

21 Lars and I plowed. Broberg and his boy have been here plowing for me today.

22 I sowed wheat. Lars grubbed, etc.

23 I sowed wheat, etc. For the second time, Lars went to Chaska for medicine for the oxen. Pofahl plowed for me today.

24 **Sunday**

25 First, Lars and I plowed, and later, we sowed 4 bushels of barley in the south field and harrowed it in.

26 Lars rolled the barley and I built a fence down by the woods and by the old road. After, we plowed.

27 We plowed the whole field by Peterman's field for the oats. Lundsten was here and helped me plow.

28 We sowed and harrowed in 6 ¼ bushels oats in that field.

29 Today the ox's foot is all healed, so Lars plowed the west piece on the home field for wheat with the oxen. I have built a fence. We also sowed half a bushel of barley down by the cow barn.

30 First, Lars plowed and later harrowed in the 2 bushels of wheat I had sowed in the west piece on the home field. I built a fence after I had sowed the wheat. I have even returned the bullock to Henry Schraan. I worked with him for 10 days.

May

1 **Sunday**

2 Lars rolled the last of the wheat and the oats. I built the fence in the field by the road.

3 I hauled manure, etc.

4 I hauled manure and planted potatoes by the cow barn.

5 I hauled manure. Today it has rained very much.

6 I hauled manure and plowed for the corn and I did various small jobs. "Lady" calved today.

7 Lars plowed the corn field and I did various small jobs.

8 **Sunday**

9 Lars plowed the newly broken field for corn. First I made feed bags for the oxen, etc., and then I marked the field for the corn.

10 Lars plowed and Elsa and I planted corn in the field by the cow barn.

11 Lars harrowed and I picked hazelnut brush roots on the newly broken field, etc.

- 12 Lars plowed and I picked hazelnut brush roots. Today I took "Molly" to A. Schraan's bull for the first time.
- 13 Lars plowed. I marked the newly broken field for corn and in the afternoon Elsa and I planted corn in it.
- 14 Lars harrowed the newly broken land using Per Daniel's oxen. I plowed and rolled a field for the beans, etc.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Lars and I raked and picked up roots in the newly broken field and later planted potatoes in the field.
- 17 First I marked the field for the corn and then Lars and I planted corn on the newly broken field.
- 18 Lars and I plowed in the orchard by the grapes using Niklas's bullocks.
- 19 I planted beans and Lars went to Chaska for medicine for the oxen for the third time.
- 20 We built a fence along Pofahl's property line until 3 in the afternoon when it started to rain.
- 21 It rained all day. First I did various small jobs and then I did nothing. Lars had a day off. He is home and fixing shoes. Jonas Osterman came around noon today and is staying to help build the cellar. In the evening he mended the iron pots.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Jonas Osterman and I finished the fence on Pofahl's property line and also built a gate. Lars planted squash and pulled weeds in the wheat.
- 24 Osterman and I began to work on the cellar. Lars weeded the wheat, etc.
- 25 & 26 We worked on the cellar. Lars finished the fence in the meadow.
- 27 & 28 We worked on the cellar and Lars worked on the road.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Elsa, Lars, and I washed the sheep and then we worked on the cellar.
- 31 Osterman and Lars worked on the cellar. In the morning I went to the election (county meeting) and voted that the state debt should be paid with the land grants. In the afternoon I worked on the cellar.

June

- 1 We all worked in the cellar.
- 2 We worked in the cellar. Elsa sheared 11 sheep today.
- 3 & 4 We worked in the cellar. "Froken" calved today.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 We built the cellar entry and finished the cellar.
- 7 & 8 Lars and I plowed the corn using the oxen.
- 9 In the morning we cultivated the corn. Lars hoed corn. In the afternoon I daubed the foundation of the new house. Elsa planted garlic.
- 10 I daubed the granary. Lars and Tina Broberg hoed corn.

11 I went to Chaska and sold 19 bushels of wheat for 87 cents a bushel. I also sold all of Johnson's wheat for 85 cents a bushel and I paid Johnson's tax. I bought gutters from Warner for 5 cents a foot. I bought 68 feet for \$3.40. William Mitchell hauled a load of wheat to Chaska for me. Lars and Tina Broberg hoed corn. I paid my bill to Faber today.

12 **Sunday**

13 Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold 22 bushels of oats for 40 cents a bushel and traded for goods in the store.

14 15 & 16 I hauled rails and built a fence between Rietz and me.

17 We went and worked on the graveyard in Scandia.

18 We took Ida to Dr. Erickson in Jordan and we also were at Peter Swenson's in Scandia. Lars and the boys hoed corn all week. Today Lars and Sture went to A. Schraan's bull with the heifer, "Lady".

19 **Sunday**

20 I did various small jobs. Lars hoed corn.

21 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. Lars hoed corn.

22 I made a gate by the cart path.

23 & 24 Lars and I cultivated the corn.

25 I went to Carver market with my oxen. Andrew in Scandia hauled 30 bushels of wheat to Chaska for me. Lars and the children picked off potato bugs. Olaf Hakanson came here today.

26 **Sunday**

27 28 & 29 Lars and I cultivated the corn in the morning and in the afternoon we had meetings.

30 I was at Lundsten's all day and broke sod. Olaf Hakanson left for Minneapolis today. I sent \$108 with him to buy a bank draft in Minneapolis and send the draft to Johnson in Kansas.

July

1 I did various small jobs. Lars sewed suspenders and did small jobs.

2 Today Lars and I started to cut hay.

3 **Sunday** We took "Froken" to A. Schraan's bull.

4 Today I cradled rye. Friberg helped me. Ida, Sture, and Lars went to the celebration in Scandia.

5 Today we cut flax in the meadow and cocked hay. I had Friberg and Malmberg to help. I sent a letter to Johnson in Kansas.

6 In the morning, Lars and I dug a well for water for the cattle, and in the afternoon we cut hay.

7 We cut and cocked hay.

8 & 9 We cocked hay. We had a bad storm.

10 **Sunday**

11 Lars and I stacked hay in the field by the island.

- 12 We cradled the barley, etc.
- 13 In the morning, we finished cradling the barley and in the afternoon we cut hay on the swamp by the well.
- 14 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay. Friberg and Malmberg cut hay until four o'clock when we had heavy rain. The rain felt good after the long, dry summer we have had.
- 15 Lars and I cut hay and today we finished cutting the hay.
- 16 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay all day.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 We cocked hay and had Friberg to help. Lars went home to help his mother cut hay.
- 19 Lars and I hauled and stacked hay. In the evening we went to a funeral for Niklas Swenson's mother-in-law.
- 20 Lars and I cut and stacked hay. We have now finished cutting the hay.
- 21 We stacked the rye and the barley.
- 22 Lars and I were at A. Hakanson and bundled the wheat.
- 23 Lars, Elsa, and I cradled the oats and some wheat.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Early in the morning it rained. At eleven o'clock we started to cradle the wheat and did that the whole day.
- 26 In the morning we cradled wheat and in the afternoon, Lars and I helped Niklas bundle wheat.
- 27 In the morning we cradled wheat and in the afternoon Lars and I went to Niklas's and helped him bundle wheat.
- 28 We cradled wheat. Niklas was until 3:30 and helped reap the wheat.
- 29 We cradled the wheat in the home field by Niklas's land.
- 30 We cradled the last of the oats.
- 31 **Sunday**
- August**
- 1 I went to Waconia and sold the oxen "Brown" and "Berg" to Dr. Gotholp for \$125 and I bought a pair from Broberg for \$130. Lars went to Chaska for medicine for Friberg.
- 2 It rained. I made a gate and fence for my oxen. Lars sewed pants in the forenoon and in the afternoon he moved dirt away from the new house.
- 3 We hauled and stacked wheat.
- 4 5 & 6 We finished stacking the oats and wheat.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Today J. Nelson started the finishing work in the house. I threw the dirt out of the cellar and Lars hauled it away.
- 9 I took the oxen to the doctor in Waconia and went to Broberg and picked up mine. J. Nelson worked on the house and Lars hauled away extra dirt.
- 10 J. Nelson worked on the house and Lars hauled away the dirt. I finished throwing out the dirt from the cellar and measured out a load of wheat.

- 11 I went to Chaska with 31 bushels of wheat. Per Daniel hauled four of my sacks. We only got 85 cents a bushel. I bought two loads of small bricks. Nelson worked on the house. Lars cleared off a place for the haystacks.
- 12 Nelson is working on the house. I did various small jobs and started to paint the window frames. Lars is clearing for the haystacks.
- 13 Nelson went to Gotaholm. Lars is plowing for the timothy and I am painting the window frames.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I painted the eaves troughs [gutters] and Lars plowed.
- 16 & 17 J. Nelson and I worked on the house. Lars is at Broberg's and Peter Swenson's threshing.
- 18 I built scaffolds for the new house. Lars is threshing for Peter Swenson. Elsa made a sick call to Nilson's wife in Scandia.
- 19 Osterman and I are sawing out window openings in the new house. Lars returned from Scandia at ten o'clock and then he threshed beans.
- 20 Osterman, J. Nelson, and I are working on the new house. Lars is threshing beans.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 24, 25, 26 & 27 John Osterman and I made window openings, split lathes, and lathed the walls of the house. J. Nelson made all the window frames for the new house and cut all the material for the door frames. The first part of the week, Lars did various small jobs and Friday and Saturday he threshed for Niklas and Hakanson.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Andrew from Scandia came over and we threshed the wheat, oats, and barley today.
- 30 We threshed the rye and we were finished by eight o'clock. Our yield was 186 bushels of wheat, 75 bushels of oats, 40 bushels of rye, and 59 bushels of barley for a total of 360 bushels. Later in the day Jung and I worked on the house. Lars went to Lundsten and threshed.
- 31 Jung and I started to set the beams in the house. Lars threshed for Lundsten and Per Daniel.
- September**
- 1 Jung is sick. I worked on the house and Lars threshed for Per Daniel.
- 2 & 3 Jung, Nelson, and I worked on the house. Lars threshed for Rietz and in the evening he harrowed the timothy.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 6, 7 & 8 Lars cut corn and did small jobs. J. Nelson, Jung, Osterman, and I worked on the house.
- 9 I went to Chaska with 16 bushels of wheat and I got 70 cents a bushel. Osterman plastered, and Lars mixed the plaster. Nelson hammered while I went for lime at the limekiln at the other side of Merriam Station (I got 5 barrels of lime; I paid 75 cents a barrel).
- 10 I hauled sand and painted the upstairs windows. Osterman plastered and Lars mixed the plaster. Nelson made a door.

11 **Sunday**

- 12 Osterman plastered, Nelson made a door. Lars cut corn and mixed plaster and I cut corn and worked on the house.
- 13 Osterman is laying the brick chimney. Lars and I are mixing and carrying plaster. Nilson is at A. Hakanson's.
- 14 Osterman, Lars, and I worked on the chimney. Nelson worked on the boards for the walls.
- 15 Osterman and Nelson are at Broberg's. First I went with Per in Scandia to John Wendt and then I painted the downstairs windows in the house. Lars plowed.
- 16 Nelson worked on the partition walls. Lars worked on various things. I went to Chaska with 30 bushels of barley. I got 65 cents a bushel. I bought boards for the stairs and partitions for \$6.
- 17 John Osterman and I put up the eaves troughs. Nelson worked on the partition walls and Lars did various jobs.

18 **Sunday**

- 19 I painted the windows. Nelson hung the windows. Lars plowed and Osterman is over at A. Hakanson's.
- 20 I painted and then sowed 2 ½ bushels of rye and timothy and rolled it. Lars harrowed, etc. Nelson set the windows.
- 21 Osterman and I puttied the windows, etc. Nelson hung the windows and Lars did various jobs.
- 22 Osterman plastered the partition walls and Lars mixed plaster. Nelson finished hanging the windows. I did various jobs and fixed the roof by the chimney.
- 23 Nelson and I laid the attic floor. Osterman plastered the partition walls and Lars mixed the plaster.
- 24 Nelson finished the floor upstairs. Osterman plastered the partition walls and finished the plastering. I sawed off two pieces to fill the walls with.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 Today Jonas Osterman went home. He bought the heifer "Nancy" from me for \$25. I plastered in the new house and Lars plowed in the home field.
- 27 Today Elsa and I went to Chaska and sold 24 bushels of barley for 65 cents a bushel. I even sold 57 ½ bushels of wheat to Warner for 73 cents a bushel. This is the wheat I had stored with him. Lars is working on the road. I also paid my taxes of \$31.40. Elsa's sister's son, Andrew Mattson, and Olaf Hakanson came here tonight.
- 28 In the morning I plastered in the new house. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Lars worked on the road.
- 29 & 30 Lars and I hauled corn from the new fields.

October

- 1 Lars and I finished hauling corn in the morning. In the afternoon we worked on the new house.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 & 4 Nelson and I worked on the new house. Lars husked corn.
- 5 Nelson and I went to the auction at Henry Schraan's. Lars husked corn.
- 6 & 7 Nelson hung doors in the new house and I laid floors. Lars plowed. This evening we had to butcher our cow, "Betsy," because she ate too much of the rape.
- 8 Nelson hung the doors in the house and Lars husked corn. I cut up and salted the beef. I went to Waconia and sold the hide. It weighed 58 pounds and at 7 cents a pound, I got \$4.06.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 & 11 I laid floors in the small rooms and made frames for the doors, etc. Lars husked corn and hauled squash and pumpkins.
- 12 & 13 I painted the doors, etc. Lars plowed and dug potatoes, etc.
- 14 I went to Chaska to the mill with 22 bushels of wheat. Lars husked corn.
- 15 I made the outer cellar door and painted a few windows. Lars sewed and plowed a little.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I went to Chaska with 23 bushels of wheat. I got 75 cents a bushel. I took home the grist from the Chaska mill. Lars husked corn, etc.
- 18 In the morning I did various small jobs and in the afternoon I painted the doors. Lars hauled pumpkins from Rietz's place.
- 19 & 20 I painted doors and windows. Lars plowed the south field.
- 21 In the morning I painted and in the afternoon I did various small jobs. Lars plowed, etc.
- 22 I worked in the new house all day. Lars plowed, etc.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I worked in the new house. Lars plowed.
- 25 I worked in the new house. Elsa and Lars husked corn.
- 26 I worked in the new house. Lars plowed.
- 27 I daubed around the doors and windows in the new house. Lars plowed. Today I sold the heifer, "Betty," to Peterman for \$30.
- 28 Lars plowed. Elsa is at Niklas's house quilting. I did various jobs in the house.
- 29 Lars, Elsa, and Sture husked corn. I did various small jobs in the new house.
- 30 **Sunday** Olaf Hakanson came here today.
- 31 Today I did various small jobs. Lars plowed. In the evening we had a meeting.
- November**
- 1 & 2 I made a stairway to the cellar and Lars plowed, etc.
- 3 In the morning, I put locks in the doors and in the afternoon we had communion at A. Hakanson's house. Lars plowed, etc.

- 4 In the morning, Lars and I hauled cornstalks. In the afternoon, I put the locks on the last of the doors. Lars hauled manure. A. Hakanson went home today. I sent a draft to Johnson from Peterson and wrote a note to Peterson.
- 5 Lars hauled manure. First I went to Waconia and then I did various small jobs in the new house.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 It rained all day. Lars sewed a pair of pants for Axel. I did various small jobs.
- 8 First I went to the election and later I did various small jobs. Lars is at Jeanie's.
- 9 & 10 I made food shelves [pantry] for the new house. Lars is sewing clothes for Jeanie.
- 11 Lars and I put the grapevines down and covered them.
- 12 I did various small jobs in the new house. Lars hauled manure.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 In the morning we moved into our new house and in the evening, we went to Niklas Swenson's for a wedding. Carina was the bride.
- 15 16 & 17 I did various small jobs. Lars hauled manure.
- 18 & 19 I did various small jobs. I did some fencing by the cow yard. Lars sewed, etc. In the evening of the 19th, Lars moved away. My brother-in-law, John Anderson, from Vasa came here.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 21, 22 & 23 I did various things, among them fencing in the oxen yard. In the evenings, we had meetings.
- 24 Today is National Prayer and Thanksgiving Day, so we had a meeting.
- 25 Today my brother-in-law John Anderson went home. I did various things.
- 26 I fixed the mangers in the ox barn. Elsa and the children husked corn. This week it has been warm and quite nice weather and as yet, we have no snow.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I fixed things in the cow barn. Elsa husked corn.
- 29 I did various small jobs.
- 30 [No entry]

December

- 1 I daubed the cow barn. John Nelson is here putting boards on the corners of the granary.
- 2 I daubed the cow barn.
- 3 I went to the mill in Waconia with 18 bushels of rye. I hauled home the sled runners, etc.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I made a woodshed alongside the granary.
- 6 I did various small jobs.
- 7 I was at Per Daniel's and butchered.
- 8 I picked up the grist at the Waconia mill.
- 9 & 10 I helped John Nelson work on the school sleds. Friberg piled wood and grubbed.

11 **Sunday**

- 11 Elsa and I went to a funeral at Andrew Schraan's. His son, Henry, was buried. Nelson worked on the school sleds.
- 12 Nelson worked on the school sleds and I helped him sometimes. Nelson quit his work here today.
- 13 I worked on the sleds in between times.
- 14 I did various small jobs. Today I went to Simon's boar with the black-spotted sow. Friberg and Lawrence are grubbing out the tree roots on the newly broken field.
- 15 I chopped stovewood, etc. Today I went to Simon's boar with one of the sows I had intended to butcher.
- 16 Today we butchered one of the larger boars and a sow. Friberg and Per Daniel helped me in the morning.

17 **Sunday**

- 18 & 20 I did various small jobs and also chopped stovewood and fed the cattle.
- 21 I worked on the school sleds, fed the cattle, chopped stovewood, etc.
- 22 I did various small jobs.
- 23 I took the sleds to Waconia to had the runners mounted.
- 24 I chopped wood for the stove all day.
- 25 **Sunday (Christmas Day)** Last night, the heifer "Fanny" calved.
- 26 27, 28, 29, & 30 I did various small jobs.
- 31 Today I cleaned out the well by the meadow and did small jobs. Friberg and Malmberg helped me. Lars has sewed five days for us this week.

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January

1 **Sunday**

- 2 I was at the blacksmith in Waconia after the sleds.
- 3 & 4 I drove home the western haystacks by the island. I had Lars from Scandia for help.
- 5 & 6, 7 I did various jobs. The 5th I took the sow to the boar for the second time.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I went to Per Daniel's and butchered pigs.
- 10 I butchered one of the boars and two pigs. I had Friberg and Per Daniel for help.
- 11 I did various small jobs.
- 12 I did various small jobs. Today Niklas went to Minneapolis. He had one boar and one sow of mine. The boar weighed 396 pounds. He sold him for 7 cents a pound.
- 13 & 14 I hauled and cut stovewood, etc.

15 **Sunday**

- 16 17, 18, 19, 20 I did various small jobs between tending the cows. The 20th, I sent Spurgeon's books to my sister, Gustava.

- 21 I did various jobs. Today, John A. Peterson came here from Watertown and two days ago, O. Hakanson came here.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 & 24 I did nothing though I was not finished. In the evening, we had a meeting. Peterson preached.
- 25 I did small various jobs.
- 26 I hauled stone from the island in Clearwater Lake. John A. Peterson left today for the Crow River.
- 27 I hauled stone from the island in Clearwater Lake.
- 28 I fenced around the haystacks, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I was first at Simon's boar with the little sow and after, I hauled hay.
- 31 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood.

February

- 1 First I hauled home hickory wood, then I did various small jobs. Friberg chopped wood for me.
- 2 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood.
- 3 I did various small jobs.
- 4 I hauled a load of cordwood on the road to Cierlien's, then I hauled a load of stones from the island in Clearwater Lake.
- 5 [no entry]
- 6 & 7 I did various jobs. Lars Nilson is here and is sewing a cap for me.
- 8 I went to Waconia with a log for sawing.
- 9 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska.
- 10 I fixed the cow houses, for it is quite cold. Today "Molly" calved. She had a bull and a heifer calf.
- 11 I went to Chaska with cordwood.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I chopped stovewood, etc.
- 14 I went to Chaska with cordwood. Today, John A. Peterson traveled home.
- 15 I chopped stovewood, etc.
- 16 I hauled chopped logs to Waconia yesterday, and today John Nelson is here making a table.
- 17 I went to Waconia with a log to saw.
- 18 I went to Chaska with cordwood.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I went to Chaska with cordwood. Today I sent a letter to my brother, Carl.
- 21 First, I butchered a calf, and then I did various small things.
- 22 I chopped down a log for sawing, etc.

- 23 & 24 I hauled logs for sawing to Waconia.
25 First, I finished the table that John Nelson made. Then I went to Rietz's to visit.
26 **Sunday**
27 I hauled hay from the southern stack in the field.
28 I hauled hay and had Lars to help. There was such a strong storm, I could not finish stacking the haystacks.

March

- 1 First, I finished the haystack. I took the heifer "Lotta" to Schraan's bull.
2 & 3 I chopped and hauled logs to saw to Waconia.
4 I hauled green cordwood from the south field.
5 **Sunday**
6 I did various small things.
7 I went to Chaska with 28 bushels of wheat. I received \$1 a bushel. I received an order of beans from Jung.
8 & 9 & 10 I fixed shoes and tended to the cattle. We have had lots of snow.
11 I hauled and chopped stovewood, etc.
12 **Sunday**
13 I cut a log for sawing and hauled it to Waconia.
14 I first went to an election and then I did various jobs.
15 Elsa and I were at Peterman's for a funeral.
16 I took a load of rye to the mill in Waconia, then I did various jobs.
17 I did various small jobs.
18 I went to Waconia with a log for the sawmill and took home the grist.
19 **Sunday**
20 I went to Chaska with 11 bushels of beans and sold them to Jung for \$1.25 a bushel in trade.
21 & 22 I did various small jobs
23 & 24 I did various jobs.
25 It was examination day for the school children and I was at the school the whole day. The 20th, Paul Cirlien was here and insured my house for \$600 and the household things for \$200.
26 **Sunday**
27 First I went to A. Schraan and asked for advice for a sick calf and then I did various jobs. Mrs. Wifverson is here for a visit.
28 I did various jobs. Lars Nilson is here and sewed coats for the boys. Mrs. Wifverson went to Per Daniel's today.
29 & 30 I hauled rails, stakes, and wood and Lars Nilson sewed. Lawrence was here a day and cut stovewood.
31 I began to bore into the 100 maple trees for syrup.

April

- 1 I worked with molasses at the camp.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I plastered around the molasses kettle, etc.
- 4 I bored into 130 maple trees.
- 5 We worked at the molasses camp.
- 6 7 & 8 I plowed the rye field for oats and aired out the top oats and barley. This week it has been wonderfully beautiful weather. It is as warm as in July and the trees are beginning to turn green.
- 9 **Sunday** Cold.
- 10 We have had a snowstorm today and received 6 inches of snow. I did small various jobs. Lars Nilson began to work for me today. He is sewing clothes for the boys.
- 11 I did various small jobs. Today it is beautiful weather. The maple sap is running this evening. Lars is sewing clothes for the boys.
- 12 Today, we all worked with the molasses and together carried 200 pails of sap.
- 13 We worked at the molasses camp today and "Froken" has calved.
- 14 We worked at the molasses camp and also winnowed the seed wheat, etc.
- 15 I sowed wheat in the home field and Lars harrowed it in.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 For a half of a day I tended the sick cow. In the evening, I rolled the oats and went to see Andrew Schraan.
- 18 I measured the oats for Broberg. Today, the sick calf died so I buried it. In the evening, I began to sow the wheat and Elsa harrowed it.
- 19 I did various jobs because it is raining and we can't sow.
- 20 I did some grafting along with other small jobs.
- 21 & 22 I worked in the orchard, etc.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I sowed wheat and Lars harrowed it.
- 25 I sowed wheat and Lars harrowed it.
- 26 We did various jobs. Today, it has rained.
- 27 Even today it is raining. Lars has sewn clothes for Caroline. I made curtain rods and did other small jobs.
- 28 Lars plowed on the home field and I trimmed the grapes and did other small jobs.
- 29 I sowed wheat in the south field and Lars harrowed it. Friberg fixed the bridge on the school side of my homestead.
- 30 **Sunday**

May

- 1 I sowed wheat on the newly broken field down on the road.
- 2 & 3 It has rained all these days. I did various small jobs.
- 4 I plowed wheat on the home field.
- 5 I sowed the last wheat on the home field and I have sowed 22 bushels of wheat this year.
- 6 I finished sowing 4 ½ bushels of barley.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I went to the Chaska mill with 16 bushels of wheat and I sold 7 bushels for \$1.05 a bushel. I also brought 4 ½ bushels of corn to the mill. Lars spread manure on the corn field. I went to Broberg's bull with "Molly."
- 9 Lars cut brush and then plowed the corn field near Peterman's farm. I did various small jobs.
- 10 Lars plowed corn and I trimmed grapes.
- 11 Lars plowed corn and I piled brush in the new broken field. In the forenoon, we washed the sheep.
- 12 First Lars rolled the field where the corn will be planted. After, he took the oxen and hauled manure for Per Daniel. I marked the field where the corn will be planted. Elsa sheared the sheep.
- 13 Elsa and I planted corn by Peterman's field all day. Lars was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 & 16 Friberg, Lars, and I burned and cleared the new broken field. Elsa raked the brush.
- 17 & 18 I cleared and burned the brush. Friberg and I grubbed out the large trees.
- 19 I began to break the field. Lundsten helped while Friberg was at Lundsten's and worked for me.
- 20 Lundsten and I broke the field. Friberg grubbed in my orchard.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 In the forenoon, Lars and I broke the field. In the afternoon, Lars rolled the new field and I went to Waconia.
- 23 I went to Lundsten's to help break the field. Lars planted potatoes and corn.
- 24 I was to Lundsten's and helped until four o'clock. Lars planted corn.
- 25 I fixed the plaster in the house and Elsa washed the cabin. Lars and the boys finished planting the corn on the new field.
- 26 In the forenoon, I made mosquito netting. In the afternoon, we worked on the meetinghouse in Scandia. Lars hoed the orchard.
- 27 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and received \$1.10 a bushel. I even went to Carver and paid my bill to Sundin for the nails. I met with F. O. Nelson in Carver and took him home.

28 **Sunday**

29 30 & 31 I did various small jobs.

June

- 1 2 & 3 We had a conference meeting here in Scandia. There were 73 people. I took "Fanny" to A. Schraan's bull on the 3rd.
- 4 **Sunday** We had preaching, baptism, and communion.
- 5 Part of the conference visitors left for home today. Today, I went to Broberg's bull with "Molly" for the second time.
- 6 The rest of the conference visitors left for home. Lars and I cultivated the corn.
- 7 We first cultivated the corn and then hoed it.
- 8 Elsa, the children, and I hoed corn all day.
- 9 Elsa, the children, and I hoed corn and Lars worked on the road.
- 10 Lars and I, together with the children, hoed corn. Jonas Osterman came here today and helped hoe corn for half a day. Today I took "Froken" to Schraan's bull.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I trimmed the grapevines, etc.
- 13 I did various small jobs.
- 14 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and got \$1.05 a bushel. I took home a load of broken bricks I owed Niklas Swenson.
- 15 I was in the woods and sawed logs for the woodshed.
- 16 I hauled logs and did small things.
- 17 I made an axe handle and did other small things.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Elsa and I went to Chaska and I had a load of wheat with me. We got \$1.05 a bushel. I paid my bill to Faber and also to Hensch for the door locks. I took out goods for \$27 on a new account.
- 20 & 21 I did various small jobs. Lars and Sture are hoeing corn.
- 22 [no entry]
- 23 It rained all day so I did various small jobs.
- 24 First, Lars and I went to Waconia and hauled logs to the sawmill. After, we cultivated corn. Elsa traveled up to Litchfield to visit her siblings, etc.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 First, I repaired shoes and in the afternoon, Sture and I cultivated the corn. Today, I sent \$1.20 to Johnson in Kansas and it was the last of the money I owed him, so now I owe him nothing.
- 27 I trimmed the trees in the orchard, etc. A. Hakanson's wife died today.
- 28 First, I fixed the cellar for the turnips and then I did various small jobs. John Nelson is here and is making the casket for Hanna Hakanson.
- 29 Before noon, I was at the funeral for A. Hakanson's wife, Hanna. After, I went to

Waconia and piled the boards from the sawmill. Elsa and her mother returned home from Litchfield.

- 30 I went to Chaska with 31 bushels of wheat and got \$2 a bushel. Then I sold two hams for Bett Pendet. They weighed 66 pounds. I bought 250 bricks and paid my \$20.80 tax.

July

- 1 I began to cut hay. I had Friberg help.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Faber, Lars, and I cut hay before noon. In the afternoon, it rained so I did nothing.
- 4 & 5 Lars and I cut and cocked hay and cultivated the corn. It rained in the afternoon so it was bad haying weather.
- 6 I cut and cocked the hay and cultivated the corn. Today I went and paid H. Gerdson the \$90 I owed him.
- 7 First we cocked hay, then it rained. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and paid John Mitchell the \$100 I owed him.
- 8 Before noon, Lars and I cradled rye. In the afternoon, Friberg, Lars, and I cradled the rest of the rye. Elsa and I cocked the hay.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Elsa and I stacked the haystack.
- 11 Friberg and I stacked the haystack by the root cellar.
- 12 Friberg and I stacked the haystack in the south field but a tornado storm blew the haystack just when we finished.
- 13 I stacked the haystack that blew over, and shocked the rye that the storm blew.
- 14 Today I cut hay. Friberg helped.
- 15 I went with Friberg to Chaska and bought a wagon. I sold my cordwood to Faber for \$3.50 a cord but two cords were stolen from the pile.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Lars, Elsa, and I cocked hay. John Monson cut hay. I fixed the ox yoke for Friberg.
- 18 John Monson, Lars, and I cut the hay in the west field. Today, Friberg and his family moved away from here.
- 19 Lars and I hauled home hay and stacked the poorest.
- 20 Lars and I stacked rye today.
- 21 & 22 Lars, Elsa, and I cocked the hay on the west field.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Today it is raining. Before noon, I fixed the cradle and in the afternoon I went to the lake and fished.
- 25 We cradled the barley and in the afternoon, John Hakanson helped.
- 26 First we cradled the barley and then the oats. John Hakanson helped.
- 27 I stacked the hay on the west field. I had Andrew from Scandia for help.

- 28 We hauled home hay and stacked it before noon. Andrew from Scandia helped.
In the afternoon it rained so I did various jobs.
- 29 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia for a load of boards and the plow.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 Lars and I did various small things because it rained.

August

- 1 Before noon, Lars and I hauled home the last of the hay. Then we stacked it. Then we tied oat bundles for Niklas until five o'clock.
- 2 We were at Niklas's and tied grain until five o'clock.
- 3 Before noon we did various jobs and in the afternoon we tied wheat bundles for Niklas. My mother-in-law left on the 2nd.
- 4 We tied wheat bundles at Niklas's the whole day.
- 5 We began to reap the wheat. Nils reaped and Niklas, Elsa, and Miller tied the bundles.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 First we reaped for Niklas from ten o'clock until dinner. In the afternoon, we reaped and shocked the wheat. We reaped from five o'clock until dark.
- 8 First we reaped at home for a couple of hours. Then we were at H. Hakanson's and reaped all day.
- 9 & 10 We were at Niklas's and reaped but I don't know how long we reaped. The reaper broke several times.
- 11 We began to reap at Niklas's early and went until dinner. In the evening we reaped here until night.
- 12 First we reaped for an hour and then we finished. In the afternoon, we stacked the barley with the help of a boy and it has been hard to take out the wheat because the reaper broke down so often and it rained.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Lars and I did various jobs. Today I sent a letter to brother Carl.
- 15 16 & 17 We stacked wheat.
- 18 We stacked wheat. A. Hakanson hauled home a barrel of salt for me from Chaska today.
- 19 Before noon, we stacked oats. In the afternoon, Lars plowed the barley in the field. I stacked wheat for Niklas for awhile and then did various jobs.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I plowed the barley field, etc.
- 22 Before noon, I plowed and after, I went to Waconia and had the plowshare cut down.
- 23 I raised up the granary and laid stone under it. I had John Nelson's help.
- 24 I plowed in the southern field.

- 25 I plowed. I even sent a letter to Litchfield today.
- 26 I plowed in the southern field.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Before noon, Lars was at Adam Fischer's and threshed for Henry Kilz. I built a beam under the stairs in the granary. In the evening, we went to Rietz's and threshed.
- 29 Lars threshed for Rietz until four o'clock and I threshed for a while. At four o'clock, we went to Lundsten's and threshed.
- 30 We threshed at Lundsten's until four o'clock. Then Lars went to A. Nilson's and threshed.
- 31 Lars threshed at A. Nilson's. I plowed.

September

- 1 Lars plowed and I did various things. A little past one o'clock, Andrew Johnson from Scandia came with his thresher and we threshed the whole evening.
- 2 We threshed until nine o'clock in the morning, when the horsepower broke. Then we could do nothing more. Lars and I did various jobs.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Lars plowed before noon. I did various jobs. At one o'clock, we began to thresh again and we finished in the evening. The wheat totaled 235 bushels; the rye, 22 bushels; the barley, 44 bushels; and the oats, 53 bushels—altogether, 361 bushels. The threshing price was 6, 5, and 4 cents a bushel.
- 5 First I sowed timothy and then I plowed.
- 6 First I did various jobs. At ten o'clock we began to thresh for Niklas Swenson.
- 7 We threshed the whole day at Niklas Swenson's.
- 8 We were at A. Hakanson's and threshed. Elsa was here and made food.
- 9 I plowed in the field the whole day.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I plowed in the home field. Olaf Hakanson came here today.
- 12 Before noon, I cut corn. In the afternoon I had A. Hakanson's boys help.
- 13 Hakanson and my boys and I cut corn the whole day. John A. Peterson came here today.
- 14 Elsa, my boys, and I cut corn.
- 15 Before noon, I fixed the north door. In the afternoon, we finished cutting the corn. Swedback helped us. Today, Lundquist started to grub in the orchard.
- 16 Before noon, I fenced in the small pigs and in the afternoon we had a covenant meeting in our house. J.A. Peterson and A. Hakanson are here. Lundquist grubbed.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I did various small jobs. Lundquist grubbed in the orchard. John A. Peterson and C. Hakanson traveled from here today.
- 19 I hauled manure for the rye.
- 20 I hauled and spread manure and then plowed.

- 21 I plowed the rye.
- 22 First I sowed two bushels of rye and then I harrowed it and John Lundquist rolled the rye. In the afternoon, I was at a funeral at William Mitchell's house.
- 23 I went to Chaska with 31 bushels of barley; I got 45 cents a bushel. I went to the limekiln and bought 3 barrels of lime for \$0.65 a barrel and hauled it home. John Lundquist grubbed in the orchard the whole week.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Before noon, Lars and I dug for water in the large swamp for the cattle and then cleaned out the well by the other swamp. In the afternoon, we hauled corn from the field by Peterman's land.
- 26 & 27 We hauled corn from the same field.
- 28 First we hauled corn and then Lars and I went to Waconia with the bullock, "Tom," to break him in.
- 29 Lars drove the cultivator in the cornfield. First I butchered a ram, then I did various jobs.
- 30 Lars, Elsa, and I went to the County Fair and I got a \$3 dollar prize for my large apples. I sold the bullock "Tom" for \$25.

October

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 3 & 4 Lars and I hauled home the corn and pumpkins from the newly broken field.
- 5 Lars plowed the corn on the field by Peterman's. I did various little jobs and went to Waconia. Elsa and the boys dug up potatoes.
- 6 Lars and I worked on the road.
- 7 I first made a wine press. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. Elsa had her feet measured for shoes. I went after the wine firkin. Lars plowed the corn field the whole day.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Today, it rained. Lars sewed and cleaned out the sheep barn. I did various jobs.
- 10 Lars plowed. I made a wine press. Mr. Gould and Doctor Meadow from Excelsior were here and got some scions.
- 11 Before noon, I finished the wine press. In the afternoon, I pressed the grapes. Paul Wolf was here today and bought two Blue Pearmain apple trees and a pear tree.
- 12 Before noon, I worked on the road and took away the large fallen oak that was lying on the road east of the cow barn.
- 13 John Osterman and I made a cupboard at the foot of the chimney. Lars plowed on the new field and on the oat stubble.
- 14 John Osterman laid the brick chimney. Lars plowed. In the forenoon, I did various jobs and in the afternoon I, together with several neighbors, went to see where we should move the road that goes by Cohen's place.
- 15 **Sunday**

- 16 & 17 John Osterman finished the building and the brick chimney. I made mortar.
John Osterman went home today.
- 18 I went to Chaska with wheat. I brought 12 bushels to the mill and I sold 13 bushels for \$1.10 a bushel.
- 19 Before noon, I went to Waconia and helped Rietz haul the logs up to the sawmill.
I took home a load of boards. In the afternoon, I cleaned the manure from the cow barn and fixed the cow barn.
- 20 Before noon, I butchered a ram. In the afternoon, I fixed the gate and fence around the cow yard.
- 21 I worked in the orchard, etc.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I worked in the orchard. Lars hauled brush from the orchard.
- 24 I went to Excelsior to get apple trees, etc. Lars hauled brush from the orchard.
- 25 I worked in the orchard, etc.
- 26 I worked in the orchard.
- 27 I went to Waconia, then I did various small jobs.
- 28 Sture and I went to Chaska with a bullock that I sold to the butcher in Chaska for \$19.50. In the afternoon, my brothers-in-law, Olaf Johansson and Nils Persson, along with their wives, came for a visit.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 At ten o'clock, my brother-in-law returned home to Litchfield. My brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, bought the cow, "Froken," from me for \$40. Lars and I squeezed the grapes today and finished.
- 31 I worked in the orchard the whole day.

November

- 1 I planted currants the whole day. Today, I paid Andrew from Scandia for the threshing.
- 2 Before noon, I went to Waconia for boards. I even took home studding for Rietz.
- 3 I hilled dirt around the trees in the orchard.
- 4 Before noon, I worked in the orchard. In the afternoon, I went to the Shalom meeting.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I plowed and cleaned the ditch in the orchard and Lundsten helped me to plow.
- 7 Before noon, I went to an election and in the afternoon I did various small jobs.
- 8 I did various small jobs.
- 9 I fixed the pigpen, etc.
- 10 I butchered a pig and did various things.
- 11 I husked corn and had Andrew Hakanson, John, and Albert help.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I heeled in more of the fruit trees that I had bought. I also packed down the seedlings and the apple scions that I want to use for grafting this winter.

- 14 I did various small jobs.
- 15 I piled the boards in the wagon shed.
- 16 I took the old rotten straw to the cow house roof. Lars hauled the old straw.
- 17 Lars and I thatched the cow barn roof.
- 18 Today I put the rotten straw by the apple trees. I had Lars's help.
- 19 **Sunday** John A. Peterson from Blue Earth is here.
- 20 I did various small things.
- 21 We had a meeting and communion. Today I did nothing.
- 22 I did various small things. John A. Peterson went home.
- 23 24 & 25 I did various small things. We are having a cold spell.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I hauled grub and brush from the orchard and I had Lars's help.
- 28 I went to H. Rietz and butchered pigs.
- 29 Lars and I did various jobs.
- 30 I did various small jobs. Lars is here today and began to sew clothes for us.

December

- 1 & 2 I did various small jobs. Lars is here and is sewing clothes for the boys.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Today I did only what needed to be done for the cattle. It is intensely cold. Lars is sewing and making clothes.
- 5 Lars is sewing and I am helping Peter Broberg fix his old house. At the same time I am doing small things.
- 6 Lars is sewing and I went to the Waconia mill with 9 sacks of rye for grinding.
- 7 8 & 9 I did various small things.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I chopped wood for the stove and did other various small things.
- 12 I was at Per Daniel's and butchered pigs.
- 13 Rietz, Lundsten, and Per Daniel helped to butcher three sows and a pig.
- 14 Today I sent one of the large sows with Per Daniel to Minneapolis. Today I cut up the salted pork and cured it. Last night, "Lotta" calved for the first time.
- 15 & 16 I cut stovewood. I cut up, salted, and made brine for the pork, etc.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 19, 20 & 21 I gathered together, hauled, and chopped stovewood and tended to the cattle, etc.
- 22 We plastered and caulked the cabin.
- 23 I cut stovewood and did various small jobs.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 **Christmas Day** We went to the meeting.
- 26 I hauled home haystacks from the island. Per Daniel helped me haul the hay.

- 27 I hauled home the last of the hay from the island.
- 28 I went to Per Daniel's and butchered a pig.
- 29 I went to Waconia and sold a calf to the doctor.
- 30 I went to Chaska with a load of wood. I bought a heating stove for \$11. Olaf's boy came from Litchfield. They had 20 bushels of wheat with them for seed wheat.
- 31 **Sunday**

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January

- 1 I did nothing.
- 2 I fanned the seed wheat that my brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, from Litchfield, wanted from me.
- 3 Today my brother-in-law Olaf Johansson's boys went home and took the cow, "Froken," with them that Olaf had bought last fall. I did various jobs.
- 4 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay.
- 5 I chopped stovewood and did various small jobs.
- 6 I went to Gotaholm and talked with Peter Hall of the money matter for Palmquist from Kansas.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I did various small jobs.
- 9 I made boxes to put under the stove. Today John Osterman and Olaf Halsten left for home.
- 10 I set up the wood stove and the kitchen stove in the kitchen, along with other small jobs.
- 11 I piled up wood from the woods and hauled a log for sawing.
- 12 I went to Waconia with a butternut log. It was 162 feet. I sold it to Kohler for 15 dollars for 1,000 feet, which came to \$2.43.
- 13 I cut wood for the stove. Lars Nilson had my oxen today.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I did various jobs.
- 16 I made a straight spade and did other small jobs.
- 17 I went to Rietz's and ground 612 sacks of corn.
- 18 I went around the neighborhood for signatures for the petition to change the Chaska road.
- 19 & 20 I did various small jobs.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I hauled wood to Chaska.
- 23 I chopped stovewood, etc.
- 24 I went to Chaska with wood. Today Olaf Hakanson and Johnson are coming here.
- 25 I hauled stovewood, etc.
- 26 I went with Olaf Hakanson to Excelsior and bought apple trees from Gould for \$50.
- 27 I chopped stovewood and went to a meeting.

28 **Sunday**

29 We had a meeting.

30 I went to Chaska with wood. Today I sent a draft to N.F. Palmquist in Kansas for \$30. Olaf Hakanson returned to Minneapolis

31 I chopped stovewood, etc.

February

1 I went to Chaska with wood.

2 Today I did various small jobs.

3 I went to Chaska with wood. Today I sent a draft to Olaf Hakanson with Niklas to Chaska.

4 **Sunday**

5 I chopped cordwood. I went to Per Daniel's and hauled hay. Today we received a letter from Litchfield that Isabella had died.

6 I did various small jobs.

7 I hauled hay from the haystacks by the island. I had Per Daniel's help.

8 [no entry]

9 Before noon, I hauled home the hay with Per Daniel. In the afternoon, I did various small jobs.

10 I did various small jobs.

11 **Sunday**

12 I did various small jobs. Today, Olaf Hakanson came here again.

13 Today we are having a strong snowstorm and cold. I cut wood for the stove, etc.

14 15 & 16 I piled together wood, hauled, and cut it for the stove.

17 I went to Chaska with the last of the cordwood. Today I sold it to Linenfelser for \$3.50 a cord. There were 15 ½ cords.

18 **Sunday**

19 & 20 I did various small things.

21 22 & 23 I grafted the seedlings and the scions I had in the cellar.

24 I rode with Per Daniel to the Carver market and bought bottles for the wine.

25 **Sunday**

26 27, 28 & 29 I did various small jobs, tended to the cattle, and chopped stovewood. Lars Nilson was here and sewed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Elsa and I went to Waconia to an auction.

March

1 I did various jobs. I went to Peterman's bull with "Lotta."

2 I cut wood for the stove, etc.

3 **Sunday**

4 & 5 I fenced around the haystacks and cut wood for the stove.

6 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay. Lars was here and chopped stovewood.

- 7 I did various small jobs. It snowed the whole day. Elsa is at Niklas's.
- 8 I did nothing today. It was snowing hard all day.
- 9 Today, I shoveled and worked in the snow, all day.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I went to Waconia, etc.
- 12 & 13 I did nothing because I was not feeling well.
- 14 & 15 I did various small jobs. Yesterday, "Molly" calved.
- 16 I went to the Waconia mill and the auction, but it ended. I went to Simon and got my bobsled runners changed.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 19, 20 & 21 I made a molasses kettle for Rietz and tended to the cattle, etc.
- 22 & 23 I did various small jobs. The 23rd, the schoolmaster had exams for the children.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I went to Waconia for the grist and had various small things to do at the smith's.
- 26 I fixed the smokehouse and hung up the pork.
- 27 I hauled rails, etc.
- 28 I hauled rails and fenced around the strawstacks. Today, Andrew and John from Morris Prairie began to chop cordwood for me. They will be paid 70 cents a cord.
- 29 Before noon, I hauled cordwood from the orchard. In the afternoon we had a meeting. Rosenquist from Minneapolis is here and preached.
- 30 I hauled logs to the fence between Niklas and me. The two men from Varmland chopped cordwood.
- 31 **Sunday**

April

- 1 I went to the Chaska courthouse because I was ordered to sit in a jury. In the afternoon I asked to be free of it and I was.
- 2 3, 4, 5 & 6 I did various small jobs in the afternoon. In the mornings we had meetings. John A. Peterson and Rosenquist are here. Friday, Andrew Schraan was here and cut a calf and lambs. The men from Varmland chopped cordwood the whole week.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I did various small jobs. Today Peterson and Rosenquist went home.
- 9 & 10 I worked on the syrup cooking and plastered around the kettle. Today, the 10th, Andrew and John left. They chopped 20 ¼ cords of wood for 70 cents a cord.
- 11 I began to bore into the maples.
- 12 I repaired shoes. Yesterday and today we are having a strong storm, so we cannot cook the syrup.
- 13 I cooked the syrup and bored into the maples. John Monson chopped wood. He cut

8 cords. I now have 33 cords.

14 **Sunday**

15 Tonight we had much snow, so I shoveled the snow and after, worked at the syrup camp, etc.

16 & 17 We worked at the syrup camp.

18 Lars Nilson is here. We husked corn and chopped wood for the syrup. Elsa is cooking the syrup and the children are gathering the sap.

19 I am husking corn, with Lars Nilson and Charley Bachman helping. Elsa and the children are cooking sap.

20 Today, I sowed 5 ½ bushels of oats. Lars harrowed and rolled it. Charley Bachman finished husking the corn. We husked 5 wagon boxes of corn. Elsa and the children are cooking syrup. This week we cooked 20 gallons.

21 **Sunday** Today, Elsa fell down the steps and hurt herself badly.

22 & 23 I sowed wheat in the home field. Lars Nilson harrowed and rolled it. The children collected sap and Elsa cooked the syrup.

24 I sowed wheat in the south field by Peterman's. Elsa is cooking syrup.

25 I sowed wheat in the south field. Elsa has cooked the last of the syrup today. We cooked 35 gallons of syrup this year.

26 & 27 We sowed wheat in the south field. Lars Nilson has worked for me the whole week. Between sowings, I planted trees and worked in the orchard.

28 **Sunday**

29 Before noon, I sowed wheat in the newly broken field. In the afternoon, I went to Jakob Jenning's and grafted for him. Lars Nilson harrowed on the new broken field.

30 I planted trees and worked in the orchard. Lars plowed for barley, etc.

May

1 I first sowed the last of the wheat in the newly broken field. Then, I worked in the orchard. Lars harrowed and plowed potatoes, etc.

2 First I sowed barley, and then I worked in the orchard. Lars harrowed, etc.

3 I planted and grafted. Lars hauled manure to the southern field where I will plant corn.

4 I planted and grafted and finished. Lars is home today.

5 **Sunday**

6 Elsa and Lundsten's wife sheared the sheep. I did various other jobs and also helped them with the sheep.

7 & 8 I trimmed the grapevines, etc.

9 I hauled manure and had Lars's help.

10 Before noon, Lars and I hauled manure. Malmberg grubbed in the orchard and in the afternoon it rained so Lars and Malmberg went home.

11 I did various small jobs. This week we have had a lot of rain.

12 **Sunday** It's raining a lot.

- 13 Before noon, I did various jobs and in the afternoon I began to plow for corn.
- 14 I plowed before noon and in the afternoon at two o'clock, the girl, Anna Isabella, was born.
- 15 Before noon, I went to get Tina Broberg. I plowed for corn in the afternoon.
- 16 I plowed between the rains.
- 17 I plowed and rolled the corn field.
- 18 Before noon, I made a rake to mark the corn. In the afternoon, I marked the corn field. Dal Erik is here.
- 19 **Sunday** Today we had a German meeting in Scandia and five Germans were baptized.
- 20 Before noon, I planted corn. I had two of Andrew Hakanson's children and two of Lundsten's children for help. After, I plowed and fixed the garden, etc.
- 21 First we planted in the garden and in the afternoon I planted potatoes and corn at Lundsten's.
- 22 We planted potatoes and measured out wheat.
- 23 First I hauled grub out of the orchard and after, it rained hard.
- 24 I cleared by the fence around the grapevines.
- 25 I went to Carver market. I had the heifer "Lotta" with me. I sold her in Chaska to the butcher for 3 ½ cents a pound. She weighed 925 pounds. I received. \$32.37 for her.
- 26 **Sunday** Today I went to Holtmeier's bull with "Fanny" for the first time.
- 27 I went to Chaska with wheat. I got \$1.20 a bushel.
- 28 I did various small jobs. Today, I brought "Molly" to Holtmeier's bull for the first time.
- 29 I broke and plowed by the grapes.
- 30 I planted squash.
- 31 I was sick in bed and had pain in my thumbs.

June

- 1 I didn't do anything because I was not well.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I went to the county commissioners and they looked at the road.
- 4 I went to Chaska with 30 bushels of wheat. I got \$1.20 a bushel. Rosenquist is here.
- 5 It rained, so I did various odd jobs.
- 6 I went to Chaska with wheat. I sold it for \$1.20 a bushel.
- 7 & 8 I plowed the orchard and planted.
- 9 10 & 11 [no entry]
- 12 I went to Chaska with wheat. My brother-in-law, John Anderson, came with me.
- 13 I hauled rails to the fence on the southern 40 acres.
- 14 I went to Chaska with wheat.
- 15 Before noon, I hauled rails and in the afternoon I went to a meeting. In the evening I took "Molly" to Holtmeier's bull for the second time.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 I staked and put riders on the southern 40 acres. I had my son's help.
18 I went to Chaska with two loads of wheat. Per Daniel drove the second load for me. It was the last wheat. I received \$1.20 a bushel for the wheat.
19 I cultivated the corn, etc.
20 I went to Rietz with a load of corn. The boys hoed the corn.
21 & 22 I cut and hauled timber for the woodshed. I had John Nelson help me. The boys hoed corn. Today, the 22nd, we took "Fanny" to Holtmeier's bull for the second time.

23 **Sunday**

- 24 John Nelson and I worked on the woodshed.
25 We worked on the shed in the morning and in the afternoon, John Nelson was at Niklas's. I dug down the stones for the foundation of the shed.
26 Before noon, we raised the shed and in the afternoon, I did various jobs. John Nelson is at Niklas's.
27 Before noon, I fixed the wheelbarrow, then I hauled logs out of the orchard. The boys finished hoeing corn.
28 Elsa and I went to Chaska to shop. Soder's boy, Nils, was with and bought clothes.
29 The boys and I cleared the orchard for broken roots. Soder sewed clothes for Nils.

30 **Sunday**

July

- 1 I cleared and burned brush in the orchard, etc.
2 I broke roots in the orchard. Nils hoed the grapes.
3 First I sowed rutabagas, then I cultivated the grapes. Nils hoed potatoes and in the afternoon, Nils and Sture cultivated corn. I did various small jobs.
4 The older children went to Gottson's for the celebration. I trimmed the grapes between the rains.
5 I trimmed grapes the whole day. The boys cultivated the corn.
6 The boys cultivated the corn and I made a frame for the grindstone and did small jobs.

7 **Sunday**

- 8 I did various jobs and the boys hoed potatoes.
9 I cut clover. The boys hoed in the garden.
10 We began to cut hay in the meadow by the well on the south field.
11 We cut and cocked hay. Lundsten helped.
12 We cut and cocked hay.
13 We cut and cocked hay.

14 **Sunday**

- 15 Today it is raining. We cultivated in the orchard.
16 We cut the rye. We had Andrew Lundsten's help.

- 17 We hauled and stacked the hay by the root cellar.
- 18 We cut hay for the big haystack in the south meadow.
- 19 We hauled home hay and stacked it, etc. Peterman cut hay for me in the south meadow.
- 20 Before noon, we finished cutting hay in the south meadow. In the afternoon, we cocked the hay. Peterman reaped.
- 21 **Sunday** Today, Elsa went to the meeting in Carver and then went to Doctor Erickson in Jordan. She rode with Peter Broberg.
- 22 First we cocked the hay and then went to the lake and fished.
- 23 First we cut hay and then we cut barley.
- 24 Before noon, we cut barley, then Elsa and I went to Peter Swenson's and bought two pigs. We then cocked hay.
- 25 First we cut and then cocked the hay.
- 26 We cut hay by the island and then cocked the hay.
- 27 We stacked the large haystack in the southern meadow.
- 28 **Sunday.**
- 29 We cocked hay the whole day.
- 30 First I fixed Lundsten's cradle. Nils cleaned the sheep manure out of the sheep barn. In the afternoon we turned and cocked hay.
- 31 We hauled home and stacked a haystack.

August

- 1 Nils and I stacked hay by the island and Elsa cocked hay. Today we finished the haying.
- 2 We cut wheat on the home field and Charley Bachman reaped with Rietz's reaper.
- 3 Before noon, we cut oats and in the afternoon I stacked wheat for Rietz. Nils did various jobs.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Elsa, Nils, Sture, and I were at Rietz's and tied oats the whole day.
- 6 Before noon, we reaped wheat and in the afternoon it was too wet. Lundsten worked for me the whole day.
- 7 Before noon, it was still wet and in the afternoon we reaped wheat.
- 8 Before noon, we reaped wheat here and then for Rietz, then it rained.
- 9 Before noon, it rained and in the afternoon we reaped at Rietz's from five o'clock until nine o'clock.
- 10 Nils, Sture, and I were at Rietz's other farm the whole day.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Nils and I were at Rietz's and bundled wheat. Peterman reaped two acres of wheat in the new broken field and Elsa bundled the wheat.
- 13 Until eleven o'clock, we bundled wheat on the new broken field. Then Nils and I went to Niklas's for an hour before and an hour after dinner to bundle and shock the wheat. In the afternoon, Nils and I were at A. Hakanson's to cradle and bundle wheat.

- 14 Niklas and Nils were with me to reap and finished at 4:30 p.m. Niklas and Miller bundled, along with Hakanson and his boys. Then it rained, but before evening we shocked some wheat.
- 15 Nils and I were at Niklas's for a few hours before noon and after, bundled and shocked wheat. We also shocked the oats.
- 16 Before noon, Nils and I cut the wheat that had fallen and the oats that were laying down. We took away the straw where we will stack the wheat.
- 17 We stacked rye and barley and seven rows of wheat.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Nils plowed the rye and I did various small jobs.
- 20 21, 22 & 23 We stacked the wheat.
- 24 In the morning it rained. We did various jobs. In the afternoon we finished fixing a haystack. Then we went to a meeting. A. Hakanson is here.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Today rained before noon. I am doing small various jobs. In the afternoon I went to the Waconia mill with a sack of corn. I hauled a log to the saw. I even went to Swanberg's and Lindfelt's. Nils sewed me a pair of pants today.
- 27 Before noon I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to the lake and went fishing. Nils plowed today.
- 28 Today, I washed the apple trees in the orchard. Nils plowed the whole day.
- 29 Before noon, we did various jobs then we stacked the wheat and hauled it in two wagons.
- 30 We stacked wheat like before.
- 31 Before noon, we stacked wheat and finished it. In the afternoon we stacked oats.

September

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I did various small jobs. Nils plowed the whole day.
- 3 Elsa and I, together with Per Daniel's wife, went to Chaska. I sold pork and ham for 9 cents a pound and shoulders for 8 cents a pound. They made \$18.70. I also sold Transcendent apple trees, some for \$1.25 and some for \$1.50 apiece. Then we went to Dr. Lars and I made a bargain with him—if he could remove the growth that Anna has, I will pay him \$25 but if he is not successful, he is to have nothing—not one cent.
- 4 I went to Sundin and borrowed 6 bushels of wheat I hauled to the Waconia mill. I sold 8 ½ bushels of barley to the brewery for 40 cents a bushel. I took the boards from the sawmill. Nils and Sture cut straw.
- 5 Before noon I cut clover. Nils plowed in the afternoon. We cocked hay.
- 6 We cocked hay and hauled, etc.
- 7 Before noon, I went to Waconia after the grist. Nils pitched out the old straw and after, we hauled together the old clover and plowed the oats.

8 **Sunday**

9 I went with Andrew Nilson to Carver and bought a plow. Nils plowed between the rains.

10 Today it rained. Nils sewed. I did various jobs.

11 I did various jobs. Nils plowed, etc.

12 I plowed, etc. Nils is at Andrew Nilson's threshing.

13 We cut corn the whole day. Nils is threshing for A. Nilson.

14 We cut the corn the whole day.

15 **Sunday**

16 We hauled manure to the winter wheat. Elsa went to Jorgenson's.

17 First I went to Witsack for winter wheat for seed. Then I sowed it and Nils harrowed it. I sowed 1 ½ bushels.

18 I daubed the granary, etc. Nils plowed by Peterman's field.

19 Before noon, I washed the apple trees and in the afternoon I was at Per Daniel's and threshed. Nils plowed.

20 I was at Per Daniel's and threshed. Nils threshed for Rietz.

21 I went to the fair in Carver. Nils threshed for Rietz.

22 **Sunday.**

23 Before noon I butchered a ram. Nils threshed for Rietz. In the afternoon Nils threshed at Lundsten's and I plowed.

24 I was at Lundsten's and threshed. Nils threshed there half a day and plowed home half a day.

25 Nils threshed at Lundsten's a bit in the morning and the threshing machine came here at 10:30 a.m.. We tried to thresh but could not because of a strong storm so after, Nils and I did various things.

26 We threshed the whole day.

27 We threshed and finished at 12:30. The wheat totaled 369 bushels, the rye 34 bushels, the barley 20 bushels, and oats 53 bushels. Nils plowed and I did various jobs.

28 Nils, Sture, and I went to the Carver market with the bull, "Berk." I received no more than \$22.50 for him. I sold some grapes and 21 bushels of wheat in Chaska for \$0.22 a bushel. We came home at midnight.

29 **Sunday**

30 Before noon, I plowed and Nils threshed at Peterman's. In the afternoon, Nils and I were at Niklas's and threshed.

October

1 I went to Chaska to sit on the jury but I was mistaken on the time. Nils was at Niklas's and threshed.

2 Before noon, I plowed and Nils threshed at Niklas's. In the afternoon we hauled corn.

3 & 4 We hauled corn.

5 Before noon, we hauled corn. In the afternoon I went to a school meeting. Elsa,

Nils, and Sture finished hauling the corn.

6 **Sunday**

7 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 I was in Chaska on the jury. Nils plowed the whole week. The children and Elsa have dug potatoes.

13 **Sunday**

14 I went to Chaska for the jury and came home at 10 p.m. Nils plowed.

15 16, 17 & 18 I did various small jobs. Nils plowed.

19 First I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia for some grist. I also went to Lindfelt's for apple scions. The boys husked corn.

20 **Sunday**

21 Nils and the children husked corn. I worked in the orchard.

22 I went to Gould in Excelsior for apple seedlings and grape scions to graft the grapes into my grapevines. Nils and the children husked corn.

23 24 & 25 I worked in the orchard and trimmed the grapevines. Nils plowed, hilled in the grapes, and the children and Nils husked corn. Malmberg grubbed around the orchard for five days.

26 I went to Chaska with 25 ½ bushels of wheat. I didn't get any more than 80 cents a bushel. I went to the Carver market and bought 4 ¼ yards of cloth to make a coat. Then I went to Paul Wolf for scions. Nils and the boys piled the brush around the orchard.

27 **Sunday**

28 Nils and I worked on the road next to the well. Malmberg dug ditches by Peterman's field.

29 & 30 It rained. Nils and I repaired shoes for me and the children. I also did various small jobs.

31 Nils and Malmberg piled brush on the new field. I worked in the orchard and did other small jobs.

November

1 & 2 Nils and Malmberg piled brush on the new field. I worked in the orchard.

3 **Sunday**

4 Before noon, I covered the straw on the cow barn while Nils plowed. Then we hauled straw for the thatch on the cow barn. Malmberg grubbed out the large tree on the piece of land he has grubbed.

5 In the morning, I went to the election. We Swedes voted for Grant for president. Nils chopped wood and after, we hauled straw for the roof.

6 Nils and I finished the cow barn roof and Malmberg grubbed big trees.

7 In the morning, I fixed the fence in the cow yard. Nils plowed rye stubble. In the afternoon time, Nils went home to his parents. I planted apple seeds along with other small jobs. Malmberg grubbed big trees.

8 & 9 Malmberg and I picked up rocks out of the south field.

10 **Sunday**

11 & 12 Sture and I picked up rocks out of the field and mulched apple trees, etc. Malmberg grubbed big trees in the south field.

13 Before noon, I fixed around the apple trees. Malmberg grubbed the big trees. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Malmberg chopped stovewood. Last night and today, it snowed until it was knee-deep.

14 I did various small jobs. Today it snowed like it did yesterday. It is cold.

15 Before noon, I butchered a pig and in the afternoon, I hauled a cord of wood to the schoolhouse.

16 Before noon, I hauled a cord of wood to the schoolhouse and after, I did various small jobs.

17 **Sunday**

18 I did various small jobs.

19 Before noon, I was at Per Daniel's and helped butcher. And then I did various small jobs.

20 I chopped stovewood and did small various jobs.

21 I went to the Chaska water mill with 7 sacks of wheat. I had 17 bushels of barley that I sold to Faber for 45 cents a bushel.

22 Today we had a meeting two times. Ring from Minneapolis is here.

23 Today I have made mortar to daub the cow barn along with various other jobs.

24 **Sunday**

25 I daubed and fixed the cow barn. Andrew Lundsten is here sewing clothes.

26 I was at Lundsten's and butchered.

27 28 & 29 I hauled wood from the new broken field. Andrew Lundsten is sewing clothes.

30 I cut stovewood together along with doing various small jobs. Andrew Lundsten has sewed for 5 days this week and 4 days last week. I paid him 60 cents a day and that is a good price.

December

1 **Sunday**

2 I did various small jobs.

3 We butchered three big pigs. Lundsten and Per Daniel helped.

4 I went to Chaska with two of the swine and sold them to Henry Gunz for \$0.04 a pound. The larger weighed 390 lbs, and the other 334 pounds. I received \$30 for the two. I went to Carver and paid \$25 on the plow and took out a draft for \$19.10 to send to Olaf Hakanson to pay for the books.

5 I set up double stovepipes for the heater, etc. I did small jobs.

6 I went to Per Daniel's and butchered.

7 I went to Waconia with four sacks.

8 **Sunday**

9 I did various small jobs. Today, I have sent a draft to Olaf Hakanson for the books. It was \$19.10.

10 & 11 We plastered and whitewashed the cabin. I also cut stovewood and other small jobs.

12 I went to Waconia for the grist. Per Daniel was with to get his wagon box fitted with mountings. I also went to Gorgeson and had my glasses fixed. Today, I took the brown heifer, "Betty," to Peterman's bull.

13 I went to the woods and piled wood all day.

14 I hauled home wood the whole day.

15 **Sunday**

16 I went to Chaska with my first load of wood. I had the oxen shod.

17 I hauled wood on the road to Smig's.

18 & 19 I hauled wood to Chaska.

20 Today we had a meeting and Ring from Minneapolis was here. He is coming again the 28th and I am to meet him in Watertown.

21 Before noon, I did various small jobs. Malmberg is here chopping stovewood. In the afternoon, I went to the school meeting. It has been very cold all week, but today it is colder than I can remember it being in Minnesota.

22 **Sunday**

23 I repaired my moccasin boots, etc.

24 I hauled a load of wood to Smig, etc.

25 **Christmas Day** Before noon we had a meeting and in the afternoon I tended to the cattle, etc.

26 & 27 I did various small jobs.

28 I went to Chaska with a load of wood and went to the mill for the grist.

29 **Sunday**

30 I hauled a load of wood halfway to Chaska and then did various small jobs.

31 I went to Chaska with a load of wood.

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January

1 I did various things. Per Daniel and family are here visiting. Per Daniel and I worked on the schoolhouse in the afternoon.

2 I went to Chaska with a load of wood.

3 In the forenoon I chopped wood and in the afternoon we (the school board) had a meeting at Louis Fischer's home.

4 I was at Per Daniel's and helped him haul hay.

5 **Sunday**

- 6 In the morning, I cleared the ice from one of the haystacks. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia to get the mail. Today I sent the first volume of Spurgeon's sermon to brother Carl and I also sent him a letter.
- 7 Per Daniel and I hauled home the haystack from the west side of the island.
- 8 Today we are having the worst blizzard I have seen since coming to Minnesota. I did various jobs.
- 9 Today I have done various jobs. The storm has let up some but it is very cold.
- 10 Today I have shoveled snow and tended to the cattle. I also did various small jobs.
- 11 Today I hauled home wood and I also chopped wood.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Today I went to Chaska with a load of wood.
- 14 I did various small jobs.
- 15 I hauled cordwood out to the Chaska road.
- 16 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska.
- 17 I chopped wood for the stove and also did various small jobs.
- 18 I went to Chaska with a load of wood.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I hauled a load of cordwood to the sawmill.
- 21 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 22 I did various small jobs.
- 23 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 24 I hauled stovewood and also chopped wood.
- 25 I hauled a load of wood to Smig.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. Peter Broberg hauled the last load for me. I got \$4.75 a cord for the wood.
- 28 I did various small jobs. In the evening we had a meeting. Ring from Minneapolis is here.
- 29 Today we had meetings.
- 30 I did various small jobs.
- 31 I hauled wood to Chaska but was not able to sell it.

February

- 1 I did various small jobs.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I did various small jobs and then today, I took the sow to Louis Fischer's boar for the first time.
- 4 I did various small jobs.
- 5 Today, Lundsten and I shoveled snow on the Chaska road.
- 6 I hauled logs out of the woods, etc.

- 7 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska, and sold it and the load I had previously taken to Chaska, to the German—2 ½ cords for \$4.40 a cord.
- 8 I did various small jobs.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 11 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska and I hauled a load of boards home for the schoolhouse.
- 12 I did various small jobs.
- 13 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska and hauled a load of boards home for myself.
- 14 I did various small jobs.
- 15 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska and hauled a load of boards home for myself.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. Today I finished hauling wood. I have hauled 19 loads of wood to Chaska this year.
- 18 I piled the boards on the second floor and also did various small jobs.
- 19 & 20 I did some grafting of small apple trees and also did various small jobs.
- 21 I shoveled manure from the cow barn and chopped/split wood for the stove, etc.
- 22 I did some grafting and tended to the cattle
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 We went and piled boards by the schoolhouse. After, I hauled home wood for the stove, etc.
- 25 I was at Per Daniel's and hauled hay for him.
- 26 & 27 We had meetings. Brother Lindberg from St. Paul is here preaching. The folks from Carver are here also.
- 28 I cleared the snow from the large haystack in the south meadow and hauled home a load of hay, etc.

March

- 1 I was at Peterman's and hauled rocks.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 4 & 5 I hauled home the large haystack from the south meadow. Per Daniel helped me one day.
- 6 7 & 8 I grafted apple trees. This winter I have grafted 404 apple trees, 13 pear trees, 30 plum trees, and 12 cherry trees.
- 9 **Sunday** I took "Star" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 10 I sawed down oak trees in the new field for oak logs to make boards. Per Daniel helped me.
- 11 12 & 13 I hauled the logs to the sawmill in Waconia. I hauled one white oak, one red oak, and a red elm to Waconia but I forgot to mark the red elm.
- 14 & 15 I hauled rocks from the field, etc.
- 16 **Sunday** "Molly" calved today.
- 17 18 & 19 I finished hauling rocks from the field.

20 I went to the new water mill in Chaska to have 7 sacks of rye and 3 sacks of wheat ground; I had 3 empty sacks with me.

21 & 22 John Nelson was here and set the roof rafters on the woodshed and also sheathed the walls.

23 **Sunday**

24 I was at Per Daniel's and helped him hew timbers.

25 I hauled logs from the field, etc.

26 & 27 I hauled wood to the syrup camp. "Fanny" calved on the 26th.

28 Today I made an axe handle. We had heavy snow today.

29 Today I went to the mill in Waconia with oats.

30 **Sunday**

31 I hauled fence rails and fenced around the straw stack.

April

1 I did various small jobs. John Monson was here yesterday and today and chopped wood for cooking the maple syrup.

2 We started boring holes in the maples, etc.

3 Today I bricked in the kettle for cooking the syrup.

4 I did various things for our syrup cooking.

5 I made syrup troughs and bored holes in the maple trees. Carl Swenson's girl from Gotaholm was here to pick up the apple trees I grafted. Malmberg is cutting cordwood for me this week and also cut last week.

6 **Sunday**

7 I bored into the maple trees, etc.

8 I went to the mill in Waconia to pick up the grist.

9 Today we had snow. I made syrup troughs. In the afternoon Andrew Lundsten and the boys husked corn.

10 11 & 12 I did various small jobs. Malmberg is still cutting cordwood.

13 **Sunday**

14 In the forenoon, I went to Kohl and paid him \$40 with \$4 in interest. In the afternoon I borrowed Niklas's fanning mill and fanned out the wheat.

15 I did various small jobs. Yesterday and today we have had very heavy rain.

16 Niklas, Broberg, and I went with John Nelson to Waconia and we three, together with Lafsén of Waconia, signed a note for John Nelson for \$650.

17 I grafted Catawba grapes.

18 I went to Chaska's new water mill for the grist. Lundsten helped me haul four sacks of grist. The roads are bad.

19 I sowed oats in the field alongside the old house. I planted apple seeds, etc.

20 **Sunday**

21 I sowed wheat in the south field where I had planted corn last year.

- 22 Last night we had two feet of snow. In the forenoon I fixed the roller and in the afternoon we sowed more wheat. Elsa is cooking syrup.
- 23 I finished sowing the wheat in the "old corn field" and also rolled the oats.
- 24 & 25 I sowed wheat in the south field.
- 26 We sowed and rolled wheat. Today our year-old heifer died, so I buried her this afternoon. Today we finished cooking syrup. We have cooked 40 gallons of syrup this spring.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 We sowed and rolled wheat in the south field.
- 29 & 30 We sowed wheat in the home field. I have sown 4 bushels of Odessa wheat in the home field.

May

- 1 I sowed wheat by Peterman's field. I finished sowing the wheat today. I have sown 20 bushels of wheat this year.
- 2 In the forenoon I sowed about 2 bushels of barley and in the afternoon I was at Loner's and fixed his apple trees.
- 3 In the forenoon I grafted an apple tree. In the afternoon we had a school board meeting. A contractor from Waconia will build the schoolhouse. Malmberg split rails at my place today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I planted trees in the orchard, etc.
- 7 & 8 I planted the apple grafts.
- 9 In the morning I planted the last of the apple grafts and in the afternoon I did various small jobs.
- 10 I hauled home hickory wood from the new field. Malmberg has been here 5 ½ days this week. He has grubbed, piled brush, and hauled cordwood. He has also cleared brush from a new field.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I hauled wood from the grubbed field. Malmberg has grubbed out trees and chopped off hickory for rails.
- 13 In the forenoon I hauled rails and in the afternoon I burned all the brush. Malmberg and the children are raking up the brush. Malmberg is also cutting rails. Tonight it is raining and snowing.
- 14 In the forenoon I tied up the grapevines and in the afternoon I fixed the cabbage beds, etc.
- 15 I hauled logs and stumps from the new field. Malmberg grubbed stumps and split rails. Elsa and the children raked brush and grubbed.
- 16 In the forenoon I did various things. Malmberg split rails. In the afternoon I hauled stumps and roots. I plowed the new part of the orchard. I burned the last of the grub and brush on the newly grubbed field. Elsa and the children

finished raking the brush today. Malmberg started grubbing in the meadow. Today Hank from Chaska and a reaper agent from St. Paul were here. I bought a Wood's Reaper from them with the newest improvements for \$235 and the freight charges of \$25 are included in the price. The freight charges I have to pay will be \$100 in June of 1874 and \$110 in June of 1875, with 10% interest.

17 I went to Waconia and had the breaking plow fixed. Later I cultivated the grapes. Malmberg grubbed in the meadow and cut hickory in the woods by the road. I sent 81 pounds of wool with Niklas to Minneapolis this week. I got 28 cents a pound without any adjustment in weight.

18 **Sunday**

19 It is raining. I did various jobs.

20 Today I also did various jobs.

21 In the forenoon it rained. In the afternoon I began breaking the land alongside Peterman's fence and Lundsten helped me. Malmberg worked half a day.

22 Lundsten and I broke land the whole day.

23 Franz, Lundsten, and I broke land all day and we finished just before dark.

We planted corn on the newly broken field. We had John Lundsten's and Hakanson's children to help us. Malmberg grubbed willows.

24 **Sunday**

25 We got a lot of rain. I am mending shoes.

26 In the forenoon it rained a lot. There are pools of water standing everywhere. In the evening I hauled things to the schoolhouse.

27 I was at Lundsten's and broke land. Today we went to Holtmeier's bull with "Fanny" for the first time. Today our sow farrowed.

28 & 29 I repaired fences and did various small jobs.

30 I plowed in the orchard, etc. Mathilda Hammerberg has been with us this week.

June

1 **Sunday**

2 First I marked out for planting the potatoes and later I repaired the fence, etc.

3 Today it rained. I did various jobs.

4 We piled grub and brush in the meadow and by the road, and also repaired a fence.

5 I took 20 bushels of wheat to Chaska. I received 95 cents a bushel and then I hauled home 225 feet of lumber for the schoolhouse. I also went to Carver and inquired about my graft scions but they had not come. Elsa and the children planted potatoes in the garden.

6 In the forenoon we had a school board meeting. In the afternoon, Malmberg and I laid rails and worked on the fence between Peterman's and my fields.

7 I went to Waconia with grain and also hauled a log to the sawmill. Jenni helped me. Malmberg grubbed and piled brush in the orchard.

8 **Sunday**

9 I did various things and during the night we had heavy rain.

- 10 & 11 I hauled rails and repaired the old fence.
- 12 I hauled shingles and rocks, etc.
- 13 In the forenoon I trimmed the trees in the garden and in the afternoon I cut trees for the footings for the porch, etc. Malmberg spent four days clearing off the land where the barn will be built.
- 14 Today Freed is here laying the stone foundation for the porch. Malmberg and I are helping.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Freed came here so we finished the stone foundation. John and Maja Stina Anderson from Vasa came here to visit this evening.
- 17 We planted landscaping around the house.
- 18 & 19 I did various small jobs.
- 20 First I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and pulled away boards from the saw and hauled them home. I paid \$4.75 for the sawing of logs and 95 cents for the sawing of last year's logs. I also bought 3 studs for 90 cents.
- 21 I went to Chaska with 26 bushels of wheat but I didn't get more than 85 cents a bushel. John and Maja Stina went home yesterday and Erickson and Anna Greta are still here.
- 22 **Sunday** Today we had a baptism of a man from Delano. Erickson did the baptism.
- 23 & 24 I did various small jobs.
- 25 I went to Chaska with 27 bushels of wheat but I only got 85 cents a bushel. Per Daniel and I took home my reaper but the mower had not come in.
- 26 I did various small jobs. Today I took "Fanny" to Holtmeier's bull for the first time.
- 27 & 28 John Nelson was here and we put boards on the corners of the house, etc.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 J. Nelson and I started to work on the porch. We hewed the foundation logs and hauled them into place.

July

- 1 & 2 We worked on the porch.
- 3 I went to Chaska with 26 ½ bushels of wheat and I got the usual—85 cents a bushel. I took home the mower that goes with the reaper. Lundsten took home 3 bundles of shingles for me. J. Nelson is working on the porch.
- 4 & 5 Nelson and I worked on the porch and we finished it.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 First, Peterman came over and helped me put together the mower and in the afternoon I cut hay with the mower over by the big haystack.
- 8 I mowed/cut hay all day.
- 9 Rainy weather today. We hoed by the grafts and also the potatoes, and cultivated the squash. We also mowed some of the clover.
- 10 We cocked hay all day and also mowed the clover.

- 11 We mowed and cocked hay. John Kall was here and bought the cow "Star" for \$27. I received \$2 down. He also bought 20 bushels of corn for 45 cents a bushel.
- 12 In the forenoon we mowed the swamp by the well. In the afternoon we cocked hay and dug for water for the cattle.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Freed and I stacked the large haystack in the meadow.
- 15 First I repaired Bradhauser's cradle and then cultivated the potatoes and the squash. I also mowed hay in the swamp by the well.
- 16 I mowed and cocked hay, etc.
- 17 First I mowed. Hank came here and assembled the reaper and then we reaped the winter wheat.
- 18 Today it rained. I sacked 20 bushels of corn and harvested the barley.
- 19 We mowed in the forenoon and in the evening we hauled the clover and the timothy home and stacked it.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 First I went to Schell's with 22 bushels of rye and 20 bushels of corn. After, we cocked hay in the south meadow.
- 22 We mowed in the west meadow. I had Freed and Lundsten help me.
- 23 Elsa and I finished the haystack by the root cellar.
- 24 In the forenoon, Freed, Sture, and I mowed hay by the island. In the afternoon, Sture and I mowed hay with the mower. Freed and Elsa cocked hay in the western meadow by the road.
- 25 Freed and I mowed hay by the island and with that, we finished the mowing. We cocked hay the rest of the day.
- 26 The whole day, Freed and I hauled and stacked the hay at home. Elsa and Sture spent the whole day cocking hay on the island.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 It rained. I did various small jobs. I went fishing for a short time. Andrew Lundsten is here sewing.
- 29 We stacked hay by the island and finished the haystack here at home. I had Andrew Lundsten help me. We have finished the haying.
- 30 It rained the whole day. I went fishing for a while and then did various small jobs.
- 31 I painted the wheelbarrow and did various small jobs.

August

- 1 In the morning it rained and I did various small jobs. Andrew Lundsten is sewing. In the afternoon we started harvesting the wheat. A. Lundsten is helping.
- 2 We reaped wheat the whole day with no extra help.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We harvested the wheat and oats.
- 5 We harvested the wheat from the west side of the south field.

6 We harvested the wheat from the same field and from the field by the well in the swamp. A. Lundsten helped.

7 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I cut and cradled the wheat from the field by Peterman's land.

8 We harvested the wheat in the field by Peterman's land.

9 We stacked the barley and the winter wheat.

10 **Sunday**

11 & 12 We stacked wheat. On the 12th, John Schell came to get the cow he had purchased and he even purchased a bullock for \$25.

13 We harvested the Odessa wheat.

14 It rained. We threshed the wheat, etc., at the old house.

15 I plowed and harvested the last of the Odessa wheat.

16 I plowed the winter wheat field and went to Waconia to pick up the grist.

17 **Sunday**

18 We stacked the wheat, etc. John Schell paid me for the corn and the bullock.

19 & 20 We stacked wheat.

21 I plowed the whole day.

22 In the forenoon, I went to John Schell with corn and oats, and in the afternoon I plowed.

23 We stacked the Odessa wheat and we have now finished stacking the wheat for the year.

24 **Sunday**

25 First I put the reaper in the shed and then we went to the lake and fished. The boys plowed.

26 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed.

27 28 & 29 I built a grain bin in the granary and also did some painting. I also did various small jobs. We cannot do any plowing as the oxen have broken their yoke.

30 I did various small jobs in the morning and at 10:30 I went to Per Daniel's and helped with the threshing.

31 **Sunday**

September

1 In the forenoon I was with Per Daniel and helped with the threshing, and in the afternoon I helped Lundsten raise up his granary.

2 I went to Chaska with 27 ½ bushels of wheat and I got 90 cents a bushel. Mrs. Rietz rode with me to Chaska.

3 We threshed at Niklas's but the machine broke down. I did various small jobs and the boys plowed.

4 Sture and I helped Niklas thresh.

5 First we threshed at Niklas's for a couple of hours. Later I did various small jobs and the boys plowed.

6 I fixed and daubed the granary. The boys plowed.

7 **Sunday**

- 8 Today Peterman and company are threshing for me and we finished the threshing for me today. This is the grain I have this year—Scottish Fife wheat, 292 bushels; Odessa wheat, 68 bushels; winter wheat, 28 bushels; all wheat—388 bushels; barley, 22 bushels; oats, 57 bushels.
- 9 I did nothing as I have a boil on my knee and I don't feel well. The boys plowed.
- 10 & 11 I mowed the second crop of grass. Sture is at Lundsten's helping thresh and Elsa and Ida are cutting off corn.
- 12 We cocked and hauled hay.
- 13 First, Niklas was here and sowed the winter wheat as I am too "crippled" to do it. Sture harrowed and rolled the newly sown wheat. They sowed 2 bushels of the new wheat and almost ½ bushel of the white. I sowed clover and timothy down by the creek and then raked and hauled hay.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I went to Chaska with 32 bushels and 46 pounds of Odessa wheat and I got 90 cents a bushel. Elsa and the children cut corn.
- 16 In the forenoon I painted the window sills, etc., and in the afternoon we hauled and stacked hay, etc.
- 17 I went to Chaska with 33 bushels and 26 pounds of Odessa wheat and I didn't get more than 85 cents a bushel. Elsa and the children finished cutting the corn today.
- 18 In the forenoon I fenced in the south haystack and in the evening we went to a public meeting at Obelik's house. The boys plowed.
- 19 I fanned the lighter wheat and did small various jobs. The boys plowed.
- 20 Elsa and I went to Chaska and shopped. I had 22 bushels of wheat with me and more than half was the lower-grade wheat. It averaged out to 85 cents a bushel. I settled up my account in Faber's Store. My whole bill was \$89.09. I gave Faber two loads of wheat and settled the rest for \$6.45 in cash.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 In the forenoon we butchered an ewe and then various small jobs. In the evening I did various small jobs, etc.
- 23 I plastered on the granary, etc.
- 24 25 & 26 I plastered and fixed a brick floor in the cellar entrance, etc.
- 27 I went to the County Fair in Carver.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 & 30 I fixed some of the old fence.
- October**
- 1 I repaired gates and fences at the home field. The boys have been digging potatoes.
- 2 I did various small jobs and the boys plowed.
- 3 In the forenoon I did various small jobs and in the evening Elsa and I visited at the Rietz's. It is raining.

- 4 In the forenoon we pressed grapes for wine. In the evening I went to the school board meeting. The boys plowed on the home field.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 In the forenoon I did various small jobs. The boys finished the plowing on the home field. In the evening I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened and put glass in the window frame. I also brought home chickens from Jorgenson.
- 7 In the forenoon I spread lime. The boys cultivated by the grapes and in the afternoon we planted strawberries.
- 8 & 9 Malmberg and I worked on the new road. I have put in an extra day's work on the new road. Elsa and the children husked corn.
- 10 In the morning Malmberg and I cut timbers for the new pig shed, in the afternoon we laid the footings for the pig shed. Elsa and the children are husking corn.
- 11 Malmberg and I are laying the logs for the new pig shed. Elsa and the children are husking corn. Today the boys took the heifer "Betty" to Broberg's bull.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Today Freed and Malmberg have begun nailing shingles on the woodshed roof. I helped them in the morning and after, I cut and hauled logs for the pig shed. Elsa and the children are husking corn.
- 14 Freed and Malmberg are shingling the woodshed. In the forenoon I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I worked on the inside of the woodshed. The boys plowed in the garden.
- 15 Freed and Malmberg finished shingling the woodshed. Sture and I hauled home cornstalks.
- 16 In the forenoon I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Malmberg is cutting rails. Elsa and the children are husking corn.
- 17 In the forenoon, Malmberg and I laid logs for the pig shed. Elsa and the children husked corn. In the afternoon we had heavy rain so we did nothing.
- 18 Malmberg and I laid logs for the pig shed. Elsa and the children finished husking corn today.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 The boys and I hauled home the last of the cornstalks.
- 21 Elsa and I went to Chaska with 18 bushels of barley that I sold to Faber for \$1.20 a bushel. We even went to Wolf's and also to Carver.
- 22 In the forenoon, Malmberg and I finished building the pig shed. In the afternoon, it snowed heavily and I did various small jobs. Malmberg went to A. Lundsten's house.
- 23 I did various small things and Malmberg cut rails.
- 24 First, I butchered a ram. Malmberg and the boys hauled straw for the pig shed roof. I helped them.
- 25 I went to the Carver market and bought soldiers' clothes at auction. It has snowed heavily.
- 26 **Sunday** It is still snowing.
- 27 I did various jobs. It is still snowing.
- 28 I did various small jobs. John Nelson started working for me today. He is working on the porch ceiling.

29 30 & 31 I did various small jobs. John Nelson finished the porch ceiling and has built a cellar door and window frames. It has snowed a lot and is very cold.

November

1 In the forenoon, J. Nelson and I built scaffolding on the east side of the house. In the afternoon we nailed siding boards on the house.

2 **Sunday**

3 In the forenoon I pruned some of the grapevines and hilled them. J. Nelson came at noon and in the afternoon we nailed siding boards on the house. School started today.

4 In the forenoon I worked on the house and in the evening I was at the election.

5 I butchered a pig and Nelson was here and helped work on the house.

6 7 & 8 I helped Nelson work on the house, pruned and hilled the grapevines, and also did various small jobs.

9 **Sunday** Today Erickson and his son Calle from Blue Earth are here.

10 I went to Excelsior for apple trees.

11 I dug in the apple trees and the grapevines, etc.

12 In the forenoon I dug in the grapevines. We had a meeting and Erickson preached.

13 I built a fence around the pig shed, etc.

14 In the forenoon I did various small jobs and in the evening we had a covenant meeting in Scandia.

15 In the forenoon I separated the pigs that would be butchered from the pigs that would live and fenced to separate them. At noontime, Luedloff and C. Moller came here to get apple scions for grafting. After that I went to the Waconia mill with 18 bushels of wheat. In the evening I was not well, I was sick. Malmberg is here today and is grubbing large trees on the newly broken field.

16 **Sunday** Today I am sick in bed.

17 I am still sick in bed. The boys finished plowing the new field. It is snowing.

18 Today I am up and somewhat better. Erickson went home today. Today it is very cold with a strong north wind.

19 Today I went to Waconia for the grist.

20 Today I did various small jobs.

21 & 22 I did nothing. I am not well—sometimes I am up and around and then I need to go lie down.

23 **Sunday**

24 I am concerned about my health. Today we butchered and plucked 10 turkeys.

25 Today we butchered a lamb and I am very concerned about my health.

26 My health is poor. I am doing nothing. Today, a little before noon, John Nelson came here and worked on the siding for the house. Broberg and Lundsten traveled to Minneapolis. They had our turkeys with them to sell.

27 28 & 29 John Nelson is working on the house. I do nothing as I am not well. Lundsten got 12 ½ cents a pound for our turkeys—7 turkeys totaling \$7.65.

30 **Sunday**

December

- 1 Today we butchered both old pigs and one young pig. I have J. Lundsten, Freed, and A. Lundsten to help. John Nelson is working on the house.
- 2 & 3 John Nelson and I are working on the house. Today, the 3rd, we finished the north side and the house is finished.
- 4 Today I did various small jobs. John Nelson left here today. We are having a snowstorm and it is very cold weather.
- 5 I did various small jobs.
- 6 I went to Waconia and paid Larson \$10.70 and took our clock to Gorgeson. Andrew Lundsten was here yesterday and today sewing clothes. Niklas and I did an accounting for the pork he sold for me in Minneapolis—1 pig (140 pounds) at 5 cents a pound; 1 sow (335 pounds) at 5 cents a pound; and 1 boar (465 pounds) at 5 ¼ cents a pound, all totaling \$48.16 minus the fee of \$4.50.

7 **Sunday**

- 8 I did various small jobs and then went to Waconia and to Gorgeson to pick up the clock.
- 9 I did various small jobs.
- 10 We butchered a heifer and 2 pigs. Per Daniel and Niklas helped. The heifer weighed 500 pounds dressed.
- 11 I cut up the beef and the pork and also did various small jobs.
- 12 I was out in Schraan's tamarack swamp and cut logs for rafters for the new barn. I hauled home 19 rafters.
- 13 I did various small jobs.

14 **Sunday**

- 15 I went into Schraan's tamarack swamp after 25 rafters, so I have gotten 25 rafters. I have sent a letter to sister Gustava.
- 16 We plastered and whitewashed the cabin.
- 17 I sooted and fixed the stovepipes, etc.
- 18 I butchered two sheep, etc.
- 19 First I took the sow to B. Nilson's boar for the first time. After, I butchered a ram and packed it in snow.
- 20 I did various small jobs.

21 **Sunday**

- 22 I hauled cordwood out of the woods.
- 23 I went to Waconia.
- 24 I hauled home stovewood, etc.
- 25 **Christmas Day!!** I did nothing.
- 26 First I went to Andrew and Henry Schraan, then to Per Daniel, and after that I did various small jobs.
- 27 I went with Per Daniel to the Carver market.

28 **Sunday**

- 29 At one o'clock in the morning, Rietz and I traveled to Minneapolis to buy boards and shingles, which we did. We came home at two o'clock in the night.
- 30 I did various small jobs.
- 31 I took the runners off the sleds and took the runners to Waconia.

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January

- 1 I fixed the ox stalls and did other small jobs.
- 2 I went to Rietz's and helped him butcher his pigs.
- 3 I went to Chaska to get the oxen shod and also hauled a 35-foot basswood log to the mill and sold it for \$2.25 a cord.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I did various small jobs.
- 7 Per Daniel and I went to Chaska and unloaded the boards from the railroad car. We also hauled down a load of basswood. The sow went to the boar for the second time.
- 8 I did various small jobs.
- 9 Per Daniel, Rietz, and I went to Chaska and hauled home the boards and shingles from the railroad. I also had a 36-foot basswood with me and sold it to the mill. We also measured the boards that had been sent up.
- 10 I did various jobs. I went to Waconia and picked up the apple seedlings that Moeller had sent me.
- 11 **Sunday** J. Erickson from Lake Crystal is here and will be here the whole week to hold meetings.
- 12 I went to Chaska with 18 bushels of winter wheat and 11 bushels spring wheat. I sold the winter wheat for \$1 a bushel and I got 95 cents a bushel for the spring wheat. I hauled home 3,000 shingles.
- 13 In the forenoon I went to a meeting at P. Broberg's and in the afternoon I did various jobs. This evening Dal Erik came here.
- 14 I went to Chaska with wheat and sold it for \$1 a bushel. I hauled home a load of lathe strips.
- 15 I did various small jobs.
- 16 In the forenoon we had a meeting at the church. In the afternoon I did various things. J. Erickson is here with us.
- 17 I went with Per Daniel to Chaska. I paid the first note that I had taken on the Wood's Reaper for \$105 and six months' interest of \$5.25. I also paid my personal tax.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I was at Per Daniel's and helped butcher.
- 20 I hauled wood to Chaska and took home boards.
- 21 I did various small jobs.

- 22 I hauled wood to Chaska and took home boards.
- 23 I laid out boards to dry to make a chest of drawers and also did various small jobs.
- 24 I went to Chaska and hauled home a load of boards.
- 25 **Sunday** Olaf Hakanson is here to preach.
- 26 I did various small jobs. I took the sow to Broberg's boar which is at Niklas's house.
- 27 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska and took home the last of the boards.
- 28 I did various small jobs.
- 29 I hauled the last of the wood to the railroad in Chaska. I have basswood that is 4 feet long and 6 feet high, which makes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cord. The oak wood is 12 feet long and 6 feet high, which is $2\frac{1}{4}$ cords, and the maple wood is 8 feet long and 6 feet high, which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords.
- 30 & 31 I repaired shoes both days.

February

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I hauled home hay from the island. Our Grange is being organized this evening.
- 3 We finished hauling home the haystack.
- 4 Elsa and I went to Waconia and also went to Jorgenson's and John Nelson's.
- 5 I did various small jobs.
- 6 I went to Lithlof to get medicine for Emma. Niklas Swenson drove me there.
- 7 In the forenoon I piled wood in the woods and in the afternoon I hauled a load of wood to Freed's house and then I went to Waconia to pick up the grist.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I cut logs for the sawmill, etc.
- 10 I went to Lithlof's for medicine for Emma.
- 11 I cut and hauled logs for the sawmill, etc.
- 12 I hauled logs, etc. Olaf Johansson's Jan came here today.
- 13 I did various small jobs. Johansson's Jan from Litchfield went home today.
- 14 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and stored it with Gunz—25 bushels and 15 pounds. I even received payment for the wood I had sold to the railroad.
- 17 I cut logs, etc.
- 18 I hauled logs to the sawmill and paid Larson in Waconia the \$50 I borrowed from him.
- 19 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia, etc.
- 20 Per Daniel helped me butcher the last three pigs.
- 21 I cut up the pork and salted it. Today Carl Swanson brought Cornelius and Bengta here.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I did various small jobs.
- 24 Today John Nelson started work on the chest of drawers. In the forenoon I did various small jobs and in the afternoon I started grafting.

25 Today Cornelius and Bengta went home. I grafted apple trees and Nelson worked on the chest of drawers.

26 27 & 28 I grafted and Nelson worked on the chest of drawers.

March

1 Sunday

2 Today Nelson and I hewed the foundation logs for the barn.

3 I cut logs for the sawmill. Nelson and A. Lundsten took the bark off the logs.

4 I went to the sawmill in Waconia with logs. Nelson and A. Lundsten stripped the bark from the logs.

5 In the forenoon I did various small jobs. Nelson and Lundsten worked with the logs and in the afternoon, Nelson worked on the chest of drawers and I grafted.

6 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. Nelson stripped bark from the logs.

7 Today I grafted apple trees and I finished grafting. Nelson worked on the bureau until noon and then he went home. We had a lot of snow the last two days. Erickson from Blue Earth is here.

8 Sunday

9 In the forenoon I shoveled snow and in the evening we had a meeting at Peter Swenson's in Scandia.

10 I was at the election almost the whole day.

11 & 12 I repaired shoes, etc.

13 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia, etc.

14 First I hauled a load of hay and then we had a meeting in Scandia. Schell, Swedberg, and Ahlstrom are here.

15 Sunday

16 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and stored it at Faber's.

17 I went to the Waconia mill with a load of grain, etc.

18 I repaired shoes and did various small jobs, etc.

19 & 20 We hauled home the rest of the haystack from the island.

21 I took 30 bushels of wheat to Chaska and sold it to Faber along with the 33 bushels I had stored there. I also sold the 25 bushels I had stored with Gunz, all for \$1 a bushel. I settled my account with Hank. I paid all that I owed him.

22 Sunday

23 I cut logs, etc.

24 I went to Waconia with a load of logs and also took home the grist from the mill. Nelson and Lundsten are notching and stripping the logs for the barn.

25 I hauled a log to Waconia. I now have 14 logs in Waconia—6 basswood in the first stack, 6 elm and 1 basswood in the other stack, and 1 basswood at the old mill.

26 27 & 28 I did various small jobs, etc.

29 Sunday

30 I did various small jobs.

31 I cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and hauled it to the southern meadow.

April

1 I hauled logs to the barn, etc.

2 I hauled logs, etc. "Molly" calved today. Elsa went to the auction at Swanberg's.

3 & 4 I hauled logs to the barn and hauled wood to the syrup camp.

5 **Sunday**

6 7, 8 & 9 I was in Chaska for the grand jury.

10 & 11 I hauled logs to the barn, hauled wood, and did small jobs.

12 **Sunday** Today I took "Fanny" to Broberg's bull.

13 I started boring the maple trees.

14 I bricked around the syrup kettle, etc.

15 I bored more maple trees, etc. We have done 247 bores. On the 13th Henry Schraan was here and cut [castrated] the lambs and one calf.

16 I did various jobs.

17 I went to Chaska to have the shoes taken off the oxen. I had five sacks of wheat with me that I stored at Faber's. I also paid the taxes for my land.

18 I borrowed Niklas's fanning mill and fanned the seed wheat as well as the barley and oats.

19 **Sunday**

20 21, 22, 23 & 24 We sowed wheat in the big field on the east side of the road in the southern field. We also cooked syrup all week.

25 We sowed wheat in the small field alongside the road in the south field.

26 **Sunday**

27 We sowed oats in the home field by the old house.

28 29 & 30 We sowed wheat in the south field.

May

1 I went to the Waconia mill with grain, and after, we rolled the oats, etc.

2 We sowed a little more than 5 bushels of barley in the field alongside Peterman's field. I have sowed 27 bushels of wheat and 5 ½ bushels of oats.

3 **Sunday**

4 In the forenoon I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to the Waconia mill for the grist.

5 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska.

6 I plowed and hoed by the apple grafts. I sowed barley by the straw yard, etc.

7 We planted potatoes, etc.

8 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. Erickson from Blue Earth is with me home today. Elsa sheared the sheep today.

9 Today I planted apple trees in the orchard. The boys and Freed hauled manure to the corn in the evening.

10 **Sunday** Erickson preached.

11 I planted apple trees in the orchard. The boys and Malmberg hauled manure.

12 We hauled manure.

- 13 We spread manure and in the afternoon we started plowing for the corn.
- 14 In the forenoon we went to a meeting and in the afternoon it rained and we did various jobs.
- 15 & 16 I planted the apple grafts. The boys plowed and rolled the corn field.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 First I marked the rows for the corn and after, I planted the apple grafts. Elsa and the children planted the corn. Erickson went home today.
- 19 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. We shopped in Faber's store for almost \$42.
- 20 We plowed by the grapes, harrowed and rolled, planted squash, and planted apple trees, etc.
- 21 I planted apple trees all day. Bierlien [Bierlein] was here and assessed me. He stayed overnight. The sow farrowed today.
- 22 I planted the grape cuttings, etc.
- 23 I put up the trellis for the grapevines.
- 24 **Whit Sunday.** Today there were 13 Germans baptized in Scandia.
- 25 In the forenoon we cleaned out the well and after, we did various jobs.
- 26 We cleared the place where the barn will be and then hauled logs for the barn.
- 27 I went to Waconia and hauled home logs.
- 28 & 29 I hauled home logs for the barn.
- 30 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and some potatoes. I even went to Carver and to Schell's auction. Elsa rode with Per Daniel to Carver.
- 31 **Sunday**

June

- 1 I did various jobs. Olaf Anderson hauled a load of wheat to Chaska for me. J. Nelson is working on the barn.
- 2 Nelson, Freed, and I started to lay the foundation stones for the barn but it started to rain and we were delayed a quarter of a day.
- 3 I went to Waconia and hauled home boards.
- 4 Nelson, Freed, and I laid foundation stones and finished the foundation. Freed quit at four o'clock and I hauled more logs.
- 5 We cultivated the corn. Nelson worked steadily on the barn.
- 6 In the forenoon we cultivated corn and after, I did various jobs.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I hauled stone and did various other jobs. It is raining.
- 9 I hauled sand.
- 10 I was ready to go to Chaska but it started to rain and it rained very hard.
- 11 12 & 13 It rained almost the entire time. I did various jobs. Nelson works on the barn in between rain showers.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Today it is raining. I wrote a letter to Oregon and also went fishing.
- 16 Elsa and I went to Chaska with 82 pounds of wool and sold it to Faber for 25 cents a pound and I took home 2 barrels of lime.

- 17 & 18 I did various small jobs.
- 19 I went to Chaska with 33 bushels of wheat. This is the last wheat of the harvest.
- 20 I did various jobs. Nelson works on the barn constantly.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22, 23 & 24 I did various things. Nelson worked on the barn.
- 25 We raised the barn—we had 18 men to help raise it.
- 26 I hauled boards from Waconia.
- 27 We raised the ceiling beams that are under the rafters. Per Daniel and Freed helped.
- 28 **Sunday** Today we took “Molly” to Rietz’s bull for the first time.
- 29 & 30 We cultivated the corn, etc.

July

- 1 I hauled two loads of boards from Waconia.
- 2 & 3 Freed plastered the stone foundation and I helped him, etc.
- 4 All of us Swedes got together for a celebration at the old Bergquist place. J. Erickson from Blue Earth is here this week.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 & 7 Freed and I worked on the stone foundation for the barn. Nelson is sheeting the barn.
- 8 & 9 I hauled dirt and filled it in around the barn.
- 10 In the morning I mowed the clover and in the afternoon I cultivated the corn.
- 11 I went to the Chaska mill with grain and 10 bushels of wheat—I sold 8 bushels for \$1.03 a bushel. Elsa was with me and she sold 3 hams for 11 cents a pound. There was a sale in the hardware store. I bought knives, etc. Niklas and his boy have sheathed the barn all week.
- 12 **Sunday** Today we took “Star” to Rietz’s bull.
- 13 We started to hay in the south meadow.
- 14 We harvested the barley from the field by Peterman’s. Lundsten helped.
- 15 We harvested the winter wheat and cocked hay.
- 16 We mowed, and hauled hay into the barn.
- 17 We mowed and hauled hay, etc.
- 18 We mowed and cocked hay. J. Nelson finished sheathing the barn and went home today.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 21 & 22 We mowed in the south meadow, cocked hay and hauled home hay, etc.
- 23 We cocked hay as well as hauled hay. A. Lundsten and Malmberg mowed in the western meadow.
- 24 We mowed hay, cocked hay, and hauled hay. Andrew Broberg and Malmberg mowed in the western meadow.
- 25 We cocked hay and did various things, etc.
- 26 **Sunday**

- 27 We started to harvest the wheat in the south field. We had Malmberg and A. Lundsten to help bundle.
- 28 & 29 We harvested the wheat without any extra help.
- 30 We harvested the wheat.
- 31 We harvested the wheat and in the afternoon I was at Rietz's and reaped wheat.

August

- 1 Today we finished harvesting the wheat and in the evening I was at Rietz's and helped him harvest his wheat.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I spent the whole day helping Rietz harvest his wheat.
- 4 The boys and I cut hay in the swamp west of the island. I could not use the mower as the swamp was too wet and the oxen sank too deeply into the swamp.
- 5 We finished the haying and later we hauled hay.
- 6 We hauled hay the whole day.
- 7 I did various small jobs in the morning as it rained. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and was measured for shoes, etc. I also paid my saw bill, which was \$16.
- 8 We cocked hay by the island and also did various small jobs. These days we have unripened fruit on the apple and plum trees.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Today Elsa, the children, and I stacked hay by the island and we also hauled home hay.
- 11 12, 13, 14 & 15 We stacked the wheat and the oats. The 14th I bought a pair of shoes from the shoemaker in Waconia for \$4.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 & 18 We finished stacking the wheat.
- 19 20 & 21 I plowed the barley field.
- 22 I cleared the area around the wheat stack, etc. The boys plowed the new field.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 & 25 I did various things and the boys plowed.
- 26 I mowed clover for Rietz. Elsa and the children cut corn.
- 27 & 28 I cleaned out the bins in the granary and threw out all the old straw and did various small jobs. Elsa and the boys cut corn and then the boys plowed.
- 29 I went to Jennings's and helped thresh. The boys cut corn, etc. On the 24th, the heifer, "Betty," was with Broberg's bull.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 First, I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened and in the afternoon I mowed the clover and timothy fields. Elsa and the children are cutting corn.

September

- 1 I helped Per Daniel to thresh.

- 2 I did various small jobs and the boys plowed.
- 3 First, I did various small jobs and then toward evening I went to Freed's and threshed.
- 4 I was at Freed's and threshed until almost evening. In the evening, Peterman brought his threshing machine over to us.
- 5 We threshed four stacks at home and one stack in the south field and there are three stacks left to thresh.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 We finished threshing at 11:30. The grain we have this year is as follows:
356 bushels of wheat (30 bushels of winter wheat of which 24 bushels is of the new kind), 55 bushels of barley, and 70 bushels of oats. Altogether we have 481 bushels. The threshing cost for the wheat at 6 cents a bushel is \$21.36; the barley at 5 cents is \$2.75, and the oats at 4 cents for 58 bushels is \$2.32. The total sum is \$26.43. In the afternoon, I helped Lundsten thresh.
- 8 I was at Lundsten's and threshed. The boys plowed.
- 9 First I was at Lundsten's for half the morning and helped him thresh and then I went to Waconia and took the plow to the wainwright to have a new beam put on as the old one was broken.
- 10 In the morning I did various small jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia to pick up the plow.
- 11 I fenced by the straw field, etc.
- 12 I went to Chaska to pick up J. Erickson from Blue Earth. I hauled home a small load of bricks from Chaska.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 We mowed the second crop in the meadow.
- 15 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed.
- 16 We stacked and hauled the hay.
- 17 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed.
- 18 I was at Rietz's and threshed. The boys plowed. Elsa was at Rietz's and fixed food.
- 19 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed. Elsa was at Rietz's for half a day.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 First I did various small jobs and at four o'clock I went to Peterman's and threshed. The boys plowed.
- 22 I was at Peterman's and threshed and Sture and Ida were at Broberg's and threshed.
- 23 I threshed at Peterman's until four o'clock and then I threshed at Niklas's.
- 24 Sture and I threshed at Niklas's.
- 25 Ida and I threshed at Niklas's until mid-afternoon. The boys plowed.
- 26 Elsa, Sture, and I went to the fair in Carver. It rained, so we did not go until one o'clock. I got 2nd prize for the winter apple Fameuse, 1st prize for the fall apple seedling #4, 2nd prize for the summer apple Duchess, and 2nd prize for Hyslop crab [crabapple]. I got 1st prize for the Isabella grapes.

27 **Sunday**

28 First I butchered a ram and then I spent the rest of the day hunting for the pigs. The boys plowed.

29 & 30 We husked corn and in between I did various small jobs.

October

1 & 2 We husked corn. I did various small jobs. On the 1st, I sent a letter to Winsted ordering apple scions for grafting.

3 We hauled and stacked cornstalks. In the evening I went to a school board meeting.

4 **Sunday**

5 & 6 We husked corn and hauled cornstalks and stones, etc.

7 First I went to J. Nelson with a pig and then I hauled stones. The children dug potatoes.

8 & 9 I hauled stones, etc.

10 Elsa and I went to Carver to get my prize money from the fair. I got 2nd prize for the winter apple Fameuse, 1st prize for the fall apple seedling #4, 1st prize for the Hyslop crab [crabapple], and 1st for the Isabella grapes, 1st for the barley, and 2nd for the winter wheat. Altogether I received \$8.60. Then we went to Chaska and shopped. I also had 17 bushels and 16 pounds of barley for Faber and I did not get more than \$1 a bushel. I also went to Paul Wolf and ordered apple trees.

11 **Sunday**

12 & 13 Freed and I worked on the stone footings for the barn. I even hauled stones, etc.

14 Sture and I worked on the road using the oxen.

15 & 16 Freed worked on the stone footings. I hauled stone as well as did various small jobs. The boys plowed the barley field for the second time.

17 First I went to Waconia to pick up the grist. Mr. Lindfelt went home with me to prune back the grapes, then I went with him to Jennings' place.

18 **Sunday**

19 20 & 21 We backfilled around the barn. Malmberg helped us.

22 I was at John Nelson's and helped him build on his house.

23 I hewed and hauled logs and hauled away dirt piles from around the house, etc.

24 I was at John Nelson's for the second time to help build on his log house.

Malmberg has been there and helped clean up around the new log house. Elsa and I went to Gotaholm today for a meeting.

25 **Sunday**

26 I pruned the grapes, etc.

27 The boys and I trenched the grapevines. We also fanned the wheat, etc.

28 I went to Lundsten, Per Daniel, and Freed and pruned their grapes, etc.

29 I dug by the apple trees all day.

30 I hilled the apple trees, etc.

31 In the morning, I butchered a pig and in the afternoon I hauled hay.

November

1 Sunday

- 2 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and also went to Wolf to pick up my apple trees. I got a second Walbridge tree and a Kasota tree.
- 3 First I went to Waconia and sent \$2.50 to Winsted for the apple trees. Later in the afternoon I went to the election.
- 4 Hammar and Mortenson from Blue Earth are here. In the evening I did various small jobs.
- 5 I hewed timbers for lintels in the cow barn, etc.
- 6 In the forenoon, I was at Per Daniel's and butchered. In the afternoon I worked on the cow barn.
- 7 I put in foundation logs between the cow barn and the stalls.

8 Sunday

- 9 I did various small jobs.
- 10 I worked on the barn. J. Nelson started to make doors for the new barn today.
- 11 First I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. I brought 4 bushels of barley to the brewery.
- 12 13 & 14 I worked on the cow barn and did various small jobs. Nelson was here for five days this week and made all the doors for the barn, but has not hung the doors.
- 15 **Sunday** Erickson from Blue Earth is here and preaching today.
- 16 17, 18 & 19 I worked on the barn today and did various small jobs.
- 19 & 21 I worked on the barn. I had Daniel Rosenquist to help me.

22 Sunday

- 23 I worked on the barn and had D. Rosenquist for help. John Erickson went home today.
- 24 & 25 I worked on the barn.
- 26 27 & 28 I worked on the barn.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I worked on the barn, etc.

December

- 1 I worked on the barn and hauled grain to the Waconia mill.
- 2 & 3 I worked on the barn.
- 4 I went to Waconia for the grist.
- 5 I worked on the barn, etc. Andrew Lundsten was here all week and sewed clothes for the boys. Dal Erik was here last night. He bought a shawl for us in St. Paul for \$6.50.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 8 & 9 I worked on the barn.
- 10 Per Daniel and Rosenquist and I butchered the boar, a sow, and a young pig.
- 11 & 12 Rosenquist and I worked on the barn.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I worked on the barn.

- 15 I put stanchions in the stalls of the barn. J. Nelson and Rosenquist nailed strips on the sheathing of the barn. Today Niklas Swenson came home from Minneapolis. He had taken my two pigs with him. The boar weighed 431 pounds, and the sow weighed 290 pounds, together 731 pounds. He got 7 ½ cents a pound for them for a total of \$54.07.
- 16 Today I went around in the neighborhood to get signatures on a petition to get a canal connecting the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan.
- 17 18 & 19 I worked in the barn and did various other jobs. The 19th we moved the cattle to the new barn.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I made cribs in the sheep barn, etc.
- 22 I did various small jobs. Today we moved the sheep into the new sheep barn.
- 23 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in the stores. After, I did various small jobs.
- 24 I daubed in the old cow barn.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting.
- 26 I did various small jobs.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Niklas Swenson and I butchered a bullock.
- 29 30 & 31 I did various small jobs, including making several axe handles.

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January

- 1 & 2 I wrote letters to Sweden. The Dalecarlian, Erik, is here.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I helped Rietz butcher.
- 5 I went to Waconia and mailed my letters to Sweden at the post office, and after, I did various small jobs.
- 6 & 7 I mended shoes, etc.
- 8 & 9 I mended shoes, gloves, and mittens. Yesterday and today it is snowing and is also very cold.
- 10 **Sunday** It is very cold.
- 11 I went to Waconia and sent a letter to my brother.
- 12 I went to Per Daniel's and helped him butcher pigs.
- 13 I went to Chaska and had the oxen shod.
- 14 I did various small jobs.
- 15 Today, we lost a heifer. She was killed in the barn during the night by the other cattle. First we skinned her and after, I did various small jobs.
- 16 I made a meat cutter, etc. Today our cow, "Fanny," calved.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Today I did various small jobs.

- 19 Per Daniel and I butchered three pigs.
- 20 I butchered two sheep, etc.
- 21 I hauled 29 bushels of barley to Chaska. I paid my personal property tax.
- 22 I did nothing today. I am not feeling well.
- 23 I am not well; in fact, none of us are feeling well. Bergquist's girls were here last night. Soder and his wife, organist Lars, and others, are here this evening.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I did various small jobs. The Soders were here last night.
- 26 I hauled grain to Waconia to be ground and after, I did various small jobs.
- 27 First, I finished the sink and after, I did various small jobs.
- 28 First I went to Waconia with a cord of basswood to repay for the basswood for furniture they gave me last summer. I took home the grist from the mill and after, I hauled manure out of the barn.
- 29 I mended shoes, etc.
- 30 I went to the Carver market and sold the cow "Fanny" and the calf for \$37.
- 31 **Sunday**
- February**
- 1 I hauled my cordwood to Chaska to sell it, but could not find a buyer for it.
- 2 3, 4, 5 & 6 I did various small jobs in between tending to the cattle.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 9 & 10 I did various small jobs between tending to the cattle.
- 11 12 & 13 I grafted apple trees between tending to the cattle.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20 I grafted apple trees between tending to the cattle.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I chopped down trees for the sawmill, but in the afternoon, I was so sick I had to quit.
- 23 I grafted apple trees. I have made 1,109 grafts.
- 24 25, 26 & 27 I hauled cordwood out of the woods, and chopped down trees for sawing as well as doing various small jobs.
- 28 **Sunday**
- March**
- 1 I went to Jennings's house and grafted apple trees for him.
- 2 I went to an auction at Bonafazle's house.
- 3 I chopped down trees for sawing logs and tended to the cattle.
- 4 We went to Waconia and had our pictures taken.
- 5 Freed and I sawed down trees for the sawmill.
- 6 I hauled the logs out of the woods.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I hauled logs to the mill in Waconia, etc.

- 9 I went to the election and in the afternoon I went to the meeting in Scandia. Peter Carlson from Carver preached and organized a Lutheran church.
- 10 Niklas and I went to an auction out by Benton. After that we shoveled snow on Fischer's road.
- 11 12 & 13 I hauled logs to Waconia.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 & 16 We had a big snowstorm. I did various jobs.
- 17 I shoveled snow, opening up the roads.
- 18 19 & 20 I hauled logs to be sawed to Waconia.
- 21 **Sunday** Erickson is here today.
- 22 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska.
- 23 I hauled a log to the mill in Waconia. I now have 8 elm logs and 7 basswood logs in Waconia.
- 24 I took 25 bushels of wheat to George Schell for seed wheat.
- 25 I went to the Waconia mill with wheat and oats and after, I did various jobs.
- 26 In the forenoon we had a meeting at the church in Scandia and after, I did various jobs.
- 27 I went to the Waconia mill to pick up my grist. After, I hauled rails from the fence by the Brad house, to the fence between Rietz and me.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I took John Erickson to Chaska.
- 30 First I hauled straw for bedding to the barn and after, I hauled rails, etc. Today I bought a sow from Rietz for \$7.
- 31 Last night we had a heavy rain with thunder. First I went to Rietz's to pick up the sow I had bought and after, I hauled rails. Nils Mortenson is chopping rails.

April

- 1 Last night we had a big snowstorm. In the forenoon I repaired shoes and in the afternoon I hauled rails. N. Mortenson worked half a day.
- 2 I hauled rails. N. Mortenson chopped wood and rails.
- 3 Last night "Molly" calved—she had twins. First I did various jobs and Nils chopped wood. In the afternoon we began to build the fence for the new barnyard.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Nils Mortenson chopped wood and rails. I did various jobs and then Nils and I finished the fence.
- 6 Today we had thunder and very much rain. Nils Mortenson is not here today. I made syrup spouts.
- 7 & 8 I made syrup troughs and other things. Nils cut rails.
- 9 First I did various jobs and then I started boring into the maples. Nils cut rails.
- 10 I attached the syrup pan in place, etc. Nils cut rails.

- 11 **Sunday** Dal Erik is here today.
- 12 Today I bored into 190 maple trees; I have 240 trees bored into. Nils is chopping wood and rails.
- 13 & 14 Nils and I hauled rails and built a fence on the north side of the orchard.
- 15 Today I had to tear out the evaporation pan and put a new wooden frame on it as it was leaking. Nils built fence on the east side of the orchard.
- 16 I attached the syrup pan in place again, etc. Nils is chopping cordwood.
- 17 I chopped down and hauled material into the meadow for boards. Nils is cutting cordwood. Nils is finished working for me—he was here 14 ½ days.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I went to Chaska to have the shoes taken off the oxen and I even hauled a load of wheat to store.
- 20 We fanned the seed wheat, etc.
- 21 22, 23 & 24 We sowed wheat on the east side of the south field and also on the home field. Elsa and the children are cooking syrup.
- 25 **Sunday** Johnson, the minister from Chicago, is here.
- 26 We sowed wheat in the field by Peterman's land.
- 27 I sowed barley in the south field and also some more wheat. Johnson, the minister from Chicago, went home today.
- 28 I sowed wheat on the west part of the south field. Today, I have finished sowing wheat—I have sowed 28 bushels.
- 29 I sowed 5 ¼ bushels of oats in the two fields.
- 30 I cut brush and cleared in the meadow.

May

- 1 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and I sold that, together with the three loads of wheat I had stored, for 94 cents a bushel.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I hauled manure to the field next to Niklas's land where I will plant corn.
- 4 I sowed barley in the field by the orchard and also by the apple grafts, and still did various small jobs.
- 5 In the morning I plowed for the apple grafts and also for the cabbage beds. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to pick up the breaking plow and I also brought home the grist for Lundsten.
- 6 I hauled manure to the home field where I will plant corn.
- 7 It rained and hailed very hard. I did various small jobs.
- 8 I did grafting in the nursery all day.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 In the morning we broke land by the barn to plant potatoes and in the afternoon I did various things. The boys hauled manure and Elsa sheared the sheep.

- 11 & 12 I planted apple grafts in the field where I will have my orchard. Rosenquist dug the holes for the trees. The boys are plowing for the corn and also helping Mamma and Ida plant potatoes.
- 13 First I tied up the grapevines and after, I planted apple trees until I had finished that. The boys hauled manure and spread it in the west field for the corn.
- 14 In the morning I prepared the beds for planting cabbage and in the afternoon we marked the field that is between the well and the house for corn.
- 15 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and also bought six chairs for the Grange Hall. Elsa and the children are planting corn.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 First I took some grapevine plants to H. Schraan and then I did various jobs. In the afternoon I marked the field by Niklas's land for corn.
- 18 In the morning I repaired fences and in the afternoon I started planting the apple grafts. The children planted corn.
- 19 & 20 I planted apple grafts. The boys cut brush and cleared the area where we will break ground for the orchard.
- 21 I finished planting the apple grafts in the morning and in the afternoon I planted grapes, etc.
- 22 We broke land in the meadow by the road.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 First we finished breaking land in the meadow and then sowed it in barley. After, we burned the willow brush.
- 25 We broke land in the orchard all day.
- 26 We finished breaking land in the orchard. In the afternoon we grubbed stumps and picked up the loose roots. We harrowed and rolled the newly broken land in the orchard.
- 27 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped on credit for \$16 at Adolph's store. The boys planted corn in the orchard field. In the afternoon we planted squash, etc.
- 28 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska.
- 29 First I plowed by the apple trees and then I planted beans. In the afternoon I grubbed out willow bushes in the meadow. Joseph Persson from Blue Earth is here.
- 30 **Sunday** J. Erickson from Blue Earth is here.
- 31 In the morning I did various jobs and in the afternoon we had a meeting.

June

- 1 In the forenoon I did various jobs and in the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wool. It weighed 98 ½ pounds and 43 pounds. If we traded for goods we were paid 28 cents a pound and we were paid 26 cents a pound in cash. Bierlien was here and assessed.
- 2 I went to Chaska and paid the last payment on my Wood's Reaper. I also took along some wheat and sold it.

- 3 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. I gave a note to Faber for my bill at his store. My bill was for \$88.03 and I borrowed \$11.97, so I gave a note for \$100 for six months with 12% interest. Today I paid my property tax, which was \$43.15. J. Erickson went to a conference in Cokato the day before yesterday, which was the 1st. I took the white heifer to Rietz's bull.
- 4 I did various jobs in the morning. Paul Bjorlin was here and I insured my barn for \$500.
- 5 I built a pigpen, etc. The boys are cutting down hickory and butternut trees by the road for fence rails.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 & 8 We cultivated the corn.
- 9 I worked on the road. The children hoed corn. Today J. Erickson and John Anderson from Vasa came here. They came from the conference in Cokato.
- 10 I worked on the road. The children hoed corn.
- 11 I hoed quackgrass roots out of the corn. The children hoed corn.
- 12 I hoed quackgrass roots out of the corn and then I trimmed some apple trees, etc.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 We were at a meeting in Scandia all day and in the evening I went to a Grange meeting.
- 15 I fixed fences and did various jobs. Today Erickson and John Anderson from Vasa went home. Rosenquist cut fence rails for me yesterday and today.
- 16 Today I fixed the gate and also hoed around the apple trees.
- 17 I hoed around the apple trees and Rosenquist cut rails.
- 18 The boys and I cleared a place at the other end of the barnyard, where I will make a strawstack. Rosenquist cut rails.
- 19 We finished clearing in the barnyard for the strawstack. Rosenquist cut rails.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I stripped bark off the elm tree to use to fix the roof on the old cabin. Rosenquist is cutting rails. Today we took the white heifer to Rietz's bull for the 2nd time.
- 22 I built a fence in the barnyard where the strawstack will be, etc. Rosenquist is cutting rails.
- 23 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. Rosenquist is cutting fence rails.
- 24 I worked on fixing the roof on the old cabin. Rosenquist cut fence rails for 3 ¼ days.
- 25 I finished repairing the roof on the old cabin, etc.
- 26 In the forenoon I went to Waconia to pick up the grist. In the afternoon I worked on materials I needed for gates, etc.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 We fixed the fence by the meetinghouse [church] and then broke ground in the graveyard.
- 29 Rosenquist and I covered the wagon shed and built fences and did various small jobs, etc.
- 30 I was at Jennings's and helped to raise a stable.

July

- 1 I cultivated the corn, etc.

- 2 I built a pigpen for the young pigs. Today we took "Star" to Schraan's bull.
- 3 Because the 4th of July is on Sunday, we celebrated in Scandia today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I cultivated the corn all day.
- 6 First we cultivated the corn and then John Nelson came and helped me brace up the logs in the cow barn and do other repair work. We then cultivated corn again. John Erickson went home today.
- 7 I made a gate in the fence from the cow barnyard to the road.
- 8 I made a gate in the fence by the east end of the barnyard.
- 9 First I went to Waconia and bought scythes for Rosenquist and myself. I sharpened them and toward evening we began to cut hay. Today we took "Betty" to Schraan's bull.
- 10 We cut and cocked hay.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 13 & 14 We cut, cocked, and hauled hay. I also did small various jobs.
- 15 We went to Waconia and hauled home boards from the sawmill. I even had the mower fixed at Simon's. We also took "Molly" to Rietz's bull.
- 16 & 17 We mowed and hauled hay and did various small jobs.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 We finished mowing hay in the south meadow and then we cocked hay.
- 20 We hauled hay all day.
- 21 We reaped the barley in the south field and in the orchard. We cocked hay in the south meadow. We had help from Rosenquist.
- 22 We hauled hay from the south meadow all day.
- 23 I went to Chaska and sold my cordwood to Gregg for \$2.75 a cord. I was only credited for 27 cords, not 30 as I planned.
- 24 We mowed hay in the west meadow all the way out to the haystack by the island. Rosenquist helped.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 & 27 Rosenquist and I mowed hay by the island, cocked hay, and reaped barley.
- 28 We hauled hay from the west meadow and cocked hay by the island.
- 29 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.
- 30 We stacked hay by the island.
- 31 We stacked barley.

August

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 First we finished stacking the barley and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys plowed the barley field.
- 3 We reaped the oats, etc.
- 4 I made a new tongue and evener for the reaper. The boys plowed the barley field.

- 5 In the forenoon, I finished the tongue for the reaper and in the afternoon we started to reap the wheat west of the old cabin.
- 6 We reaped the wheat by the old cabin.
- 7 We reaped the barley on the field in the meadow and hauled it home. We then cradled the wheat on the edge of the south field.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 It rained today. We did various small jobs.
- 10 We reaped wheat on the south field. Rosenquist helped.
- 11 Rosenquist reaped wheat with us on the south field.
- 12 Rosenquist reaped the wheat with us on the new broken field.
- 13 Rosenquist reaped the wheat with us on the field by Peterman's land. Today, the girl, Josephine Ruth, was born.
- 14 Rosenquist reaped the wheat with us on the western part of the south field. This completed the wheat harvest.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 We started stacking the wheat. I had Rosenquist help me. We hauled with two wagons.
- 17 18, 19, 20 & 21 We stacked wheat.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 We stacked the last of the wheat.
- 24 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed.
- 25 26, 27 & 28 We have had quite a lot of rain. The boys have plowed a little in between the rain showers. I did various small jobs.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 We put some braces in the granary and nailed boards on the corners. John Nelson helped me. This evening we had a rainstorm like I have never before seen. In two hours' time our meadow was like a lake.
- 31 I did various small jobs.

September

- 1 2, 3 & 4 I did various jobs. The boys plowed between the rain showers.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I went to Scandia and threshed. The threshing machine is operated with steam. The boys plowed.
- 7 Around noon, Sture and I went to Jennings's place and helped with the threshing.
- 8 We were threshing at Jennings's place until three o'clock in the afternoon and after, I went to Broberg's and helped with the threshing.
- 9 Elsa and I went to Waconia and then I did various small jobs. The boys plowed. Otto cut corn.
- 10 & 11 I did various jobs. The boys plowed.
- 12 **Sunday** Erickson from Blue Earth is here.

- 13 I did various jobs. Around noon, Sture went to Broberg's and helped with the threshing. The other boys cut corn.
- 14 Ida and I were at Per Daniel's helping to thresh and Sture was helping Broberg.
- 15 Ida and I helped Per Daniel to thresh until ten o'clock. In the afternoon I helped Henry Schraan to thresh and Sture was helping Broberg to thresh until 10:30. Sture helped at Broberg's for 1 ½ days.
- 16 I did various jobs. The boys plowed.
- 17 I threshed all day for Henry Schraan and Sture threshed for Lundsten in the afternoon.
- 18 I threshed for Henry Schraan until ten o'clock. In the afternoon Ida and I threshed for Malmberg. Sture threshed all day for Lundsten.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 We threshed for Freed until four o'clock. Then we moved the machine to our place. Malmberg and I moved the engine with our oxen. In the evening we threshed the stack. Hjelm and Peter Peterson own the steam engine.
- 21 We threshed at our place until five o'clock. The wheat was 495 bushels, the barley 101 bushels, and the oats 83 bushels.
- 22 I did various jobs. The boys cut corn.
- 23 I did various small jobs. The boys plowed. Ida and the other boys cut corn.
- 24 I did various small jobs. The boys are cutting corn. The Sunday School missionary, Gunnarson, came here today and will be here through Sunday.
- 25 Ida and I went to the County Fair in Carver. I got prizes for various things—1st prize for Wealthy apple, \$3; 1st prize for #15 grape, \$1.50; 1st prize for variety of grapes, \$1; 2nd prize for winter wheat, \$1.50; 1st prize for barley, \$1. The boys are helping Rietz to thresh.
- 26 **Sunday** The Sunday School missionary, Gunnarson, is here today.
- 27 I hauled a load of barley to Carver. The boys are threshing at Rietz's.
- 28 I cut the clover, etc. The boys cut corn and dug potatoes.
- 29 I did various jobs. The apple tree agents from Minneapolis are here today.
- 30 I fixed the wagon wheel, etc.

October

- 1 I covered the pigpen, etc. Malmberg was here to get the pigs today.
- 2 In the morning I worked on the fences. In the afternoon I was to a school board meeting. The boys plowed the barley field in the meadow.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I went to Chaska as I had been ordered to sit on the jury but the judge died, so there was no jury called. Even so, I brought a load of wheat with me to Chaska and also went to Carver to pick up my prize money
- 5 I did various small jobs
- 6 I hauled manure all day.

7 8 & 9 Per Daniel and I went to Minneapolis to buy material for clothes for our families. The children are husking corn. Emma, Peter Nilsson, and Emma Bergquist came with us home.

10 **Sunday**

11 I hauled a load of wheat to Carver. The boys husked corn.

12 & 13 Sture and I were at Niklas's and threshed. My oxen were used for hauling the wheat.

14 I did various things. We pressed out six gallons of wine from the tame grapes. The boys are husking corn and hauling in squash.

15 We put up partitions in the barn. The boys hauled in the pumpkins.

16 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and I stopped at Bjorlin's on my way home to pay the insurance on the barn.

17 **Sunday**

18 I hauled a load of barley to Chaska and brought bricks and lime home with me. The children are husking corn.

19 I went to the mill in Waconia, etc. The children are husking corn.

20 Sture and I used the oxen to work on the road.

21 I went to Waconia to pick up the grist from the mill. I stopped at Lindfelt's house. The children are husking corn.

22 We took nine ewes to T. Ottinger to be serviced by his new ram. After that, we fanned the wheat.

23 I hauled a load of wheat to Carver and brought home apple trees for Lundsten, Lindfelt and myself. I also had some stovepipes made for the kitchen stove to go from the kitchen through the bedroom.

24 **Sunday**

25 We hauled and stacked cornstalks.

26 Today it is snowing. We did various small jobs.

27 Today I dug up apple trees, etc. The boys are chopping wood and taking care of the cattle.

28 We did various small jobs.

29 I hilled in the apple trees, etc.

30 I pruned back my grapevines. The boys covered the vines with dirt.

31 **Sunday**

November

1 In the forenoon I was at Per Daniel's and Freed's and pruned back the grapevines. In the afternoon we hauled cornstalks.

2 I was at the election for most of the day as I was trying to gather votes for Peter Wiego for county treasurer. Later I burned brush piles near the road. The boys are plowing the corn field, etc.

3 4, 5 & 6 We hauled manure to the west part of the south field where the old small field had been.

7 **Sunday**

- 8 9, 10 & 11 We hauled manure to the same field as before.
- 12 In the morning I went to Ottinger to pick up the ewes. I have had nine ewes with his ram and I will pay him 50 cents for each ewe that is with lamb. Later I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to buy shoes for Carl, etc. Clausen from Watertown was here today and bought grapevines. We hauled 150 loads of manure to the south field.
- 13 In the forenoon, I butchered a ram and in the afternoon Freed and I daubed the meetinghouse. Sture is plowing the field where we will plant corn.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 First, I hauled 24 feet of boards to the schoolhouse. Sture plowed. I hauled a load of sand from Clearwater Lake.
- 16 I slaked lime and started to tear out the wall between the kitchen and the bedroom. Sture is sawing wood for the schoolhouse.
- 17 I finished tearing out the wall, etc. All four of the boys are in school.
- 18 Per Daniel, Rosenquist and I butchered two of the older pigs and one younger pig.
- 19 I began to plaster on the new wall between the kitchen and the bedroom. The boys are in school. Today, Niklas took the two old pigs to Minneapolis to sell.
- 20 I plastered the bedroom wall.
- 21 **Sunday** My brother-in-law, John Anderson, is here and preached.
- 22 23 & 24 I built and plastered the wall between the kitchen and the bedroom, and did various other small jobs, etc.
- 25 According to the President's proclamation, today is **Thanksgiving Day**. We had a meeting in the meetinghouse [church] and my brother-in-law, John Anderson, preached for us.
- 26 In the morning I was at Per Daniel's and helped him butcher. In the afternoon I built and worked on the wall between the kitchen and bedroom, etc.
- 27 I built on the wall all day. Rosenquist and the boys have piled wood in the woods all day.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I fixed things in the barn and built a platform for the chickens to be on, and did various other small jobs. John Anderson from Red Wing went home today.
- 30 Elsa and I went to Waconia to shop for various things. After, I did various small jobs.

December

- 1 I mixed up lime mortar and plastered some. Last night, McKenzie from Hutchinson was here with his family.
- 2 I plastered the bedroom wall, etc.
- 3 I plastered the kitchen wall, etc.
- 4 I made a box for the stovewood in the Grange Hall and also did some plastering on the chimney, etc.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I sooted the kitchen chimney, etc.
- 7 I hauled wood to the schoolhouse and also to the Grange Hall.

- 8 I hauled winter wheat and corn to the Waconia mill.
- 9 I did various small jobs.
- 10 Per Daniel, Niklas, and I butchered the small sow and the bullock, "Bock."
- 11 First, I cut up the pork and salted it. Then I went to Waconia and picked up the grist from the mill.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I first packed the meat in the snow and then I cleaned the east chimney and fixed the stove pipes, etc.
- 14 I did various small jobs, shoveling the snow from round the apple trees and putting up the stovepipes in the bedroom, etc
- 15 I hauled wood as well as did various small jobs.
- 16 I fixed shoes, etc.
- 17 First I fixed shoes and then I went to Waconia. Per Miller from Blue Earth is here.
- 18 I started hauling logs for the new road by the island.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 First I cut willow bushes out of the meadow and then I hauled rails and logs to the road in the meadow.
- 21 I went to Chaska and had the oxen shod.
- 22 I helped Per Daniel butcher.
- 23 I hauled logs out of the woods to the road in the meadow.
- 24 First I did various jobs and after, I hauled logs. We have mild weather. Today it has rained.
- 25 **Christmas Day!** In the evening we were at Per Daniel's to visit.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I hauled home the old elm logs for wood to cook the syrup, etc.
- 28 First we cut up old elm logs in the woods. After that I went to Waconia. Later I went to the Lutheran meeting in Scandia. Today, Peter Hopp gave me \$20.00 to send to Palmquist in Oregon.
- 29 I went to Carver to an agricultural meeting. I went with Lundsten to Chaska and then went with Hobeck from Waconia home in the evening. Today I bought a draft for \$20.00 from the bank in Chaska that I will send to Palmquist in Oregon.
- 30 I went to a meeting in Scandia in the morning. Gunnarson, the Dane, preached. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and sent a registered letter containing a bank draft for \$20.00 to Palmquist in Oregon. Later I took the heifer, "Little Molly," to Hopp's bull.
- 31 We cut down basswood logs and hauled them to the road in the meadow. Gerdson was here today and recorded the name and birth date of the girl, Josephine Ruth.

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January

- 1 First we went to a meeting and then a business meeting.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Rosenquist and I cut logs for the bridge in the meadow.
- 4 5 & 6 I hauled logs for the bridge in the meadow.
- 7 I went to the Chaska mill with 8 sacks of wheat which is to be ground two weeks from today. I went to Henry Wolf and had the oxen shod. Andrew Lundsten began to sew for us today.
- 8 Today, the boys and I cut hoop poles. Andrew Lundsten sewed clothes.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I repaired shoes. I am not feeling well.
- 11 The boys and I cut hoop poles.
- 12 I hauled hoop poles to the man who has his barrel factory on Peterman's land.
- 13 I hauled the rest of the hoop poles but today I am so sick I lay in bed for half a day.
- 14 Before noon, I hauled wood to the schoolhouse and in the afternoon, I went to Per Daniel's and put up eaves troughs.
- 15 I hauled wood to the schoolhouse. Andrew Lundsten has sewed clothes for five days for us.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 We hauled stone to the meetinghouse.
- 18 I repaired shoes, etc.
- 19 We hauled home the haystack from the island.
- 20 We butchered two pigs. I had Per Daniel to help, then I went to Birrel Nilson with the pigs that he will take to Minneapolis and sell.
- 21 I repaired shoes all day.
- 22 I went to Waconia with 6 bushels of oats and took home a load of lumber. The boys are in school.
- 23 **Sunday.** John Anderson from Red Wing is here today.
- 24 I hauled lumber from Waconia, etc.
- 25 I repaired shoes the whole day.
- 26 I did various small jobs.
- 27 Before noon, I hauled logs to the road in the meadow and after, we had a meeting.
- 28 I did various small jobs. In the evening we went to the meeting in Scandia. We are having a snowstorm so the meeting didn't happen.
- 29 I went to Waconia with a white elm log for the sawmill and hauled home a load of lumber. Birrel Nilson took home a box of apple trees from P. Wolf for me.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 Today, my brother-in-law, John Anderson from Red Wing, traveled home. I went with him so I could consult with a Norwegian doctor for my heartbeat. Freed drove us to Chaska.

February

- 1 2 & 3 I was traveling with my brother-in-law, John, to his home in Red Wing.
- 4 I traveled from Hastings and came home at three o'clock in the afternoon. A. Lundsten was here yesterday and today and sewed vests for the boys. Today the sow is with Lundgren's boar.
- 5 First I went to Lundgren to get the sow and then I repaired shoes, etc.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I hauled logs for the bridge in the meadow, etc.
- 8 I went to Waconia for lumber, etc.
- 9 I hauled logs from the woods to the bridge in the meadow. Rosenquist was here today and chopped logs for the bridge.
- 10 & 11 I did nothing. I am not feeling well and I took medicine.
- 12 I butchered the sow. Her leg was broken when she was with the boar so she could never walk.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Before noon, I began to graft. In the afternoon I went to the Lutheran meeting in Scandia.
- 15 I grafted the whole day.
- 16 I went to an auction at Morris Wetzig's. Later I grafted, etc.
- 17 18 & 19 I made grafts the whole time.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I grafted.
- 22 I grafted.
- 23 I went to Waconia for some lumber, etc.
- 24 I went to the Augerhofer auction and I bought a sow for \$8.25.
- 25 I went to Waconia for some lumber. I even had with me six even bushels of barley for the brewer and I got a scant bushel of malt. I am to have three bushels of malt this spring. School ended today.
- 26 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold "Star" for \$20. I bought another cow for \$23.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I hauled a load of cordwood to Smig, etc.
- 29 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood.

March

- 1 I grafted and finished it today. I have now grafted 1,256 apple grafts this winter.
- 2 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and Niklas and Lundsten hauled a load of cordwood for me to Chaska today.
- 3 First I did various jobs, then Sture and I hauled rails for the fence between Freed and my border.
- 4 We hauled rails.
- 5 **Sunday**

- 6 We went to Chaska and unloaded, for the meetinghouse, lumber from a railroad car.
- 7 & 8 The boys and I sawed logs for the fence posts, etc.
- 9 We sawed fence posts before noon and in the afternoon we hauled rails.
- 10 I hauled logs for the bridge in the meadow.
- 11 I did various small jobs.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 First I sawed logs, then we cut down some basswood for stovewood. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought wooden shoes for the boys. Malmberg and Rosenquist are here cutting cordwood.
- 14 I went to the election, then Per Daniel and I were at Peterman's and borrowed \$150 for my brother-in-law, John Anderson, in Vasa.
- 15 I did various small jobs. Yesterday and today we had a snowstorm.
- 16 I did various small jobs.
- 17 I again did various small jobs. We are still having a snowstorm. The snow is a foot high.
- 18 I went to Chaska with a load of wood and I took home boards for the meetinghouse. Yesterday and today the ewes have lambed.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and Per Daniel hauled a load of wheat to Chaska for me. Tonight, "Nancy" calved.
- 21 I did various small jobs.
- 22 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I hauled home the last of the boards from Chaska.
- 23 I went after a load of hay from Meyer's place that I bought from Freed and Per Daniel. Today my brother-in-law, John Anderson from Vasa, came here.
- 24 We hauled cordwood to the road, etc.
- 25 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold the cow that I bought at the last market.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I drove my brother-in-law, John from Vasa, to Chaska. Per Daniel and I have guaranteed John \$250 that he took with him home.
- 28 Sture and I hauled rails and did various other jobs.
- 29 We hauled cordwood from the woods to the road.
- 30 I made small mallets, etc., and did various jobs.
- 31 I split ash rails outside the pigpen. The boys are chopping cordwood from basswood tops. The ox "Jack" is crippled, so we can't use him.

April

- 1 I made molasses troughs out of ash and various other things. Sture went to Chaska for medicine for the ox.
- 2 **Sunday.** Today it snowed the whole day.

- 3 Today I repaired shoes and did other small jobs. Krikler was here today to cure the sick ox, "Jack."
- 4 First I went to the Waconia mill with wheat and oats to grind. I had Per Daniel's horses since one of my oxen is lame. Elsa went with to Waconia. Then I did various small jobs.
- 5 I repaired shoes, etc. Jan came today to look at the lame oxen. Last night we had more snow.
- 6 Before noon, I went to Waconia for the grist and after I hauled logs to the bridge in the meadow. I had Freed's horses the whole day.
- 7 After lunch, I went to the fanning mill and we fanned today all the seed wheat and 30 bushels more. Then we did various small jobs.
- 8 Before noon, we did small jobs. In the afternoon, we had Freed's horses and hauled out aspen rails for the fence by the bridge.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I plastered the molasses kettle, etc., and did various jobs.
- 11 I did various small jobs. The boys fanned barley and oats, etc.
- 12 I repaired shoes, etc.
- 13 I began to make a frame for the roller. The boys are clearing hazelnut bushes at the edge of the meadow.
- 14 I bored 224 maples today. The sap is not running well because the frost is not out of the ground.
- 15 First I bored into the rest of the maples—it is now 246 bored maples. Then I did various small jobs.
- 16 **Sunday** Last night, "Betty" calved.
- 17 I worked on the roller, etc. Today we are cooking syrup. The boys are doing various jobs.
- 18 Before noon, I went to Waconia with a log for the sled runners and brought home the boards for the white elm log. In the afternoon we hauled manure.
- 19 Before noon, I went to Herman Miller's for walnut trees. In the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys hauled manure to the oat field. I sent a gallon of wine to Olaf Hakanson together with a letter.
- 20 21 & 22 I sowed wheat in the southern field down by the ditch by Peterman's field. I have sowed 15 bushels on the east side of the south field. On Saturday afternoon, I sowed some oats.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 First we sowed oats, then we sowed wheat in the field west of the old house. Two agents who had vises to sell were here today. Ida went to Waconia to have her picture taken.
- 25 We sowed wheat in the home field where we had corn last year. Then we sowed oats down by the wagon shed. I sowed 30 ½ bushels of wheat and 9 bushels of oats this spring.
- 26 We sowed wheat in the south field where we had the barley last year as well as on the field by Peterman's land. This was counted in with the above-mentioned 30 ½

bushels. Last night, "Molly" calved. Yesterday, H. Schraan and his wife bought a gallon of wine. Last night the vise agents stayed with us.

27 Today I grafted. Sture is rolling the wheat.

28 Sture rolled the wheat. I did various small jobs and among other things, I tied up the grapevines.

29 Before noon, Sture rolled the wheat. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Elsa and Sture went to Waconia. I did various jobs. I tied up the grapevines and planted other grapevines.

30 **Sunday**

May

1 I was at Rosenquist's the whole day and helped him move Lundsten's old house onto B. Nilson's land where Rosenquist shall live. The boys grubbed by the meadow.

2 & 3 I planted apple trees and broke the fenced piece by the meadow. The boys dug the holes for the trees. I did various jobs.

4 First, I sowed barley in the new field by the meadow and then I planted apple trees. The boys did various jobs.

5 I planted apple trees, walnut trees, and cedar bushes. The boys piled hazelnut bush roots, plowed the orchard, and did other various jobs.

6 First I sowed clover seed in the orchard and rolled it in, then I went to Peter Broberg to help him reconcile with his relatives. The boys grubbed on the hill in the meadow.

7 **Sunday**

8 Before noon, I plastered in the granary to keep the rats out. The boys grubbed on the hill in the meadow.

9 I began to plant the grafts and sow out clover seed on the nearest piece in the orchard. Sture went to Waconia for two pounds of clover seed, then we grubbed. Elsa and Andrew Nilson's wife sheared the sheep.

10 I planted grafts the whole day. Today, I set out 500. The boys dug the holes and burned brush in the meadow.

11 I planted grafts. The boys dug holes for the grafts.

12 Before noon, I planted grafts. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in Adolph Eiselien's store.

13 I planted the last grafts and then planted grape cuttings, made cabbage beds, and planted them. Sture harrowed and rolled the corn.

14 **Sunday** We have had a lot of rain in the afternoon and at night.

15 Today it is so wet we cannot work outside. I am repairing shoes today. In the morning, the sow farrowed. She had seven living and two dead piglets.

16 We broke in the fence for the orchard by the hill. We had Malmberg's bullocks to help.

17 Before noon, we picked up roots and sowed barley in the new broken field. In the afternoon we marked for the corn.

- 18 We marked for corn and then planted corn in the south field. It is on the west part.
- 19 I planted corn in the orchard, I hauled manure for the potatoes, and built a bridge over the ditch in the meadow. Last night, John Nelson and Anna from Blue Earth were here.
- 20 I plowed for potatoes and squash and planted potatoes between the trees in the south field. I fixed the fence on the southern forty.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Before noon, I went to Waconia and in the afternoon, I planted four apple trees that Larson in Waconia had ordered for me from Winsted, and then I did various jobs.
- 23 We repaired old fences and planted squash.
- 24 We repaired fences the whole day.
- 25 We let the cattle out on the southern forty and repaired fences. In the afternoon, we began to split fence posts. The 23rd, we took "Betty" to Rietz's bull.
- 26 We split fences the whole day.
- 27 I went to Carver to the agricultural meeting. We voted on whether the fair should be held in Carver or Waconia, but Carver won, so the fair will be held there, next fall. Sture and I brought a load of wheat to Chaska.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Before noon, we cultivated the corn using Freed's horse. In the afternoon we split fence posts.
- 30 I sharpened the fence posts and hauled them.
- 31 First we hauled more posts and then we set up fence posts between the west meadow in the south field.

June

- 1 We dug holes and set up fence posts. I went to Niklas to help him butcher a boar.
- 2 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I also went to Carver and bought two barrels of oil.
- 3 We began to build the fence between Freed's land and mine.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 & 6 I built the fence between my property and Freed's. The boys hauled rails, hauled manure, and cultivated the grapes.
- 7 I built the fences. Sture worked on the road.
- 8 I hauled rails and built the fence. Sture worked on the road.
- 9 I laid the fence outside the pigpen and between Niklas's field and mine. Rosenquist grubbed in the woods in the southern field. The boys cultivated the corn and grubbed. The agriculturist is here today and taxed \$216 and \$250 to the state.
- 10 I made a gate between the meadow and the south field and did other various small jobs. The boys cultivated and hoed corn. Rosenquist grubbed in the south field.
- 11 **Sunday** Today, the minister Palmer was here from Minneapolis and preached to us.
- 12 I began to nail up the rails for the fence in the southern field and meadow. Rosenquist helped me half a day and then he grubbed since I got sick. The boys hoed corn.

- 13 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed corn.
- 14 I worked on the fence. The boys cultivated corn in the orchard, etc., Rosenquist grubbed.
- 15 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed the garden.
- 16 I did various small jobs between the rain. The boys hoed in the garden. John Erickson from Blue Earth is here. He came from Chicago.
- 17 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I bought 200 boards for the meetinghouse and spoke to Sargent about the meetinghouse lot.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 & 20 I nailed on the fence. The boys did various small jobs.
- 21 22, 23, 24 I worked on the meetinghouse. We took it down and are building it again. The boys cultivated and hoed corn and also have done some grubbing, etc. The 23rd, we took "Nancy" to Rauen's bull.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I worked on the meetinghouse. The boys grubbed, etc.
- 27 First we mowed the field by the old house, then I went to Waconia. The boys grubbed.
- 28 We built the fence between the field and the meadow.
- 29 First I went to Waconia for grist. Then I built fences.
- 30 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The boys piled brush in the clearing. Andrew Lundsten was here and grubbed for four days and Rosenquist for three days this week.

July

- 1 Today we had a light rain. We did various small jobs. Today my brother-in-law, John Anderson, came from Vasa.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I made a loft in the barn above the horse stable and did various small jobs. The boys cultivated the corn in the orchard and hoed squash.
- 4 We and the Lutherans celebrated together in Scandia. John Anderson from Vasa did the introduction.
- 5 First, I worked in the barn. The boys hoed the apple trees, and then in the afternoon we began to mow. I became sick so we did not do much.
- 6 I helped to sheath the meetinghouse. The boys cultivated corn in the south field.
- 7 Before noon, I finished the loft in the horse stable. The boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, we hauled hay. The 6th we took "Molly" to Rietz's bull.
- 8 We hauled one load of hay, then we mowed the whole day.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 & 11 We mowed, cocked, and hauled hay.
- 12 Last night we had some rain but it has been a drought. The wheat looks bad. In the morning, I went to Waconia with grist. The boys went fishing. In the afternoon, we mowed and cocked hay.
- 13 & 14 We mowed, cocked, and hauled hay.

15 First I went to Waconia for the grist and brought with me three sacks of wheat for the mill. Andrew Lundsten bought it from me. The boys mowed in the meadow and then we cocked hay for the rest of the day.

16 **Sunday**

17 Before noon, we dug for water for the cattle, etc. Jenning and his wife were here for currants. In the afternoon, we reaped the barley by the meadow.

18 19, 20 & 21 We mowed, cocked, and hauled hay, etc.

22 First we mowed by the creek by the field, etc., then we cocked hay in the meadow by the island.

23 **Sunday**

24 We stacked the hay by the island in the west meadow.

25 We worked on the bridge by the meadow and I had A. Lundsten's help.

26 Before noon, we hauled home the last of the hay. In the afternoon it rained. The boys went fishing. I made a thill for the wagon.

27 First we set up the reaper and in the afternoon we reaped the barley in the meadow.

28 We reaped the oats, but in the afternoon it began to rain.

29 First we did various jobs and then we reaped the oats, and the wheat in the west side of the home field.

30 **Sunday**

31 We reaped wheat in the home field.

August

1 & 2 We reaped wheat in the south field.

3 We reaped wheat in the south field, and today we finished reaping the wheat.

4 We stacked the barley. In the afternoon it rained so we did various small jobs.

5 First the fence was moved where I will stack the grain. I will finish the fence in the meadow, then fence around the haystack and let the cattle in the meadow. In the afternoon it rained. The minister Palmer from Minneapolis was here for dinner today.

6 **Sunday**

7 Sture was at Malmberg's and tied wheat. We reshocked the oats so it could dry and untied and spread out some that was too wet. We did other small jobs.

8 & 9 We stacked the wheat. I borrowed Fischer's wagon.

10 Today it rained a little. Elsa and I are in Waconia and shopping. We brought grist to the mill from Rosenquist and us. We also sold some pork to Adolph.

11 We stacked wheat and borrowed Freed's wagon.

12 We stacked wheat and finished it.

13 **Sunday**

14 & 15 I did various small jobs. Sture plowed between the rain.

16 Before noon it rained. In the afternoon I went to Waconia for the grist. The boys went fishing. It is quite rainy weather and much of the wheat is not stacked.

- 17 I hauled manure on the field by the old bark shanty where I shall sow winter wheat and rye.
- 18 First I went to Scandia, then I did various small jobs. Sture plowed. Ida and Carl helped Freed to tie wheat bundles in the afternoon. I pruned back grapevines.
- 19 I sowed a bushel of rye and four bushels of winter wheat on the field by the old bark shanty. Sture harrowed and rolled it. Ida and Carl are at Freed's to tie wheat bundles in the afternoon.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Before noon, I threshed for Hjelm in Scandia. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Sture is helping Peterman to thresh. Axel and Carl are plowing.
- 22 Sture is threshing for Freed. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, I plowed.
- 23 Before noon, I plowed and Sture threshed for Hubert Lohmer. In the afternoon, I went to Lohmer to find out what time the machine would come to our place and then I went home and butchered a ram. In the evening, Broberg's steam thresh machine arrived at our place.
- 24 We threshed and finished at 4:30. We had 18 people, besides the men that tended to the machine, then the machine went to Lundsten's place.
- 25 Sture and I threshed for Lundsten. Ida also helped after dinner. Axel and Carl plowed.
- 26 Elsa and I took "Betty" to the Carver market but no one offered more than \$25 for her so we took her back home. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten in the morning. In the afternoon, Sture threshed for Per Daniel. The 19th, the grasshoppers began to come and since then more have come each day. By the 31st, the air was so full of them that when you looked at the sun it looked as if it were snowing.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Before noon, I plowed and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. Sture was at Adam Fischer's and threshed.
- 29 Before noon I plowed and Sture threshed for Fischer. In the afternoon, Sture plowed and I threshed for Birrel Nilson.
- 30 I was at Birrel Nilson's and threshed the whole day. Sture plowed.
- 31 First I went to Scandia with a load of lumber for the meetinghouse. In the afternoon I did various jobs. Sture plowed in the afternoon.

September

- 1 Before noon I did various small jobs. Sture plowed. In the afternoon we mowed the second crop of hay.
- 2 In the morning we mowed and in the afternoon I went to Jennings' with ten bushels of apples that he will press into cider. John Erickson, his wife, and Schell from Delano came here tonight.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We had a business meeting in the morning in the meetinghouse in Waconia, then we hauled hay from the second crop.

- 5 6 & 7 I did various small jobs. It rained for two days. Sture has plowed at times.
- 8 Sture and I threshed for Broberg.
- 9 Today it rained all day. I puttied the windows, etc.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Sture plowed. I did various jobs and grubbed a large white oak. The children cut corn.
- 12 Before noon, I went to Niklas's house because of trouble that developed. In the afternoon, I hewed out material for making stalls in the horse barn. Sture plowed and the children cut corn.
- 13 Today it is raining so we did nothing.
- 14 I hewed the material for the stall. The children cut corn.
- 15 First I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we went to Birrel Nilson's for a meeting and we all had our dinner there. The children finished cutting the corn.
- 16 Before noon, I took wheat to the Waconia mill. I bought 7 studdings and 5 sills and took them home. In the afternoon I hewed out the material for the stalls. The boys grubbed today.
- 17 **Sunday** Today, Elsa and I went to the funeral at the West Carver Church of Swanberg's wife. It rained the whole way down.
- 18 I went to Waconia to get the grist and then I did various jobs. The boys grubbed.
- 19 It is raining. We did various jobs.
- 20 I worked in the barn. The boys grubbed.
- 21 I worked on the stalls. Sture plowed and after dinner he helped Rietz to thresh.
- 22 I worked on the stalls. Sture threshed for Rietz. Rosenquist grubbed.
- 23 I worked on the stalls. Rosenquist grubbed. Sture threshed for Rietz for two or three hours and then he plowed.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Before noon I did various jobs and then I worked on the stalls. Sture plowed the barley field by the meadow.
- 26 I put blocks under the cribs in the stalls. Sture plowed.
- 27 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I hauled home lime and bricks for the meetinghouse. The boys grubbed out trees on the road.
- 28 I worked on the meetinghouse. Sture hauled over the lime and bricks and then he grubbed on the road and harrowed the winter wheat. Rosenquist was here and grubbed.
- 29 I winnowed barley and got ready to go to the fair. Sture plowed under the grasshopper eggs where I had sowed the winter wheat.
- 30 Ida, Sture, Axel, and I went to the fair in Carver. I took along a load of barley to Chaska.

October

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 First I did various jobs and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia and bought nails. Carl Peterson began to lay the floor in the loft. The children dug potatoes.

- 3 I did various jobs. Carl is working on the barn. The children are digging potatoes. Sture is plowing.
- 4 I did various jobs. The boys hauled home the squash, etc. Carl Peterson worked before noon. In the afternoon, he was at Lundgren's house.
- 5 I did various jobs and went to Waconia in the afternoon. Sture plowed.
- 6 I drove Elsa to Watertown as she is going to Litchfield to see her mother, who is dying. Erickson came with me home.
- 7 Before noon, I went to Ritticker's for apple scions for grafting. In the afternoon the school board met. The boys hauled the pumpkins together. Carl Peterson worked on the barn.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Before noon, Sture and I worked together with the oxen on the road. In the afternoon, I put posts under the corncrib. The boys husked corn. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.
- 10 Peterson and I arranged and fixed things in the stalls. The boys husked corn.
- 11 Carl Peterson and I worked in the stalls. The boys husked corn.
- 12 I worked in the meetinghouse. Carl Peterson worked in the barn. The boys husked corn.
- 13 Carl Peterson and I worked in the barn. The boys husked corn.
- 14 Carl Peterson and I worked on the stalls. The boys husked corn.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I did various jobs. Sture plowed. In the afternoon we hauled cornstalks.
- 17 We hauled cornstalks the whole day. In the evening Mamma and Josephine returned from Litchfield.
- 18 Today I worked in the orchard. The boys husked corn and hauled home the last of the cornstalks from the field. A. Lundsten grubbed.
- 19 Today I worked in the orchard planting currants. A. Lundsten grubbed. Carl Peterson worked in the barn. Sture and the oxen are at Niklas's to thresh. The boys husked corn.
- 20 Sture, Axel, and I threshed with the oxen for Niklas, but it rained so we could only thresh in between. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.
- 21 Sture, Axel, and I, with the oxen, threshed for Niklas until noon, then I worked in the orchard and Sture plowed. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.
- 22 **Sunday** Today we had a funeral for Schwichtenberg.
- 23 Before noon, I went to Waconia with grist. In the afternoon I dug up apple trees. William Habeck of Waconia came here and bought them. Carl Peterson worked in the barn. The boys hoed grasshopper eggs in the orchard. Sture plowed.
- 24 I dug up apple trees, etc. Sture plowed the cornfield. Carl Peterson worked in the barn.
- 25 I dug up apple trees, etc. Jenning came today to get apple trees. Carl worked in the barn before noon. He worked on the meetinghouse in the afternoon. The boys hauled cornstalks from the orchard and plowed in the corn field.
- 26 Carl worked on the meetinghouse. Sture went to Waconia for the grist. I dug up apple trees. In the afternoon I sowed two bushels of rye on the west part of the home field.
- 27 Before noon, Habeck and his wife from Waconia, and Mrs. Lindfelt were here. In the

afternoon I heeled in the grapevines. Carl Peterson made a hole in the roof of the house and made a cover for it. He finished his work here and left this evening. The boys hauled mulch to the apple trees, etc.

28 Elsa and I went to Chaska with wheat. We traded for materials in Faber's store. We also went to Carver where I received my prizes for the fruit.

29 **Sunday**

30 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The boys hauled mulching to the apple trees.

31 Elsa and I went to Waconia, then I hauled the pulpit and bookcase to the meetinghouse, and then I dug up grapevines. The boys are piling brush and grub in the new field. Rosenquist is grubbing.

November

1 First I butchered an ewe and then I dug up apple trees. B. Nilson and Lundsten were here for apple trees. The boys hauled manure to the field by Peterman's land. Rosenquist grubbed.

2 First I mulched around the apple trees and then Adam Fischer was here for apple trees. In the afternoon I pruned back the grapevines. The boys hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed.

3 I pruned back the grapevines and heeled them in. The boys hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed.

4 Today I did various small jobs. Freed was here for apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed and the boys hauled manure.

5 **Sunday**

6 It is snowing. Before noon I pruned back the grapevines for Per Daniel and Freed. In the afternoon I packed in the seedlings and scions into the cellar. The boys tended to the cattle.

7 I went to the election and in the afternoon we had a business meeting in Scandia.

8 I went to Per Daniel's place and helped him butcher a barrow. The boys spread manure.

9 Before noon I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture is plowing the field where we will plant corn. The boys spread manure.

10 I planted currant bushes, etc. Sture plowed. The boys piled brush on the new broken field.

11 Today I planted some apple trees. Sture plowed and the other boys did various jobs.

12 **Sunday**

13 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat for the mill. A. Lundsten was here and grubbed out large trees. The boys grubbed and piled grub.

14 I dug down the fence posts in the cow yard. The boys hauled away the old cow barn thatch. A. Lundsten and Rosenquist grubbed large trees.

15 I set fence posts by the well. I put up gate posts. The boys hauled away cow barn roof thatch.

16 I began to build a privy, etc. The boys finished hauling away the thatch.

17 Per Daniel helped us butcher the large barrow. In the afternoon we did various jobs.

18 I cut up and salted the pork. I also made brine. Sture hauled wood.

19 **Sunday**

- 20 We butchered the white steer. Peter Broberg bought one-half. Niklas helped us.
- 21 I cut up the beef and then did various jobs.
- 22 I packed the beef in the snow and then did small jobs.
- 23 I made a gate near the wagon shed.
- 24 I made a fence down by the straw stack. The boys have attended school all week.
- 25 The boys and I did various jobs.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I went to Chaska for the grist.
- 28 I went to Per Daniel's and butchered.
- 29 I made feed cribs in the sheep barn. The boys are in school.
- 30 I did various jobs. The boys hauled and chopped wood. Today is **Thanksgiving**. We had a meeting in the meetinghouse in the evening.

December

- 1 I hauled three sacks of wheat for Rosenquist to the Waconia mill, then I did various jobs.
- 2 I sooted the east chimney and put up a stove, etc. The boys hauled and chopped wood.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Per Daniel helped us to butcher the sow.
- 5 I went to the Schwichtenberg's auction.
- 6 Again, I went to the auction.
- 7 I went to Waconia with the butchered sow and sold her to Adolph Eiselen. Elsa and Sture were along.
- 8 Today it is intensely cold with a strong north wind. I stayed in and patched old clothes all day. The older boys went to school.
- 9 I did various jobs. The younger boys also went to school today. It is very cold but not so bad.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Today we whitewashed the cabin. The boys are in school.
- 12 Before noon, I did various jobs and in the afternoon my brother Carl from Colorado and my brother-in-law John and my sister Maja Stina came here. I have not seen my brother Carl for 20 ½ years.
- 13 14, 15 & 16 We had meetings in the meetinghouse each day. John from Delano is also here.
- 17 **Sunday** We have meetings again.
- 18 Today my brother Carl, my brother-in-law John, and my sister Maja Stina returned to Vasa and I went with them as far as Chaska.
- 19 I did various jobs
- 20 21, 22, 23 I did various small jobs. The boys are at school. The 21st we went to Rietz's bull with "Little Molly."
- 24 **Sunday**

- 25 **Christmas Day** Before noon we had a meeting and in the afternoon I did various jobs.
- 26 Before noon Elsa and I went to Waconia. I exchanged the hats in Larsen's store. In the afternoon we had a Grange meeting. Today my brother-in-law, Cornelius, and his boys came here.
- 27 & 28 I made a fence by the road opposite the well. The boys sawed stovewood.
- 29 I laid the fence along the road. Birrel Nilson's relatives were here today. They brought a spinning wheel with them for us from Morris Prairie.
- 30 I finished the fence down by the well and then I did small various jobs.
- 31 **Sunday** Tonight we are having in the meetinghouse a celebration to ring out the old year.

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January

- 1 We had a business meeting in the meetinghouse [church] concerning the affairs of the congregation.
- 2 & 3 I did various small jobs. The children are in school. On the 1st, my brother-in-law Cornelius went home. Sture drove him with the oxen to Carl Swenson's place.
- 4 I helped Per Daniel butcher pigs.
- 5 I went to Watertown to pick up Erickson. I met him at Ahlstrom's house in Watertown. The children are in school.
- 6 I spent the whole day repairing shoes.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 9, 10, 11 & 12 I did various small jobs. The boys are in school.
- 13 I did various small jobs. Today, for the second time, I sent a letter to Swen Bengtson in Blue Earth regarding his horses.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I did various small jobs. The boys are in school.
- 16 17, 18, & 19 I did various small jobs. The boys are in school.
- 20 I did various small jobs. Today I sent a letter to Swen Bengtson that he should bring his horses here in the spring. Andrew Lundsten has been here sewing clothes for us for 4 ½ days this week and was here 4 days the week before.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I fixed the wagon box, etc.
- 23 Today Per Daniel helped me butcher 4 pigs; one of them we kept for our family's use and it weighed 175 pounds.
- 24 I went to Waconia and then did various things.
- 25 Peter Broberg began hauling cordwood to Chaska for me and I went with him to Chaska and sold my wood to Linenfelser for \$3 a cord; I will apply the money to my account in the store. Niklas Swenson went to Minneapolis today and took with him the 3 butchered

pigs to sell for me.

26 I fixed the wagon box and did other small jobs. The boys are in school.

27 I hung a gate down by the barn and also did other various small jobs.

28 **Sunday**

29 In the forenoon, Sture and I sawed down butternut trees in the south field to bring to the sawmill. In the evening I went to a school.

February

11 **Sunday**

12 I made a feeding bin in the barnyard. Erickson from Delano and Gustav Peterson from Hastings both left for home today. Ahlstrom from Watertown was here last night.

13 I finished the feeding bin in the barnyard.

14 I did various jobs. Today we brought home Bradhouse's boar.

15 I started working on the second feeding bin.

16 I went with Niklas to Chaska and Carver and we even stopped by Paul Wolf's on our way home.

17 I finished making the second feeding bin and did various other jobs.

18 **Sunday**

19 I went to the Waconia mill with grain.

20 Niklas Swenson and I went to the auction in Dahlgren Township.

21 First, I went to Per Daniel's for medicine for a sick calf, and then I went to Waconia to pick up the grist.

22 I made troughs for the sap and did various other small jobs. In the afternoon Swen Bengtson from Blue Earth County arrived with the pair of horses I have bought from him.

23 Swen Bengtson and I went to Waconia, where I bought a double tree and neck yokes from the smith. I also exchanged a harness at the harness maker.

24 I went to Chaska and bought horse blankets and horse tack from Michael Hammer. I also went to Carver market. Swen Bengtson and I also visited with Niklas Swenson. Last night, "Betty" calved.

25 **Sunday**

26 I did various small jobs. Today Rosenquist and Malmberg started cutting cordwood for me. Sture is cutting down basswood trees in the clearing.

27 & 28 I made troughs for the syrup. Sture is cutting basswood in the clearing. The other boys are in school.

March

1 Sture and I went to Waconia to pick up the new harness at the harness maker. In the afternoon I made syrup troughs.

2 I made a new axe handle and did other small jobs. Sture chopped wood, etc.

- 3 I repaired shoes and the boys did various small jobs.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 6, 7 & 8 I did some grafts and various other jobs. Sture cut wood and tended to the cattle and horses. The other boys are in school.
- 9 We fanned the wheat, etc.
- 10 I did grafts all day. The boys cut down and hauled away the large oak tree in the meadow.
- 11 **Sunday** Erickson from Delano was here this week.
- 12 Today Sture and I went to the market in Watertown and sold the cow, "Betty." Niklas's Swen drove us. Erickson and his daughter, Mathilda, stayed with Niklas.
- 13 In the morning I went to the election. In the afternoon I went to the schoolhouse for the testing of the school children. We also had a school board meeting. In the evening, the teacher and the school children gave a concert. The accompaniment for the singing was the organ. John Nelson is here and is making a harrow, etc.
- 14 I grafted apple trees all day.
- 15 First I took the harrow to the smithy in Waconia. Malmberg borrowed \$100 from Maetzold in Waconia and I secured the loan for him. In the afternoon I made axe handles and syrup troughs.
- 16 & 17 I went to H. Rietz's for a house raising on the east farm. The boys are cutting wood and logs in the clearing.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Sture and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.
- 20 The boys and I hauled logs to Waconia—one load with the oxen and one load with the horses.
- 21 Per Daniel and I went to Bonafetler's place to buy hay. The boys hauled wood and rails, etc.
- 22 & 23 We hauled together the logs in the clearing.
- 24 Sture and I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 In the morning we hauled the logs together in the clearing. In the afternoon I went to a Grange meeting.
- 27 28 & 29 I made syrup troughs, etc. The boys chopped cordwood from the basswood. On the 27th I sent a letter to Sweden to Olaud Harberge, Sjoarp.
- 30 I did various small jobs.
- 31 Sture and I went to Carver market and sold the oxen, "Jack" and "Tim."

April

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 First, I did various small jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with grain. The boys are cutting cordwood.

- 3 I made sap spouts, etc. The boys cut cordwood, etc.
- 4 In the morning we hauled stones to make the fireplace for the new syrup pan. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia to pick up the grist. The boys chopped wood.
- 5 We fanned the wheat and the oats.
- 6 I bricked around the old syrup kettle. The boys chopped cordwood from the basswood.
- 7 Today we have bored into 170 maple trees.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 I made mortar for the new syrup pan fireplace, etc., as well as other various small jobs. The boys are cutting cordwood.
- 10 I built the fireplace for the new pan. I went to Waconia to have the shoes taken off the horses. The boys burned logs and brush in the south field.
- 11 We started to sow—first 10 bushels of oats on the south field, then 7 bushels of wheat on the home field. We borrowed Niklas's seeder and then we harrowed the home field.
- 12 In the morning we harrowed and in the afternoon we sowed 11 bushels of wheat on the east part of the south field. I did various other small jobs.
- 13 Sture harrowed the whole day.
- 14 Sture rolled the fields all day. I did various other small jobs.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Sture harrowed in the wheat and oats all day for Per Daniel. Today I bored holes in 143 maple trees. This spring we have bored 313 maples but the sap is running very slow.
- 17 Today it has rained all day. I have mended shoes for the children.
- 18 It rained in the morning. I pruned the apple trees in the orchard. The boys cut cordwood from the basswood.
- 19 I made grafts and did other various small jobs. The boys cut rails and wood.
- 20 We sowed wheat on the west side of the south field. I have grafted the whole day.
- 21 We sowed wheat on the northwestern part of the south field. We have sown 27 bushels of wheat this year. I made some grafts, planted apple seeds, sowed red onion seeds, etc.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 We used the scraper and leveled the field down in the meadow and then we sowed barley there.
- 24 In the morning, we plowed by the orchard and sowed barley below the apple trees. In the afternoon we went to Waconia and had the horses shod, etc.
- 25 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. Carl went along.
- 26 In the morning, according to the governor's proclamation, we went to a prayer meeting for the Lord's deliverance from the threatening destruction by the grasshoppers. In the evening we did various small jobs, etc.
- 27 Today it snowed and blew all day, however, the snow melted as fast as it came.

The boys fanned wheat and I did various jobs.

28 First I planted some apple trees for Freed, and then we began to plant apple trees at home here in the orchard.

29 **Sunday**

30 I planted apple trees all day. We planted 56 apple trees this year.

May

1 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska.

2 I again went to Chaska with wheat.

3 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. The boys are grubbing and burning in the clearing. John Nelson is here and digging up stumps.

4 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. The boys grubbed. Elsa and old lady Nilson sheared the sheep.

5 Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought various things in Lawson's store. I paid the harness maker for the harness, etc. I also settled with A. I. Selian and paid him. I also paid Meyer. In the afternoon we planted grapevines, etc.

6 **Sunday** Erickson had the meeting.

7 In the morning, Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wool to Lawson. I took grain to the mill. In the afternoon I cultivated the orchard. I broke ground in the old cow yard and planted it in potatoes.

8 In the morning we had a meeting and in the afternoon I began to set out apple grafts.

9 I set out apple grafts all day. Sture harrowed and rolled the field near Peterman's land where we will plant corn. When we took the wool to Waconia, I settled my account with Lawson—I paid him in full.

10 Today is Christ's Ascension Day and we had a meeting in the morning. In the afternoon, Sture and I marked for corn.

11 We planted corn and in the afternoon I went after the grist.

12 We hauled logs and stumps from the clearing.

13 **Sunday**

14 I worked in the clearing, raking and burning. Then we grubbed stumps until two o'clock when it began to rain.

15 In the morning I went to Waconia and bought paint for the meetinghouse. In the afternoon, Sture and I plowed in the orchard for sorghum. The boys raked the clearing today and half a day yesterday.

16 We planted in the orchard and on the field by the granary—sorghum, squash, peas, and carrots.

17 In the morning I planted grapevine cuttings, and in the afternoon we hauled stumps from the clearing.

18 In the morning we raked and burned brush in the clearing. In the afternoon the boys took the heifer, "Froken," to Ottinger's bull. We are having a lot of rain

these days.

- 19 I raked and burned grub in the clearing and grubbed out old stumps. Today the clearing is ready for breaking. We took "Nancy" to Rietz's bull.
- 20 **Sunday (Whit Sunday)**
- 21 In the morning I went to Waconia to get Niklas's breaking plow. In the afternoon we began to break ground in the northeast corner of the clearing by the south field. We used Niklas's horses and plow, and Niklas held the plow.
- 22 We broke ground all day. We used Niklas's horses, and Niklas held the plow.
- 23 We broke until four o'clock in the afternoon when we finished. Niklas and his horses were here. Sture grubbed and cleared off brush for Niklas yesterday and today.
- 24 We planted the newly broken field in corn.
- 25 We finished planting the corn. I wrote a letter to the conference. The boys planted the garden. Today I received a letter from Olaf Harberge in Sjoarp, Sweden.
- 26 In the morning we drove the cattle out of the meadow and built a fence around a pasture area in the meadow. In the afternoon we cultivated around the apple trees. The grasshoppers' eggs are hatching, and the grasshoppers are stripping the leaves off the apple trees.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Elsa, Sture, and I took a load of wheat to Chaska. We shopped/traded in Faber's store. I paid Faber my old store bill. We also went to Carver and bought some things and paid A. Peterman my old bill.
- 29 We cleared away all the stuff and trash from the old cow yard. Yesterday I received a letter from brother Rydell in Sweden.
- 30 We broke land in the old cow yard, etc.
- 31 The boys harrowed, rolled, and planted squash in the old cow yard. I did various small jobs.

June

- 1 I went to Watertown to meet Erickson, but we had misunderstood the day and the time so he was not there. The boys caught grasshoppers all day.
- 2 We caught grasshoppers and did other various small jobs. J. Erickson from Delano came here tonight.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 The boys cultivated the corn. I split rails, etc.
- 5 We cultivated in the orchard, I split rails, and we caught more grasshoppers.
- 6 Elsa and I took Emma to Mrs. Kohler in Waconia and Mrs. Kohler gave us medicine for Emma. In the afternoon we were at a meeting in Scandia. The boys are busy catching grasshoppers. The sow farrowed—she had 13 piglets.
- 7 It rained in the morning and in the afternoon I fixed fences. The boys are busy peeling bark off the aspen rails.

- 8 First we did various jobs and after, we began to chop [cut] fence posts.
- 9 We cut fence posts the whole day.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Sture and I worked on the road between Malmberg's and Adam Fischer's house.
- 12 In the morning I went to the election. I voted "no" on the railroad bond issue.
The boys hoed the sorghum and in the afternoon we split aspen rails out on the island.
- 13 Sture and I worked on the road.
- 14 The boys and I cut down hickory and aspen saplings on the northern forty to use for the fence line between our land and Zieman's.
- 15 In the forenoon it rained and after dinner we hauled posts to the fence line between our land and Zieman's.
- 16 We hauled rails and posts to the fence line.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Elsa went with me to Chaska to buy nails to use to nail the rails to the fence posts. I also bought a barrel of kerosene for the grasshoppers. The boys hoed corn.
- 19 In the forenoon I made a covered frame for the grasshoppers. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys mowed clover and hoed corn.
- 20 In the morning I repaired shoes and then Monson from Kandiyohi came here. In the afternoon, I finished writing the letter to Sweden. The boys hoed corn in the field by Peterman's land.
- 21 I started building on the fence between Zieman and me. The boys hoed corn and potatoes and also caught grasshoppers.
- 22 I built on the fence. The boys cultivated and hoed the sorghum. Today I sent the letter to brother Rydell in Sweden.
- 23 I worked on the outhouse. The boys cultivated corn. In the afternoon we had heavy rain.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I worked on the fence building. The boys cultivated the corn and Rosenquist grubbed on the island.
- 26 27 & 28 I worked on the fence. The boys hoed the corn in the newly broken field. Rosenquist grubbed on the island.
- 29 I worked on the fence between rain showers. The boys hoed around the apple trees, etc.
- 30 I was over to John Nelson's barn-raising. The boys mowed the clover in the orchard and stripped bark off the aspen trees for the fence rails.

July

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I cut down hickory saplings for fence rails. I finished the fence on Zieman's line. The boys cut down and stripped bark from the aspen saplings.

- 3 We cut down and stripped bark from the aspen trees on the island.
- 4 We went to the celebration in Scandia.
- 5 Elsa and I went to Waconia with grain for the mill and then we went and visited with Rosenquist and the Lindfelts. After that I did nothing as it was very hot. The boys stripped bark from the aspen saplings from the island.
- 6 I worked on a hayrack. The boys stripped bark from the aspen saplings for fence rails on the island.
- 7 I worked on the hayrack, cultivated by the apple trees, and went to Waconia to pick up the grist. The boys carried in the clover from the orchard and hoed some potatoes but it is altogether too hot to do much work.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 A swarm of grasshoppers arrived. We began to mow hay on the south meadow.
- 10 The boys cultivated the corn. I worked on the hayrack. Today a swarm of grasshoppers left.
- 11 12, 13 & 14 We mowed, cocked, and hauled hay. Erickson from Delano has been here the whole week.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 We reaped the barley in the west meadow.
- 17 In the morning we hauled home a load of hay from the graveyard. In the afternoon we mowed on the west meadow.
- 18 We hauled hay home from the south meadow.
- 19 In the forenoon we reaped the rye in the home field and in the afternoon we cocked hay in the west meadow.
- 20 We mowed on the west meadow out by the island. Elsa and Ida cocked hay on the west meadow. The grasshopper swarm that came on the 15th left today.
- 21 We hauled hay from the west meadow all day.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. The people at home cocked hay on the west meadow by the island.
- 24 We hauled home hay from the west meadow by the island.
- 25 In the forenoon we finished hauling home the hay. After, we cut the double row of barley in the meadow and then we stacked the barley.
- 26 I reaped the oats and the rest of the people hoed the sorghum.
- 27 In the forenoon, we all hoed in the sorghum and at noon it started to rain. The boys went fishing.
- 28 In the morning, we cut the wheat on the field by the well and in the afternoon we tied the oat bundles on the south field.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the morning we tied oat bundles and shocked the oats and in the afternoon we reaped the wheat west of the cabin.

31 We reaped the wheat on the east part of the south field.

August

1 We reaped wheat on the east portion of the south field.

2 In the forenoon, we reaped the two-acre field in the northwest corner of the south field, and in the afternoon we reaped in the west portion of the field.

3 We continued reaping on the same piece and finished the reaping. We have had a long and hard drought, so the wheat has ripened too fast and yet the harvest looks good. I sent the letter from Sweden to my brother, Carl.

4 Axel, Carl, and I went to Per Daniel's and shocked and cut wheat. Sture and Ida are helping Birrel Nilson to tie wheat bundles.

5 Sunday

6 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and bought fly nets for the horses. In the afternoon I stacked rye on the barley stack and moved the fence from where I want to stack the wheat. Ida and Sture tied wheat bundles for Birrel Nilson.

7 & 8 We stacked the wheat.

9 In the forenoon we stacked wheat. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and the boys went fishing.

10 & 11 We stacked wheat.

12 Sunday

13 & 14 We stacked wheat.

15 In the forenoon we finished stacking the wheat and then did various other jobs. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went fishing.

16 17 & 18 We hoed weeds in the grapevines and around the apple trees.

The boys plowed the willow field by the house and the south field by Peterman's woods. I pruned the grapevines while we stacked the wheat.

19 Sunday

20 Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold pork to Eiseliën and bought various things.

In the afternoon, the boys weeded the squash and plowed and I did various small jobs.

21 Sture plowed. I am hewing out material for a cattle shelter by the strawstack.

22 I hewed lumber for the cattle shelter. In the afternoon, Carl Peterson and I went to Waconia and bought paint for the house.

23 & 24 Carl Peterson painted on the house and I did various other jobs and set up posts for the cattle shelter. The boys hauled manure to the home field on the west portion.

25 Carl Peterson painted on the house. The boys hauled manure. I went to Waconia to get medicine from Mrs. Kohler for our girl, Josephine. I also let the tailor measure me for a coat. I am to pay \$11.50 for the coat.

26 Sunday

27 In the forenoon I went to Waconia for linseed oil, etc. In the afternoon, I sowed

timothy and bluegrass on the schoolhouse lot. Sture threshed for Freed for a while in the afternoon. Carl Peterson painted on the house.

- 28 In the morning I did various other jobs and in the afternoon I plowed. Sture threshed for Freed. Carl Peterson painted on the house.
- 29 Axel and I threshed for W. Mitchell. Sture plowed. Carl Peterson painted on the house.
- 30 In the morning I did not feel well enough to do anything. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten. Our Carl and Carl Peterson threshed for W. Mitchell until half past ten. After that, Carl Peterson painted.
- 31 Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten. I did various small jobs. Carl Peterson painted the porch and finished the painting.

September

- 1 First I took the heifer "Fanny" to Rietz's bull and after, I took the heifer "Froken" to Ottinger's bull for the second time. In the afternoon, Sture and I threshed for Niklas. Sture and Axel threshed for Lundsten in the morning until ten o'clock.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I took J. Erickson to Watertown. On the way home, I went to Waconia and picked up the grist from the mill. Ida, Sture, and Axel threshed for Niklas.
- 4 Sture and Axel threshed for Niklas. I plowed the large west portion along the west fence in the south field.
- 5 Ida, Axel, and I threshed for Per Daniel, and Sture threshed for Rietz.
- 6 Ida, Axel, and I threshed for Per Daniel until noon. I plowed in the afternoon and the children cut corn. Sture threshed for Rietz.
- 7 I made a grain bin for oats in the granary. Sture threshed for Rietz until 10:30 p.m.. The rest of the children cut corn.
- 8 In the morning I did various small jobs. After dinner I threshed for Peterman. Sture and Axel threshed for Rietz until 4:30 in the afternoon. The children finished cutting corn on the new field.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Sture threshed for Peterman. I went to Waconia and then did various other jobs. The boys cut corn.
- 11 Sture threshed for Peterman. I did various other small jobs. In the evening, Peterman's threshing machine arrived here.
- 12 We threshed all day.
- 13 We finished threshing at one o'clock. We have had exceedingly warm temperatures while we have been threshing.
- 14 In the morning, Elsa and I took Josephine with us to Waconia and got medicine for her from Mrs. Kohler. The boys cut corn on the field by Peterman's land. After the long heat wave, we had a very refreshing rain this afternoon.
- 15 The boys finished cutting the corn. I did various small jobs.

16 **Sunday**

17 We dug potatoes and Sture plowed.

18 We dug potatoes and Sture plowed on the south field.

19 I threshed for Malmberg. Sture plowed and the other children cut the sorghum.

20 We cut sorghum canes. Sture plowed.

21 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. The children cut sorghum canes. In the afternoon we cut sorghum and Sture plowed.

22 We cut sorghum while Sture plowed the home field.

23 **Sunday**

24 It rained in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys spread manure.

25 I took a load of wheat to Chaska. The boys spread manure and cut sugar corn. Today, "Little Molly" calved.

26 Sture plowed on the west side of the home field for rye. I did various small jobs.

27 We fanned the barley, etc. In the afternoon, we sowed rye on the west portion of the home field.

28 Sture and I went to Jennings' and bought 20 bushels of corn. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to pick up my coat.

29 Elsa, Sture, Carl, and I went to the fair in Carver.

30 **Sunday**

October

1 The children husked corn. I did various small jobs.

2 It is raining. We did various jobs.

3 In the forenoon it rained. We pressed the grapes for wine. In the afternoon the children husked corn and I did various jobs and cut the last of the sorghum and shocked it.

4 In the forenoon the children husked corn. I bricked in the syrup cooking pan. In the afternoon we hauled in the squash. Two peddlers stopped by and will spend the night. We bought picture frames from them.

5 The children husked corn and I butchered a calf and did other various jobs.

6 The children husked corn. I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and I also went to Carver. Niklas and I had company with each other going back home.

7 **Sunday**

8 We hauled cornstalks all day. The children are husking corn.

9 The boys are husking corn in the newly broken field. Ida is working for Rietz. I did various small jobs.

10 In the forenoon I cut weeds on the old cow yard field. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Henry Rietz's house for the funeral. The boys husked corn.

11 In the morning I did various small jobs and in the afternoon I harrowed the field by the well. The children husked corn.

- 12 First I went to J. Jennings for oats and in the afternoon I went to the mill with four sacks of rye. The children are husking corn between the rain showers.
- 13 In the forenoon we husked corn. Sture plowed the corn field by Peterman's land. Later in the afternoon it rained.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Sture and I hauled home cornstalks and the other children finished husking corn.
- 16 In the morning I butchered a ram. Sture plowed the corn field. In the afternoon we hauled a couple of logs to the sawmill in Waconia and also brought home the grist from the mill.
- 17 I worked on the road. I made a bridge across from the well. Sture plowed the corn field. Yesterday and also the day before, Rosenquist grubbed.
- 18 Elsa and I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and also did some trading in Faber's store. The boys have piled together the brush where Rosenquist has been grubbing.
- 19 & 20 I finished bricking in the stoves where we will cook the syrup. Sture plowed the newly broken field and the other boys piled brush.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Niklas and I went to Mack's house on the other side of Waconia to pick up the cane mill that we are borrowing. In the afternoon we put it up. The boys have cleaned up and piled the brush on the grubbed piece by the cow yard.
- 23 In the forenoon we started to press the sorghum cane but soon had to stop as the press was defective. In the afternoon I went to Gotaholm to borrow a press but there weren't any available.
- 24 Today we hauled the sorghum canes to Broberg's place. Rosenquist grubbed and Malmberg dug ditches in the meadow.
- 25 Elsa, Sture, Axel, and I went to Broberg's house and cooked syrup [molasses]. Rosenquist grubbed.
- 26 In the forenoon we were over at Broberg's cooking molasses. We have cooked 63 gallons at Broberg's and 7 gallons at home. Rosenquist grubbed. Today my brother-in-law Nils Larson, his wife Anna, and Bengta Cornelius from Litchfield came here to visit.
- 27 I went to the market in Carver with my brother-in-law, Nils Larson. Rosenquist grubbed and the boys piled the brush that he grubbed.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 In the forenoon, my brother-in-law Nils Larson and I went to Waconia to return the cane mill I had borrowed from Mack. I also brought a ram to Rosenquist that he had bought from me. In the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed and the boys piled the brush.
- 30 Elsa and I drove the Litchfield folks to Delano. Rosenquist grubbed in the afternoon and the boys piled the brush.
- 31 In the morning I dug up apple trees but in the afternoon I was sick in bed. Haupt was here

to pick up apple trees. Rosenquist is grubbing. The boys hauled mulch and put it around the apple trees. On the 30th, we took the heifer, "Fanny," to Peterman's bull.

November

- 1 I dug up apple trees. Sture dug ditches in the swamp for Freed. Rosenquist grubbed.
- 2 I dug up apple trees. Sture was at Freed's and dug ditches in the forenoon. In the afternoon, the boys hauled rotted straw and put it around the apple trees. Rosenquist grubbed.
- 3 I pruned back the grapevines and dug up apple trees. The boys heeled in the grapevines and I did various small jobs.
- 4 **Sunday** We had very cold weather overnight.
- 5 Today I heeled in the apple trees and did various small jobs. The boys are doing various jobs and Rosenquist is grubbing.
- 6 In the forenoon I helped Per Daniel to butcher and then I went to the election. After that I pruned back grapevines for Freed and Per Daniel. The boys piled brush and Rosenquist grubbed.
- 7 & 8 We did various small jobs.
- 9 In the morning I made some sheep pens and separated the sheep I will butcher from the others. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to buy moccasin boots for the boys. Ida went along and bought a hat for herself. The boys piled brush on the grubbed field.
- 10 In the forenoon I did various jobs. In the afternoon I butchered a ram. The boys hauled manure.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 & 13 We hauled manure to the field where we will plant corn.
- 14 In the morning we had a meeting. A Methodist minister from Carver preached. In the afternoon we hauled manure. Rosenquist grubbed stumps on last year's newly broken field.
- 15 We hauled manure all day. Rosenquist grubbed stumps on last year's newly broken field.
- 16 First we finished hauling out the manure and then Sture plowed the field where we will plant in the spring. Rosenquist and I grubbed stumps.
- 17 First, Rosenquist and I grubbed out stumps and then Rosenquist grubbed down by the barnyard. I set up poles to make the wagon shed larger. Sture is finishing plowing where we will plant corn in the spring.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the horses shod and in the afternoon I went to a Grange meeting. The boys are piling brush down by the cow barn.
- 20 In the forenoon I was at Per Daniel's and butchered and after that I did various small jobs. The boys worked in the clearing.
- 21 I built the addition to the wagon shed. The boys did various jobs.
- 22 The boys and I covered the wagon shed. Rosenquist grubbed down below the barn.
- 23 We finished covering the wagon shed and then built a fence around the strawstack. Rosenquist grubbed.

24 I did various small jobs. The boys hauled the chaff into the barn and then hauled manure out on the timothy in the meadow. Rosenquist grubbed north of the barn. Rosenquist has grubbed 24 days during the summer and fall. We have figured our account and I have paid him.

25 **Sunday**

26 The boys hauled manure out to the timothy in the meadow. I did various small jobs. Rosenquist grubbed north of the barn. We took "Froken" to Peterman's bull.

27 I butchered a pig and after, I did various small jobs. Rosenquist grubbed down past the barn. J. Jennings was here to get scions that he will take with him to Washington Territory.

28 We burned brush down past the barn the whole day.

29 Today is **Thanksgiving Day**. We had a prayer meeting in Scandia. After, we did various small jobs.

30 Today I did various small jobs. The boys ground corn at Rietz's mill.

December

1 I built an outhouse. The boys burned brush down below the barn.

2 **Sunday** We had a funeral today. John Nelson from Carver was buried in Scandia today.

3 I worked on the outhouse. The boys burned brush below the barn.

4 Per Daniel helped me butcher the large hog and the sow.

5 I did various small jobs.

6 Sture and I traveled to Minneapolis. We had the 2 pigs, 6 sacks of wheat, and 1 sack of beans with us. Niklas and Birrel Nilson also traveled to Minneapolis.

7 We returned from Minneapolis at 12:30 at night.

8 I worked on the outhouse. The boys are doing various small jobs.

9 **Sunday**

10 I finished the outhouse. The boys started school.

11 I went to Rietz's to help butcher pigs but I got very sick and was there only half the day. The boys are in school.

12 I went to Waconia with grain and then I did various jobs. The boys are in school.

13 & 14 I worked on a wood rack, etc. The boys are in school.

15 Elsa and I took Frank to Boran, the German, to get a tooth pulled, but the German was not home. The boys did various jobs.

16 **Sunday**

17 18 & 19 I did various small jobs. The boys are in school.

20 I finished the wood rack. Sture is not well but the other boys are in school. Gustav Peterson from Stubbarp, now Morris Prairie, was here last night.

21 I went to Per Daniel's place and grubbed out an oak that I want to use for sled runners.

22 I made a door for the outhouse, etc. This whole week it has been warm so the roads are very muddy.

23 **Sunday**

24 I did various small jobs.

- 25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting in the chapel.
- 26 I wrote a short historical paper from our church books to send to Professor Edgren as he is going to write about the Swedish Baptist Church history in America.
- 27 The boys and I grubbed large trees and stumps, etc. It is still warm and rainy with the mud deep under foot.
- 28 Today we are starting a religious district meeting in Scandia. Reverend Lindberg, together with several brethren from Cokato, and also John Anderson from Vasa, were here.
- 29 We had meetings all day in the Scandia Church.
- 30 **Sunday** We had meetings all day.
- 31 Today the folks from Cokato returned home. In the evening we had a meeting.

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January

- 1 2 & 3 We had meetings.
- 4 Today, John Anderson from Vasa went home. I drove him to Chaska.
- 5 Today, I repaired shoes.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 I wrote a letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden. I wrote and sent a receipt to him because he paid me his debt for the immigration tickets.
- 8 Today I mailed the letter to Sweden.
- 9 & 10 I wrote a letter to Olaf Harberge in Sjoarp, Sweden, and also to my brother Carl, in Colorado, and to my sister, Gustava, in Illinois.
- 11 I did various jobs. I mailed the three letters. The boys are in school.
- 12 We butchered a pig and did other various jobs.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I went to Per Daniel's and split out pieces for the sled runners from the large oak that I had grubbed.
- 15 I hauled home the lumber for the sled runners and then I returned for a white oak log.
- 16 I helped Per Daniel butcher hogs.
- 17 I hauled home wood, etc., from the southern forty.
- 18 I hauled maple branches, etc., from the clearing below the barn. In the evening, I received a letter from my brother-in-law, John, from Eggleston, that my brother, Carl, is dead. "Little Molly" was with Peterman's bull.
- 19 I went to Minneapolis to meet my brother-in-law, John. We talked about going to Illinois for brother Carl's funeral, but decided not to go as we could not find out when the body would be sent to Illinois from Colorado.
- 20 **Sunday**

- 21 I returned on the train from Minneapolis to Chaska and arrived at sunset. I walked home from Chaska and found it very tiring.
- 22 & 23 I did various small jobs
- 24 I went to Chaska and Carver to see if a letter regarding brother Carl's death had come but there was no letter. I rode with Freed.
- 25 I did various small jobs. In the evening, I received a letter from my sister, Gustava, that my brother, Carl, was buried. I also received a letter from my brother's hired man in Colorado.
- 26 Sture and I went to the Carver market and sold old "Molly." In the evening, my brother-in-law John and my sister Gustava's son-in-law, Norman, from Illinois came here.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I drove Norman to Chaska. He is going to Colorado and settling my brother Carl's accounts.
- 29 I did various small jobs.
- 30 Peter Broberg and I went to Chaska with cordwood but could get no further than to Kindler's son's place as the snow was melted off the road. We unloaded and left the wood.
- 31 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

February

- 1 Before noon, I hauled stone from Scandia. In the afternoon, I butchered a ram. In the evening, I received a letter from John Pearson from Elizabethtown, New Mexico.
- 2 In the morning we went to the German, Boran, and had a tooth pulled for Frank. Today, I sent a letter to John Pearson in Elizabethtown, New Mexico, and one to Norman in Cuckara, Colorado. In the evening we hauled out cordwood from the clearing. The children are in school.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We hauled out cordwood from the clearing.
- 5 I repaired shoes all day.
- 6 Before noon, I went to Waconia and in the afternoon, I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, N. Larson, in Litchfield.
- 7 Before noon, I went to Rosenquist's place to Waconia where I bought shoes for Frank from Eiselien. In the evening, I wrote a letter to my sister, Gustava.
- 8 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia for grist. I also returned the shoes to Eiselien because they were faulty. I bought a pair of shoes for Frank from Larson. Rosenquist and the boys chopped cordwood on the clearing. I received a letter from Norman.
- 9 In the morning I ground corn at Rietz's mill and then did various jobs. Today I sent letters to Norman in Denver and to my sister Gustava. My brother-in-law, John Anderson, came here today. The boys and Rosenquist cut cordwood.
- 10 **Sunday**

- 11 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to the Grange meeting. Today, I received a second letter from Norman in Denver.
- 12 My brother-in-law, John, and I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver and to John Pearson in Elizabethtown, New Mexico.
- 13 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia and then I did various jobs. Today, I sent the letters for Colorado and New Mexico to Chaska.
- 14 I did nothing.
- 15 I wrote a letter to Sweden to tell them that our brother, Carl, was dead.
- 16 I repaired shoes all day.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 I did various small jobs.
- 19 Per Daniel helped me to butcher five sheep before noon. The boys are in school. John Anderson from Eggleston returned home yesterday.
- 20 Sture and I drove to Minneapolis with a load of wheat, mutton, sheepskin, and tallow.
- 21 We returned from Minneapolis in the evening.
- 22 I did various jobs. The boys are in school.
- 23 I sooted the chimney, etc. The boys are in school. "Nancy" calved last night.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 I wrote a letter to G.W. Norman and to John Pearson in New Mexico, and to John in Eggleston. I copied the settlement of the estate and sent it to John. I repaired shoes.
- 26 Before noon, I sooted the kitchen chimney and after dinner, I repaired shoes.
- 27 I mended shoes all day.
- 28 I began to make apple grafts.

March

- 1 & 2 I made apple grafts.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 I made apple grafts and then went to Waconia for grist, etc. The 1st, we took "Fanny," "Froken," and "Little Molly" to Peterman's bull.
- 5 I went to Carver and bought a seeder from Andrew Peterson. Today, I borrowed \$150 from Faber and Linenfelsers in Chaska. In the evening, I paid \$150 to H.J. Peterman.
- 6 I made a sled out of planks to haul stone and stumps.
- 7 I began to bore into the maples. Today I bored into 100 trees. Today the school has ended its winter term.
- 8 Today I plastered in the molasses kettle and we started to cook syrup. The boys are hauling stumps up in the field. The night before last, a couple of Irishmen stopped overnight with us.
- 9 I grafted the whole day and finished them all. The boys fanned wheat and oats.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 I bored 190 maples. The boys chopped wood in the clearing.

- 12 I went to the election and then did various other jobs. The boys chopped wood in the clearing.
- 13 I sawed branches off the apple trees. Today Paul Bjorlin was here and I paid him \$9 for the insurance.
- 14 & 15 I wrote letters to Norman, Pearson, and John. I also did various small jobs. I made some plum grafts, etc. The boys chopped wood in the clearing.
- 16 I went to Chaska. I had two sacks of wheat for Eitel's mill. I had the wheat ground and took home the grist from the elevator. I went to Carver. Lundsten was with me.
- 17 **Sunday** Today we were at J. Broberg's house and celebrated their silver wedding day.
- 18 We butchered two pigs. I had Per Daniel's help. In the afternoon we had our last Grange meeting. We sold our Grange Hall to Malmberg.
- 19 Today we have begun to seed. Today we sowed wheat in the home field. I cut up the pork and salted it.
- 20 First we harrowed the wheat and then sowed oats. I pruned the apple trees.
- 21 I harrowed in the oats and then sowed the wheat in the orchard and rolled it. I made grafts in the apple trees, etc.
- 22 First the oats were rolled, then the wheat was sowed on the new field. I made grafts.
- 23 First, the wheat was harrowed in and rolled on the new field. Then the wheat was sowed on the field by Peterman's field. I made grafts.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 First I went to Waconia and had the shoes taken off the horses, then I ground three sacks of corn at Rietz's place. In the afternoon, we sowed the square near the road with wheat. I pruned apple trees.
- 26 I sowed wheat on the west part of the south field. I washed the apple trees. Today we lost one of last year's calves, so in the afternoon, I buried it.
- 27 Sture harrowed. I washed apple trees, etc.
- 28 We sowed wheat down on the piece by Peterman's field and I did various jobs.
- 29 First I rolled the wheat, then I went to Waconia to have the horses reshod.
- 30 Elsa and I went to the Carver market. Sture, Axel, and Carl were with. They led the oxen "Dick" and the heifer "Fanny." I sold them for \$63.50.
- 31 **Sunday**

April

- 1 I went to the Watertown mill with a load of rye. I had my portrait taken and ordered a dozen as well as a half-dozen copies of my brother Carl's portrait. The boys worked on the clearing.
- 2 The boys worked on the clearing. I pruned apple trees and did other jobs. In the morning, Niklas was here and cut the boar and a bull calf. Today the sow farrowed. She had a litter of four pigs but two were dead.

3 4, 5 & 6 The boys and I hauled together the logs in the clearing and burned the clearing.

7 **Sunday**

8 I planted apple trees in the orchard. The boys worked in the clearing.

9 & 10 It rained. I wrote a long letter to Rydell in Sweden and to Norman in Kirkwood along with more small jobs.

11 Sture and I went to Waconia to look at the stallions from Watertown. Today I sent the long letter to Sweden together with a railroad map of Colorado. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico and suggested he take charge of the silver mine.

12 I planted apple trees, etc. The boys hauled manure and various other jobs.

13 We hauled logs on the clearing the whole day. Today we set out red onions.

14 **Sunday**

15 John Nelson and Sture split rails. I wrote a letter along with other various small jobs.

16 John and Sture split rails. I made a little wagon for the children.

17 John and Sture split rails between the rains. I finished the wagon and also did various small jobs.

18 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia to the stallion with the mare and after, we hauled rails from the clearing.

19 First we plowed the barley below the wagon shed and then we hauled rails and stakes from the clearing.

20 Today we sowed barley. I tied up grapevines, etc., and then we hauled rails.

21 **Sunday**

22 First we planted potatoes between the apple trees, and then we set out grapevines. The boys hauled rails and stakes from the clearing.

23 The boys burned on the clearing. I did various small jobs.

24 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Elsa was with. We shopped and I hauled home 400 bricks for the well.

25 Before noon, we went to the stallion with the mare. Elsa was with and had her portrait taken. In the afternoon, we hauled logs in the clearing.

26 I did various small jobs. The boys hauled together stumps in the morning. In the afternoon, Ida and Sture went to Waconia and had their portraits taken.

27 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and then went to Carver for a plow that I had bought from Andrew Peterson. I also hauled home 400 bricks from Chaska for the well. The boys grubbed in the clearing.

28 **Sunday**

29 Elsa and I went to an auction at Mack's place. We bought six bushels of potatoes. The boys grubbed.

30 First we plowed where I will plant apple trees and in the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys worked on the clearing and in the afternoon Rosenquist began to lay a fence around the clearing.

May

- 1 Today, I began to plant the grafts. Rosenquist laid the fence. The boys grubbed old stumps on the clearing.
- 2 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia and took the mare to the stallion. In the afternoon, I planted grafts. Sture plowed for corn. The others grubbed the stumps.
- 3 I planted grafts. Sture plowed and rolled the corn. In the afternoon the boys raked and burned on the clearing.
- 4 Before noon, I made a wooden-pin rake. The boys raked on the clearing. In the afternoon, Sture and I marked for the corn, etc. The fee was paid to Lawson's store in Waconia.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 The children planted corn in the southern field. I did various jobs in the afternoon. I was sick.
- 7 The boys raked the clearing. I went to the Watertown mill with a load of wheat and ground it.
- 8 We began to break the clearing east of the barnyard.
- 9 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia with the mare for the stallion, and then we hauled home water from the lake. In the afternoon we broke ground.
- 10 We broke ground the whole day. The boys grubbed and raked brush.
- 11 We broke ground the whole day. The boys raked brush and grubbed.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 We did various jobs. John Anderson from Eggleston is here.
- 14 Before noon I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture hauled sand for Peterman.
- 15 We broke ground and planted potatoes on the field north of the barn. Today we finished breaking the field.
- 16 Before noon, we went to the stallion in Waconia with the mare. It has been three weeks since the mare took the stallion, and if she is with foal, it is to be counted from the 25th of April. In the afternoon we planted corn in the new broken field. Sture and Ida went to the meeting. I made a gate.
- 17 We planted corn in the rest of the newly broken field and then plowed for sorghum on the old cow yard field.
- 18 Before noon my brother-in-law John and I wrote letters to Headburg in Denver and to Pearson at Willow Gulch. In the afternoon, we went to Waconia and I had the mare shod but not the gelding. Today it rained. The boys did nothing.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I drove my brother-in-law John to Chaska. The boys planted carrots and sorghum in the new field.
- 21 We plowed between the apple trees and then plowed for beans and squash and did various small jobs. John Hogstedt from Minneapolis was here this afternoon and I bought a butter churn from him for \$7.
- 22 & 23 Sture and I went to Minneapolis and sold our wool and a load of wheat to the Globe Milling Company. Niklas also hauled home a load of lumber for me.

- 24 We did various small jobs.
- 25 Elsa and I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. We also went to Carver. I paid Per Niklas Mortenson the money I borrowed from him in Chaska, last Monday.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat.
- 28 I did various jobs.
- 29 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and took 400 bricks for the well home with me. I have taken a load every time I went to Chaska.
- 30 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. Today I took home the last of the bricks.
- 31 I did various small jobs.

June

- 1 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and paid Andrew Peterson for the seeder and the plow. The boys grubbed on the island in the field this week. I did various jobs.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I did various jobs. The boys grubbed on the island. Per Hakanson from Minneapolis was here today.
- 4 5, & 6 I did various small jobs. The boys grubbed on the island but it is raining most of the time so we can't do much. We took "Sjunde" to the bull for the first time.
- 7 We did various small jobs.
- 8 Before noon, I went to Chaska to begin the trip to my sister, Gustava, and my brother-in-law Johnson in Illinois. At 7:30, the train left Chaska and arrived in Albert Lea in the afternoon.
- 9 **Sunday** In the evening at 7:30, my sister Maja Stina, my brother-in-law John, and I went on the train in Albert Lea.
- 10 In the evening, at 10:30, we came to Burlington and to Kirkwood at 1:30.
- 11 We traveled to my sister Gustava and our brother-in-law Johnson's place.
- 12 13, 14, 15 & 16 We were at Johnson's place.
- 17 We traveled to Burlington and I went out and visited Neatley's. I visited until it was time to leave.
- 18 In the evening at 7:30 I went on the train.
- 19 At 11:30 I came in to Chaska.
- 20 I did nothing. The boys hoed the corn.
- 21 & 22 I cut clover in the orchard and cultivated the potatoes and the apple trees. The boys hoed the corn, etc.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did various jobs. The boys hoed corn and winnowed wheat, etc.
- 25 & 26 I went to Minneapolis with a load of wheat and I took home a load of lumber. Elsa came with me to Minneapolis. The boys hoed corn, etc.
- 27 I did various jobs. The boys hoed corn, etc.

28 & 29 I went, again, to Minneapolis with wheat. I took doors and studdings home with me. The boys hoed and did various small jobs.

30 **Sunday**

July

- 1 I went to Waconia and did various jobs. The boys cocked clover, hoed, and then carried clover.
- 2 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. The boys hoed corn on the new field.
- 3 Before noon, I wrote letters to Sweden and sent the power of attorney in one. I also wrote a letter to John in Eggleston. The boys cultivated corn.
- 4 We went to Scandia. We had a little celebration there.
- 5 I wrote a letter to G.W. Norman in Kirkwood that he should put the boy at Johnson's in the hands of a trustee. I sent the letter today and also the letter with the power of attorney to John in Eggleston. The boys hoed and cocked hay. In the afternoon, I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver and to J. Pearson in Willow Gulch.
- 6 Today I sent the letters to Headburg and Pearson. Today I harrowed and sowed rutabaga seeds, hoed around the apple trees, and cocked and hauled hay.
- 7 **Sunday** John A. Peterson from Minneapolis is here.
- 8 9, 10 & 11 We did various jobs. We harvested hay in between the rain showers and hoed corn, sorghum, and squash, around the apple trees.
- 12 Before noon, we set up the reaper and in the afternoon we reaped rye.
- 13 Before noon, I pruned the grapes. The boys hoed and in the afternoon we cocked hay. It was too warm to work.
- 14 **Sunday** Today in the afternoon we had a hard rain.
- 15 Before noon, I pruned grapes. The boys hoed sorghum. John Peterson from Minneapolis is here and went home today.
- 16 Before noon, we did various jobs. In the afternoon, we mowed the schoolhouse lot and also in the west meadow.
- 17 Before noon, we had a pouring rain and in the afternoon, we hoed the sorghum.
- 18 Before noon, my brother-in-law John Anderson and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, we cocked hay and reaped barley.
- 19 Before noon, we reaped the barley in the meadow. In the afternoon we hauled home the timothy from the school lot. Sture is lying in bed sick and I don't feel well, either.
- 20 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel and Carl reaped the barley in the meadow. In the afternoon, I mowed out by the island, then hauled hay and reaped the last of the barley.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 First I drove my brother-in-law, John, from Eggleston, to Chaska. The boys hoed the sorghum and then in the afternoon we hauled home hay from the island.

- 23 First I went to Waconia and today sent my power of attorney and affidavit to P. Headburg and addressed it to Silverton, Colorado, and my brother-in-law, John, sent his power of attorney yesterday. In the afternoon, we began to reap the wheat on the home field opposite the house.
- 24 We reaped the wheat on the west side of the home field by the house.
- 25 Before noon, it rained. We mowed the meadow by the well. In the afternoon we reaped wheat, etc.
- 26 We finished reaping the oats.
- 27 We reaped the wheat on the field by Peterman's woods and cocked hay on the meadow.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia, and in the afternoon, we reaped the rest of the wheat by Peterman's woods and the wheat on the square piece by the road.
- 30 Before noon, we finished reaping the wheat on the square field and made two turns with the reaper on the west piece of the south field, when about two o'clock it started to rain and then it hailed. I have never seen anything like it—hailstones as large as goose eggs. Thirty-five window panes were shattered in our house by the hailstones. The wheat was pounded down and so about 250 bushels were destroyed, but worst of all was that the bark was scaled off the apple trees. In other words, everything in the path of the storm was destroyed.
- 31 I went to Waconia and sold pork to Adolph and did various jobs. The boys shocked the wheat that the storm had blown down. In the afternoon we took apart the reaper and put together the mower and then we mowed some of the wheat that was beaten down by the hail.

August

- 1 Before noon I fixed the mower and various other jobs, etc. In the afternoon, we cut the wheat with scythes on the field by Peterman's field.
- 2 We mowed the wheat on Peterman's field and in the afternoon, we mowed the wheat on the west piece of the south field. Ida went to Per Daniel and helped to tie wheat bundles.
- 3 We stacked the wheat on the home field and in the evening, Bergquist came from Minneapolis.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I put glass in the windows. The boys mowed hay in the meadow by the island. Bergquist was here, stayed the night, and went home today.
- 6 We stacked oats. Hoglund's and Bergquist's girls stayed here last night and went home today.
- 7 Before noon, I went fishing while the boys hauled the manure where we will stack the wheat. In the afternoon, we cocked hay and hauled hay home from the island. We cocked part of the rotten barley and hauled it home.

- 8 We stacked the barley and the rye.
- 9 We stacked wheat.
- 10 We stacked wheat.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Before noon, I went to Waconia. The boys mowed the grass on the south meadow. In the afternoon, the wheat was shocked alongside Peterman's field.
- 13 Before noon, the boys cut the wheat on the new broken field. I did various jobs. Sture plowed the rye stubble while we cocked wheat.
- 14 We stacked the loose wheat by Peterman's field.
- 15 We stacked loose wheat that we will feed to the sheep.
- 16 We made another stack of loose wheat down by the wagon shed.
- 17 We stacked loose wheat in the pigpen for feed for the pigs.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Before noon, Sture plowed on the rye stubble and after dinner he mowed and raked the wheat. I cut weeds with the scythe north of the barn, the whole day.
- 20 Before noon, Sture plowed while the other boys and I cleaned out the well. We all stacked loose wheat by Peterman's field.
- 21 Before dinner, we stacked loose wheat and finished the stack of wheat inside the pigpen, and then we cleared brush north of the barn.
- 22 Before noon, it rained, then Sture plowed and we grubbed stumps to the north of the barn.
- 23 We broke ground for timothy north of the barn.
- 24 We went to Peterman's and threshed the loose wheat.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Sture plowed. The other boys and I pulled roots and leveled out the dirt on the new broken ground north of the barn. I sowed timothy there.
- 27 Peterman was here with his machine and threshed the wheat that was damaged by the hailstorm.
- 28 We helped Niklas Swenson thresh.
- 29 Sture, Axel, and Carl helped Siman to thresh.
- 30 The boys helped thresh for Siman and I did various other jobs, etc.
- 31 The boys and I were at Freed's and threshed.

September

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 The boys and Ida were at Freed's and threshed. I was at Per Daniel's and threshed.
- 3 First we finished threshing at Freed's place. Sture and Axel went to the Bradhouse place. My brother-in-law, John, and I wrote letters to P. Headburg in Denver in the morning and then I mowed in the orchard. John Nelson came here today around the lunch time and began to tongue and groove the boards for floors on the third floor.
- 4 First we finished the threshing at Bradhouse's. Then only Sture went to Lundsten's

and threshed. I mowed the second crop in the meadows, then I went to Waconia and bought nails. John Nelson tongued and grooved boards. My brother-in-law John went with Per Daniel to the State Fair.

- 5 Sture was at Lundsten's and threshed, and Axel and Carl plowed in the home field. John Nelson and I began to lay the floor on the third floor.
- 6 Sture plowed before noon and in the afternoon he seeded winter wheat on the home field by the house. Nelson and I finished laying the floor.
- 7 Before noon, I did various jobs. John Nelson worked on the door frames. In the afternoon, we were at the meeting in Scandia. Sture harrowed in the wheat and plowed.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Today, I drove my brother-in-law, John, to Chaska. The boys husked corn. Sture plowed in the afternoon. John Nelson worked here in the afternoon. I did various jobs.
- 10 Sture plowed before noon. I mowed in the orchard. In the afternoon, we hauled hay from the second crop home. Axel threshed for Lundsten and John Nelson worked on the second floor.
- 11 Sture plowed. The boys husked corn, Nelson worked on the second floor, and I did various jobs.
- 12 13 & 14 J. Nelson and I laid in panels downstairs and even in the upstairs rooms. Sture plowed. The other boys finished husking corn. There were no more than two wagon boxes full from more than six acres and it was quite bad.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I went to Chaska for a lathe for the upstairs. I also went to Carver and talked with the contractor, Pintz. Nelson is here and building. The boys are grubbing on the island.
- 17 Before noon, I butchered a ram. Sture plowed. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys grubbed. Nelson worked on the house.
- 18 Today I took a load of grist to Odell's mill in Chaska. The boys grubbed. John Nelson built on the house.
- 19 Today it is raining. The boys winnowed the bad wheat. Nelson built on the house. I did various jobs.
- 20 & 21 The boys hauled manure. Nelson built on the house. I did various jobs.
- 22 **Sunday** Today Norberg from Minneapolis was here and preached. John Erickson from Delano was also here.
- 23 I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys hauled manure. My sister-in-law, Bengta Cornelius, came for a visit yesterday.
- 24 First I finished the letter to Sweden and then I did various small jobs. John Nelson worked on the house. Sture drove Bertha Cornelius home to Delano.
- 25 Before noon, I butchered. The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, I daubed the granary and the boys threshed for Peterman. J. Nelson built on the house. Today, I

sent the portraits to Sweden—I sent mine, Elsa’s, and my brother Carl’s in the letter.

- 26 Today, in the morning, John Nelson went home. He had finished the upstairs carpentry work, working 14 ½ days. The boys are threshing for Peterman. I worked on the granary.
- 27 Today we threshed for ourselves with Peterman’s machine.
- 28 Today we finished threshing at 9:30 and then we fenced in the straw stacks. I did various jobs.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Today, Sture and I nailed lathes up on the house.

October

- 1 Sture and I nailed lathes. The other boys did various jobs.
- 2 I went to Carver and contracted with Mr. Pintz that he should do the plastering for me. I hauled home five barrels of lime from Chaska and a trunk and box for Mary Bergquist. The boys spread manure. Today we went to Peterman’s bull with “Nancy” for the second time.
- 3 I hauled sand, etc. Young Osterman was here today. Axel and Carl plowed today.
- 4 I made a box for the slaking of the lime. Sture nailed lathe. Axel and Carl plowed.
- 5 Sture and I slaked the lime today. The boys hauled cornstalks.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 & 8 Sture, Axel, and Carl were at Niklas’s and threshed. I did various small jobs and I had a severe attack of lumbago so I could not do much.
- 9 I went to Chaska and Carver. I had a load of barley with me. When I talked to the plasterer, he would not come. The boys did various small jobs.
- 10 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and did various small jobs. The boys dug potatoes.
- 11 Before noon, I was in the old house and hammered. The boys dug potatoes. Around noon, the plasterer, Pintz, came. He started plastering in the afternoon and finished the first coat. We made the mortar and carried it to him.
- 12 Today, the plasterer was here and put on the second coat in all the rooms. The boys made and carried the mortar. I did various jobs and in the evening, I drove the plasterer to Chaska.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I plastered on the porch foundation. The boys and Ida dug potatoes.
- 15 I finished plastering the porch foundation before noon. The boys dug up potatoes. In the afternoon, the boys fanned the wheat.
- 16 Before noon, I went to Waconia and the boys dug the potatoes in the home field. After dinner, they hauled cornstalks and I glazed the windows.
- 17 I glazed windows. The boys hauled pumpkins and plowed in the cornfield.
- 18 I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. The three older boys are at John Peterson’s threshing.

19 Elsa and I whitewashed the upstairs rooms of the newly plastered walls. The boys are at John Peterson's threshing.

20 **Sunday**

21 Before noon, I wrote a letter to Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Sture, Axel, and the horses worked on the road.

22 The boys raked and burned the wheat that the hailstorm beat into the ground. I did various small jobs.

23 Sture plowed in the field where we burned the wheat. The other boys dug rutabagas. I did various jobs.

24 Before noon, I helped Niklas butcher pigs. In the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl grubbed.

25 I pruned the grapevines and Axel and Carl heeled them in. Sture plowed.

26 I went to the Carver market and sold "Froken." Sture and Axel were with me. My brother-in-law Johnson's boy, Edward, met us there and came home with us in the evening. I also took home five sacks of feed from the elevator to use for mash. I also brought a fanning mill from Carver.

27 **Sunday**

28 & 29 I did various jobs. The boys hauled mulch to the apple trees.

30 I drove my sister and brother-in-law Johnson's son Edward down to Chaska, where he took the train back to Illinois. The boys grubbed large apple trees down near the barn.

31 I did various jobs. The boys dug rutabagas and hauled straw for the strawberries, etc.

November

1 Dug out apple trees, etc. The boys hauled manure to next year's cornfield.

2 I puttied windows and heeled in apple trees. The boys hauled manure.

3 **Sunday**

4 Sture and I broke up the dikes down in the meadow. Axel hauled manure.

5 The boys broke ground in the meadow. I went to the election and put locks on two doors.

6 I went and helped Per Daniel to build his house. We are building it higher. Sture plowed for corn. Axel and Carl grubbed near the barn.

7 & 8 I went to Per Daniel's and worked on the house. The boys grubbed out large trees past the barn.

9 Sture and I went to an auction at Abrahamson's place.

10 **Sunday**

11 First, I went to Waconia and had the gelding shod, and then I went to Heimberger's place to get the 20 bushels of corn that I bought from him. The boys grubbed large trees down below the barn.

12 Sture and Malmberg dug ditches in the south meadow on the line by Niklas

- Swenson's field. The other boys and I fanned wheat.
- 13 Sture and Malmberg dug ditches. In the afternoon, we butchered the large barrow and then I went home with Niklas and helped him to butcher.
 - 14 N. Swenson, P. Freed, and I drove to Minneapolis with pork and wheat. Sture and Malmberg finished the ditches at noon. The boys grubbed down below the barn.
 - 15 In the evening, we came home from Minneapolis. The boys grubbed out large trees down below the barn.
 - 16 I butchered a ram. The boys grubbed large trees. My brother-in-law, John Anderson, came here today.
 - 17 **Sunday** John Anderson preached today.
 - 18 I went to the Chaska mill after grist. I traveled to Excelsior on the way to buy seedlings but I didn't get any. The boys grubbed large trees.
 - 19 I went to Chaska with a load of wood. The boys grubbed out large trees below the barn.
 - 20 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys grubbed. I put up screw hooks in the closets to hang the clothes.
 - 21 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys and I split basswood rails and stakes out on the island and burned brush.
 - 22 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys and I split rails on the island and burned brush.
 - 23 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys and I split rails out on the island before noon, then I went to a meeting.
 - 24 **Sunday** John Anderson preached.
 - 25 I drove John Anderson from Eggleston to Chaska. I went to Carver after boards and studdings that we will use to build an outhouse by the Scandia meetinghouse. The boys grubbed large trees down past the barn. I also went to the judge of the probate court and had a power of attorney made out and sealed with an affidavit, which I will send to Headburg in Denver.
 - 26 I filed the saws and packed down the scions in the cellar. The boys grubbed and sawed wood.
 - 27 Before noon, I went to Waconia and mailed the power of attorney and the affidavit to Headburg. I hauled from home a half-cord of sawed stovewood for Ingrid Bergquist. The boys cleared off brush down below the barn.
 - 28 Before noon, the boys and I butchered a large sow. This afternoon I cut up the pork. The boys hauled manure.
 - 29 We did various small jobs.
 - 30 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys grubbed during the morning and then we chopped down wood and sawed off butternut logs for fence posts.

December
Sunday

- 2 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia and had the mare's back hooves shod. After dinner he hauled a load of cordwood down to Smig's place. Axel and I sawed butternut fence posts.
- 3 Today we did nothing. Oskar Benjamin was born today.
- 4 Today I did various small jobs. The boys burned and cleared off brush down below the barn. They are firing the big rock in the south field to make it split.
- 5 Axel and I split fence posts. Sture hauled sand from Clearwater Lake and filled in by the doors of the barn. Ordgren from Minneapolis is holding a meeting tonight.
- 6 We did various jobs.
- 7 Before noon, I went to the meeting in Scandia. Ordgren preached and after, I did various jobs. The boys hauled home fence posts.
- 8 **Sunday** Ordgren preached. Mrs. Ahlstrom was baptized.
- 9 Before noon, I went to the meeting in Scandia and then we did various jobs. The boys did various things.
- 10 We went to the missionary meeting in Scandia and then we did various things. Tomorrow Ordgren leaves and returns home.
- 11 I went to Carver and bought a pump. I also went to Chaska and bought a barrel of apples. The boys are clearing north of the barn.
- 12 I did various jobs. The boys are clearing out on the island.
- 13 Today John Nelson began to dig the well in the barnyard while I did various jobs. The boys cleared by the barn.
- 14 J. Nelson and the boys are digging on the well. He has dug 17 feet in two days. I am hewing timber for the well curb. The 11th, I posted the letter to Sweden.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 17, 18 & 19 John Nelson worked on the well with us. It is now dug and brick-walled. The well is 26 ½ feet deep from the surface down to the bottom.
- 20 I finished the well curbing. Today we butchered the geese. Sture is helping to pick them up. Axel is sawing wood.
- 21 Before noon, I went to Waconia and did various jobs. Sture, John Lundsten, and Andrew Broberg went to the Scandia graveyard and are digging a grave for Ingrid Bergquist, who shall be buried tomorrow.
- 22 **Sunday** Today we buried Ingrid Bergquist [maiden] or more correctly, Mrs. Ivar Moeller.
- 23 I made a short piece of fence by the new well while the boys did various jobs.
- 24 We did various small jobs. Yesterday and today it has been very cold.
- 25 **Christmas Day** Before noon, we had a meeting. We have not worked today.
- 26 We did nothing.
- 27 Before noon, I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys cleared and burned brush out on the island.
- 28 I went to Odell's mill in Chaska with a load of wheat to grind. I even went to the market in Carver. The boys cleared off brush on the island.
- 29 **Sunday**

- 30 I stayed indoors to write a letter and send it to John Pearson in Willow Gulch. The boys cut down the cornstalks on the new field below the barnyard.
- 31 The boys fanned rye, then cut off hazel brush on the island. I stayed indoors to write and did other small jobs.

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January

- 1 First we had a meeting at the meetinghouse [church] and in the afternoon we had our annual business meeting.
- 2 We did nothing as it was unbelievably cold.
- 3 We butchered a pig, etc.
- 4 I did various small jobs. The boys chopped and sawed wood. Bergquist's son, Nathaniel, returned to his home today.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 I took 8 sacks of rye and 1 sack of wheat to the mill in Chaska. I sent a box with apple scions to Burlington. I also mailed a letter to Edgren in Chicago with a money order for \$7.50 to pay for 9 copies of his magazine. I also sent a money order for \$2.60 for *Hemlandet*, mailed Freed's letter to Ordgren, and mailed a letter to Strand in Burlington.
- 7 & 8 I repaired shoes. The boys are in school. In the evening I received a telegram dispatch from Headburg in Denver.
- 9 I went to Chaska and mailed a letter to Headburg in answer to the telegram dispatch I received. The boys are in school.
- 10 I repaired shoes and mended gloves and did various other small jobs. The boys are in school.
- 11 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys are cutting hazelnut brush on the island.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I wrote letters and did various other jobs.
- 14 I went to Chaska with a load of wood that I sold to Strajeskatt in exchange for store goods.
- 15 I hauled a load of wood to Faber in Chaska to pay my bill at the store. I also gave him a note for \$25 in partial payment and the remaining I will pay for with wood.
- 16 I wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.
- 17 I repaired shoes and did various other jobs.
- 18 I hauled a load of wood to Schuler. The boys are in school.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I hauled a load of wood to Faber in Chaska and this pays for the remaining part of my store bill. Today I received a letter from Headburg with an offer of \$5,000 for

the Saxony mine [belonging to passed-away brother Carl].

- 21 I hauled a load of wood to Strajeskatt in Chaska and paid my store bill with him. I sent a telegram to Headburg that we accepted the offer for the mine. I also sent him a letter.
- 22 I hauled a load of wood to the brickyard in Chaska.
- 23 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod.
- 24 Peter Broberg and I each hauled a load of wood to the brickyard in Chaska.
Today I sent a letter to Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois, in which I had copied Headburg's letter and a similar letter to my brother-in-law John in Minneapolis. I also sent a card to Strand in Burlington. Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull.
- 25 Today we had a meeting in Waconia to draw up a petition to send to the state legislature. Sture hauled a load of wood to Chandler's.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 28 & 29 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. Peter Broberg also hauled two loads of wood for me.
- 30 In the morning, I went to Waconia to pick up the registered letter I received from Burlington. In the afternoon I repaired shoes.
- 31 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.

February

- 1 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. I went to the judge of the probate court and got an affidavit to send to Colorado verifying that the \$100 I owed my brother Carl was repaid before he died. The boys are in school.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and sent the affidavit to Headburg.
- 4 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 5 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. I was able to use the sled today for the first time this winter. I hauled home the ground rye from the mill.
- 6 & 7 I hauled logs to the Waconia sawmill.
- 8 In the morning, Sture and I cut logs for the sawmill, but in the afternoon we both were sick in bed. The whole family has been sick with colds more or less the whole week.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I did nothing as I was not well enough or rather I was too sick to work.
- 11 I repaired shoes, etc.
- 12 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska.
- 13 I hauled a log to the sawmill in Waconia. In the afternoon I made axe handles.
- 14 I made three trips with logs to the sawmill in Waconia. The boys are in school.
- 15 Today I butchered two rams. The boys fanned wheat.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I brought the horses to Waconia to be shod.
- 18 Sture and I took a load of wheat to the Globe Milling Co. in Minneapolis. Today the

- boys went to pick up the sow that has been with Birrel Nilson's boar for two weeks.
- 19 Sture and I returned home from Minneapolis. We stayed with my brother-in-law John last night.
 - 20 I repaired shoes the whole day.
 - 21 I hauled a load of wood to Chaska. That is the last load of cordwood that I had on hand.
 - 22 In the forenoon I hauled stones from around the meetinghouse in Scandia, and in the afternoon I did various writing. Sture hauled stones in the afternoon and in the forenoon the boys cleaned out the sheep pen.
 - 23 **Sunday**
 - 24 I hauled home the last of the stones from Scandia.
 - 25 In the forenoon I did various small jobs and in the evening I got everything organized to begin making apple grafts.
 - 26 27 & 28 I made apple grafts and the boys are in school.

March

- 1 I finished the apple grafts. The boys fanned wheat and cut stovewood.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 & 4 I repaired shoes and did various small jobs.
- 5 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I did various small jobs.
- 6 I made an axe handle and did various small jobs.
- 7 & 8 We had our district meetings in Scandia.
- 9 **Sunday** We had an all-day meeting in Scandia.
- 10 The last to leave from here today was Mrs. Soder and her boys. In the afternoon I wrote letters to Headburg and John Anderson in Minneapolis. The boys are cutting cordwood.
- 11 I went to the election and then did various small jobs. Andrew Hakanson's and Malmquist's families from Swede Grove were here tonight.
- 12 & 13 I went to the mill in Waconia.
- 14 & 15 I hauled out the green cordwood from the clearing northeast of the barn. The boys cut cordwood all week. We have had cold and dry weather.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 I did various jobs. We have a cow that is sick, so I am spending a lot of my time taking care of it. The boys cut cordwood.
- 18 First I went to get H. Schraan to "doctor" the cow, "Molly," and he was here into the evening. After that I did various jobs and the boys cut cordwood.
- 19 Early this morning I received a telegram that my sister, Gustava, died very suddenly in the afternoon of the 17th. This was a terrible shock to me. I immediately wrote a letter to Kirkwood, Illinois, to tell them I don't dare attempt to travel there for the funeral as my health is not very good. I also wrote a letter to

John and Maja Stina in Minneapolis and in the afternoon I sent Sture to Chaska to mail the letters.

- 20 In the morning I went with Malmberg to Waconia as "personal security" for his note of \$100 to Moiser, the smith. In the afternoon, I and several others went with the land surveyor to survey a road from Hopp's place out to Crawford's place. We also surveyed on Mitchell's land down past Vinkel's hill. The boys cut cordwood. Sture raked together the cornstalks on the newly broken field by the barn.
- 21 We raked and burned the cornstalks all day on the new field by the barn.
- 22 The boys and Malmberg cut cordwood. Carl and I hauled stone as well as cordwood.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 I did various small jobs. The boys cut cordwood.
- 25 I made sap troughs. The boys cut and hauled cordwood.
- 26 In the forenoon I finished hewing out the inside of the sap troughs. In the afternoon I started to bore into the maple trees. The boys cut cordwood. The butcher from Excelsior stayed with us last night.
- 27 I bored into the maple trees and plastered in the syrup pan. Sture sowed oats and the other boys cut wood.
- 28 In the morning I went to Peter Broberg and bought a cow. In the afternoon I bored into the maples. Sture sowed oats and the other boys cut wood for the stove.
- 29 In the morning, Sture and I went to pick up the cow and the calf from Broberg's place. Later we went to Waconia and had the shoes removed from the horses. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to Sweden. Sture sowed wheat in the west side of the south field.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I went over to Poppitz's where we had a meeting about our hailstorm insurance. Sture sowed wheat on the western slope of the south field. The other boys cut wood for the stove.

April

- 1 I finished the syrup troughs and did other various small jobs. The boys are cutting cordwood. It is very cold and last night we had snow.
- 2 Today it is very cold. I wrote a letter to Kirkwood. The boys are cutting cordwood. In the evening, the mare foaled.
- 3 I laid fence down by the road. The boys are cutting cordwood.
- 4 The boys cut cordwood in the clearing. I did various jobs.
- 5 In the forenoon we burned off the meadow and in the afternoon I bored into more of the sugar maples. Sture harrowed in the wheat.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 This morning I went to Chaska to sit on the grand jury but the judge excused me as I am over sixty years of age, so I went back home. Sture sowed wheat in the field by

Peterman's field. The other boys hauled maple sap. The sap is running freely after the cold snap.

- 8 Sture harrowed and I did various jobs. Last night I had a bad misfortune in that I burned a large batch of syrup and the worst of all is that I ruined the kettle.
- 9 Today it is raining so we did various small jobs and also cooked syrup.
- 10 Today it is too wet to sow wheat so the boys grubbed in the clearing and I did carpentry work in the old house [cabin].
- 11 Sture sowed wheat in the newly broken field and in the orchard. The other boys grubbed and carried maple sap. I repaired shoes.
- 12 Sture harrowed in the wheat and the others hauled maple sap and did various other jobs. I sawed off branches on the apple trees in the orchard and also helped cook syrup. Today we made 8 gallons of syrup and last Wednesday we made 8 gallons of syrup.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Sture sowed wheat on the newly broken field down below the barn. The others grubbed large trees in the clearing.
- 15 Sture harrowed and rolled in the wheat. The others grubbed and hauled in the maple sap. We have now finished sowing all our seed wheat. We sowed 25 bushels of wheat on 21 acres and 10 bushels of oats on 4 ½ acres.
- 16 Sture rolled the wheat, the others grubbed and hauled maple sap, etc.
- 17 Sture rolled wheat, the others grubbed.
- 18 Today all the boys cut cordwood in the clearing.
- 19 In the morning we planted potatoes, red onions, etc. and after that we worked in the clearing. This week I made top grafts on the apple trees and did various other small jobs. Today we finished cooking syrup. We made 33 gallons this year.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 In the morning Sture sowed barley in the field in the meadow. I made grafts. The other boys took the straw off the strawberries and the grapevines, etc. In the afternoon, Sture and I went after a load of hay from Andrew Schraan's place. Today I received a draft from Headburg in Colorado for \$100.
- 22 I planted apple trees the whole day. The boys did various jobs.
- 23 Sture and I went to Waconia to have the horses shod and also brought along a load of grain for the mill. We did various other jobs. The other boys grubbed. Today I paid my bill at Moiser's, the smith, for \$14.25 and my bill at Larson's for \$6.90. I also endorsed my draft to Eiseli and received \$99.75.
- 24 Today I did various jobs. I wrote a letter to Anna Norman in Kirkwood. The boys grubbed down below the barn. Elsa, Ida, and Andrew Nilson's wife sheared the sheep—27 in all.
- 25 The boys hauled manure. I planted raspberry bushes, etc.
- 26 The boys split rails in the clearing, and I did various small jobs.

27 **Sunday**

- 28 & 29 The boys worked in the clearing down below the barn. I put up a trellis and tied up grapevines.
- 30 Elsa and I went to Waconia and sold the wool to Eiselien and traded in his store. We brought home the grist from the mill. The boys grubbed stumps in the clearing.

May

- 1 Today I have started to plant the grafts. The boys hauled out cordwood and rails from the clearing. A small Norwegian peddler stayed with us last night. He had various small items to sell.
- 2 I planted apple grafts. The boys hauled logs and large stumps out of the clearing. In the afternoon, Axel and several others dug a grave in the Scandia Cemetery for Birrel Nilson's mother-in-law.
- 3 I planted apple grafts and did other various small jobs. In the afternoon, the boys hauled fence posts out to the island in the south meadow. We have had several rain showers today so we could not do very much work.
- 4 **Sunday** Today Birrel Nilson's mother-in-law was buried.
- 5 In the morning I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and settled with Eiselien for the wool he bought from me and then I paid him my store bill. The boys cleared off brush on the island in the meadow.
- 6 In the forenoon I made cabbage beds. The boys cleared off and burned the brush on the island. In the afternoon, we dug in fence posts out on the island.
- 7 The boys and I dug in fence posts all day.
- 8 In the forenoon we hauled the basswood rails out to the island for the fence. In the afternoon I nailed the rails to the fence posts on the island. The boys raked and burned the brush on the clearing behind the barn. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. The Methodist minister from Carver and a Mission Covenant minister by the name of Franzen preached.
- 9 Axel, Ida, and I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska. I also went to Carver and paid for the fanning mill and the pump and the rest of the bill at Andrew Peterson's and Hebeisen's; also the glass box from the pharmacist, Nilson. I then went to Faber's and Linenfelsers' and redeemed my note for \$25. I also paid my bill in Hank's [Henk's] store.
- 10 In the forenoon, I went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture harrowed the new field for corn. The other boys grubbed. In the afternoon I nailed up fence rails and the boys grubbed on the island.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Sture is plowing the field for planting sorghum. We will plant where the old cow barn was. The other boys grubbed. I did various other jobs. It has rained several times today. I sent a letter to Norman in Kirkwood today.
- 13 In the morning I nailed fence rails to the posts. The others are marking out the fields for

corn and in the afternoon we planted corn.

14 In the forenoon we planted corn. In the afternoon, John and Maja Stina from Minneapolis came so I did nothing. I visited with them and the boys worked on the clearing down below the barn.

15 In the forenoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we broke new land in the clearing down by the barn and planted potatoes.

16 I nailed fence rails to the posts down by the island. The boys are planting sorghum in the old cow barn field. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

17 I nailed up fence rails. The boys are working in the clearing by the island and in the evening we went to a meeting in Scandia.

18 **Sunday**

19 Today John and Maja Stina returned home to Minneapolis. Broberg drove them to Chaska. Because it was raining, we did nothing in the morning. In the afternoon I nailed up fence rails and the boys worked in the clearing.

20 I nailed fence rails and the boys plowed for the garden and for squash and then worked in the clearing on the island.

21 I nailed fence rails. The boys raked and burned in the clearing behind the barn.

22 Rainy weather—I nailed up fence rails when it was not raining. The boys worked in the clearing on the island, and also planted squash and beans, etc.

23 We broke new land in back of the barn.

24 The boys planted corn and sorghum on the newly broken field behind the barn. I pruned apple trees, etc. Today my nephew Charley Johnson [my sister Gustava's son] came here from Kirkwood.

25 **Sunday**

26 We did various little jobs as it rained most of the day.

27 In the forenoon we broke new land on the island in the meadow. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. The boys raked and burned brush.

28 Peter Broberg was here and broke land out on the island. I pruned apple trees.

29 We finished breaking land on the island.

30 I pruned apple trees. The boys pulled weeds on the newly broken wheat field.

31 Elsa and I went to Carver and Chaska and my nephew, Charley Johnson, went along. I paid my taxes in Chaska. The boys planted corn out on the island and then reseeded sorghum in the old field.

June

1 **Sunday**

2 I hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. Per Daniel was with me. The boys planted corn on the island in the meadow.

3 Sture cultivated the corn. I wrote all day. Axel is sick with measles.

4 Sture cultivated the corn. I went to Per Daniels and pruned his apple trees and then

I hoed around my apple trees, etc.

5 The boys fanned wheat. I did various small jobs.

6 I hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. Ida, Per Daniel, and Charlotte, together with my nephew, Charley Johnson, also drove to Minnetonka. They went on to a conference in Minneapolis and my nephew drove Per Daniel's team home again. The boys hoed the sorghum.

7 First I went to Waconia and had the mare shod and then I did various jobs. The boys are hoeing the sorghum, etc.

8 **Sunday**

9 Sture went to Chaska with Per Daniel's team to meet Per Daniel, Charlotte, and Ida coming back from the conference in Minneapolis. I went to Waconia and then to Broberg's place where I pruned apple trees. After that I did various other jobs.

10 The boys hoed in the corn. I made mosquito traps, etc.

11 We cultivated and hoed in the orchard and also hoed in the corn.

12 Charley Johnson and I went to Chaska with the last of the wheat that I sold to Seger. I also went to Carver. The boys grubbed on the southern forty. Today I sent letters to Headburg and Norman as well as a postal card to John.

13 In the morning I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and then to Broberg's place where I pruned more apple trees. Sture and Axel worked on the road.

14 Today I finished the wheelbarrow. Sture worked on the road and the other boys hoed corn.

15 **Sunday**

16 In the forenoon I went to Peter Hjelm's place to pick up five small pigs and in the afternoon I did various other jobs. Sture worked on the road.

17 In the forenoon Sture and I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. In the afternoon I worked on a frame for the grindstone. The boys grubbed. Today we took the heifer, "Betty," to Birrel Nilson's bull.

18 I worked on the frame for the grindstone. Sture cultivated the corn and the other boys cleared and burned brush in the old cow yard.

19 I hauled two loads of boards from Waconia. The boys hoed the corn and also did other various jobs.

20 Today it rained. I worked on the frame for the grindstone and did various other jobs.

The boys fixed the fence down below the barn between Rietz and me and they also went to the lake and fished.

21 I hauled two loads of boards from Waconia and now have hauled all the boards home. The boys hoed corn.

22 **Sunday**

23 Today we mowed the timothy on the north side of the barn, in the orchard, and on the old cow yard.

24 Today it is raining. The boys fished and hoed around the apple trees. I did various other jobs.

- 25 The boys spread out the clover and the timothy and cultivated and hoed the sorghum, etc. I finished the frame for the grindstone and did various other jobs. Today our nephew, Henry [John's son], and his wife from Eggleston, came here.
- 26 I drove Henry Anderson and his wife to Chaska. I had five sacks of screenings with me and exchanged them for corn at Seger's store in Chaska.
- 27 Sture and I broke land in the old cow yard. The other boys hoed corn.
- 28 We finished breaking land in the old cow yard. We cocked hay in the southern meadow and hauled it home, and we cocked clover and hauled it in.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the morning I went to Waconia and picked up the grist. The boys are mowing in the southern meadow and are also cultivating the corn. Later they cocked hay in the south meadow and hauled it home.

July

- 1 First we hauled hay and then we mowed. Later, we hoed the potatoes and cultivated the corn. Then it rained so we did nothing.
- 2 Rainy weather. We did various small jobs and we even went fishing.
- 3 Last night we got a lot of rain, so the hay is floating in the meadow. In the forenoon we broke land for the clover patch in the garden. After dinner the boys cultivated the potatoes, etc., and I trained grapevines.
- 4 We went to Scandia for the Fourth of July celebration.
- 5 In the morning we went to the woods and cut bands of bark off the basswood and white elms so that they would die. In the afternoon we pulled the hay out of the water in the meadow.
- 6 **Sunday** John Erickson from Delano preached for us today.
- 7 I drove John Erickson and his wife home to Delano. The boys mowed in the meadow. Charley Johnson from Kirkwood left us today to visit the relatives in Eggleston.
- 8 We mowed, cocked hay and hauled it home.
- 9 First we did various jobs as we had rainy weather. In the afternoon we cocked hay. I went to Jens Nilson's in Waconia.
- 10 The boys are mowing in the west meadow and later they went fishing. I worked on a hayrack for the new wagon.
- 11 First, the boys turned the hay in the orchard and I worked on the hayrack. In the evening we cocked hay and hauled it home.
- 12 In the forenoon, the boys mowed in the west meadow. I went to Waconia to pick up the new wagon that I bought from Moiser. In the afternoon we cocked hay and hauled it home.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 We mowed, hauled hay, and later we started reaping the wheat.
- 15 I went with Niklas Swenson to Chaska and Carver. The boys reaped the last of the winter wheat and hauled and cocked hay.

- 16 I went to Carver and bought a reaper from Andrew Peterson and Hebeisen. The boys mowed and cocked hay, etc. A. Peterson came here this evening and assembled the reaper.
- 17 We reaped the barley and hauled hay.
- 18 We mowed in the south meadow and then cocked and hauled hay.
- 19 In the forenoon we mowed by the island in the west meadow. In the afternoon we shocked the barley and cocked the hay in the south meadow.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 We stacked the barley and winter wheat. Today I sent letters to Sweden and to Denver and Headburg's letter to John in Eggleston.
- 22 In the forenoon we finished stacking the wheat. In the afternoon we cocked hay out by the island.
- 23 We reaped the oats on the home field, etc.
- 24 We cocked and stacked hay out by the island. We also hauled home hay.
- 25 We began to reap the wheat on the west side of the south field.
- 26 We reaped wheat in the south field and also in the orchard. On the 21st of July we went to B. Nilson's bull with the white cow, "Nancy."
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 In the forenoon we reaped the oats on the square piece of the south field. In the afternoon we reaped wheat on the western part of the south field.
- 29 In the forenoon we reaped the wheat in the south field and in the afternoon we reaped the wheat on the field by Peterman's land.
- 30 We finished reaping the wheat by Peterman's land and later we reaped the oats and rye mixture on the home field alongside Niklas's field.
- 31 We began to reap the wheat in the field alongside Peterman's woods but it is very hot and we are not feeling well so we cannot do much.

August

- 1 We tried to finish reaping wheat, but it is laying down, so it is slow work. We are not feeling well either.
- 2 It is very hard to reap the wheat as it is laying down and we are not well. Yesterday I received a draft from Headburg for \$1,000.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon we reaped wheat in the south field alongside Peterman's woods. Sture is sick in bed with the measles.
- 5 In the forenoon and afternoon we reaped more wheat. Frank Lundsten was here in the forenoon and helped to tie the wheat bundles. Per Daniel and Lovisa also were here and helped us tie wheat bundles.
- 6 We reaped wheat in the field by the barn. Per Daniel, Lovisa, and John Lundsten were here and helped us bundle the wheat.
- 7 We reaped the last of the wheat from the new part of the south field. Miller Swanson

- helped us. Almost all the wheat was laying down this year and it was very hard to take it off.
- 8 In the forenoon I went to Chaska with the check for \$1,000 but I could not get it changed. The banker needs to send it east to Newark to have it changed. Per Daniel went with me to Chaska. In the afternoon I finished the hayrack for the new wagon.
- 9 We stacked the oats. We had 17 loads so we had a very large stack. Today we took the white cow "Nancy" to B. Nilson's bull for the second time.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 12 & 13 We stacked wheat.
- 14 We stacked wheat until noon. In the afternoon it rained and we did nothing.
- 15 In the morning I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys cradled the wheat around the stumps in the new field. In the afternoon I trained the grapevines. Sture plowed the field in the south meadow.
- 16 We stacked wheat.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Today we stacked wheat and when it was half done, it started to rain. Sture plowed down in the meadow. Carl and Josephine are sick with the measles. In the evening I went to Carver to get Dr. Lewis for Carl because he has croup as well as the measles.
- 19 Freed and I went to Chaska and I loaned him \$700 from my inheritance from my brother Carl in Colorado. I took out a mortgage on Freed's land for the loan. Today I paid Andrew Peterson in Carver \$160 for the reaper that I bought from him a month ago. I also bought a draft for \$158 and mailed it to Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois. I also redeemed a note at Faber's store for \$150 that I owed him.
- 20 In the forenoon I wrote a letter to John, my brother-in-law, in Minneapolis, and to Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois. The boys mowed clover in the orchard. In the afternoon I went to Waconia.
- 21 I did various jobs. Sture plowed in the west meadow and Axel hoed around the apple trees.
- 22 I cut weeds among the apple trees and Axel hoed. Sture plowed the home field where we had the winter wheat.
- 23 We mowed the second crop of hay and plowed. We cocked clover in the orchard, etc.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Today we stacked the last of the wheat from the south field.
- 26 We hauled home the second crop of hay and cut the mired wheat on the south field. We hauled home the mired wheat and stacked it to use as feed for the sheep, etc.
- 27 & 28 We plowed and hauled the scraper over to that part of the south field where we will sow timothy.
- 29 Sture plowed, Axel stacked oats for Rietz, and I sooted the chimney. Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson while I went to Waconia.
- 30 Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson. I was sick in bed all day. Today we took "Nancy" to Birrel's bull for the 3rd time.
- 31 **Sunday** Lindberg from Cokato preached today.

September

- 1 Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman. I carried together and stacked the hay that I had cut among the apple trees. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.
- 2 Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman while I drove Lindberg from Cokato to Watertown.
- 3 Elsa, Ida, Frank, and I cut corn. Sture and Axel threshed for Peterman.
- 4 Sture and Axel threshed for Moelner. Elsa, Ida, Carl, and I cut corn and finished cutting the corn on the large piece of the south field.
- 5 Sture and Axel threshed for Moelner. We cut corn on the new field below the barn.
- 6 Sture and Axel threshed for Moelner. Ida and I threshed for Lundsten until four o'clock.
- '7 **Sunday**
- 8 Sture, Axel, and Carl threshed for Zieman. I used Per Daniel's horses and harrowed down on the south meadow. In the afternoon I sowed the piece where we had barley into clover and timothy.
- 9 I moved the fence in the barnyard and cleared around the grain stacks. The boys are threshing for Zieman and Bradhouse.
- 10 The threshing machine arrived here around 9:30 and we threshed until dark.
- 11 Today it rained so we could not thresh. I put supports by the apple trees. The boys did various jobs.
- 12 We threshed all day.
- 13 We threshed and finished by 4:30 in the afternoon.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 In the morning I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys and Ida cut corn on the island.
- 16 17 & 18 Today the three boys and I threshed for Niklas.
- 19 In the forenoon the boys and I threshed and in the afternoon we cut sorghum.
- 20 We cut sorghum and Sture plowed.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 We cut sorghum. In the forenoon Sture plowed.
- 23 In the forenoon we cut sorghum. In the afternoon we started to husk the corn out on the island. Sture plowed. William Hopp began to dig ditches in the meadow down along the road.
- 24 I did many various jobs—I butchered a ram, fanned wheat, etc. Sture plowed and the boys husked corn. William Hopp dug ditches by the road.
- 25 I hauled a load of wheat to Carver. I took along the molasses kettle to have it fixed. Niklas was with me and we bought a sugar cane press from A. Peterson and brought it home. The boys husked corn out on the island. William Hopp finished the ditch by the road. Today we took the white cow "Nancy" to Peterman's bull.
- 26 I did various small jobs. Sture plowed and the other boys husked corn. William Hopp dug

a ditch in the meadow.

27 Sture, Axel, Frank, Ida, William Hopp, and I went to the fair in Carver. I showed our spring wheat, rye, Wealthy apples, Duchess, Haas, Canada, Hyalon, King Winter apples, and our grapes—Isabella, Concord, Delaware, Ona and Rodgers #15.

28 **Sunday**

29 In the forenoon I sowed rye in the home field, opposite the house and down toward the old well. In the afternoon I winnowed wheat. The boys hauled cornstalks from the island. William Hopp dug a ditch in the meadow. In the evening and during the night we had a heavy rain storm.

30 I made a bar for the cane mill. Elsa and I went to Waconia and visited at Niklas's house. Sture plowed and the others husked corn. William Hopp is sick, so he is not working.

October

1 I went to the Watertown mill with grain. William and Sture dug ditches in the meadow and the other boys husked corn.

2 Niklas and I worked on the frame for the cane mill. Sture plowed and the other boys husked corn. William finished the ditch in the meadow.

3 I worked on the frame for the cane mill. Sture plowed and the other boys husked corn. After dinner they dug potatoes. William grubbed.

4 In the forenoon I finished the frame for the cane mill and in the afternoon I did various jobs. Sture plowed and the others dug potatoes. William grubbed.

5 **Sunday**

6 Sture plowed, the others dug potatoes and I did various other jobs.

7 Sture plowed, the others dug potatoes, and I started building a corncrib.

8 I built on the corncrib and Sture plowed in the orchard until noon. In the afternoon the boys hauled corn husks.

9 Today it is raining so we did nothing. Axel threshed for Rietz in the forenoon.

10 Today the boys are husking corn. I worked on the corncrib.

11 I worked on the corncrib, Axel threshed at Rietz's, the others husked corn. In the afternoon Olaf Hakanson from Houston and J. Erickson from Delano came here.

12 **Sunday** Today O. Hakanson preached twice for us.

13 Today O. Hakanson and J. Erickson left for Delano. I butchered a sheep and finished the corncrib. Ida and the boys husked corn. Axel threshed for Rietz until noon. William Hopp grubbed.

14 Today I made some lime mortar and plastered both fireplaces for the syrup kettles. The children husked corn. William grubbed.

15 Today we hauled cornstalks and husked corn. William grubbed.

16 The children husked corn, William grubbed, and I made a foundation for the cane mill and did other small jobs.

17 In the forenoon we finished husking corn and hauled home the last of the corn husks.

In the afternoon it rained so we did nothing. William grubbed.

18 Today we started cooking molasses—we cooked 30 gallons.

19 **Sunday**

20 Today we have made molasses. I dug up apple trees and William grubbed.

21 We made molasses and in between I dug apple trees. William grubbed. Last night Gondt, and the Lutheran minister, Hogelstrom, from Cokato, came here, so tonight we have a meeting in Scandia.

22 We made molasses. I also cleaned the soot from the chimney. William grubbed. Charley Wendt came here and bought a dozen apple trees.

23 This morning we finished making molasses (we have made 128 gallons). In the afternoon I went to Waconia with apple trees. The boys and William grubbed.

24 Sture plowed the corn field. William and Axel grubbed. Per Daniel is here making his molasses and I fenced around the straw yard and did various other small jobs.

25 Sture plowed the south field. Axel and William grubbed. I did various jobs.

26 **Sunday**

27 I fixed the fence down by the road. Sture plowed the south field. Axel and William grubbed.

28 I dug up apple trees and did other small jobs. Sture plowed the field down by the barn, and Axel and William grubbed.

29 I dug up apple trees and did other small jobs. Sture plowed the new field down by the barn. William grubbed, Axel worked on the road. Today we took “Nancy” to B. Nilson’s bull for the fourth time.

30 Sture plowed down by the barn and in the afternoon plowed new land out on the island. I am planting apple trees, etc. William and Axel grubbed.

31 Last night it froze so hard we cannot plow today. I did nothing as I had a spell of heart palpitation. Sture did various small jobs, William and Axel grubbed.

November

1 Today it is snowing. I butchered a sheep, etc. The boys did various jobs. William Hopp returned to his home today.

2 **Sunday**

3 I pruned back the grapes, etc. The boys hauled mulch to the apple trees. Andrew Okerson from Swede Grove came here tonight. He bought 25 ½ bushels wheat from me for seed wheat. We fanned the wheat in the evening.

4 First I went to Waconia and after, I went to the election. Later I finished pruning back the grapes. The boys hauled and put mulch around the apple trees.

5 In the morning A. Okerson and I dug up apple trees and tied them into bundles. Okerson bought four dozen apple trees. He left here today. The boys grubbed stumps.

6 First I went to Waconia and after, I dug up apple trees, etc. The boys grubbed stumps. Sture harrowed in the afternoon.

- 7 I dug up and heeled in large apple trees and did various other jobs. Sture harrowed. The boys grubbed stumps.
- 8 I planted and heeled in large apple trees. The boys grubbed stumps. Sture harrowed the field by the barn.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 In the forenoon I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys grubbed stumps and Sture plowed out on the island in the morning.
- 11 In the morning I went to Freed's and pruned back his grapes and in the afternoon I dug up apple trees. Sture plowed on the island and in the meadow, etc. The others grubbed stumps.
- 12 It rained in the forenoon. Lepke and Beauregard came after apple trees. The boys did various other jobs.
- 13 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Sture plowed the north end of the home field and also the sorghum field. The other boys grubbed stumps.
- 14 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Sture drove to Watertown to pick up the Lutheran minister, Fogelstrom. The other boys grubbed stumps.
- 15 I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The boys grubbed and Sture finished plowing the sorghum field.
- 16 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached.
- 17 First I butchered a calf and then I dug up apple trees. Peterman's brother-in-law who lives near Bengton was here for apple trees. The boys grubbed stumps.
- 18 In the morning I did various things and in the evening I went to a meeting in Scandia. The boys grubbed stumps.
- 19 I dug up lilac bushes and apple trees and heeled them in for Nils Albertsson in Carver. The boys grubbed stumps.
- 20 We did various things and hauled manure for the apple grafts, etc.
- 21 In the morning we did various things and in the afternoon we grubbed stumps.
- 22 Freed, Birrel Nilson, Per Daniel, and I went to the Minnetonka Mill with wheat. The boys grubbed out stumps.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 In the forenoon I butchered a sheep and then I did various other jobs. The boys grubbed.
- 25 I went to Chaska to try to trace a postal money order I had sent to Chicago in January to pay for subscriptions to *Evangelisk Tidskrift* that had been lost. The boys grubbed.
- 26 In the morning I repaired shoes. Henry Schraan came to look at the foal which was limping. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys grubbed stumps, etc.
- 27 I repaired shoes and did various other jobs. The boys cleared and burned brush on the southern forty.
- 28 Last night the Swedish nurseryman, Drothzen, from Minneapolis, came here. He was

here until one o'clock today. After he left I did various other jobs. The boys are clearing and burning brush on the southern forty.

29 I went to Chaska and bought 400 bricks that I have been owing Peterman and Niklas Swenson ever since I had the new well dug. I also went to Carver market and also collected my prize money for the apples and grapes. I paid the store bill at A. Peterson's. The boys cleared and burned brush on the southern forty.

30 **Sunday**

December

1 I made a feeding trough for the pigs, etc. The boys are clearing on the southern forty.

2 I fenced in the pigpen. The boys are clearing brush on the southern forty.

3 The boys are clearing brush on the southern forty. I did various small jobs.

4 The boys are clearing brush on the southern forty and I made a fence in the cow pasture.

5 Today it is raining and snowing. We did nothing. Sture is sick in bed.

6 I worked in the old house [cabin] and made an axe handle, knife handle, and sawed boards to make a gate. The boys fanned wheat; Sture is sick. It is snowing.

7 **Sunday**

8 Per Daniel and I butchered two pigs and the old crippled sow.

9 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I cut up the pork. The boys did various small jobs. It is snowing.

10 Today it is very cold and snowing heavily. I repaired shoes and the boys cut up pork for sausage making.

11 First I did various small jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia with the old sow we had butchered and sold it to Eiselien. Today I received a letter from Headburg in Denver with a draft for \$500.

12 I went to Chaska and cashed the draft and I also went to Carver.

13 First I went to Waconia and paid Moiser for the wagon, etc. I also paid the wainwright for the plow beam and also paid my bill at the smith, Charmer.

14 **Sunday**

15 16 & 17 Sture, Ida, and I went to Minneapolis and bought clothes for the family.

18 Today we did nothing.

19 I went to Waconia and paid my bill at Eiselien's store, etc. The boys did various jobs.

20 The boys cut cordwood by the road that goes to Ziemann's place. I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. I started a wood pile in Gregg's brickyard. Today I signed a bond for \$2,000 for the treasurer, Wiego. I also paid my store bills at Strajeskatt's, Hank's, Faber's, and Linenfelser's.

21 **Sunday** Today we have snow and bad weather.

22 Today I wrote a letter to Sweden. Sture hauled a load of wood to Chaska.

23 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and I sold it to the man in the brickyard.

I mailed the letter to Sweden along with the medicine and the Swedish calendar [almanac]. In the letter I asked for permission to use the amount of \$112.23; this is \$78.90 for Norman's trip to Denver and \$33.33 for the monument on the grave. Today we are having snow and bad weather.

24 Today we did nothing. It is very cold with a strong northwesterly wind.

25 **Christmas Day** In the morning we went to a meeting in Scandia and after that we did nothing. It is intensely cold.

26 Today we went visiting to Per Daniel's house. Per Daniel and I also went to Waconia.

27 In the forenoon, the boys ground corn at Rietz's mill and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to the Waconia mill with a load of grain and also did some trading at Eiselien's store. Today the cold is tolerable.

28 **Sunday**

29 I wrote in the church record book and did other various small jobs. Sture hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. The other boys did various jobs. In the evening, Niklas, Lundsten, Freed, and Per Daniel came over and we settled our account in regard to the cane press.

30 Today I did various small jobs. Freed and his wife and I went over to Rietz's house and had the mortgage acknowledged. Sture hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska.

31 Lundsten and I went to an agricultural meeting in Carver and Lundsten bought a seeder from A. Peterson. In the evening we went to Scandia and put up a New Year's tree to gather around and joyfully appreciate each other.

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January

- 1 Before noon we went to Niklas Hanson to try to reconcile him and his wife because he had hit her. In the afternoon we had our annual business meeting in Scandia.
- 2 I was in and wrote the whole day. Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod.
- 3 I repaired shoes. Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I made a gate between the cow yards. Holtriger was here today and we ordered a sewing machine from him. All the boys are in school.
- 6 Before noon, I went to Waconia for the grist. In the afternoon, I finished the gate between the cow barns. The boys are in school.
- 7 Before noon I did various jobs and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the mare shod on one foot. She had bent the horseshoe. The boys are in school.
- 8 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Andrew Nilson's. In the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys are in school.
- 9 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I began to make grafts for the apple trees. The boys are in school.
- 10 I made grafts for the apple trees the whole day. The boys did various jobs but some of them are sick.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I made grafts for the apple trees and did various small jobs.
- 13 I made grafts for the apple trees and in the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia about N. Hanson and his wife.
- 14 I made grafts for the apple trees, etc.
- 15 I only made a few grafts. Today, Holtriger came with the sewing machine so I was delayed in my work while he was here. I paid Holtriger \$41 for the sewing machine.
- 16 I made grafts for the apple trees, etc. All the boys and Emma are in school but for several days some of them have been sick.
- 17 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia and Fogelstrom preached. In the afternoon, I made grafts for the apple trees. Sture and Axel did various jobs. Today we went to Nelson's bull and took the white cow, "Nancy." The small sow took the boar.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Freed, Fogelstrom, Lundsten, Andrew Nilson, and I went to Carver. Freed and Lundstrom borrowed \$150 from Anna Nelson and I guaranteed them. Fogelstrom borrowed \$200 from Anna Nelson for the church in Cokato. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia.
- 20 & 21 I did nothing because I was not feeling well. We had a meeting every evening in Scandia.
- 22 I made grafts for the apple trees the whole day and finished grafting. The boys are in school.
- 23 I repaired shoes the whole day. The boys and Emma are in school.

- 24 We were in the woods and chopped logs for the sawmill, etc.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Per Daniel. I borrowed some wheat for the cattle. In the afternoon, I did various jobs, etc. At noon, Frank Kjellberg came to sew clothes for us.
- 27 Today I stayed in and repaired gloves. Kjellberg is sewing a coat for me.
- 28 I did various small jobs. Kjellberg sewed clothes. Today a map of Carver County that I ordered last summer arrived. I paid \$12 for it.
- 29 I did various small jobs. Kjellberg sewed clothes.
- 30 I hauled a load of logs to Waconia, two times. The boys and Emma have gone to school the whole week. Sture is home today. Kjellberg has sewed clothes and repaired old clothes. He finished sewing tonight.
- 31 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood and hauled home a load of lumber for H. Rietz. The other boys fanned wheat and sawed stovewood. I did various small jobs.

February

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and I took home a load of lumber to Rietz. The boys are in school.
- 3 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and I took home five hundred bricks. The boys are in school.
- 4 I have been appointed to the town board. The town board examined the roads to Kaufhold's, Hopp's, and Witsack's land. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys are in school.
- 5 I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and brought home a load of bricks. The boys are in school.
- 6 Today, I butchered two sheep that we had fattened. I butchered a lamb. Sture ground corn at Rietz's while the other boys are in school.
- 7 Today I did various small jobs. Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys sawed stovewood, etc.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 & 10 I hauled cordwood to Chaska. The boys are in school.
- 11 I went two times to Waconia with logs for the sawmill. The boys are in school. Today it is warm and raining. The snow is now gone.
- 12 Today, I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. It is very slippery on the roads. The boys are in school.
- 13 I was sick the whole day with heart palpitations. The boys are in school. In the evening we went to Peterman's bull with "Molly."
- 14 Before noon, I went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we hauled home the

boar we had borrowed from Lundsten. The boys fanned wheat.

- 15 **Sunday** The pastor Fogelstrom is here and preached. Parson was even here and preached in the evening.
- 16 Before noon I did nothing. Pastor Parson was here for dinner. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Scandia. The boys are in school.
- 17 I took down the fence between the field and the well pasture. The boys are in school.
- 18 Before noon, the butcher from Waconia came here and bought two butchered sheep and four sheepskins from me for \$10. He bought the large wether for \$4.50. In the afternoon, Dr. Davis from Minneapolis visited. The boys went to school.
- 19 Today I stayed in and talked with the doctor. In the afternoon, he left from here to go to Broberg's. I went to Waconia. The boys are in school.
- 20 I did nothing. The boys are in school. Per Miller from Carver came here, this evening.
- 21 Before noon, I went to Lundsten's and we had a talk with Per Miller from Carver. In the afternoon, Rietz and I had a conference with Hermann Shoemaker regarding the road. The boys cleared brush in the southern forty.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 First I butchered a sheep and then I did various small jobs. The boys cleared off the brush in the southern forty.
- 24 I made axe handles the whole day. The boys cleared off the brush in the southern forty.
- 25 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I repaired shoes. The boys cleared brush in the southern forty.
- 26 I repaired shoes. The boys hauled fence posts out in the southern forty. Ottinger's boy was here today and got some apple scions.
- 27 I repaired shoes. Before noon, the boys hauled stumps from the field below the barn. In the afternoon, it was gray weather. Today, we went to Rauen's bull with the cow, "Nancy."
- 28 Sture, Elsa, and I went to Chaska and the Carver market. We had the cow that I bought from Peter Broberg and sold her in Chaska. I had the cordwood measured that we hauled and piled in Gregg's and Griswold's brickyard. Today it is snowing and is gray weather.
- 29 **Sunday**

March

- 1 I cut down two basswood trees and hauled them to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood.
- 2 Today, we had a town board meeting at Paul Bjorlin's. Sture is in Minnetonka with a load of wheat.
- 3 I wrote a letter to Sweden and to John Erickson in Delano. Sture went to Rietz's and ground corn. The other boys cut cordwood. Ottinger was here today for 20 bushels of wheat for seed. We shall exchange the wheat and I will buy 20 bushels of wheat

from him.

- 4 I went to Ottinger for 20 bushels of wheat. The boys are cutting cordwood on the southern forty along the road to Zieman's.
- 5 The boys hauled home the haystack out from the island. Carl and I cut logs for the granary.
- 6 The boys first hauled a load of hay and then hauled the fence poles from the southern forty. Carl and I cut logs for the granary.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 I cut logs. The boys hauled logs to the granary and did various other jobs.
- 9 I went to an election the whole day until late in the evening as I am the town supervisor. The boys hauled the sheep manure to the strawstack.
- 10 The boys cut cordwood. I cut down butternut trees for the fence posts and did various small jobs.
- 11 Before noon, I went to Waconia with grain. Ida was with and shopped at Eiselen's store. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys cut cordwood, etc.
- 12 The boys cut cordwood. I cut butternut logs into the right lengths so we could use them for supports to the bridges in the meadows and did various small jobs.
- 13 The boys cut cordwood and hauled fence poles out in the south field. Before noon, I was sick. In the afternoon, I hauled the material for the bridges in the meadows.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I went to Poppitz's place. We had a hail insurance meeting. The boys cut cordwood.
- 16 Before noon, I went to the Waconia mill for a load of grist. In the afternoon, I repaired shoes. The boys cut cordwood.
- 17 I repaired shoes. The boys hauled stumps from the field below the barn, etc.
- 18 I repaired shoes. The boys hauled the rails from the old fence next to the old well out to the southern field and up to the pigpen.
- 19 Axel and I split fence posts. Sture and Carl hauled fence rails.
- 20 Sture and I went to Martin Domen's auction at the Swanberg farm. The other boys cut cordwood.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 First we butchered a pig, and then we did small various jobs. In the evening we went to the meeting in Scandia. Fogelstrom preached.
- 23 The boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. "Betty" calved. It was a bull calf.
- 24 Elsa and I went to Paul Wolf for scions. We went to Carver, then we went to Chaska and shopped for various things. The boys cut cordwood.
- 25 Last night we had three inches of snow. I did various small jobs and repaired shoes. The boys fanned wheat, etc.
- 26 I did small various jobs. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, I went to Per Daniel's and put up the rain troughs.
- 27 Today it rained the whole day. I did various small jobs. The boys did nothing.

- 28 **Sunday** The Rileys were here this afternoon for a visit.
- 29 Before noon, the boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we went to Niklas's place and helped raise the granary.
- 30 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs.
- 31 The boys cut brush and burned them in the southern forty field. I did various small jobs.

April

- 1 & 2 We dovetailed the timber for the new granary that I shall build by the old granary. Carl Peterson was here and helped.
- 3 We hewed the dovetailing into the timbers.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Carl Peterson and I finished dovetailing the timber. The boys cut brush and cleared the southern forty. In the afternoon, I started to bore in the maples. We have cold, windy weather.
- 6 Before noon, Carl Peterson and I hewed out sled runners. In the afternoon, Carl left from here. He has worked 4 ½ days. I worked on the sled runners. The boys worked on clearing the southern forty.
- 7 Before noon, I made some sleds. In the afternoon, I bored into the maples. The boys cleared on the southern forty.
- 8 Last night it froze so hard that today the sap in the maple trees ran much. I did various small jobs and helped with the syrup making. The boys cleared on the southern forty.
- 9 I have begun to lay the fence by the field out by the pigpen and cooked syrup. Yesterday and today we made seven gallons of syrup each day. The boys worked on clearing the southern field.
- 10 I cooked syrup and laid fence. Sture sowed wheat on the home field. The other boys collected sap.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 & 13 Sture sowed wheat on the large field in the southern field. I laid fence and made syrup. The boys grubbed large trees out of the field by the old well and gathered sap.
- 14 Sture sowed wheat on the newly broken southern field and on the square field. I made a fence north of the pigpen. The other boys grubbed by the well.
- 15 Sture sowed wheat in the southern field by Peterman's land and in the nursery. The other boys grubbed and gathered sap.
- 16 Sture sowed oats on the western part of the southern field and on the rest of it, he sowed wheat. The other boys grubbed and carried sap while I built a fence and made some syrup. We have cooked 35 gallons of syrup this spring.
- 17 Sture harrowed in the wheat and oats in the southern field and harrowed in the new broken field by the island and then rolled it in the home field. The other boys raked together roots and burned them out by the island. I fixed the fence and did

other small jobs.

18 Sunday

- 19 In the morning, it snowed, so I did small various jobs. In the afternoon, Sture sowed wheat on the newly broken field down by the barn. I greased the harness. The boys grubbed and raked together hazel bush roots on the island.
- 20 Before noon, Sture, Elsa, and I went to Waconia and I received a letter from Sweden that my brother Samuel had died. In the afternoon, Sture harrowed in the wheat on the newly broken field. I took up the heeled-in apple trees. Axel, Carl, and Kjellberg grubbed.
- 21 I wrote a letter to Sweden and to my brother-in-law, John. Sture sowed wheat out by the island in the meadow. Kjellberg and the other boys grubbed.
- 22 I grafted in the apple trees and took up more of the heeled-in trees. Sture rolled in the southern field. The boys grubbed in the southern forty.
- 23 Sture and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I went to Swanberg's place and got some oxel twigs [mountain ash] and then went with apple trees to Broberg's house. While I was there, I bought a calf and took it home. Kjellberg and the boys grubbed.
- 24 Sture, Carl, and I went to the Chaska and Carver markets. We had the oxen back at the Chaska market and sold them. Kjellberg and the boys grubbed. In the afternoon, it rained there. I cashed the bank note I had received on the 20th from Sweden at the Chaska bank.

25 Sunday

- 26 In the morning, it snowed and rained. The boys dug along the north fence in the orchard where I wanted to plant Lombardy poplars. In the afternoon, Sture and I planted the poplars. Axel, Carl, and Kjellberg grubbed.
- 27 Sture sowed oats down by the straw stack and rolled the new broken field by the barn. The other boys raked together and burned hazelnut bushes out by the island. I did various jobs. We planted potatoes near the wagon shed. Kjellberg grubbed. Elsa, Ida, and Andrew Nilson sheared the sheep.
- 28 Before noon, Axel and Carl dug holes and I planted lilacs and apple trees. Sture and Kjellberg grubbed. In the afternoon it rained. I did various small jobs. The boys fanned the barley and Kjellberg sewed an everyday sweater for me.
- 29 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, I planted apple trees. The boys grubbed out by the pigpen.
- 30 I tied up the grapes and did various small jobs. Sture and Carl cleared by the old well and harrowed in the orchard, and plowed where I will graft. Kjellberg and Axel grubbed.

May

- 1 Axel and I planted grafts, etc. Kjellberg, Sture, and Carl grubbed.

2 Sunday

- 3 Axel and I planted grafts. Kjellberg and Carl grubbed. Sture fixed the fence by the barnyard before noon. In the afternoon, Sture grubbed.

- 4 Axel and I planted grafts before noon. Sture harrowed and rolled part of the home field for corn. We planted potatoes in the orchard along with doing other small jobs. Kjellberg and Carl grubbed.
- 5 Before noon, Axel and I planted grafts, grapes, and Lombardy poplar, etc. Sture plowed down by the old well and harrowed and rolled the field for sweet corn. In the afternoon, the boys marked out on the home field for corn and started to plant corn. I did various small jobs.
- 6 Axel and I went to Minneapolis. We had a load of wool and wheat. The boys planted corn on the home field.
- 7 Axel and I were in Minneapolis at my brother-in-law John's and my sister Maja Stina's. I shopped in the stores. Sture and Carl worked on the clearing, etc.
- 8 Axel and I traveled home from Minneapolis. Sture and Carl worked on the clearing, etc.
- 9 **Sunday** Last night both sows farrowed. One had five and the other had three pigs.
- 10 I went to Chaska with a load of barley. I went to Carver and bought a breaking plow, a bed, and four chairs, from A. Peterson, and two mirrors from Swenson. I had a post money order issued for \$8 from the Chaska post address and sent it to Edgren in Chicago. It was for the school.
- 11 The boys worked on the clearing. I wrote a letter to A. Nilson in Litchfield, etc., before noon. In the afternoon, I worked on the clearing.
- 12 Today, it rained. In the afternoon, we worked on the clearing.
- 13 Before noon, it rained and in the afternoon, the boys worked on the clearing. Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in Eiselen's store. I paid up my account to Eiselen.
- 14 Before noon, the boys worked on the clearing and burned some grubs by the old well. In the afternoon, Sture and I broke the ground by the old well. The others cleaned by the pigpen.
- 15 Before noon, the boys marked the fields for the corn and sweet corn along with planting sweet corn. I burned brush and grubs by the pigpen. In the afternoon, Sture and I broke the sod by the pigpen while the others planted corn by the old well.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Sture and I broke on the new field on the southern forty. Axel and Carl burned brush and planted corn by the pigpen.
- 18 19 & 20 Sture, Axel, and Carl broke the field on the southern forty and I made the fence around the field.
- 21 Sture and I laid the fence. Axel, Carl, and Frank planted corn in the new broken field.
- 22 Before noon, I worked on the fence while Axel, Carl, and Frank finished planting corn. In the afternoon, I went to the meetinghouse and fixed the fence. Axel and Carl burned brush. Sture went to Minnetonka with a load of wheat. This afternoon, my

sister-in-law Anna Larson, her daughter Emma, and the boy named Israel came here for a visit from Litchfield.

23 **Sunday**

24 Before noon, I made poles for the tent that we are going to put up by the meetinghouse. The boys did various jobs and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia. The boys worked on the new fence by the new broken field.

25 Today, Elsa and I, along with the Litchfield guests, went to Carver and Chaska. The boys laid the fence and worked on the clearing.

26 The boys cultivated the corn then worked on the clearing. Brother-in-law John and sister Maja Stina from Minneapolis came here. Today, I did nothing.

27 Before noon, I went to Scandia and set up the tent next to the meetinghouse. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Sture is in Delano with Anna Larson and her boy Israel and brought Erickson and his wife, together with Ekinan from Swede Grove, back home with him. The other boys worked on the clearing.

28 Our district meeting began today in Scandia and lasted the whole day.

29 We had meetings the whole day.

30 **Sunday** We had meetings the whole day.

31 Today brother-in-law John, Maja Stina and their son John went home. Their girls are staying with us for a while. Today I began to prune the apple trees. Sture is working on the road with the horses and the other boys hoed corn.

June

1 I pruned apple trees. Sture worked on the road with the horses. The boys hoed the sweet corn.

2 I pruned apple trees, etc. The boys worked on the clearing. Sture is sick.

3 Before noon, I fixed the fence on the southern forty towards Niklas's, and Axel, Carl, and I cut fence posts. In the afternoon, it rained, so we didn't do anything. Sture is sick. Bierlein was here and assessed me. He stayed overnight because it rained much.

4 Elsa and I went to Waconia before noon. Today, there has been a lot of rain so we have done nothing.

5 It rained much the whole day. We did nothing.

6 **Sunday**

7 I fixed the fence on the southern forty. The boys and Kjellberg worked on the clearing in the new broken field. In the afternoon, I went to the meetinghouse and we took the tent down, etc.

8 I fixed the fence between the rain showers. The boys and Kjellberg worked on the clearing. The man who is taking the census stayed the night.

9 I fixed the fences and Kjellberg and the boys cleared in between the rain.

- 10 Before noon, we did nothing because it rained. Last night we had tornado winds that blew down trees and fences. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys and Kjellberg worked on the clearing.
- 11 & 12 I fixed the fence and did various other jobs. The boys and Kjellberg worked on the clearing. It has rained so much that the work has been way behind.
- 13 **Sunday** This afternoon, my brother-in-law Johnson came from Kirkwood, Illinois, with his foster son, Oscar Norman.
- 14 Today it rained the whole day. We did nothing.
- 15 Today I took my brother-in-law John's girls to Chaska. My brother-in-law Johnson and I went to Carver and had dinner with Per Miller and Mortenson.
- 16 Before noon, we cultivated and hoed around the apple trees and in the afternoon, Johnson and I went fishing. The boys worked on the clearing.
- 17 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon we worked on the clearing.
- 18 The boys cultivated the corn and hoed while I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we cocked the weedy hay on the new timothy field and hauled it home.
- 19 Johnson and I went to Waconia and hauled logs up to the sawmill. I pruned Broberg's trees. The boys hoed corn and potatoes.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 We hauled wheat from the granary to the barn. Johnson did various things.
- 22 Today, J. Nelson and I began to work on the granary. Before noon, the boys hauled boards from the sawmill in Waconia. In the afternoon, we jacked up the old granary.
- 23 J. Nelson and I worked on the granary. The boys hauled boards from Waconia and did various other things. It rained at times.
- 24 I went to Chaska with wheat and took home boards from Carver. Brother-in-law Johnson was with. He stayed with Johnson in Carver. Sture helped Nelson work on the granary and the other boys hoed corn.
- 25 Nelson and I worked on the granary. The boys hauled boards from Waconia and hoed corn in the newly broken field.
- 26 I went to Chaska with wheat. I was even in Carver for a load of boards. Elsa was with and brother-in-law Johnson went with us home. J. Nelson worked on the granary. The boys hoed corn in the newly broken field. The 21st, we took the red cow "Betty" to Jacob Soller's bull and the same day the heifer "Rosie" to Peterman's bull.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Today we raised the granary. The boys mowed in the southern meadow.
- 29 I went to Carver for a load of board. I even had a load of wheat for Chaska. J. Nelson worked on the granary. The boys hoed corn on the newly broken land.
- 30 The boys cultivated the corn and cocked and hauled home hay. Nelson and I worked on the granary.

July

- 1 J. Nelson and I worked on the granary. The boys cultivated and hoed corn, cocked and hauled hay.
- 2 Nelson, Sture, and brother-in-law Johnson and I nailed shingles on the granary roof. Carl and Axel mowed on the western meadow.
- 3 The Fourth comes on a Sunday, so we had our celebration today in Scandia. I did not feel very well so I went home at noon.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Per Daniel, Freed, and I went with Swen Anderson from Scandia to the Chaska bank and borrowed \$250 so Anderson could pay Swanberg for the horses. Then we went to Gerdson and took out a mortgage on the horses and $\frac{2}{3}$ of Swen Anderson's crops. The boys mowed and cocked hay.
- 6 The boys mowed, cocked hay, and hauled it in. My brother-in-law Johnson was with. I was sick in bed.
- 7 The boys mowed, cocked, and hauled home hay. Johnson helped. I was sick in bed with hemorrhoids. Today, I sent a letter to Headburg.
- 8 In the night it rained. In the afternoon, we hauled hay.
- 9 I mowed the timothy in the western meadow, and then we hoed the sweet corn, etc.
- 10 Before noon, we mowed the hay out by the island and hoed. In the afternoon, we cocked and hauled the hay and timothy in the western meadow.
- 11 **Sunday** Last night, and today before noon, came a lot of rain.
- 12 First the boys mowed a little in the afternoon and we mowed the hay in the southern meadow by the island. Today it was so warm that it was nearly impossible to do anything. In the evening, we got a big thunderstorm that flattened the wheat to the ground.
- 13 Today, I went to Chaska with my brother-in-law Johnson and Oscar Norman. They went to Eggleston. The boys mowed the graveyard, the meadow by the well, and the meadow to the north of the barn. This evening, we cocked hay.
- 14 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys mowed and in the afternoon, we cocked the hay and hauled it home.
- 15 Before noon, we reaped the rye and in the afternoon, we hauled in the hay from the meadow by the well. These days are cool and clear weather.
- 16 The boys mowed by the island in the western meadow and along the creek in the home field. I trained grapevines.
- 17 Sture and Carl broke in the western meadow near the road. The others hoed around the apple trees. In the afternoon, Sture and Ida went to Emily Lundsten's wedding. The others and I cocked hay by the island in the western meadow.
- 18 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached. He had his wife with.
- 19 Sture and Axel broke on the bluegrass dike. The boys and I did various jobs. In the afternoon we cocked hay in the western meadow by the island.

- 20 We stacked the hay by the island in the western meadow. Later, Elsa and I went to Waconia, and to the meeting in Scandia.
- 21 Axel and I set up fence posts in the western meadow. Sture and Carl broke on the southern meadow and then mowed in the orchard.
- 22 Sture and I set up fence posts in the southern meadow. Axel drove Pastor Fogelstrom to Watertown. In the afternoon, Axel and I set up fence posts while Sture cultivated in the orchard.
- 23 Carl and I nailed the fence in the western meadow. Axel hoed in the orchard and Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat.
- 24 Today, the boys and I worked on the fence in the southwestern meadow.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 I made a gate and hung it on the fence in the western meadow. The boys repaired the fences and put up fences around the haystack, etc.
- 27 We began to reap the wheat in the home field in front of the old house.
- 28 Before noon, we reaped the wheat in the orchard. In the afternoon, we reaped the oats in the southern field.
- 29 We reaped oats the whole day.
- 30 Last night we had much rain. Before noon, I set up gate posts and hung a gate on the fence in the southern meadow. Sture went to Waconia and bought malt, etc. In the afternoon, we reaped the wheat in the square field and the oats in the field by the straw stack.
- 31 We reaped wheat on the southern field.

August

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 We reaped wheat in the southern field on the narrow strip beside the oats.
- 3 We reaped wheat on the southern field and began in the eastern field.
- 4 We reaped wheat in the eastern field.
- 5 We reaped wheat in the field near the barn and we had Per Daniel's Lotta help us.
- 6 We reaped wheat and finished in the field by the barn and then reaped the wheat by the island in the southern meadow. We had Per Daniel's Lotta for help.
- 7 We reaped wheat in the southern field. I could only drive the reaper in one direction. Before noon, we had Per Daniel's Lotta for help. We finished reaping the wheat.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Before noon, we went to the funeral of Adam Fischer's wife. In the afternoon, we shocked the wheat that had fallen over.
- 10 11, 12, 13 & 14 We stacked wheat.
- 15 **Sunday** Today, Fogelstrom is here to preach.
- 16 Today it is raining, so we are doing various jobs; among others, we broke the clover sod in the orchard and also broke on the old road from the old house to the road.

- 17 Before noon, we put out the wheat bundles from the partly finished stack to dry. In the afternoon, we went to the meeting in Scandia.
- 18 19 & 20 We finished stacking the wheat.
- 21 Sture and Axel are at Broberg's threshing. Carl and Frank hoed in the apple trees. I cut weeds. In the afternoon, I went to the Waconia mill with meal.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 I went to Carver to take home strips for the granary but I couldn't find any. The boys did various small jobs.
- 24 First, it rained, and then Sture and I plowed by the island. In the afternoon, Sture went to the Waconia mill for the grist and to borrow oats from Broberg. I was sick. The other boys hoed around the apple trees.
- 25 & 26 There was heavy rain so we did nothing. On the 26th, I sent a letter to Headburg.
- 27 & 28 I worked on the granary. Sture plowed on the western side of the old house and in the orchard. The others cut corn.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 The boys harrowed and gathered hazel roots out on the island and mowed the second crop of hay and also fanned wheat. I worked on the granary, etc.
- 31 Today, I sowed timothy out on the island. The boys repaired the fence down by the barn. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson.

September

- 1 Sture and Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson. Carl was at Zieman's and threshed in the afternoon. John Nelson and I worked on the granary. I sowed some timothy in the afternoon.
- 2 John Nelson worked on the granary and even I worked on the granary before noon. In the afternoon, we cocked and hauled hay. Sture and Axel threshed for B. Nilson before noon and in the afternoon, they threshed at Lundsten's. Carl threshed for Zieman's until the middle of the afternoon.
- 3 J. Nelson and I worked on the granary. I went to Chaska and bought the strips for the granary. Sture and Axel threshed at Lundsten's.
- 4 J. Nelson and I worked on the granary. Sture threshed before noon at Lundsten's and then he took our horses and moved the machine towards Chaska. Axel plowed hay until noon and then in the afternoon, Carl and Axel cut corn on the field by the old well. In the evening, we had a school meeting.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Sture and Axel plowed and scraped and evened out the bank alongside the ditch in the meadow by the well. Carl and Frank cut corn on the southern forty. I first wrote a letter to Headburg in Leadville, Colorado, and to my brother-in-law Johnson in Eggleston, and then I worked on the granary.

- 7 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel and Carl leveled out the banks in the meadow by the well. In the afternoon, Sture plowed and Axel and Carl cut corn. I worked on the granary the whole day. Today I sent the letter to Headburg in Leadville.
- 8 9 & 10 Sture and I went to the fair in Minneapolis. We had a load of wheat to bring to the Minnetonka mill. The other boys cut corn and stripped the leaves of the sweet corn.
- 11 I worked on the granary. The boys hauled manure out in the meadow.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 First, I went to Ottinger's and brought home a spring ram that I had bought from him, and then I worked in the granary. The boys hauled manure.
- 14 I made grain bins. The boys hauled manure.
- 15 I worked in the granary and John Nelson is here and nailed the strips on the outside of the granary. The boys hauled manure.
- 16 We went to Per Johan Broberg's funeral and then we did various jobs.
- 17 I worked in the granary. The boys hauled manure.
- 18 I worked in the granary. The boys hauled manure and then I went to Waconia and to Broberg's for oats.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Before noon, I butchered a wether and then I worked in the granary. Sture plowed down at Peterman's and the other boys cut the tops of the sweet corn.
- 21 Sture plowed. In the afternoon, Elsa and I cut sweet corn and then Sture hauled the sugar corn. Axel and Carl are at Peterman's threshing. I went to Broberg's place for inventory.
- 22 I worked in the granary and hauled the sweet corn, etc. Axel and Carl threshed at Peterman's. Sture is sick.
- 23 I worked in the granary. Sture nailed up lathes in the granary until noon. Axel plowed and in the afternoon Sture plowed, and Axel and Carl threshed at Peterman's.
- 24 I worked in the granary and did various other jobs. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl threshed at Peterman's until 3:30 in the afternoon.
- 25 Elsa, I, Sture, Axel, Carl, and Emma went to the agriculture fair in Carver.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 & 28 I plastered in the granary. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl dug potatoes.
- 29 I plastered in the granary. Axel and Carl grubbed willow bushes in the western meadow. Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with the last load of wheat.
- 30 I plastered in the granary, etc. Axel and Carl grubbed willow bushes. Sture plowed.

October

- 1 I worked in the granary. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl grubbed willow bushes.
- 2 Sture plowed. Axel and Carl were at Niklas's and threshed.

3 **Sunday**

4 I worked in the granary. Sture hauled together squash and pumpkins and plowed. Axel and Carl threshed at Niklas's.

5 Elsa and I went to Chaska and met brother-in-law Johnson. He came from Eggleston. We even went up to Carver. Sture grubbed willow bushes. Axel and Carl threshed for Niklas.

6 Today I sooted the chimneys and set up the heater. All three of the boys threshed at Niklas's before noon and in the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia to have the horses shod. The other boys grubbed out willows. I did various jobs.

7 Sture plowed. The other boys grubbed willow bushes. I did various jobs.

8 Sture plowed and the others sawed wood for the threshing machine. I did various jobs. In the evening, Broberg's boys came here with their threshing machine.

9 We threshed the stacks we had in the barnyard the whole day. We had to leave a small stack for Monday.

10 **Sunday**

11 First we threshed the small stack we had left and then we threshed more in the southern field and finished just as the sun went down. We hauled the straw out on the meadow.

12 Axel and Carl threshed for Rietz. Sture and I did various jobs.

13 Today, Elsa and I, with brother-in-law Johnson from Kirkwood, Illinois, went down to Minneapolis. Sture threshed at Rietz's. The other boys grubbed willow bushes.

14 Today we shopped at various stores in Minneapolis. Brother-in-law Johnson took the train at four o'clock to Burlington. In the afternoon, all three boys threshed at Freed's.

15 We rode home from Minneapolis. Mary Bergquist and her girl came home with us. It was rainy, cold weather. All three of the boys threshed for Freed in the morning and for Per Daniel in the afternoon.

16 Last night, a lot of snow and rain fell. Today it snowed the whole day. We have a foot of snow. Brother-in-law Cornelius from Litchfield is here for a visit.

17 **Sunday**

18 Before noon, I butchered a wether, and then I did various jobs. The boys hauled cordwood and fanned wheat. Andrew Hakanson from Grove City was here last night and today, in the afternoon, he went to Lundsten's. Hakanson's girl, Johanna, was even here.

19 Before noon, we did various jobs and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia with meal. Ida and Frank were with me. The boys cut stovewood. A. Hakanson and Cornelius went home today.

20 Before noon, I repaired shoes and after, I made lime mortar and plastered in the molasses kettle. Sture plowed and went to Waconia for the grist. The others husked corn.

- 21 I went with Lundsten to Chaska to go as a guarantee for him as administrator for Christine Broberg. The boys threshed at Per Daniel's. Today I again sent a letter to Headburg in Leadville.
- 22 Today, we began to press the sweet corn and make syrup from the sap. Sture is threshing in Scandia.
- 23 We cooked syrup. Sture threshed in Scandia and in the afternoon at Malmberg's.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Before noon, we cooked syrup. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn. Sture threshed for Malmberg and John Nelson.
- 26 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys husked corn. Sture threshed for John Nelson. Per Daniel is cooking syrup.
- 27 I took up the apple trees and the boys husked corn. Sture and Axel threshed at Broberg's in the afternoon. Per Daniel finished cooking the syrup at noon and in the afternoon, Lundsten cooked his syrup. Today, August Krause and his son are here with 200 apple seedlings.
- 28 I took up apple trees and did various jobs in the orchard. Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Axel threshed at Broberg's. Frank helped Lundsten with molasses cooking.
- 29 Today I pruned back the grapevines and heeled them in, etc. Sture and Axel worked on the road opposite Adam Fischer's land. Carl and Frank husked corn. Lundsten finished making his syrup today.
- 30 I finished pruning back the grapevines and the boys heeled in the grapevines and husked corn. Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat for Swen Anderson in Scandia.
- 31 **Sunday**

November

- 1 First I butchered a wether and then I heeled in apple trees, etc. Sture plowed in the field down by the barn. The other boys husked corn.
 - 2 Before noon, I went to the election and in the afternoon, I did various jobs. Sture plowed and the others husked corn.
 - 3 Today, Elsa and I traveled to Litchfield. Sture took us up to Delano and we were in Litchfield and Grove City until the 12th. Then we went home on the train from Litchfield to Delano and there, we were at Erickson's overnight.
- [Missing dates . . . or not there due to travel]*
- 13 Sture met us in Delano and at two o'clock in the afternoon we traveled from Delano to home at eight o'clock. While we were visiting, the boys plowed, husked corn, and hauled corn fodder. It has been snowy and cold weather during our travels and now.
 - 14 **Sunday**

- 15 First, I went to Freed's and pruned his grapevines and then went to Per Daniel's place and mended the pump to his well. The boys hauled corn fodder.
- 16 I unpacked the new storm windows and began to set them in. The boys hauled manure.
- 17 I set in the storm windows. The boys made a fence by the straw stack, etc. Carl, Frank, and Emma are in school. "Molly" calved.
- 18 I went to Waconia and then I did various jobs. The boys fanned the wheat and did various small jobs.
- 19 I butchered the two old cows along with a little pig. Per Daniel helped.
- 20 I went to Waconia with the pork meat then I did various small jobs. The boys grubbed out large trees in the southern field on the newly broken land.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Fogelstrom preached, and then we did various jobs.
- 23 Before noon, I was at Per Daniel's and the boys cleared the southern forty. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 24 Before noon, I butchered a ewe. The boys cleared in the southern forty. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting.
- 25 Today, it is **Thanksgiving Day**. We have a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon, we went home with Fogelstrom.
- 26 Sture and I went to the auction of Peter Broberg.
- 27 Sture and I went to the market in Chaska and sold the white cow, "Nancy." I paid my bill to Hank. I even paid my bill at Hebeisen's in Carver for a breaking plow. In the afternoon, I paid Andrew Peterson for Elsa's shoes and to Griswold for the strips to the granary.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I wrote a letter to Sweden. The boys hauled cordwood out from the woods.
- 30 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys fanned the under-grade wheat.

December

- 1 I hauled home bricks from H. Rietz's place that I had bought from him. The boys cleared brush on the southern forty. The 30th of November, I paid Larson in Waconia for the boys' boots and I even paid Swen Charmer.
- 2 Ida and I went to Chaska. Ida shopped in Faber's store.
- 3 Before noon, I did various jobs. The boys cleared in the southern forty. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to Charley Simmer and ordered a stove and went to Waconia and bought caps.
- 4 Sture, Axel, and I hauled home stones across the lake from Charley Simmer.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Today it is quite cold. I did nothing. The boys went out and cut cordwood.

- 7 I went with Swen Anderson from Scandia out to Gerdson's and had the mortgage I have on his horses and harvest canceled. The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake.
- 8 & 9 I stayed in and repaired moccasins and gloves. The boys hauled stones.
- 10 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went with Lundsten to Stina Broberg's. Sture went to Chaska for Fogelstrom. Axel cut wood.
- 11 The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake. I was even, today, with Lundsten to Stina Broberg's to see if we could settle the real estate question between Andrew Broberg and Stina Broberg.
- 12 **Sunday** Fogelstrom is here today to preach.
- 13 I went to Chaska to get medicine for Ida. I went with Lundsten. The boys hauled stone from Clearwater Lake.
- 14 I did small various jobs. The boys hauled stones from Clearwater Lake. In the afternoon, Sture took a load of cordwood to Schmig's place.
- 15 & 16 I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico and to Kirkwood, etc. Sture hauled cordwood to Eitel's place.
- 17 I did various small jobs. Sture hauled cordwood to Eitel's place.
- 18 Ida and I went to Doctor Lewis in Chaska. The boys worked on the clearing in the southern forty. Today I sent a money order for the newspaper, *Hemlandet*, to Chicago for \$2. I even sent a letter to Kirkwood and to John Pearson in New Mexico. The 15th, we went after N. Swenson's boar and put him with the sows. We think they both took him, but we can't be certain.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Before noon, I went after a load of bricks at H. Rietz's. In the afternoon, we went to Waconia with meal and took home the old reaper from Broberg's place. The boys cut cordwood.
- 21 We were at Simmer's and hauled stone.
- 22 Today, I took apart the old broken reaper. The boys hauled stones.
- 23 Today, Sture went to Litchfield. Axel drove him to Delano. I did various jobs. I am not feeling well. Elsa is sick in bed.
- 24 Ida and I went to see Dr. Lewis in Chaska but he was not home.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 26 **Sunday** It has snowed for several days so we have used the sleds.
- 27 Last night and today, it is quite cold. The small children and Ida are at Per Daniel's. Elsa and I are not well so we did nothing. Axel stayed home to tend to the cattle. Erickson from Minneapolis came here and left today.
- 28 & 29 The bitter cold is continuing. I did various small jobs. Axel tended to the cattle. Carl and Frank are in school.
- 30 I did various small jobs. Axel and Carl cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn. Frank went to school.

- 31 Axel and Carl hauled the sheep manure out in the pasture, etc. I did various small jobs.

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January

- 1 Today we did nothing. John Nelson's and Per Daniel's families visited us today.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Axel and I hauled cordwood to Chaska and brought a load of bricks home with us. Per Daniel and Frank Lundsten also hauled bricks home for me.
- 4 Axel hauled a load of wood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. I did various small jobs.
- 5 Axel hauled wood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. We had our annual business meeting in Scandia.
- 6 Today I went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and brought home a load of bricks. Elsa and some of the children are at Niklas's for a party.
- 7 Elsa and I were at John Nelson's for dinner. Niklas was also there. I took my sleds with to Waconia and had new runners put under them.
- 8 Axel hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. I did various jobs.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Axel hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. I butchered a ewe, etc.
- 11 Today I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. Axel started school today. Today I sent a money order for \$13 to D.D. Merrill in St. Paul. This was money the church gave to the Minnesota Baptist State Convention. I also sent a money order to Kolberg for Vingren in Chicago and also a letter to Uppsala, enclosing a dollar for the *Evangelisten*.
- 12 Today I hauled a load of wood to Chaska and brought home a load of bricks. The boys are in school.
- 13 Today Ida and I went to Waconia. Later Carl and I hauled home cordwood from the woods. This evening Sture came home from Litchfield.
- 14 Today I butchered two rams and a ewe. Sture did various jobs and the others are in school.
- 15 I butchered two ewes. Axel hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and the other boys are fanning wheat and cutting wood for the stove. Olaf Anderson's boy from Cokato came here today.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 We butchered a pig and did various other jobs.
- 18 Today Axel and I hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill and later we took

- mutton and sheepskins to Minneapolis to sell. We stayed overnight at Krells Hotel.
- 19 We ordered a load of lumber from Eastman and Boyd's lumberyard and we hauled it home on our sled. We came home in the evening. Sture did the chores.
 - 20 Sture and Frank are fanning wheat, etc. I did various small jobs. The others are in school. Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull.
 - 21 Carl and I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat and then we went to Minneapolis and picked up a load of lumber.
 - 22 Today we came home from Minneapolis. There was a snowstorm and the road had drifted over with snow, so it was difficult to get home.
 - 23 **Sunday**
 - 24 I hewed out some logging sled runners. Sture did the chores and cut stovewood. Axel, Frank, and Emma are sick in bed.
 - 25 In the forenoon Sture and I fanned wheat and in the afternoon we cut logs, etc. I sent a second postcard to Pearson in New Mexico.
 - 26 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. I did various small jobs.
 - 27 Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I did various jobs. Carl is in school and the other children are sick.
 - 28 & 29 Niklas Swenson and I went to Minneapolis to get lumber. Sture is doing the chores, etc. The other children are more or less sick.
 - 30 **Sunday**
 - 31 This morning I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico and in the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia to help get things settled between Jonas and Otto Broberg. Sture and Carl fanned wheat, etc. Axel and the others are sick.

February

- 1 Last night we had a big snowstorm so we have shoveled snow most of the day. Sture hauled home elm wood.
- 2 Today we had another snowstorm. We did only what was necessary.
- 3 Today I went to the Waconia mill with two sacks of grain. Otherwise, we did nothing.
- 4 We hauled logs out of the woods and in the afternoon I hauled a log to the sawmill in Waconia. We are having another snowstorm.
- 5 Today we are in the midst of a blizzard. The snow is at least two feet deep in the level areas and in very deep drifts in the open areas. Most of the roads are drifted shut. We did nothing today.
- 6 **Sunday** No one could get to church because all the roads were blocked with snowdrifts.
- 7 Today it is snowing and raining, so we did only the necessary chores.
- 8 Sture, Niklas, his son Renius, and I opened the roads all the way to Waconia. We had two teams and still had to do a lot of shoveling and clearing by hand. The snow is 2 ½ feet deep on the ground and all the roads have large drifts over them.

- 9 & 10 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. The boys are cutting cordwood, etc.
- 11 I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. The boys are cutting cordwood, etc.
- 12 First I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia with logs for the sawmill, but the road was drifted shut, so I had to leave the logs by the schoolhouse. The boys are cutting cordwood.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I went and talked with Birrel Nilson, H. Rietz, and William Mitchell, and in the afternoon I shoveled snow, etc. Sture did chores and cut wood for the stove. The other boys are in school.
- 15 Sture went and helped Per Daniel butcher and I did various jobs at home. The other boys are in school.
- 16 Birril Nilson's and Lundsten's boys went with me to Minneapolis. I had a load of wheat with me to town and a load of lumber with me home. Sture did the chores.
- 17 I came home from Minneapolis in the evening. Sture and Kjellberg are starting to cut cordwood today. The other boys are in school.
- 18 In the forenoon I filed and fixed the big crosscut saw and in the afternoon I did various jobs. Sture and Kjellberg are cutting cordwood.
- 19 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. I paid my personal property tax and also paid my store bill at Faber's. Kjellberg and Sture are cutting cordwood. On the 15th, we took the heifer "Froken" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 20 **Sunday** Fogelstrom was here and preached.
- 21 In the forenoon, Per Daniel helped me butcher two pigs. In the afternoon Sture and Kjellberg cut cordwood and I did various jobs.
- 22 Niklas and I traveled to Minneapolis with a load of wheat and the two butchered pigs. I had lumber, doors, and windows on the homeward load. Sture and Kjellberg cut cordwood.
- 23 We came home in the evening at 10:30. Sture and Kjellberg cut cordwood and the other boys are in school.
- 24 In the forenoon it snowed. Sture and Kjellberg went to Waconia and in the afternoon they cut cordwood. The others are in school. I didn't do anything.
- 25 In the forenoon I went over to Gottfried Mitchell's and ordered seed wheat and in the afternoon I did various jobs. Sture and Kjellberg cut wood.
- 26 I hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and bought 7,000 shingles from Griswold and settled my bill with him, then I went to the market in Carver. Sture and Kjellberg cut wood.
- 27 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached.
- 28 Kjellberg, Sture, and I went to Kohler's auction in Waconia.

March

- 1 I went to Phillip's mill that is two miles beyond Carver on the Benton Road. Sture and

Kjellberg cut cordwood.

- 2 We are having a snowstorm. In the forenoon I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Sture and Kjellberg cut cordwood.
- 3 I went to Gottfried Mitchell's and picked up my seed wheat. Sture and Kjellberg are cutting cordwood.
- 4 Today we are having a blizzard. I have started grafting. Sture did the chores.
- 5 Today I went to Phillip's mill and picked up the grist. I even had 18 apple grafts with me and sold them to Hammerlund in Carver. Sture and Axel cut cordwood.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon I hauled a log to the sawmill but it tipped off between Scandia and Broberg's. Sture cut cordwood.
- 8 I went to the election at Witsack's schoolhouse. Sture is cutting stovewood. Yesterday we brought the heifer "Froken" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 9 I went to an auction on the other side of Waconia (Anna Linder's place). The boys are cutting cordwood.
- 10 Today we butchered two pigs, among other chores.
- 11 Today I cut up and salted the pork. Sture and Axel cut cordwood. Frank Kjellberg left us today. He sewed pants for the boys.
- 12 I stayed inside and made apple grafts. Sture and Axel cut cordwood.
- 13 **Sunday** In the afternoon we visited with G. B. Nilson's family.
- 14 & 15 The boys hauled stones from Clearwater Lake. I made apple grafts, etc.
- 16 & 17 I made a logging sled. The boys cut cordwood, etc.
- 18 The boys cut cordwood and I did various jobs. We have not had any spring-like weather. The snow is almost the same depth and at night the temperatures drop and we have a hard freeze.
- 19 I worked on the logging sled. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon Per Daniel was here to get seed wheat. I exchanged seed wheat with him.
- 20 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached.
- 21 In the forenoon we had a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon we shoveled snow by Adam Fischer's and by Niklas's. Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod.
- 22 In the forenoon I finished the stairway to the third floor. The boys cut cordwood and in the afternoon we buried August Malmberg.
- 23 In the morning I went to Gerdson and Birrel Nilson and bought seed potatoes. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon we hauled the log that had fallen off and was lying between Scandia and Broberg's place to the sawmill in Waconia.
- 24 The boys hauled home the haystack from the island and I did various jobs.
- 25 In the morning the boys finished hauling home the hay. Freed came over and asked to exchange seed wheat so the small boys and I fanned it for him. In the afternoon the boys cut wood and I did various jobs.

26 We went to the southern forty and cut logs and cordwood. Yesterday I sent a letter to A.G. Rawth in New Mexico and one to John Anderson in Eggleston.

27 **Sunday**

28 & 29 We cut oak logs and sawed out logs for the footings in the new kitchen.

30 We hauled logs, etc., but I hurt my back lifting, so I could barely make it home.

31 I am in bed with a backache. The boys are doing the chores, but they have gotten an eye sickness, so they cannot do anything.

April

1 I am still in bed with backache. The boys are doing the chores, but they are still having pain and eye problems.

2 In the forenoon I did various jobs and in the evening we had a special school board meeting. The boys cut cordwood, among other jobs.

3 **Sunday**

4 I went to Waconia. The boys are cutting down logs to use for the log footings for the kitchen, etc.

5 In the forenoon I mended shoes and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys are cutting cordwood.

6 I hauled logs in the forenoon and in the afternoon I sorted and sawed out a log from the north wood lot. The boys are cutting cordwood, etc.

7 In the morning the small boys and I hauled logs. The others worked on clearing the southern forty. In the evening I wrote letters, etc. The boys hauled posts for the fence that will be built by the railroad tracks.

8 I wrote and mailed a letter to Sweden and also wrote a letter to my brother-in-law John Anderson. The boys are working on the southern forty. Yesterday the black spotted sow farrowed.

9 I did various jobs. The boys hauled manure and cleaned out the sheep barn.

10 **Sunday**

11 The boys are clearing on the southern forty and I repaired shoes.

12 The boys cut fence rails on the point by Niklas's field. I repaired shoes, etc.

13 Axel and I cut fence posts and rails. Sture and Carl cut fence rails on the island.

14 The boys cleared on the southern forty. I was sick in bed all day with heart palpitations. The agent for the railroad company was here today but he only offered me \$100 an acre for my land.

15 Fogelstrom was here today and held a meeting in Scandia.

16 Today we started boring into the maple trees and also plastered in the syrup kettles and did other jobs.

17 **Sunday**

18 Today we began to sow wheat. In the forenoon, Sture sowed the south hill and the south field and in the afternoon sowed the home field and west of the old house as

well as the west field. The other boys and I bored the maples, etc. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

- 19 Sture harrowed in the wheat that he sowed yesterday. The other boys and I pulled quackgrass roots on the west field and the home field. In the afternoon they cut off the grass humps in the hay meadow and I made handles for the grub hoes.
- 20 Sture took the mare to Excelsior to the purebred stallion "Lucifer." The other boys cut off grass humps in the hay meadow. I did various jobs. In the afternoon Kickler was here and castrated the colt.
- 21 Sture sowed wheat on the large portion and the square portions of the south field along the road. The other boys are clearing the southern forty field and hauling maple sap. I did various small jobs.
- 22 Sture harrowed in the wheat while the others split fence rails and enlarged the clearing. I did various jobs. Kickler was here and removed the clamps on the colt and castrated two calves, two lambs, and the large ram.
- 23 Sture sowed wheat on the field down by the barn. The others cut grass out on the island and I rebuilt the bridge out by the horse pasture, etc. Fogelstrom is here with us.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Sture sowed wheat and the others cut fence rails out on the island. I did various jobs.
- 26 Sture sowed wheat in the southernmost part of the south field, etc. The others did various jobs. I took up the heeled-in apple trees in the orchard and did various other things in the orchard. Carl and Axel uncovered the grapevines.
- 27 Sture rolled the wheat. Axel and Carl grubbed stumps on the timothy field north of the barn and I worked in the orchard.
- 28 Sture rolled the wheat down by the barn and after, sowed oats in the south field. The other boys grubbed stumps and I tied up grapevines and did various other chores. On the 25th we finished cooking down the maple sap. We have made 20 gallons of syrup this spring.
- 29 I tied up grapevines. Sture harrowed and rolled the oats. The other boys grubbed out trees down by the road.
- 30 Sture plowed where the grain stacks had been and sowed it in oats. We planted potatoes alongside the barnyard fence and also finished the wagon shed. In the evening it rained. Yesterday, we sheared the sheep.

May

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 We rolled the woodshed out of the way and did various other jobs.
- 3 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys fanned wheat. After dinner we burned off the swamp meadows.
- 4 The boys hauled wood from the southern forty and also planted potatoes. I fixed

the cabbage beds.

- 5 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and also went to Carver and talked with the contractor Pintz. I also went to Paul Wolf and paid for my cedar bushes. Sargent wrote a letter for me that I mailed the same day to the probate court judge in Huerfano County, Colorado. The boys grubbed and cleared on the southern forty and then planted sorghum by the old house.
- 6 I planted apple trees, etc. Sture is breaking ground and plowing in the southern forty. The other boys are digging holes for planting apple trees, fanning wheat, etc.
- 7 Sture hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. In the forenoon the other boys and I set fence posts for the fence along where the railroad right-of-way will be. After dinner we had a very hard rainstorm so we did nothing.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Sture took the mare to Tellers's place, but she would not take the horse. The other boys and I planted apple grafts, cut rails down by the road, etc.
- 10 In the forenoon it rained and we did various small jobs. In the afternoon Sture harrowed the wheat on the newly broken field. The other boys gathered and piled hazelnut brush and roots and I planted grafts, etc.
- 11 Sture plowed for planting corn and the other boys gathered and piled hazelnut brush and roots. I planted apple grafts, strawberries, and grapes. Today Paul Wolf came here with the 25 white cedar bushes that I had ordered.
- 12 Sture harrowed the newly broken field and plowed for the corn. The other boys dug holes for the cedar bushes and picked up roots. I planted the cedar bushes.
- 13 In the forenoon I planted more arborvitae bushes. Sture is plowing for corn by the old well and the other boys are gathering and piling hazelnut brush and roots. In the evening it rained and we did nothing.
- 14 In the forenoon Sture and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys fixed the fence.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and I went to Carver and brought home the tools for the bricklayers and I also brought home a load of lime from Chaska. John Klatt and the boys are starting to dig the cellar.
- 17 Today we finished digging the cellar and hauled some of the dirt to the road in the barnyard. Sture rolled and marked out the home field for corn. Klatt and John Hakanson did the cellar work.
- 18 Sture, John Hakanson, and John Klatt hauled the dirt from the cellar down on the big road. Axel and Carl planted corn on the home field. I first went to meet Brunius in Waconia and later I did various jobs.
- 19 Pintz and Klatt began to build the cellar. Sture hauled sand and stone. Axel and Carl made mortar, etc. In the morning the committee was here to evaluate the land the railroad is taking from us. In the afternoon, Axel and I raked hazelnut roots on

the newly broken field. In the evening, Henry Anderson and Melin from Eggleston came to visit.

- 20 Pintz and Klatt built on the cellar. I dug an opening from the new cellar into the old cellar to have a door there. Axel mixed mortar and carried it to the bricklayers. Sture hauled sand in the forenoon and in the afternoon he and Carl marked for corn in part of the south field.
- 21 Pintz and Klatt built on the cellar. I went to Chaska for a load of lime. Axel mixed mortar and Sture and Carl planted corn on the southern forty.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 In the forenoon the boys hauled dirt from the cellar down to the road. Carl made mortar and I made a box for mixing it. In the afternoon, Axel started digging for a cistern and Carl mixed mortar for the bricklayers. Sture hauled sand and I leveled off the dirt on the road.
- 24 Axel and Carl dug on the cistern and mixed and hauled mortar for the bricklayers. Sture and I worked on the fence, etc.
- 25 The boys dug the cistern. Carl and I plowed in the south orchard and in the evening it rained.
- 26 The boys helped the bricklayers in the morning and I did various jobs. In the afternoon it rained so we did nothing.
- 27 In the forenoon I went to a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon I visited the neighbors and told them of the work they needed to help with on the road. The boys grubbed and raked together the brush in the clearing and Axel helped and worked with the bricklayers.
- 28 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and also had two sacks for Freed, who hauled a barrel of lime home for me as I had a wagonload of studdings and nails to bring back home. The boys cleared and grubbed in the clearing and Axel was the bricklayers' helper.
- 29 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached.
- 30 In the forenoon we had a business meeting at church in regard to Broberg. After dinner I put wooden pins in the old cultivator, etc. The boys did various jobs as it was raining. Klatt plastered a little on the stone foundation on the porch. Tonight it is raining very hard again. Fogelstrom and Ahlstrom stayed with us last night.
- 31 Today we did various jobs. The ground is so saturated that it is impossible to do any work outside, so we did a few small jobs in the house. In the afternoon Elsa and I went to Waconia.

June

- 1 Today Sture and Carl began to break land in the clearing on the southern forty. In the forenoon Axel and I burned brush and after dinner he tended to the fire while I built a box for the cistern.
- 2 In the forenoon I did various jobs. Axel burned brush. In the afternoon Axel and I

- laid new planks on the bridge on William Mitchell's land and after that we filled in around the cistern. Sture and Carl broke land.
- 3 Today John Nelson and I started building on the kitchen. Axel and Carl broke land on the southern forty. Sture is sick.
 - 4 Nelson and I worked on the kitchen. Axel and Carl are breaking land and after dinner they cultivated the sorghum.
 - 5 **Sunday** Today we took "Betty" to Peterman's bull.
 - 6 Axel, Carl, and Frank planted corn on the newly broken field in the southern forty. In the forenoon Sture and I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia and in the afternoon, Sture went to Carver to pick up Fogelstrom. John Nelson worked on the kitchen.
 - 7 In the morning the boys finished planting the corn and then cultivated the sorghum and among the apple trees and also did some hoeing. Nelson and I worked on the kitchen.
 - 8 Sture hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. Elsa, Ida, and Frank hoed the sorghum. Axel and Carl are sick. Nelson and I are working on the kitchen.
 - 9 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and brought home a load of boards. The boys hoed potatoes, etc. Nelson worked on the kitchen.
 - 10 The boys hoed and cultivated the corn and in the afternoon Sture went to Waconia to get a load of boards. Nelson and I worked on the porch. The assessor was here last night. He appraised all my personal property.
 - 11 Nelson and I worked on the porch. The boys did various small jobs between the rain showers. In the afternoon Sture went to Waconia to get a load of boards and we had the hardest rain that we have had this year.
 - 12 **Sunday**
 - 13 Nelson worked on the porch and I helped when I could. In the forenoon Sture went to Waconia to get a load of boards and in the afternoon took the mare to Tellers's stud horse. The other boys cultivated and hoed the corn in the home field.
 - 14 Elsa and I went to Chaska and gave the deed to the railroad company for the land they bought from us. Niklas Swansson was with us to Chaska. Nelson worked on the porch. In the afternoon Sture came home from Tellers's place. The other boys hoed corn. Last night two boys and two girls from Dodge County stayed overnight with us. They are from Gavle in Sweden.
 - 15 Nelson worked on the kitchen and I helped when I could but I am not well. The boys hoed the corn in the southern forty and Sture went to Waconia to pick up the last load of boards. Today it has also rained. Kickler was here today and took the calf from the cow I bought from my brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, in Litchfield.
 - 16 Nelson, Sture, and I covered the porch and kitchen today. The other boys hoed corn.
 - 17 We nailed the roof sheeting onto the west side of the kitchen and finished the edges of the roof. The boys hoed corn.
 - 18 Today we sheeted the west side of the kitchen. The boys hoed corn in between the

rain showers.

19 **Sunday**

- 20 In the forenoon, Sture, Nelson, and I nailed shingles on the kitchen roof and in the afternoon I gave out orders for road work. Nelson sided the wall above the porch and the boys hauled the dirt away from the cistern.
- 21 Today I worked on the road. Nelson sided the wall above the porch. Sture went to Waconia to get planks for the road, etc. and after, he cultivated the sorghum. The other boys hoed the corn.
- 22 I worked on the road today again. Nelson made window and door frames. The boys are setting fence posts, etc. Today I sold a couple of oxen to the butcher in Waconia for \$43.
- 23 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys sawed off blocks for the fence, etc. and in the afternoon they hauled rails for the fence by the railroad. Nelson worked on the kitchen.
- 24 Nelson and I worked on the kitchen. The boys cultivated the corn. Sture worked on the fence by the railroad.
- 25 Nelson worked on the kitchen. Elsa, Axel, and I went to the outdoor market in Chaska. I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and even had the cow, "Betty," with us to sell at the market, but we did not sell her. We also went to Carver. Sture worked on the fence.
- 26 **Sunday** Today we did not have a meeting as the Germans had a baptismal service.
- 27 The boys started haying on the west meadow by the old road. The rain has made the grass too tall. I did various small jobs.
- 28 The boys cultivated the corn with two plows. I pruned the apple trees.
- 29 I hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and then went to Carver and picked up a load of lathe, etc. The boys first hoed the sorghum and then cocked hay in the west meadow by the road.
- 30 In the forenoon we mowed hay, etc. and in the afternoon we hauled hay from the west meadow by the road.

July

- 1 I hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. The boys mowed and cocked hay by the railroad.
- 2 We hauled hay and fixed the road in the south field and did various other jobs. Last night L. Z. Dickenson from Excelsior was here.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 We had a celebration in Scandia.
- 5 We mowed, cocked and hauled hay, etc.
- 6 In the forenoon, we mowed on the west meadow and then it rained. Later we cultivated the corn and I pruned back the grapevines.

- 7 We cocked hay on the south meadow and Frank and Axel cultivated corn on the south field.
- 8 We cultivated and hoed the corn, etc. I finished pruning back the grapes. We are having much rain, so it is difficult to do any haying.
- 9 The boys hoed corn, etc. and I did various other jobs. Today we took the heifer, "Rosa," to Peterman's bull.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 We had steady, hard rain, so we could not do anything. Fogelstrom stayed the night with us and went home today.
- 12 We mowed the timothy on the island and the west meadow and cocked the hay that was cut and laying during these rainy days—it is damaged.
- 13 We cocked and hauled timothy all day and also mowed some.
- 14 We hauled home the hay that was damaged from the rain and stacked it in the barnyard. We also hauled home the last of the timothy.
- 15 In the morning we hauled hay and in the afternoon Sture and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod and the hooves on the colts cut. I paid my store bill to Larson and Eiselien.
- 16 I went to Eitel's mill in Chaska with a load of wheat to be ground. Elsa was with and we went to the Norwegian lady in Carver with rags for her to weave rugs for our floors. Sargent wrote a letter for me that I mailed to Colorado. The boys mowed the west meadow by the island.
- 17 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached today. He had his whole family with him.
- 18 First in the forenoon, Niklas was here and cut the pigs. The boys mowed the creek in the home field. I cultivated the apple trees and then in the afternoon, we cocked hay by the island.
- 19 We stacked the hay by the island and cocked hay and hauled home the hay from the creek in the home field.
- 20 The boys hoed corn in the newly broken field on the southern forty. I went to Waconia and also did various other jobs.
- 21 I went to Eitel's mill in Chaska to pick up the grist. The boys hoed corn.
- 22 The boys hoed corn in the newly broken field. I did various jobs.
- 23 Sture and Axel are at Rietz's helping them with the haying. The other boys are hoeing in the garden. I cultivated in the garden. I also cut weeds by the road, etc. Fogelstrom and his family are here.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 The boys hoed corn on the newly broken field. I did various small jobs.
- 26 In the morning we reaped the wheat on the west side of the creek in the home field. In the afternoon I fixed the fence and put up the fence around the haystack by the island, etc.
- 27 We reaped the wheat on the home field by the old house, etc.

- 28 We reaped the wheat on the south slope of the south field and also the square field by the road.
- 29 We reaped oats all day.
- 30 We finished reaping the oats, then we reaped the wheat on the large field next to the south road. Then we reaped the wheat in the garden and finished reaping oats on the grain stack piece of land.
- 31 **Sunday**

August

- 1 We reaped wheat on the big field next to Peterman's field, and later we started on the wheat field down by the barn.
- 2 We finished reaping the wheat down by the barn and started on the newly broken field by the road in the south field.
- 3 We finished reaping the last piece in the forenoon and in the afternoon we reaped on the field alongside Peterman's field.
- 4 In the forenoon we reaped the poor-quality wheat on the south end of the field below the barn and the small field in wheat in the west meadow. In the early afternoon we had a strong hurricane-type wind that tossed all our grain all over the fields, so a little later we had to reshock all our wheat and oats.
- 5 We shocked wheat until noon when we had a downpour of rain. I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. The boys went to the lake and fished.
- 6 In the forenoon we moved the manure pile away from where we will stack the wheat. In the afternoon Sture plowed in the west meadow where I plan to sow timothy. Axel was at Niklas's helping him tie wheat bundles. The other boys and I did various jobs.
- 7 **Sunday** Fogelstrom is back from Eggleston. He preached today.
- 8 Today we stacked oats.
- 9 10, 11 & 12 We stacked wheat and finally finished on Friday night.
- 13 We did various jobs.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 I went to Chaska to get a load of bricks. I also went to Carver to ask Pintz to come and finish the brick/plaster work in the kitchen. Elsa also went along to consult with Dr. Lewis. The boys dug a ditch in the meadow by the well.
- 16 Today we had rain in the forenoon. The boys and I nailed up lathe in the kitchen. In the afternoon Axel plowed on the home field. In the evening Mrs. Bergquist, her daughter Anna, and her son Nathaniel came here to visit us.
- 17 In the forenoon it rained and in the afternoon Axel plowed. Sture and I did various jobs and in the evening John Nelson was here and worked on the kitchen.
- 18 Axel mowed. Sture nailed up lathe, etc. I did various jobs. J. Nelson worked on the kitchen and in the evening Carl was at Birrel Nilson's and helped with the

threshing.

- 19 Sture and Axel went to Broberg's to thresh. Carl threshed at Birrel Nilson's. J. Nelson worked on the kitchen and I went to Shakopee to get lime.
- 20 John Nelson is sick so he went home today. Charley Klatt started today to sheath the outside of the kitchen with brick. Carl is mixing the mortar and Axel is hauling the sand. I worked on the kitchen. Sture threshed at Broberg's in the forenoon and in the afternoon he grubbed out the trees that were too close to the kitchen.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 I went to Shakopee for lime and cement. Klatt plastered in the kitchen and Carl is mixing the mortar. Sture is helping John Nelson to nail up paneling in the kitchen. Axel was in Scandia and threshed.
- 23 Klatt laid bricks and Carl mixed the mortar. Pintz came in the afternoon and laid bricks. John Nelson worked on the kitchen. I butchered a ram in the forenoon and in the afternoon I helped nail up paneling in the kitchen. Sture plowed and Axel threshed in Scandia and after at Malmberg's place.
- 24 Pintz and Klatt laid bricks and Carl mixed mortar. John Nelson worked at nailing on paneling. Axel plowed and Sture was at Lundsten's and threshed. I did various jobs.
- 25 Pintz and Klatt built on the brick walls in the kitchen. I made mortar. Carl plowed in the forenoon. Axel threshed for Per Daniel. Sture threshed for Lundsten in the forenoon and in the afternoon he plowed. John Nelson worked in the forenoon and in the afternoon he went home.
- 26 Pintz and Klatt finished bricking the walls in the forenoon and in the afternoon they started building the chimney. Axel threshed at Simon's, Sture plowed, Carl made mortar, and I did various jobs. Today we took the Litchfield cow, "Lady," to Peterman's bull.
- 27 Pintz and Klatt finished the chimney at three o'clock and then started laying the floor in the cellar. Carl made mortar and I leveled the cellar floor, etc. Axel plowed and hauled sand. Sture threshed for Sahler.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 John Nelson and I worked on the kitchen paneling. Pintz and Klatt came here around noontime and worked in the afternoon. Carl mixed mortar. Sture went to Chaska to get a load of bricks. Axel was at Sahlar in the forenoon and threshed.
- 30 Sture plowed and hauled sand. Axel cut corn, etc. Pintz and Klatt worked on the cistern and plastered, etc. Carl mixed mortar. Nelson and I are framing the doors and windows and also doing the wainscoting.
- 31 Sture plowed, Axel cut corn, etc. Nelson and I are finishing the wainscoting and nailing up paneling in the porch. Pintz and Klatt worked on the cistern and Carl mixed mortar for them.

September

- 1 Today I took Pintz and Klatt with their tools to Carver and brought home the flooring for the porch from Chaska. Fogelstrom met me in Chaska and went along home (he was in Duluth and just came back from there). J. Nelson laid the finished flooring in the kitchen. The boys cut corn.
- 2 John Nelson finished the floor in the kitchen. I did various jobs on the porch. Sture plowed and the other boys cut corn.
- 3 John Nelson worked on the kitchen. I plastered and leveled on the porch. Sture plowed and the other boys cut corn. In the evening I went to a school meeting.
- 4 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached.
- 5 John Nelson and I worked on the kitchen. It is raining, so the boys did nothing.
- 6 J. Nelson and I worked on the kitchen. It is raining again today, so the boys did various small jobs.
- 7 Nelson and I put up the ceiling in the porch. Nelson left here around noontime. It rained in the forenoon. Sture plowed in the afternoon and Axel and Carl grubbed stumps down by the barn.
- 8 I finished the ceiling in the porch. Sture plowed. The other boys grubbed stumps down by the barn.
- 9 In the forenoon I made a box for the cistern. Sture plowed. The other boys cut corn on the newly broken field. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought paint and had the mare's hind legs shod.
- 10 In the forenoon I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon I worked on the new kitchen. Sture plowed and the other boys cut corn on the newly broken field.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 A. Bergquist from Minneapolis was here and he went home today. I painted the window frames in the kitchen. Sture plowed and the other boys cut the leaves off the sorghum.
- 13 I painted the kitchen. Sture threshed for Swan Anderson and the other boys are taking the leaves off the sorghum.
- 14 The boys cut and hauled sorghum and I painted the kitchen.
- 15 It rains almost every day, so we are not able to get our outside work done. Sture plowed today. Carl threshed for Freed at Bradhouse's and Axel and I are doing various small jobs.
- 16 It rained again in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys grubbed stumps.
- 17 The boys are hauling the old straw from the barnyard and I am painting in the kitchen.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 The boys cut sorghum and piled it together. I painted the moldings in the kitchen. The women are picking the grapes.
- 20 First I butchered a ewe and then I painted the wainscoting in the kitchen. The boys

are hauling manure from the barn doors and doing various jobs.

- 21 In the morning I wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico and sent it in the afternoon. In the morning it rained, so the boys did nothing, and in the afternoon they did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and bought eaves troughs.
- 22 Kohler's son from Waconia came to put up the eaves troughs but it started to rain, so he went back home. The boys and I did various jobs as it rained the whole day.
- 23 Today it rained again, so we just did various jobs. The boys took the heifer, "Fanny," to Peterman's bull.
- 24 Today Ida, Axel, and I went to the fair in Carver, and Sture and Frank went to the Chaska fair.
- 25 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached. He has now finished the year he had promised us.
- 26 I did various jobs in the cellar, kitchen, and by the cistern. In the forenoon Sture went to the butcher in Waconia with the cow, "Betty," which I had sold to the butcher. Ida and the boys are digging potatoes.
- 27 Today Joseph Kohler from Waconia put up the eaves troughs. Sture helped him. I did various jobs. Axel grubbed for stumps and Carl threshed at Peterman's.
- 28 The boys husked corn and I worked in the kitchen and did various other jobs.
- 29 Overnight and today we had more rain than we have had all summer. I painted the kitchen. The boys did nothing. In the evening Broberg and his wife and Bergquist from Minneapolis came here.
- 30 I painted the kitchen floor, etc. The boys husked corn, etc. After supper, Elsa went with Sture as far as A. Broberg's, while Sture went on to Waconia and brought home the big stovepipes for the outdoor fireplaces for the molasses pans.

October

- 1 I puttied windows all day. Sture and Axel are at John Nelson's and threshed for him. Carl husked corn and Frank herded the cattle.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 In the forenoon I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon I painted the second coat on the kitchen floor. Axel threshed for John Nelson and Carl threshed for Peterman in the morning. Sture husked corn.
- 4 I fixed the roof on the old cabin. The boys husked corn.
- 5 I plastered in the syrup pans and the boys husked corn. Yesterday and today they have been laying railroad track across my land.
- 6 In the forenoon I gave notices about the road work needing to be done. In the afternoon I did various jobs and the boys husked corn.
- 7 I worked on the road in front of our barn and in front of Rietz's field. The boys husked corn, etc.
- 8 I finished plastering and getting the molasses pans ready, etc. The boys hauled away the manure from the pigpen, etc.

9 Sunday

- 10 I repaired the fireplaces and got them in perfect working order. We moved the cane mill and after dinner we began to press the sorghum canes and make molasses. John Nelson was here today and put the baseboards on and also finished the porch wall.
- 11 Today we are having another hard rain. In the afternoon I sooted the chimneys and moved the cook stove to the new kitchen, etc. The boys finished cooking some of the molasses.
- 12 In the forenoon I moved the kitchen cupboard into the pantry and painted it, and in the afternoon I went to Waconia. The boys and Elsa cooked syrup.
- 13 I pressed canes and cooked molasses all day. I did various jobs.
- 14 Today I have finished cooking molasses—we have made 100 gallons.
- 15 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped at Gunz's store. The doctor pulled a tooth for Elsa. I had the horses shod on their front feet and afterwards I did various small jobs. The boys grubbed out large trees on the southern forty.

16 Sunday

- 17 Elsa, Sture, and I went to Chaska and Carver and shopped for various things. Axel and Carl grubbed out large trees on the southern forty.
- 18 I did various things. The boys grubbed out more large trees on the southern forty.
- 19 I dug up apple trees in the orchard. The boys grubbed out large trees on the southern forty.
- 20 The boys hauled manure. I pruned back the grapevines and leveled out the dirt by the kitchen door.
- 21 In the forenoon I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon the boys and I leveled out the dirt on the west side of the kitchen. Sture plowed the sorghum field.
- 22 Frank and I went to Chaska to pick up the heater stove I bought from Hank. I also bought six chairs. The boys are grubbing out large trees from the southern forty.

23 Sunday

- 24 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped for various things. I even paid my bill at Eiselien's store. The boys grubbed out stumps. In the afternoon I put names on the sacks. The boys are hauling the crushed sorghum canes down to the road and filling in the mud holes, etc.
- 25 In the morning Elsa and I picked over the potatoes in the cellar. I put in a false bottom in the potato bin as the water had reached up to the potatoes. In the afternoon I went to Waconia to pick up the grist. The boys hauled manure.
- 26 I did various jobs. Axel and Carl grubbed stumps. Sture plowed and then hauled wood and sawed it so it would be ready for the threshing machine.
- 27 In the forenoon I butchered a ram. Carl went and notified the threshers. Sture plowed and Axel grubbed out stumps. In the afternoon I got things ready in the granary. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps. Sture went to Winkel's to get the threshing machine. In the evening Broberg's boys came here with the threshing

machine. "Molly" calved today.

28 Today it rained all day—very much. We could do nothing, so the threshers went home.

29 Today it is cloudy. I made a door for the cellar. The boys grubbed stumps in the field by the barn.

30 **Sunday**

31 Today we started threshing. We finished threshing here at home but it was late at night.

November

1 Today we threshed on the south field and we finished at sunset. Simpson from Excelsior was here and wanted to buy cordwood for the railroad.

2 I fenced in the straw stack, etc. The boys fanned wheat. Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod on one foot. We also did other various small jobs.

3 I hauled a load of wheat to Excelsior and then went to Gideon's place and bought raspberry bushes. The boys husked corn.

4 In the forenoon I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon I pruned the grapes. The boys husked corn on the southern forty. I hilled in the grapevines.

5 I pruned back the grapevines. The boys husked corn and hilled in the grapes. Last night it snowed about four inches.

6 **Sunday**

7 In the forenoon I pruned the grapevines. The boys husked corn. In the evening we got a lot of rain and we could do nothing.

8 In the forenoon I pruned the grapevines and the boys husked corn. In the evening I was at the election. The boys hilled in the grapes and husked corn.

9 In the forenoon we butchered a pig. In the afternoon Sture and Frank went to Ottinger's place and borrowed a strong ram. I did various jobs and the boys finished the corn husking.

10 In the forenoon I did various jobs. Sture mixed lime plaster for daubing the pigpen and in the afternoon I daubed the pigpen. The boys grubbed stumps in the field by the barn. On the 7th, Bergren began to grub on the southern forty.

11 Sture, Axel, and Carl are threshing for Andrew Broberg. In the forenoon I went to Lundsten and pruned grapevines. In the afternoon I did various jobs.

12 First I went to Waconia with Carl and Frank to buy work clothes for Carl and have Frank measured for shoes. Sture and Axel cut stovewood and Bergren grubbed.

13 **Sunday**

14 I made a cover for the cistern and did other small jobs. The boys grubbed large trees. Bergren grubbed. The horses are well. Today we washed their legs to keep them from swelling.

15 I did various jobs. The boys grubbed large trees on the southern forty. Bergren

grubbed on his area, finished it and left today.

- 16 I put on the storm windows, finished the cellar door and did various jobs. The boys piled the brush in the north meadow where we cut cordwood.
- 17 I did various jobs. The boys cleared brush where Bergren grubbed.
- 18 I worked in the old house [cabin] and did various jobs. The boys cleared brush on the southern forty where Samuel Bergren grubbed.
- 19 I fixed the boys' gloves for them. The boys threshed for Broberg.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 We hauled fence posts out to the railroad and in the afternoon we dug them in. This evening Henry Anderson from Eggleston, together with my brother-in-law, Johnson's son Edward, and Charley Norman came here to visit.
- 22 I could do nothing as I had heart palpitations all day. Sture is showing the three boys around. Carl is in school and Axel threshed for Rietz.
- 23 The boys from Eggleston went over to Granite Falls today. I did various jobs. Sture and Axel threshed for Rietz and Carl went to school. Stoughton came for his wife today as tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day.
- 24 Sture and Axel threshed for Rietz. I worked on the old house [cabin].
- 25 Today I went to the mill in Waconia with meal and while I was there I also had the horses shod. After that I did various jobs. Sture and Axel threshed for Rietz in the forenoon and in the afternoon Axel and Carl piled wood in the woods and Sture visited at the railroad camp.
- 26 In the forenoon I went to the mill in Waconia to pick up the grist and in the afternoon I hauled home old logs from the woods to use for stovewood. Axel and Carl piled wood in the woods and Sture went to Poppitz's Station to meet the three boys on the train from Eggleston.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Axel and I hauled home the grubbed-out stumps from the field below the barn.
- 29 In the forenoon Axel and I hauled home stumps and Sture piled brush on the southern forty. In the afternoon, the boys cleared in the southern forty and Elsa and I returned Ottinger's borrowed ram.
- 30 Today Per Daniel helped us butcher the old sows and a pig.

December

- 1 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and sold the old sows we butchered yesterday. In the afternoon I did various jobs and the boys cleared in the southern forty.
- 2 I went over to Rietz's and asked him to write up a petition for me asking to move the road on my northern forty. The boys hauled home cornstalks from the southern forty.
- 3 Elsa and I went to Chaska and shopped at Strajeskatt's store. I paid my bill to Hank and also posted the petition for the road change. The boys piled wood in the woods.
- 4 **Sunday**

- 5 I fixed things in the pig barn, etc. The boys hauled home cornstalks, etc.
- 6 I hauled a load of wheat to the Minnetonka mill. The boys sawed off the roots from the big trees that we had grubbed.
- 7 The boys are still sawing the roots off the big trees we grubbed. I did various other jobs.
- 8 I did various small jobs. The boys hauled home an old elm log from the woods to be used for stovewood. John Nelson is here and started to build a couple of logging sleds.
- 9 The boys are hauling home old logs to use for stovewood and in the afternoon they started hauling home the haystack from the island. Nelson worked on the logging sleds and I started a carpenter's bench for the vise.
- 10 Nelson is working on the logging sleds and I did various jobs. The boys finished hauling home the haystack from the island.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 The boys hauled home the large grubbed stumps from the southern forty. John Nelson finished the logging sleds and I did various other jobs.
- 13 The boys cut cordwood on the southern forty. I brought the new logging sleds to Waconia to have them shod.
- 14 In the forenoon I went to Kern's and sold my cordwood. In the afternoon, the boys and I began to haul the cordwood to the railroad.
- 15 The boys hauled cordwood out to the railroad. Elsa and I went to Waconia in the forenoon and in the afternoon I did various jobs.
- 16 The boys hauled cordwood out to the railroad. In the forenoon I went to Kern's and to Rietz's with the road petition and in the afternoon I did nothing.
- 17 First, Axel and I brought the large sow over to Birrel Nilson's boar and then Axel and Carl hauled stovewood and cordwood. I wrote a letter to Sweden. Sture is sick.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 I wrote a letter to Sweden and also did various small jobs. The boys hauled cordwood out to the railroad line.
- 20 I wrote a letter to John Pearson in New Mexico, etc. The boys hauled cordwood out to the railroad line and also took the small sow to Birrel Nilson's boar.
- 21 The boys are hauling cordwood and went to pick up the small sow at Birrel Nelson's. I did various small jobs today and also mailed a letter and a box containing two electric batteries to Sweden. I also mailed the letter to John Pearson in New Mexico.
- 22 In the forenoon the boys cut cordwood and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Simpson from Excelsior was here and measured the cordwood by the railroad track.
- 23 The boys shelled corn in the forenoon and I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and picked up the logging sleds that the smith, Charmer, had shod. The boys grubbed willow bushes in the west meadow.
- 24 Today we grubbed willows on the west meadow.
- 25 **Sunday (Christmas Day)**

- 26 Per Daniel and his family are here visiting us. Hallberg from Fergus Falls is here also.
- 27 Today we did nothing. I wrote in the church book, etc.
- 28 In the forenoon we grubbed willow bushes in the meadow. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and Ida, Sture, and Axel went visiting to John Nelson's home.
- 29 Today it is very cold and we have some snow flurries. I repaired shoes and the boys did nothing. Hallberg from Fergus Falls is here.
- 30 In the forenoon I repaired shoes and in the afternoon I did nothing. Hallberg left for Minneapolis today. In the afternoon the boys grubbed the willow bushes in the west meadow.
- 31 Sture and I went to Chaska and Carver markets. Fogelstrom came home with us. The boys cut stovewood.

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January

- 1 **Sunday** Today is New Year's Day. Fogelstrom is here to preach.
- 2 I went to our business meeting in Scandia. The boys hauled stovewood from the southern forty.
- 3 Before noon, Elsa and I went to a meeting in Scandia. The boys hauled stovewood from the woods.
- 4 [no entry]
- 5 I went to Carver with a load of wheat. I bought a money order for Edgren in Chicago for \$8 in Chaska. Per Daniel came with me to Carver. The boys did various jobs.
- 6 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Today I sent the letter to Sweden for the *Evangelisterna* paper. The boys sawed off logs in the new broken field on the southern forty.
- 7 I did various jobs. The boys grubbed willow bushes in the western meadow. Our little boy, Oskar, is sick with pneumonia.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 First I did various jobs. The boys grubbed willow bushes. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with meal. The boys fanned wheat, etc.
- 10 I went to Carver with a load of wheat. The boys grubbed willow bushes, etc.
- 11 First, I did various jobs. The boys grubbed willow bushes. In the afternoon, we hauled logs from the new broken field on the southern forty.
- 12 I hauled brush and logs from the new broken field on the southern forty. The boys grubbed willow bushes.
- 13 I went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I took home the grist from the mill. Elsa was at a women's meeting at Broberg's. The boys sawed off the stumps from the grubbed-out butternut trees in the field by the barn, then cut cordwood from the tops.
- 14 Yesterday and today it has been quite cold so that today we have nothing to do

outside of the house. I did various small jobs.

15 **Sunday**

16 Today we butchered two pigs and then we did various jobs.

17 Today we did various jobs.

18 Today, Sture and I went to Minneapolis. We had pork, wheat, sheepskin, and butter [to sell].

19 In the evening, we came home from Minneapolis. Axel sawed firewood.

20 Today I was in and wrote letters the whole day. The boys cut willow bushes.

21 The boys hauled basswood out to Bowan's and cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn, etc. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, John Erickson from Delano and his wife came here.

22 **Sunday**

23 Today it was so cold we stayed in the whole day. I repaired gloves.

24 The boys hauled basswood out to the railroad track. The town board was here today to declare that the cart road that goes over the middle of my land has become a public road. It was tabled until another time.

25 The boys cut willows bushes and fanned wheat. Before noon, Elsa and I went to a meeting in Scandia. Erickson preached and in the afternoon, we went to Waconia. I sent a letter to Sweden.

26 I went to Carver with a load of wheat. I even insured my kitchen. The boys cut cordwood in the afternoon.

27 I went to Waconia two times with logs for the sawmill. The boys cut cordwood.

28 Before noon, I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon, I repaired gloves. The boys did various jobs. Today it is quite cold. Today we went to Peterman's bull with "Molly."

29 **Sunday**

30 I repaired gloves, etc. The boys grubbed willow bushes. In the afternoon, J. Erickson and his wife from Delano came here. In the evening we celebrated Erickson's birthday in our house with all the grownups from the church.

31 Today, Erickson from Delano and his wife traveled home. Elsa and I went with until we arrived at John Nelson's, where we stopped to visit. The boys fanned wheat before noon and grubbed the willow bushes in the afternoon.

February

1 First we butchered a pig, then we went to Peterman's boar to put him with the two sows. Then I cut up the pork. The boys grubbed the willow bushes.

2 I went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Freed and Per Daniel came with me. The boys grubbed willow bushes.

3 Before noon, I went to Waconia and took out money for Malmberg's and Per Daniel's cordwood, etc. The boys grubbed willow bushes. In the afternoon, I went to

Waconia again and had the horses shod. The boys fanned wheat, etc.

4 Freed and I went to the Minnetonka mill with wheat. The boys cut cordwood in the southern forty.

5 **Sunday**

6 I did various jobs. The boys cut cordwood.

7 Before noon, I went to the graveyard so the surveyor could measure it, but nothing was done. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys cut cordwood. George Eitel was here tonight. I bought a book from him.

8 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with the old wagon to have it repaired. I bought 60 pounds of flaxseed meal from Mix. The boys are cutting cordwood.

9 I did various jobs. The boys cut cordwood.

10 I went to Scandia when the graveyard was measured. The boys cut cordwood.

11 Today, I split fence posts, etc. The boys cut cordwood.

12 **Sunday**

13 I went to Andrew Broberg with corn, rye, and oats that he will grind for me. I even went to Waconia. Later I did various jobs. The boys cut cordwood.

14 I had Per Daniel help me butcher sheep—we butchered eight of them. The boys cut cordwood.

15 & 16 I went to Minneapolis and sold the sheepskins and mutton. Carl came with me to Minneapolis. The boys cut cordwood.

17 Today, I mended the gloves for the boys. The boys cut cordwood.

18 Last night and today, it snowed. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to Waconia with a big oak log from the large oak that was grubbed in the new broken field.

19 **Sunday**

20 Today I went to Waconia two times with a load of logs. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, we had a big snowstorm.

21 The boys hauled out cordwood from the new broken field on the other side of the tracks. I repaired shoes, etc.

22 The boys hauled out wood from the newly broken field. I did various small jobs.

23 Sture went to Delano for pastors Eckeman, Norberg, and Erickson. I did various jobs. Axel cut stovewood.

24 & 25 We had meetings, as the district convention had meetings here.

26 **Sunday** Today we had meetings the whole day.

27 Today in the morning, Norberg, John Anderson's John, and others left on the train to Minneapolis. John Anderson and I wrote a letter to Headburg in Denver. The 27th I sent a draft to Merrill in St. Paul.

28 In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. I sent a letter to Headburg in Denver and a letter to Edgren in Chicago with \$5 for the school building. The boys chopped stovewood, etc.

March

- 1 Today we had a meeting at the meetinghouse. John Anderson preached. We even had communion. We agreed that John Anderson should visit us one time a month for a year.
- 2 Today, before noon, John Anderson traveled home. The train stopped in front of our house. Later in the day, we butchered two swine.
- 3 I cut the pork and salted it, etc. Axel is at Per Daniel's and working. Sture is doing various jobs.
- 4 Today it rained and snowed the whole day. I repaired shoes the whole day. The boys did nothing.
- 5 **Sunday** Today we have rain and snow the whole day, so we didn't have a meeting in Scandia.
- 6 Before noon, I fixed the old wagon. In the afternoon, I visited the school. The boys sawed stovewood.
- 7 I did various small jobs. The boys sawed stovewood.
- 8 Sture went to the Waconia mill with grain before noon. In the afternoon, the boys sawed stovewood. Before noon, I painted the old wagon. At noon time, I received a letter from my brother Rydell that he was dying. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to my brother Rydell and to my brother-in-law John, Maja Stina, and to my brother-in-law Johnson in Kirkwood, Illinois.
- 9 Today I went to Ottinger for seed wheat. The boys cleared in the southern forty. Axel went to Waconia with the letters that I wrote yesterday.
- 10 Before noon, I went to Waconia for the grist, etc. The boys cleared in the southern forty. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys hauled rails.
- 11 Before noon, I went to the school. Today, Mrs. Stoughton dismissed the class. School is finished. In the afternoon, I painted the wagon. Before noon, Sture went to Ottinger for the rest of the seed wheat. In the afternoon, the boys hauled rails, etc.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia. In the afternoon, we hauled logs from the meadow that we will use to make a cow path. Sture and Carl nailed on the fences for it.
- 14 Before noon, I went to the election. The boys nailed the fence in the meadow. In the afternoon, it was snowy weather. I painted the old wagon. The boys sprouted potatoes in the cellar.
- 15 Before noon, I did various jobs. The boys nailed the fence. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys cleared in the southern forty.
- 16 Before noon, Carl and I hauled rails out to the southern forty. In the afternoon, I went to Scandia for a meeting. We had subscriptions for John Anderson from Eggleston that he will visit one time a month for a year. The boys cut cordwood.
- 17 Frank and I hauled rails and wood the whole day. The boys cut cordwood.

18 Frank and I hauled various things before noon. In the afternoon, I was out on the northern forty and measured how much land the new road will take that Pofahl will stake out. The boys cut cordwood.

19 **Sunday**

20 Today it snowed and is bad weather. I repaired shoes. The boys fanned seed wheat.

21 Elsa, Ida, Sture, and Axel are at the Waconia market. We had a two-year-old barrow along that we sold.

22 I did various jobs. The boys cut cordwood.

23 The town board was here and laid out the road that goes over my northern forty. I will receive \$178 for the road if it is to remain as it is, but eight gates must be removed. The boys cut cordwood. John Anderson from Eggleston came here tonight.

24 Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we had a meeting in Scandia. John Anderson preached. The boys cut cordwood.

25 I worked on a molasses kettle. The boys cut cordwood and today, Bergren began to cut wood for me. He will receive 50 cents a day.

26 **Sunday** John Anderson is here to hold the meeting.

27 Before noon, we went to the meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and to Andrew Broberg with corn he will grind for us. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood. Bergren cut cordwood the whole day.

28 I worked on the molasses kettle. Bergren and the boys cut cordwood.

29 Before noon, I finished the molasses kettle. In the afternoon, I was in and visited with my brother-in-law, John Anderson. The boys and Bergren cut cordwood.

30 Today in the morning, John Anderson took the train and traveled home. In the afternoon, Sture and I, Rietz, and the surveyor were out and measured the road that crosses my land to Lubick's land. The others cut cordwood.

31 Before noon, I went and put out markers where the fence along the road is to be. In the afternoon, the surveyor came with us to put out the markers where I shall set the fence by the road. In the afternoon, the surveyor and we put out the markers on the corners between Peterman's and Andrew Schraan's farms, and also mine. The boys cut cordwood.

April

1 I plastered on the oven by the molasses kettle. The boys cut cordwood.

2 **Sunday**

3 Today, I began to bore into the maple trees. Bergren and the boys cut cordwood.

4 Today we finished boring into the maple trees. I have 313 maples I have bored. The boys cut cordwood.

5 Today, it rained. I repaired shoes. Today we made syrup. Bergren and the boys cut stovewood in the afternoon.

6 I repaired shoes and cooked syrup. Bergren and the boys cut stovewood.

- 7 I made molasses troughs. The boys sawed and cut stovewood. Bergren went to Freed's to cut stovewood.
- 8 I made molasses troughs and cooked syrup. The boys cut stovewood.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 11 & 12 I made molasses troughs. The boys cut stovewood. The sap is running freely—up to 200 pails a day.
- 13 & 14 We cooked syrup. The boys cut stovewood and carried sap. Bergren grubbed in the southern forty.
- 15 Sture sowed wheat in the field by the barn. The other boys cut stovewood and carried sap. I cooked syrup, etc.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Sture is at Tellers's stallion with the mare. Axel hauled wheat in the southern field on the eastern side. Carl, Frank, and Bergren dug up quackroots in the home field. I did various small jobs. I even cooked the syrup.
- 18 Today it rained the whole day. I made grafts the whole day and in the afternoon, Elsa and Sture went to Waconia. Today we finished cooking the syrup (we cooked over 50 gallons).
- 19 The boys picked quackroots. Bergren grubbed. I made a field roller and did various other jobs.
- 20 Sture sowed wheat in the southern field. The other boys burned brush on the new broken field. Bergren grubbed. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the mare shod.
- 21 Today, I finished the field roller. Sture sowed wheat on the home field. The others are burning brush on the new broken field. Bergren grubbed.
- 22 Today it rained and snowed. I did various small jobs in the old house. The boys did nothing.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Sture sowed wheat in the field east of the old house, in the orchard, and in the square piece of the southern field. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps on the new broken field in the southern forty. I top-grafted apple trees and did other jobs.
- 25 Sture sowed oats on the western corner in the southern field. Axel and Carl did various jobs, then cleared off brush where Bergren had grubbed. I did various small jobs.
- 26 Sture sowed wheat on Peterman's field. The other boys worked on the new broken field. I did various jobs.
- 27 Sture went to Waconia before noon and had the plow sharpened. In the afternoon, he harrowed in the grain. The others put up fence posts and filled in the holes after the stumps were removed in the newly broken field. I planted walnut trees in the field by the barn along with various other jobs.
- 28 Sture plowed on the new broken field. Axel and Carl planted potatoes before noon

and then they cleared off the brush on the piece where Bergren had grubbed. Before noon, I planted red onions, etc. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to the auction at Stina Broberg's.

- 29 Sture plowed before noon on the newly broken field and in the afternoon, he sowed wheat on it. Axel and Carl went to Chaska to get the calf that I had bought from Staten. I did various jobs. Today I went to Peterman's bull with the heifer, "Froken."

30 **Sunday**

May

- 1 Sture harrowed wheat in the newly broken field. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps in the southern field near the road. Bergren grubbed in the southern forty. I did various jobs.
- 2 Sture rolled the oats and wheat. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps in the southern field. Bergren grubbed in the southern forty.
- 3 Sture grubbed and finished. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps. Bergren grubbed in the southern forty. I did various jobs; among them, I planted raspberry bushes. They are Turner raspberries.
- 4 Ida and I went to Waconia and bought shoes, etc. The boys took up the grapes and grubbed out stubs. Bergren grubbed.
- 5 Sture and Carl hauled in the stumps from the southern field by the road in piles while Axel continued grubbing more stumps. In the afternoon, Sture plowed the corn on the same field and then went to Broberg for the corn that he ground for us. The boys grubbed out stumps. I put up trellis posts by the grapes. Bergren grubbed.
- 6 Sture plowed in the southern field for corn while the others grubbed out stumps. I made the trellis by the grapes. Bergren grubbed and finished it.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Axel and Carl grubbed some stumps between the rains. Sture went to Tellers's to bring the mare to the stallion. I tied up grapes between the rains.
- 9 Axel and Carl did various small jobs between the rains. Sture came home from Tellers's in the afternoon. I tied up the grapes between the rains.
- 10 Sture plowed in the barn field for corn. Axel and Carl grubbed out stumps and burned on last year's new field in the southern forty where we shall plant corn. Before noon, I finished tying up the grapes and in the afternoon started to plant apple trees, etc.
- 11 Before noon, Carl, Frank, and I went to Waconia. I bought shoes for them and a sack of flour. Sture and Axel repaired fences. In the afternoon, I planted apple trees. Sture plowed for corn in the barn field. Axel and Carl cleared there and Bergren grubbed.
- 12 Sture plowed in the southern forty for corn. The boys and I planted boxelders along the old road. In the afternoon, we made the cabbage beds ready.
- 13 Before noon, Sture and Carl rolled and marked out for corn in the southern field by

the old road. Axel and I plowed by the apple orchard. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Sture and Carl planted corn in the southern field by the old road. Axel grubbed out some trees around the house and did other small jobs.

14 **Sunday**

15 Sture plowed in the southern forty for corn. Carl and I plowed by the apple orchard. Axel made beds to plant melons. Then we did various small jobs. Elsa and Ida sheared the sheep.

16 Before noon, I planted hop roots. Sture and Carl harrowed and marked out for the corn in the barn field. Axel fanned wheat. In the afternoon, I went to Poppitz's with a load of wheat. The boys planted corn and potatoes. The assessor was here today and taxed my place. His name is Mones.

17 Today, I planted grafts. Sture harrowed on the new broken field and plowed for corn by the old well. The other boys raked brush in the newly broken field.

18 I did various jobs in the orchard. Axel and Carl raked hazel roots in the newly broken field. Sture plowed the corn by the old well. In the afternoon, it rained.

19 Before noon, I planted strawberries. Axel and Carl hauled out hazel roots from the newly broken field. Sture went to Ottinger and paid for the seed wheat and planted corn down by the old well. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys worked out in the newly broken field and planted potatoes down by the old well. They have even marked out the corn on the newly broken field.

20 Before noon, I did various jobs. Sture and Carl marked out the corn on the newly broken field and began to plant, and Axel planted beans. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl finished planting the corn in the newly broken field. Sture and I went to the Waconia depot and met the Eggleston residents John Anderson, John's son-in-law Melin, and their wives.

21 **Sunday**

22 Before noon, the boys cleared where Bergren had grubbed. I did nothing. In the afternoon, I did various small jobs. Sture drove the visitors to Per Daniel's. The other boys piled brush.

23 I went to Carver with a load of wheat and to Eitel's mill with three sacks of wheat to grind. Frank was with. I even paid my tax. The boys cleared in the southern forty. The little sow farrowed this evening. She had five piglets.

24 Before noon, I did various jobs. The boys cleared in the southern forty. In the afternoon, we went to Scandia for a meeting.

25 Sture went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Axel and Carl cleared away the bluegrass by the woodshed where I will sow timothy. In the afternoon, they cleared on the southern forty. I did various jobs.

26 Before noon, I hoed by the apple trees. The boys peeled ash poles for fence in the southern field. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia.

- 27 Before noon, Sture and I fixed the fence while the others peeled ash poles. In the afternoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. I had the mare shod and then we went to Broberg's and took the Eggleston residents home with us. Sture nailed on the fence by the railroad. The others peeled ash poles.
- 28 **Sunday** Today we had two meetings in Scandia.
- 29 In the morning, John Anderson and his daughter Ruth, along with Ida, went to the conference in Grove City. Axel drove them to Delano. At seven o'clock, my sister, Maja Stina, with Melin and his wife, left by railroad to Minneapolis. Before noon, I was at a funeral for Andrew Schraan's wife who was buried in Waconia. In the afternoon, I made a gate. Sture and Carl fixed the fence by Peterman's land in the southern forty.
- 30 I went to Waconia, then I did various jobs. The boys went to the schoolhouse on Decoration Day, then they fanned wheat.
- 31 Sture went to Gould's stallion with the mare. I put up a fence on the railroad tracks. The others cleared off brush in the southern forty.

June

- 1 Axel and I worked by the cemetery. We set up posts for the fence. Sture and Carl burned willow bushes down in the meadow.
- 2 We plowed and harrowed for timothy in the north orchard, by the pigpen, and out by the grapes. We harrowed potatoes and corn.
- 3 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat. I took home a load of bricks. Axel and Carl harrowed corn in the barn field and burned willow bushes in the meadow. Sture went to Minneapolis today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Before noon, Axel and Carl fanned wheat and harrowed corn by the old well. I went to the miller in Waconia with a load of wheat. In the afternoon, I sowed timothy by the pigpen and in the old orchard and rolled it, etc. The boys burned brush on the southern forty.
- 6 I pruned apple and plum trees in the north orchard. Axel and Carl burned willow bushes and cleared brush in the southern forty.
- 7 Before noon, I pruned the apple trees. Sture dug holes for fence posts in the western meadow. Axel and Carl burned willow near the woods and I went to Waconia with a load of grain. The boys cleared in the southern forty.
- 8 Sture, Axel, and I worked on the road along my farm. Carl cleared in the southern forty.
- 9 Sture and Axel worked on the road, with the horses. Carl cleared in the southern forty. I pruned apple trees and did various jobs.
- 10 Before noon, the boys planted corn again. The seed I bought from Peterman did not germinate. I went to the Waconia mill for grist. In the afternoon, I pruned apple trees. The boys cleared in the southern field.

11 **Sunday**

- 12 I pruned apple trees. Sture and Carl put up fence posts in the western meadow. Axel and Frank replanted corn in the southern and barn fields. In the afternoon, they cultivated the corn. In the evening, Henry Anderson came here from Eggleston to get the horse he bought in Swede Grove.
- 13 I pruned the apple trees. Sture and Carl worked on the fence in the western meadow. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn, and then they hoed the melons and fanned the wheat.
- 14 I pruned apple trees and the white cedars. Axel and Carl cultivated corn in the southern field. Then Axel cut hay in the orchard and Carl went fishing. Sture is at the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat and took the mare to Gould's stallion, but she wouldn't take to him, this time.
- 15 Sture went and fenced by the graveyard. Axel went to Watertown and met Ida who came from Litchfield. Carl and I did various jobs.
- 16 Before noon, we put up the fence out by the railroad tracks. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. The boys set the posts to the fence by the railroad tracks.
- 17 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and took home a load of brick. The boys worked on the fence posts and cut down ash saplings for fence poles out by Niklas's field.

18 **Sunday**

- 19 Sture and Mamma went to Excelsior and sold a calf. Carl and I plowed in the potatoes and in the orchard. Axel cut ash saplings for fence poles.
- 20 Before noon, Sture and Carl broke the sod in the northern orchard. Axel hoed corn by the old well. In the afternoon, the boys fanned wheat. I did various small jobs.
- 21 Today, Elsa, Frank, and I traveled to Minneapolis. We had wool with us. The boys cultivated and hoed corn.
- 22 In the evening, we came home from Minneapolis. The boys cultivated and hoed corn.
- 23 The boys hoed corn. I wrote and then did nothing.
- 24 Before noon, we did various small jobs, for it rained in the morning. In the afternoon, the boys hoed corn and I hoed around the grapes.
- 25 **Sunday** John Anderson was here and preached.
- 26 Before noon, brother-in-law Anderson and I wrote a letter to Peter Magnus in Colorado. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. Sture and Carl sharpened scythes. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia to mail the letter to Drothzen and P. Magnus in Colorado. Sture and Carl cut hay along the creek in the home field by the old well. Axel and Frank hoed corn.
- 27 I went to Chaska with a load of wheat and took home a load of bricks. Elsa was with me. The boys hoed corn but in the afternoon they went to the meeting in Scandia.
- 28 Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled logs to the sawmill. Then we fixed the road

by the pasture gate and the others in the southern forty. The other boys hoed corn on the newly broken field.

- 29 First we finished fixing the road by the gates. Then the boys cut hay. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to Waconia and hauled boards home from the sawmill. Axel and Carl cut hay alongside the bridge in the western meadow.
- 30 Today we mowed the timothy on the west meadow, cocked and hauled in the hay from the creek in the home field by the old well, and hauled home boards from Waconia.

July

- 1 I went to Chaska with the last wheat from last year's harvest and took home a load of bricks. The boys cultivated the corn and cocked the hay.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Last night we had rain with thunder and could not do anything with the mowed hay. Today we cultivated some in the corn, plowed the potatoes, hauled a load of lumber to Waconia, etc., and did other small jobs. Andrew Ring came here today.
- 4 Today we had a celebration in Scandia so we didn't do any work.
- 5 Today, we cocked the hay and hauled it in and mowed, etc. The first of July, we went to Peterman's bull with the cow, "Rosy."
- 6 Today it rained, so we did nothing. I sent a letter to Sweden.
- 7 We worked on the bridge in the western meadow and cut hay in the western meadow by the bridge. In the afternoon, Carl drove Andrew Ring to Watertown, where he went home. I pruned the grapes.
- 8 We cut, mowed, turned, cocked, and hauled hay from the southern meadow.
- 9 **Sunday** Today we went to Peterman's bull with "Lady." The heifer we bought from Broberg calved today.
- 10 Today, we first turned the hay and mowed in the southern meadow, then we cocked and hauled in hay from the western meadow.
- 11 We mowed in the western meadow, then we cocked and hauled in hay from the southern meadow. We cultivated corn and trained grapevines.
- 12 We mowed on the other side of the railroad tracks, then cocked and hauled in hay and cultivated the corn.
- 13 First, Elsa and I went to Waconia. The boys cultivated and hoed the corn, and then they cut the timothy out on the island, and in the afternoon, they cocked and hauled in hay from the western meadow. Then, they mowed in the southern field.
- 14 Before noon, Sture and Frank cultivated the corn in the field by the barn. Axel and Carl dug a ditch out by the bridge by the island. I put up a door frame in the cellar. In the afternoon, we hauled timothy from the island and one load of hay from the other side of the railroad.
- 15 Before noon, Sture and Frank cultivated corn in the newly broken field. Axel and Carl

finished the ditch out by the island. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 I finished the cellar door. The boys mowed the hay by the island where we used to stack the hay. In the afternoon, it rained.
- 18 Axel and Carl cultivated the corn on the newly broken field. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we cocked hay in the meadow by the road and we hauled in some of it. Sture is at Per Daniel's to mow.
- 19 The boys turned and cocked the hay in the western meadow by the island. They hauled in two loads of it. I worked on the foundation for a chimney in the old kitchen.
- 20 Before noon, we hauled home the hay from the island and stacked it. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in manure. I worked on the foundation for the chimney. Today, "Rosa" was in heat for the second time and we took her to Sahler's bull.
- 21 The boys cut ash poles for the fence by the railroad tracks. I finished the foundation for the chimney.
- 22 Before noon, Sture and Ida went to Excelsior and sold butter. In the afternoon, Sture raked quackroots by the old house. Axel and Bergren cut hazelnut brush in the southern field. I did various small jobs.
- 23 **Sunday** Anderson from Eggleston was here and preached.
- 24 Before noon, Sture and Axel fixed fences. Carl and Frank hoed corn on the newly broken field. In the afternoon, Sture hauled sand and the other boys hoed corn. I made frames for mosquito netting, etc.
- 25 Before noon, Axel, Carl, and I went in the woods and cut down butternut trees for fence posts. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture went to Broberg's and mowed.
- 26 Sture nailed fences by the railroad. Axel and Carl sawed off butternut logs for the fence posts. John Nelson is here and is getting the walls ready so we can nail. I did various jobs.
- 27 I went to Chaska after a load of lathe. Elsa came with me. We went to Carver as well. Axel and Carl cleared off brush on the southern forty. Sture is helping Nelson to nail on the panels in the old kitchen.
- 28 Nelson put in ceiling boards in the old kitchen and fixed the walls with lathe. Sture lathed the walls in the large room. Axel and Carl cut butternut logs for fence posts in the northern forty. I did various jobs.
- 29 Axel, Carl, and I split and sharpened fence posts out in the northern woods. John Nelson made the walls in the old kitchen ready to lathe. Sture nailed on the lathes in the old kitchen.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 Today, we were in the northern woods and cut fence posts the whole day.

August

- 1 Before noon, it rained. The boys nailed lathe on the walls in the large room. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we cut more fence posts. Axel and Bergren began to dig a ditch in the northern swamp.
- 2 Sture, Carl, and I nailed wire on the wire fences by the railroad tracks. Axel and Bergren dug in the ditch on the swamp near Freed's land.
- 3 Before noon, I went to Waconia with meal for the mill. In the afternoon, I nailed lathes around the new chimney in the old kitchen. Bergren, Sture, and Axel dug in the ditch in the swamp meadow by Freed's land.
- 4 The boys and Bergren dug in the ditch. I nailed lathes on the kitchen walls and painted the eaves troughs.
- 5 Axel, Carl, and Bergren finished the ditch in the northern meadow. Mamma and Sture went to Excelsior and sold a calf. I did various jobs and then went to Waconia for the grist.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Today we reaped wheat in the field down by the barn and began to reap on the hillside in the southern field. The boys helped.
- 8 We finished reaping on the hillside in the southern field, and then between the old house and the apple trees in the home field, then the wheat in the north orchard. We began to reap the field west of the old house.
- 9 We finished reaping the two west pieces in the home field and began to reap the oats in the southern field.
- 10 We finished reaping the oats. In the afternoon, we began to reap wheat in the southern field on the northern end of the old house.
- 11 First we reaped the southern field by the corn (the square piece), and then by Peterman's land.
- 12 First we reaped the piece by Peterman's and then we reaped in the newly broken field. We reaped all the oats and wheat in one week—it was the fastest we have ever done and it is because we had perfect working weather.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Today we did various jobs.
- 15 The boys hauled manure to the oat stubble in the southern field. I did various small jobs. We took "Rosa" to Sahler's bull for the second time.
- 16 Today, we began to stack the wheat. We stacked it in the southern field from the large piece. In the afternoon, Axel went to Niklas's to help him stack wheat.
- 17 We stacked wheat from the field by the barn. Axel stacked wheat for Niklas.
- 18 We stacked oats. Sture stacked because I was not well, but I showed him how. Axel was at Niklas's before noon and at noon, he came home, sick.
- 19 The boys stacked wheat from the home field. I was sick, so I did nothing.
- 20 **Sunday** Today we went to Peterman's bull with "Nancy."

- 21 We stacked the wheat from the newly broken field.
- 22 Before noon, we stacked wheat and finished it. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. The boys went fishing.
- 23 Sture plowed in the field by the barn. Axel and Carl cut the second crop of hay around the old well and along the creek in the home field. In the afternoon, they cleaned out the ditch by the railroad. I lay sick.
- 24 Sture plowed in the field by the barn. Axel and Carl are digging in the small swamp in the southern field. Today, I am feeling better, so I painted the floor of the north porch.
- 25 Until eleven o'clock, Axel and Carl dug in the ditch and then they went and threshed for John Nelson. Sture plowed until noon and then nailed on lathes. I did various jobs.
- 26 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel and Carl threshed for John Nelson. All three hauled home fence posts from the northern woods. I am not well. John Anderson came here this afternoon.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Sture and Carl were at Andrew Broberg's and threshed. Axel plowed. I am not well.
- 29 Axel and Carl broke the meadow near the old well and the road beside the main road. Sture has rented Broberg's threshing machine for a month and went out with it. I am not well enough to work.
- 30 I went to Chaska for some brick. Elsa came with me to Chaska. Axel, Carl, and Bergren dug a ditch along the road and cleaned out the ditch in the southern meadow. In the afternoon, Axel and Ida went to Mix's in Waconia from an invitation for the afternoon.
- 31 Axel mowed the second crop of hay and then he plowed. Bergren and Carl dug in the ditch in the southern meadow. I am not well, so I did nothing.

September

- 1 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure. I did nothing. I am not well. Today we went to Sahler's bull with "Rosa." In the evening, a Swedish servant was here from St. Paul and will go on to Montevideo.
- 2 Axel and Carl mowed and hauled hay and manure. I did nothing. I am not well. This evening we had a school meeting.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Carl and Frank threshed at Peter Magnus's. Axel hauled sand before noon. In the afternoon, they hauled hay. I did nothing. In the afternoon, I made a gate.
- 5 Carl and Frank are at Broberg's to thresh. Axel hauled sand before noon and in the afternoon, he hauled hay, etc. I hung the gate on the fence by the railroad. John Nelson is stripping the walls so we can nail up lathes and put strips around the window frames and doors.

- 6 Carl and Frank threshed for Broberg in the morning. Axel took one of my boots to Waconia to have it repaired. In the afternoon, Axel threshed for Zieman and Carl nailed lathes. J. Nelson nailed the strips and I went to Chaska for a load of brick. I also went to Carver.
- 7 Axel threshed for Zieman and for Bradhouse while Carl nailed up lathes. I nailed some lathes but had to lie down sick in between times. J. Nelson put strips around windows and doors.
- 8 Axel threshed at Peterman's. Carl nailed lathes and other things. J. Nelson stripped the upper rooms for lathes. For most of the time, I was sick.
- 9 Axel threshed for Peterman. J. Nelson tore down the old chimney with the help of Carl and Frank. I am sick. Today, they took "Nancy" to Sahler's bull. J. Nelson went home at noon.
- 10 **Sunday** Ongman from St. Paul was here and preached today. He also took up a collection for the St. Paul church. I am lying sick.
- 11 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure. Bergren threshed for Peterman until noon in my place. I am still sick in bed.
- 12 Ongman and his wife were with us last night. Axel drove them to Waconia this morning. The boys hauled manure. I am sick.
- 13 The boys hauled manure. I am sick. We have had a long time of hot and dry weather.
- 14 Axel, Carl, Frank, and Ida cut corn in the southern field by the road.
- 15 Today the boys and Ida cut corn in the southern newly broken field.
- 16 Before noon, the boys cut corn. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank went to Birrel Nilson and threshed. Carl and Ida cut corn in the barn field and moved it.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Axel and Mamma went to Chaska after a load of bricks. Carl and Frank threshed at Birrel Nilson's.
- 19 Carl threshed at Rietz's. Axel hauled and sawed wood for the threshing machine. Today we took "Rosa" to the Sahler's bull.
- 20 Carl threshed at Lundsten's. Axel, Frank, and Sture cut corn and did various small jobs.
- 21 We threshed here. We had Peter Hjelm's threshing machine. We had twenty men working besides the machine crew which was five men.
- 22 Axel threshed at Rietz's. Sture went to Waconia, then the boys fanned wheat and did other various small jobs.
- 23 Sture went to Minnetonka with a load of wheat. Axel went to Rietz's and threshed. Carl cleaned out the manure from the cow barn, etc. I did various jobs. John Anderson from Eggleston came here for the evening. Sture took him here from Excelsior.
- 24 **Sunday**

- 25 Before noon, Sture and Axel hauled the dirt from the ditches in the southern meadow. Carl went to Freed and threshed. I did various small jobs.
- 26 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. John Anderson came with and took the train there. Axel and Carl went to Per Daniel's and threshed. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl went to Malmberg's. Sture and Frank dug potatoes.
- 27 The boys dug potatoes and picked apples. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia after grist. Today, we went to Peterman's bull with "Nancy."
- 28 I went to Shakopee for lime. Frank was with. We went to Carver. Axel and Carl dug up the last of the potatoes. Sture dug ditches at Rietz's.
- 29 We prepared apples and grapes to take to the fairs in Carver and Chaska and did various small jobs. Sture dug ditches for Rietz.
- 30 Ida, Axel, Emma, and I went to the agricultural fair in Carver. Sture and Carl went to the Chaska fair.

October

1 Sunday

- 2 I went to Waconia to get plaster. I even went to Hjelm's place. Sture plowed. Axel and Carl cut hazelnut brush.
- 3 Axel and Carl flailed matted cattle hair to prepare for mixing the plaster. Sture went to Excelsior to see if he could get a plasterer. I butchered a wether. I am not well for I am having another attack of lumbago.
- 4 Axel plowed and Carl nailed up lathe. Sture did various jobs. Today we went to Peterman's bull with "Daisy."
- 5 Before noon, the plasterer, Anton Boss, came and slaked the lime. The boys helped him. Sture hauled water. In the afternoon, Boss went to Scandia. The boys did various jobs.
- 6 First it rained quite a lot, then Sture plowed. The others spread manure in the meadow.
- 7 Sture and Frank went to Shakopee for lime. Axel and Carl cleared off brush and grubbed.

8 Sunday

- 9 Anton Boss began to plaster the small ripper rooms today. Carl mixed the plaster. Sture plowed in the southern field. Axel grubbed. Andrew Okerson from Swede Grove came here in the day, we dug up apple trees for him. In the afternoon, he bought one-and-a-half-dozen apple trees.
- 10 Boss plastered the two small rooms before noon. In the afternoon, he plastered the ceilings. Carl mixed plaster. Axel grubbed and Sture plowed. Andrew Okerson left for home today. I butchered a wether but then did nothing.
- 11 Sture plowed in the field. Axel grubbed. Boss finished the ceilings of the small rooms and in the afternoon, began to build the chimney in the cellar.

- 12 Sture plowed. Axel grubbed. A. Boss built on the chimney.
- 13 Sture plowed, Axel grubbed. A. Boss plastered on the chimney. I went with Peter Magnus in Scandia to Waconia and I signed his note at the bank for \$100.
- 14 Axel plowed. Sture leveled off the walls in the cellar that are to be faced with brick. Boss built on the chimney above the roof.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 A. Boss finished the chimney before noon. In the afternoon, he plastered in the big room. Axel plowed in the newly broken field on the other side of the tracks. Sture carried out stone and dirt from the old cellar. Carl waited on the plasterer, as usual. I did various jobs. Mrs. Stoughton began school today.
- 17 A. Boss plastered the whole day. Axel plowed in the newly broken field. Sture did various jobs. I butchered a wether and then did various small jobs. We took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull.
- 18 Before noon, A. Boss finished plastering in the big room. In the afternoon, he began to plaster the west window in the cellar, for which I made the frame. Sture did various jobs. Axel plowed in the south field.
- 19 A. Boss plastered in the cellar. Elsa and I went to Waconia before noon. The boys husked corn. In the afternoon, Sture plowed. The others husked corn. Carl and I made mortar.
- 20 A. Boss plastered in the cellar. I did various jobs. Sture and Axel took down the north wall in the cellar, etc. In the afternoon, Sture drove Mrs. Stoughton to Chaska. Sture stayed the night in Chaska and the next day went to Shakopee for lime and cement.
- 21 A. Boss plastered in the cellar. Axel dug out dirt from the cellar bottom and carried it out. Carl made the mortar. Sture came home from Chaska in the afternoon at four o'clock.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 A. Boss plastered in the cellar. Sture hauled sand and then did various jobs. Frank husked corn. Carl made mortar.
- 24 A. Boss plastered cement on the cellar floor and he finished at noon. Sture and Carl hauled sand. Axel and Frank husked corn. In the afternoon, all the boys husked corn. A. Boss went home for the afternoon.
- 25 Sture, Carl, and Frank husked corn. Axel threshed at Niklas's. I butchered a wether before noon and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia.
- 26 Before noon, Sture, Axel, and Carl threshed at Niklas's. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn.
- 27 The boys hauled and stacked cornstalks and husked corn. I made a potato bin in the cellar.
- 28 Elsa and I went to Chaska and bought a cook stove. Carl was even with us. The other boys husked corn.
- 29 **Sunday** Anderson was here and preached today.

- 30 The boys husked corn. I set up the new cook stove and did various small jobs.
- 31 I went with my brother-in-law, John Anderson, to Peter Gideon's by Excelsior for raspberry bushes and grapevine cuttings. The boys husked corn.

November

- 1 Before noon, I finished the bins in the cellar. The boys took the potatoes into the cellar. We pitted the potatoes in the field when we dug them up. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn and hauled it home. I did various small jobs.
- 2 Axel and I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. The others hauled corn husks. In the afternoon, brother-in-law Olaf Johansson, and children Edward and Elisabeth, came.
- 3 The boys hauled manure, husked corn, and did various other jobs. I pruned grapevines but do not feel well so I could not do as much as I wanted.
- 4 I pruned grapes. Carl and Frank hilled in the grapevines that were pruned. Axel plowed the corn field. Sture grubbed out the white elm down by the barn, then Sture and Edward went to Waconia.
- 5 **Sunday** I took "Fanny" to Peterman's bull today.
- 6 Axel and Carl dug up apple trees, forty-four of them, that I shall send to Litchfield. Sture plowed the corn field. I pruned the grapevines and packaged together the apple trees.
- 7 Sture and Ida drove Edward and Elisabeth Johnson to Delano. Axel and Carl grubbed in the southern forty. I pruned back grapevines but had to lie down sick in between.
- 8 Axel and Carl grubbed and dug up apple trees and hilled in the last of the grapevines. I am not well. Sture and Ida came home from Delano this afternoon.
- 9 I did various jobs. I even packed a box full of scions, grapevine cuttings, and currant cuttings to send to Drothzen in Dakota. Before noon, Axel plowed and Carl did various jobs. Sture began to paint the barn. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel and Carl put up some fence and then dug in the ditch by the barn.
- 10 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped. Axel and Frank were with us. I bought four pairs of boots for the boys. Elsa and I even went to Lindfelt's for communion wine and some white currant bushes. I even sent off a box with the nursery stock to Drothzen. Sture and Carl painted the barn.
- 11 Today it rained so we did nothing. In the evening, "Molly" calved.
- 12 **Sunday** Today it is quite cold and freezing.
- 13 Today it is quite cold. We put up storm windows, put vegetable and nursery stock in the cellar, painted the barn, and made some storm windows, etc.
- 14 Axel and Carl are husking corn in the field by the barn. Sture painted the barn and went to Waconia for more linseed oil. I did various small jobs.

- 15 Before noon, I butchered a wether. Sture and Carl painted the barn. Axel fanned wheat. In the afternoon, I put up the heater in the north bedroom. Sture painted the barn, and Axel and Carl husked corn.
- 16 Before noon, I went to the mill in Waconia with a load of meal. I even went to Carl Zieman and ordered stone for the wagon shed. Sture finished painting the barn. Axel and Carl husked corn.
- 17 The boys and I were out by Clearwater Lake, on Charley Zieman's land, and picked up stones for a small barn that I shall build. In the afternoon, Ottinger was here and bought apple trees.
- 18 Before noon, I went to the mill in Waconia for the grist. The boys piled together stones and then they hauled and stacked cornstalks. I did various jobs.
- 19 **Sunday** The Mix family was here. We went to Niklas Swanson's bull with "Daisy."
- 20 The boys and I took down Andrew Schraan's fence between his and my farms and then put up fence posts. I am to fence where his fence had been and he is to fence the east piece.
- 21 Axel and Carl worked on the fence posts on the border between Schraan and me. Sture, Frank, and I went to the Waconia market and sold "Molly" and her calf and then we did various little jobs. We took "Lady" to Peterman's bull.
- 22 Before noon, Sture and I butchered a pig. Axel and Carl grubbed in the southern forty. In the afternoon, it snowed, so we did nothing. It was the first snow we had this fall.
- 23 The boys hauled manure. I went to Scandia and helped Swanson, the surveyor, to mark out the graveyard into lots.
- 24 Axel and Carl hauled manure. Sture went to Scandia and helped the surveyor in the graveyard. I did various jobs.
- 25 Sture painted on the granary while the others hauled manure before noon. In the afternoon, we went to the meeting in Scandia when John Anderson from Eggleston preached.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Before noon, Axel and Carl hauled manure. Sture and I nailed strips on the granary. In the afternoon we went to Scandia for a meeting. John Anderson preached.
- 28 John Anderson left today. Ida followed with him to Minneapolis to have some portraits taken. The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I wrote letters to Drothzen in Dakota and to A. Peterson in Carver.
- 29 The boys hauled manure to the large field in the southern field. I fitted storm windows to the windows in the kitchen.
- 30 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia. Sture had his feet measured for moccasins. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure.

December

- 1 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure before noon. Sture and I made a loft in the pigpen. Sture painted the rest of the granary while I did various jobs. In the evening, Ida came home from Minneapolis.
- 2 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure and finished. I hung the storm windows in the kitchen and repaired shoes. Sture is not feeling well so he did small jobs. Today, we took Freed's boar with our sows and also took "Nancy" to Niklas's bull.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had a deed written for the graveyard. In the afternoon, I did various things. The boys did various jobs. Today, Carl began school.
- 5 Today, we butchered the old barrow and we had Per Daniel's help.
- 6 Today we have quite cold weather—the thermometer shows 22 degrees below 0. We did nothing. The boys only did the chores.
- 7 The boys did a few small jobs. I repaired gloves. It is as cold today as yesterday, or a little worse.
- 8 Sture and Axel hauled fence rails out in the northern forty for the fence by the old road.
- 9 Today it is snowing. Sture and Axel did the chores and I mended gloves.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 The boys did a few small jobs. I did nothing.
- 12 Sture went to Minneapolis with pork and wheat and I went to the train.
- 13 In the evening we came home from Minneapolis.
- 14 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought a bedstead. In the afternoon, the boys hauled fence poles. I did nothing.
- 15 The boys hauled rails. I did nothing.
- 16 Elsa and I went to Chaska. I paid my debt in Hank's and Jung's store. I even went to Carver and paid my premium for my land. I subscribed to the Carver newspaper. The boys did various small jobs.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel did various jobs. I wrote to Sweden.
- 19 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Before noon, Axel and I butchered a pig. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia with the letter to Sweden. I cut up the pork.
- 20 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel and I did various small jobs. Stoughton in Chaska was here for some cordwood. Today there has been a lot of snow.
- 21 The boys hauled home basswood for firewood at the molasses kitchen. I did various jobs. Today it is snowing.
- 22 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel and I did various jobs. Mrs.

Stoughton went home this afternoon.

- 23 Ida and I went to Waconia and shopped. The boys husked corn. John A. Peterson from Minneapolis came here this evening.
- 24 **Sunday** John A. Peterson held the meeting today.
- 25 **Christmas Day** John A. Peterson held a traditional meeting for us this morning. In the afternoon, Per Daniel and his family were here.
- 26 Elsa and I went to John Nelson's house for a visit. Axel and Carl husked corn.
- 27 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel and Carl husked corn. I wrote a letter to Drothzen, etc.
- 28 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. He brought home a load of glazed fire bricks that I want for the fireplace in the molasses kitchen. Today we had Freed's boar for the second time and put him with the gray sow. Axel and Carl finished the corn husking.
- 29 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did nothing. Sture brought home more bricks for the molasses oven.
- 30 I rode with Freed down to Chaska. I turned in the deed for the graveyard that it should be recorded. I rode home with Birrel Nilson. The boys hauled corn husks.
- 31 **Sunday**

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January

- 1 New Year's Day. I went to Scandia to our annual church business meeting. In the evening, we went to Per Daniel's to visit.
- 2 Sture and I, together with Ottinger and his son, went to Gale's house in San Francisco Township and bought a purebred shorthorn bull from him. The other boys cut cordwood.
- 3 Sture went to Waconia and had the horse shod on the hind feet and the colt shod on the front feet. In the evening we went visiting at Lundsten's house.
- 4 Today the boys started hauling home stones from Clearwater Lake. I did various small jobs.
- 5 The boys hauled home stones from Charles Zieman's land by Clearwater Lake. In the forenoon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and I went to the depot and picked up a box of medicine. On our way home, we met a Danish missionary and we invited him to come home with us and have dinner. He is holding meetings in John Wendt's church.
- 6 The boys hauled stones home from Clearwater Lake. I did nothing.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 The boys hauled stone. I did nothing. Today Mrs. Stoughton started school again.
- 9 & 10 We had a blizzard so we did nothing.
- 11 The boys hauled stone from Scandia and I did various small jobs.
- 12 The boys hauled stone from Scandia and I did various things.

13 I repaired shoes, etc. The boys did various things. It has snowed a lot and been very cold this week.

14 **Sunday**

15 Sture hauled a load of stone in the forenoon and in the afternoon, he hauled a log to the sawmill. Axel and I cut timber.

16 Sture hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. Axel and I cut timber and sawed logs.

17 Sture hauled logs and Axel and I chopped and sawed logs, etc.

18 In the forenoon, Sture hauled logs to the sawmill and Axel and I chopped and sawed logs. In the afternoon, Sture did various jobs and Axel took the heifer that I bought from Stoughton to our purebred bull at Ottinger's house. In the evening, the Nilsons from Waconia were at our house to visit.

19 Today we have another blizzard and we did nothing.

20 We chopped and sawed logs for the sawmill. Sture hauled one log to the mill in Waconia.

21 **Sunday** Very cold—32 degrees below 0. No meeting today.

22 Today we butchered a pig. It is still 32 degrees below 0.

23 Sture hauled a log to Waconia. Frank Kjellberg is here sewing trousers for me, etc.

24 Sture hauled a log to Waconia. We did various small jobs. Today we took Freed's boar home again—this is the third time we have had him for this sow.

25 In the forenoon, Sture and I hauled a load of wheat to the mill in Waconia and sold it to Henning. We did several errands and then went home. In the afternoon, Sture hauled a load of wheat to Waconia and sold it to Eiselien.

26 Sture went to Waconia with a log for the mill and brought home a load of wheat from Broberg that we will use for seed wheat. In the afternoon we had a snowstorm.

27 Sture went to Waconia two times with logs for the sawmill. Elsa went along to Waconia and visited with Mrs. Hammerberg. The other boys fanned the seed wheat and did the chores. I did nothing.

28 **Sunday** John Anderson preached for us today.

29 Sture hauled a log to Waconia. In the afternoon the boys fanned wheat that we will have ground. I did nothing. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia.

30 Today we have had a very big snowstorm. We had so much snow that we could hardly make it to the schoolhouse to get the children. Today we did nothing.

31 Sture and Axel worked with Peterman and shoveled snow and opened the roads in this road district. My brother-in-law, John, came from Lundsten's house to our house today.

February

1 In the forenoon, Sture and I went to Waconia to buy a coat for Sture and also did various other errands. In the afternoon we did nothing.

2 Today my brother-in-law, John, left for home. Sture drove him to the Chaska

depot but the railroad was still snowbound, so Sture drove him to Shakopee, where he was able to get a train. It was so late that Sture spent the night in Chaska. I did nothing today.

3 Sture came home from Chaska around noontime. It is so cold and there is so much snow it is impossible to do any outdoor work.

4 **Sunday**

5 The boys hauled home wood for the stove and did the chores. I mended old clothes. It is very cold.

6 Sture went to Per Daniel's and helped butcher pigs. Axel did the chores. I did various small jobs. The cold has eased up a little today.

7 Sture went to the mill in Benton with some grist. Axel did the chores.

8 Today Sture went to Benton to pick up the ground grist.

9 Elsa and I went to Waconia and shopped in Gunz's store. The boys fanned wheat, etc.

10 Today the boys hauled the haystack standing in the barnyard into the barn. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod.

11 **Sunday**

12 Sture went to Carver with a load of wheat. I did various small jobs and Axel did the chores.

13 The boys fanned a load of wheat and did various small jobs. I did nothing. Today "Froken" calved. It was a heifer calf.

14 Today it is snowing. The boys did various things. In the evening, Sture hauled a log to the sawmill in Waconia. I did various small jobs.

15 Sture hauled a load of wheat to Chaska and then went to Shakopee to buy some bran, but they had none available. Axel took "Lady" to the bull at Ottinger's.

16 Sture took a load of corn to Broberg's to have it ground and then he and Ida went to Waconia. I did various small jobs and today we had another snowstorm.

17 Sture went to Shakopee to get bran. The other boys cleaned the manure out of the sheep barn, etc. I wrote a letter to Sweden and subscribed for another year to the newspaper *Evangelisten*. After that, I repaired shoes.

18 **Sunday**

19 In the morning, the boys cleared a road across the ice on Clearwater Lake so we can haul home stones. After dinner I went to Waconia and the boys chopped wood.

20 The boys hauled stones from Charley Zieman's place.

21 The boys hauled stones. John Nelson came here last Monday, the 19th. He has worked here for 2 ¾ days making a flour bin, another cupboard, and a door frame for a screen door. I started making apple grafts.

22 The boys hauled stones and I made apple grafts.

23 The boys hauled stones. I made grafts. Last night a traveler from Isanti County stayed overnight with us.

24 We are having another snowstorm today. The boys did a few small jobs. I

finished the last of the apple grafts.

25 **Sunday**

26 In the forenoon the boys shoveled snow on the road between Niklas's and Fischer's. In the afternoon they hauled stones. I made a lattice for the cellar window under the north porch.

27 In the forenoon, Elsa, Sture, and I went to Waconia and bought a number of things at Lawson's Store as he is selling out at bargain prices. In the afternoon the boys hauled stones. I did various jobs.

28 In the forenoon I went to Waconia to exchange Josephine's shoes as they were too small and I even had my feet measured for a pair of slippers. In the afternoon I did various jobs. Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Swanberg are here visiting Elsa. The boys hauled stone.

March

1 The boys hauled stone. I did various jobs.

2 In the forenoon the boys hauled stone. In the afternoon, the boys, Ida, and I went to Waconia. The boys piled the boards that John Simon and his brother-in-law, Gregg, have sawed for us.

3 The boys hauled stones. I repaired shoes until noon and then I had to go to bed because of my rheumatism.

4 **Sunday**

5 I mended pants and did other jobs. The boys hauled stones.

6 I did various small jobs out in the old house [cabin]. In the forenoon the boys hauled stones and in the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia to buy liniment to rub the colt down with.

7 The boys hauled stones. In the evening Axel took "Lady" to the bull at Ottinger's. I did various small jobs.

8 The boys hauled stones. I made frames for screens for the cellar windows.

9 The boys hauled stones. I did various things.

10 Sture went to Carver with a load of wheat and bought liniment for the colt. I went to H. Rietz's on an errand and then I did nothing as I am not feeling well. Axel did various jobs.

11 **Sunday** Fogelstrom is here and preached today.

12 In the forenoon we butchered two pigs; together they weighed 510 pounds. In the evening, Sture and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel did various small jobs.

13 Sture and I went to the election. Sture went to the depot in Waconia to get a box of medicine. Axel did various jobs.

14 In the forenoon I cut up and salted the pork. The boys chopped wood. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to John Nelson's house and decided about the trip to

Dakota. Axel did various jobs.

15 Today is the last day of school, so I was over there for most of the day. Our teacher, Mrs. Stoughton, returned to her home, leaving here this afternoon. She boarded with us during this school term, just like she did during last year's school term. The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs.

16 Sture and I went to the auction at Swanberg's house. The other boys cut cordwood,
16 & 17 We did various jobs.

18 **Sunday**

19 August Nelson, Sture, and I went to Chaska in order to make a trip to Aberdeen, [South] Dakota for the purpose of taking out homesteads. We arrived in Aberdeen at 2 a.m. on the 20th.

20 We stayed with Drothzen and Megaard for a few days and looked around for a suitable homestead, however, we found that none of the surrounding land had been surveyed by the government and none of us were interested/willing to go out and "squat" on the land.

24 Sture, Drothzen, August Nelson, and others went to the Missouri River as the land there had been surveyed, but when they went there, they found that land could not be used for farming, so they returned home again.

31 They arrived in Aberdeen.

April

1 **Sunday**

2 At four o'clock in the morning, Sture and I took the train from Aberdeen and we arrived in Norwood at four o'clock in the afternoon. From Norwood we walked home following the railroad tracks. We arrived home at nine o'clock in the evening. We walked eleven miles in five hours.

3 I wrote letters to my brother-in-law John and also to Miss Hall in Watertown. Sture and Axel hauled lumber from the sawmill to Scandia and the others cut cordwood.

4 Sture and Axel hauled the rest of the lumber across the lake, etc. I wrote a letter to Drothzen and did various jobs. The other boys cut cordwood.

5 6 & 7 The boys worked in the clearing on the southern forty, hauled rails, split fence posts, etc. I did various jobs.

8 **Sunday**

9 I plastered in the syrup pan. The boys bored into the maple trees. Axel did various jobs. We are having beautiful spring-like weather.

10 Last night it rained and today we had a snowstorm, almost six inches of snow. I wrote a letter to Norman's children. The boys did nothing.

11 Today we began to boil down the sap. Sture took the mare to the stallion in Waconia. The other boys gathered sap and did various other jobs.

- 12 Sture went to an auction in Carver settlement. The other boys gathered sap and cooked the syrup. I did various other jobs.
- 13 Sture arrived home about noon and then I went to Waconia with a box of apple roots and rhubarb plants to send to Drothzen in Aberdeen. The boys are gathering sap, cooking syrup, and doing various jobs.
- 14 Sture and Carl hauled rails out to the southern forty. Axel and Frank are gathering sap and cooking syrup and I did various jobs. Yesterday and today we have had bad storms with very much rain, so it is too wet to start the planting.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Today we have started planting. Axel sowed wheat on the hill on the southern forty and the other boys gathered sap and nailed up fence on the property line by Andrew Schraan's land. I did various jobs.
- 17 Axel sowed wheat and the others gathered sap and nailed up fence. I am not feeling well.
- 18 Axel sowed wheat and the others gathered sap and nailed up fence. I did various jobs.
- 19 Axel sowed wheat, Sture and Carl nailed up fence, Frank cooked syrup, and I did various jobs.
- 20 Today it is raining, so we did various small jobs. In the evening I went to Waconia and we also cooked syrup.
- 21 Today Axel sowed wheat in the yard, in the home field by Niklas's, and by the old house [cabin]. Frank harrowed with the horse down by the barn. Sture and Carl dug out quackgrass roots and built on the fence out by Andrew Schraan's and finished it. We even cooked syrup.
- 22 **Sunday** Last night the sow farrowed. She had nine piglets. Today it is raining and snowing so hard that John Anderson was unable to have a meeting because of the bad weather.
- 23 Sture and Carl began to build the fence on the northern forty along Ziemann's land. Axel and Frank hauled rails and posts and also firewood for the syrup cooking. John Anderson came to our house today.
- 24 Sture, Carl, Frank, and I went to market in Waconia and sold a couple of steers. Axel sowed wheat on the southern forty. We also took the mare to the stallion for the second time.
- 25 Carl harrowed in the morning and we went to a meeting. In the afternoon, Axel sowed wheat in the newly plowed field on the southern forty and Sture and Carl built fence on the northern forty.
- 26 Axel sowed wheat in the newly plowed field. Frank harrowed using the horse. Sture and Carl built fence. Carl took "Froken" to the bull at Ottinger's place.
- 27 Axel sowed oats in the field by Peterman's and to the west of the old house [cabin] on the home field. Frank harrowed using the horse. In the morning we went to the meeting when John Anderson spoke. After dinner, Sture went over to John Nelson's house.

28 Frank finished harrowing in the oats. Axel rolled the wheat in the large field in the southern forty. In the forenoon, Sture and Carl built fence and in the afternoon, they planted Lombardy poplars and red onions, and also uncovered the grapevines, etc. I did various small jobs. I packed up apple trees for my brother-in-law to take home with him, but I am feeling so sick that I will lie down for a while.

29 **Sunday**

30 Today my brother-in-law, John, went home. Sture and Carl built fence by the newly plowed field in the southern forty. In the forenoon, Axel and Frank hauled rails and in the afternoon they went to the coroner in Victoria to get vaccinated by Dr. Lewis, but he didn't show up, so they came back home. I did various small jobs.

May

1 In the forenoon, Sture and Carl built fence on the northern forty, Frank and I planted apple trees all day, and Axel rolled the grain fields all day. In the afternoon, Sture took the mare to the stallion in Waconia. She took the stallion for the third time, but all four of her legs were injured.

2 Axel hauled rails in the forenoon and in the afternoon he rolled the newly plowed and planted wheat field. Sture and Carl built fence on the northern forty. I planted raspberry bushes and various kinds of trees, etc. Yesterday the butcher from Waconia came to get the other steer. Frank went along to lead it for him. This year we have sowed: 21 ½ acres at the rate of 1 ½ bushels of wheat to the acre (in all, 32 ½ bushels of wheat); 5 ½ acres at the rate of 2 bushels of oats to the acre (in all 11 bushels of oats); and 5 acres in corn and 1 acre in potatoes and other kitchen vegetables. Our cultivated acres total 33 acres.

3 Last night it rained and snowed and it is very cold this morning. In the forenoon, Axel and Frank hauled rails while Sture and Carl nailed them to the fence posts and finished building the fence on the northern forty. In the afternoon, they picked the sprouts off the potatoes in the cellar. The womenfolk are quilting and enjoying each other's company. I did nothing as I am not feeling well.

4 Today we plowed the garden and planted potatoes. I did nothing as I am not well.

5 In the forenoon, Sture and I went to Waconia and bought a trunk, etc. In the afternoon, Axel rolled the oats and harrowed the timothy fields. The others planted the potatoes and I tied up the grapevines.

6 **Sunday**

7 Today the boys, Sture, John Meyer, and Andrew Hjelm, left for Millbank. I took them to Chaska. In the afternoon I tied up the grapevines. Axel and Frank cleared on the newly plowed field. Ida and Mamma sheared the sheep and Carl helped them.

8 In the forenoon I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would not take him. In the afternoon I was not well enough to do anything. The boys worked on the clearing.

- 9 The boys worked on the clearing and I tied up grapevines and did various small jobs.
- 10 In the forenoon we planted potatoes and in the afternoon the boys worked on the clearing and I did various small jobs.
- 11 The boys worked in the clearing and I did various small jobs in the garden.
- 12 Axel and Carl worked in the clearing. Frank and I planted grapevine cuttings and did various small jobs in the garden. It is very cold and cloudy weather.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 The boys are working in the clearing and I did various jobs. Tonight and last night we had a lot of rain and it is very cold.
- 15 In the morning Frank, Ida, and I went to Waconia and I had the smith shoe the gelding while I took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take the stallion. The other boys worked on the clearing. In the afternoon, Frank harrowed the field where we will plant corn.
- 16 The boys rolled and marked the field for corn and then began to plant the corn. They also burned brush on the newly broken field. I did various small jobs.
- 17 Today it is raining. The boys planted corn until noon. I worked on a ladder for the orchard.
- 18 The boys planted corn in between the rain showers. I did various small jobs.
- 19 In the forenoon we had steady rain. In the afternoon the boys planted sorghum in the home field alongside Niklas's field and then they dug up quackgrass roots by the well. I painted the frames for the mosquito screens for the door and the windows.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I went to Carver for household goods. Frank went along and had two teeth pulled. Axel and Carl dug up quackgrass roots by the old well.
- 22 First I wrote a letter to Sture at Millbank and one to Olson in Aberdeen. Then I took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would not take him. The boys plowed for corn and squash down by the old well. In the afternoon we planted corn, squash, sugar beets, and popcorn down by the old well.
- 23 Today we began to break ground on the southern forty, but it was too heavy for two horses so in the afternoon we used three horses.
- 24 In the morning Axel took the breaking plow to Waconia and had it sharpened. I planted grafts. Carl and Frank planted melons. In the afternoon we were going to break ground but we broke the beam, so I went to Waconia to have it mended and the boys split rails.
- 25 Today we broke sod nearly all day.
- 26 We broke sod all day on the southern forty. In the afternoon I painted a second coat on the mosquito screen frames.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the breaking plow sharpened. The boys planted corn in the newly plowed field and in the afternoon they broke more of the field. I did nothing as I am not well. This afternoon the assessor was here.

- 29 In the forenoon the boys broke more ground on the southern forty. I wrote a letter to Drothzen that I will not buy Olson's claim and a letter to John that we better pay the lawyer in Colorado what he asked. In the afternoon the boys planted corn on the newly broken field. Elsa and I went to a funeral in Waconia for the German, Bulow.
- 30 Carl and Frank broke ground on the southern forty. Axel is sick in bed. I did various small jobs.
- 31 In the forenoon Carl and Frank finished breaking ground on the southern forty. I was not feeling well. In the afternoon Ida, Carl, and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat and Ida had a tooth pulled by Dr. Boran. We had the colt's hooves pared.

June

- 1 Elsa and I went to Eitel's mill in Chaska with four sacks of grist. We bought various things at the stores. Carl and Frank, along with Niklas's son William, finished planting the corn on the new field.
- 2 Last night and today we have had a steady rain. The boys are doing various things except for Axel, who is still sick in bed. I made handles for the corn hoes and did other jobs.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Carl and Frank fenced in a larger yard for the pigs outside of the pigpen. I did various small jobs. Axel is still sick.
- 5 Carl and Frank finished the fence around the pig yard and I did various small jobs. Axel is still not well.
- 6 In the morning the boys used the horse scraper and scraped together the manure in the barnyard. We hauled gravel and sand from in front of the new kitchen down on the road and by the well. In the afternoon Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel is still sick.
- 7 First we led the cattle out to pasture on the southern forty. After that I was sick in bed. Carl is doing various small jobs but Frank and Axel are not well. In the afternoon, Frank and Axel went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Carl cleaned the barns, etc.
- 8 We began the district meetings in Scandia.
- 9 District meetings continued.
- 10 **Sunday** The district meeting ended tonight.
- 11 I drove John Erickson to Waconia. He and the other ministers are traveling to St. Paul for a conference. The Bergquists from Minneapolis are here visiting us. Today we had rain, so we did nothing.
- 12 Carl and Frank, along with the horses, worked on the road. I did various jobs.
- 13 Carl and Frank, along with the horses, worked on the road. I pruned the apple trees. Jonas Monson from Willmar is here to visit us this afternoon.
- 14 Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and potatoes. I pruned the apple trees, etc.
- 15 In the forenoon it rained and in the afternoon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and I pruned the apple trees.

- 16 In the morning, Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat and I paid the various small bills at Gunz's, Eiseliens, and Kohler's. I mailed a letter to Sweden. We even hauled home the lumber, etc. that was used for the district meeting at the meetinghouse in Scandia. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank cultivated the squash and corn, plowed by the grapevines, and plowed under the quackgrass roots in the field by the old cabin. I pruned apple trees.
- 17 **Sunday** Today, Elsa and I, along with Ida, Carl, and Frank, went to the German Baptist Church for the meeting. It was the dedication service for the new church. We were at Krank's house for dinner.
- 18 In the forenoon we did various small jobs as we had an awful lot of rain. In the afternoon, the boys hauled lumber from Scandia. I went to Charley Zieman and paid him for the stone we hauled from his land this last winter.
- 19 Carl hauled home stones from Scandia in the morning. The other boys hoed the sorghum. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and hauled home lumber from Scandia. The others hoed potatoes and I pruned apple trees.
- 20 In the morning I went to the post office in Waconia to get a registered letter. It was from Sweden and it contained \$571.42. This is our share of the inheritance from my brother, Samuel. This is to be divided amongst the heirs in the United States. I mailed a letter with the receipt to Sweden. The boys cultivated the corn. After dinner it rained, so the boys went fishing.
- 21 In the forenoon I hung the kitchen screen door. Carl and Frank stacked the boards that Axel hauled from Scandia. In the afternoon I pruned apple trees and Frank cultivated the corn. Axel finished hauling boards from Scandia.
- 22 In the forenoon the boys broke sod in the north yard, etc. In the afternoon Mamma and Axel hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. The others hoed squash and potatoes. I pruned apple trees all day.
- 23 I pruned apple trees in the morning and the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, Anderson, and also Olson's daughter from Rock Island, and took them home with me. I paid Larson \$41 for my store bill and he gave me a receipt. The boys hoed in the garden.
- 24 **Sunday** My brother-in-law, John, had the meeting. The Olsons from Rock Island came to our house in the evening.
- 25 My brother-in-law, John, is here and we figured out how we should divide the inheritance money from Sweden that our deceased brother, Samuel, left us. In the afternoon John and I went to the bank in Waconia and cashed the draft for \$571.42. The boys, along with Ida and Emma, hoed corn.
- 26 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia. Carl and Frank took the mare to the stallion in Waconia but she would not take him. This is the last time we will take her there. In the afternoon the boys hoed potatoes and I went to Waconia and had the mare reshod on one foot as she has limped on that foot since she was shod the day before yesterday.
- 27 The boys cut the hay in the west meadow as the grass has started to fall over. They also

cut hay along the creek in the home field. I pruned apple trees and did various other small jobs.

- 28 Mamma and I traveled to Minneapolis with the wool and sheepskins to sell. The boys grubbed in the barn yard, etc.
- 29 Today we returned from Minneapolis with a load of shingles and lumber. The boys cocked hay, and did various other small jobs.
- 30 Today we mowed the south meadow, cut the clover by the pigpen, hauled hay, and cocked hay. The Olsons from Rock Island went back home today.

July

1 Sunday

- 2 In the morning, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and Axel and I plowed the potato field. In the afternoon we hauled home hay from the south meadow and later I went to the depot in Waconia and met my niece, Charlotta Johnson, from Eggleston. The boys cocked hay, etc.
- 3 Today we have mowed the timothy in the west meadow and north of the barn in the yard and by the pigpen. In the afternoon I went with the boys to Waconia and bought them summer coats.
- 4 We were in Scandia and celebrated the day—the Fourth of July.
- 5 The boys mowed the timothy out on the island, and then cocked the timothy on the west meadow and hauled it in. I wrote letters to my brother-in-law Johnson in Missouri and to G.W. Norman in Kirkwood.
- 6 Today it has rained very much all day, so the meadows are all flooded. We have done nothing today.
- 7 First I went to Waconia and mailed the letters to brother-in-law, Johnson, in Missouri, and G.W. Norman in Kirkwood. The boys hoed in the garden and turned the hay. In the afternoon, they cocked hay and hauled it in. Mamma and Ida took Charlotta from Eggleston over to Per Daniel's house for a visit.
- 8 **Sunday** We had no service today, as the Germans borrowed our church for their baptismal service. Seventeen were baptized in Clearwater Lake.
- 9 First, Mamma and I took our niece, Charlotta Johnson from Eggleston, over to Victoria, where she went on the train to go home. Then I mowed and the boys turned hay and cut hay on the west meadow. In the afternoon, we mowed and cocked hay and then I went to Waconia and met Engman's family from St. Paul. They will stay with Peter Magnus's family for a few weeks.
- 10 First the boys hauled in two loads of hay. Then they mowed and spread out the hay. Frank and I hauled a variety of things to Engman's in Scandia for them to use while they are here. In the afternoon, we plowed the potatoes, etc. Afterwards, we went to Scandia beach and bathed ourselves and the horses, and then hauled home Pryde's hay from the cemetery.
- 11 In the morning I went to Paul Bjorlin's to get the money for the public road that crosses

- my land. The boys cut and turned hay. In the afternoon I mowed for a while. The boys and the womenfolk cocked and hauled hay.
- 12 In the morning, the boys hauled hay and plowed in the corn field while I dug up Canada thistles, etc. In the afternoon, the boys cultivated the corn using two cultivators. I went to Waconia and mailed a letter to N. F. Palmquist in Oregon with a draft of \$50. This is the amount S. Norman's children paid on their father's ticket from Sweden.
 - 13 In the forenoon I mowed and the boys cut hay out by the island. Then they cocked and hauled hay while I trained the grapevines.
 - 14 The boys cut hay out by the island, etc. I trained the grapes and sowed turnip seed, etc.
 - 15 **Sunday** Engman preached in the morning and Fogelstrom in the afternoon.
 - 16 During the night we had a heavy rain. In the morning we cut down thistles on the southern and northern forties. Carl and Frank took "Betty" to the bull at Ottinger's place. In the afternoon, the boys turned hay and I trained grapevines.
 - 17 First, the boys cut some hay and later we cocked hay all afternoon out by the island. Bergren began to work for me at noon. I have hired him for two months and I will pay him \$20 a month.
 - 18 In the forenoon, the boys and Bergren cut hay on the south meadow and by the railroad tracks while Elsa and I went to the Waconia mill with grist and I had the horses shod. After dinner, the boys cut hay along the railroad track and then carried the haycocks around the island over to the island. In the evening I went to Waconia for the ground grist.
 - 19 Today we hauled home the haystack from the island and stacked it in the barnyard. Then we cocked and cut hay.
 - 20 Carl and I fixed fence in the forenoon. After we did various small jobs. Bergen and Axel dug a ditch on Peterman's land from my swampland on the southern forty. Then they hoed the squash.
 - 21 In the forenoon we did nothing because of the rain and in the afternoon Bergen and the boys hoed corn on the newly broken field.
 - 22 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis preached today.
 - 23 In the forenoon, I took the Engman family to Scandia and then to Waconia. The boys hoed in the garden, etc. In the afternoon, we cocked some hay. Later, the boys hoed some corn on the newly broken field and I went to Scandia to get Frank Peterson from Minneapolis.
 - 24 In the forenoon I went with Frank Peterson and Elsa to Birrel Nilson's house. The boys hoed corn. In the afternoon, we cocked hay, hauled hay, and stacked it by the well.
 - 25 In the forenoon, I drove Engman and his family to Waconia to take the train home to St. Paul. Bergren and Axel cut hay for Per Daniel. Carl and Frank cocked hay on the west meadow. In the afternoon, Bergren and Axel hoed corn on the newly broken field. Carl, Frank, and I hauled home hay and stacked it by the barn.
 - 26 Carl and I went to Carver to the veterinarian, Larson, to get the horses cured. On our way

home, I bought an old Wood's Reaper from Bernard Kaufhold. Bergren, Axel, and Frank finished hoeing corn on the newly broken field.

- 27 In the morning, Bergren and Axel cut down hazelnut brush and Carl and Frank took the heifer "Molly" to the bull at Ottinger's farm. In the afternoon they hoed the sorghum and I did various jobs. Simpson from Excelsior came here and bought a ewe from us.
- 28 Bergren and Carl cut hay on the small meadow on the southern forty and then cut hazelnut brush. Axel and Frank cultivated the sorghum and the grapes and then hauled away the brush from the pasture. I did various small jobs and we also went to pick up the old reaper that I bought from Kaufhold. In the evening Mrs. Mix came to visit.
- 29 **Sunday** The student, Halverson, preached today.
- 30 The boys and Bergren cut down hazelnut brush, cocked hay on the small meadow on the southern forty and hoed in the garden. I went to Waconia and after, I did various small jobs.
- 31 We stacked the hay from the new field, cut down hazelnut brush, and returned the old reaper to Kaufhold that I bought from him and went after an old reaper that I bought from Malmberg. Axel is tarring fence posts.

August

- 1 We started digging the cellar for the new barn. Axel is tarring fence posts and I did various small jobs.
- 2 The boys are digging and scraping out the cellar for the new barn and I set up the old reaper.
- 3 Bergren and the boys are digging in the cellar for the barn. I worked on fixing the old reaper.
- 4 Bergren and the boys worked on digging the cellar for the new barn. I worked on fixing the old reaper and in the afternoon I lay sick in bed with heart palpitations. Today we brought home two sows that I bought from Malmberg. Jennie Hammerberg is here for a visit.
- 5 **Sunday** Halverson preached in the morning and the American Baptist, Rogers, preached in the afternoon.
- 6 Bergren and Axel cut hazelnut brush. Carl and Frank gathered together stones in the pasture, fanned wheat, etc. I did various small jobs.
- 7 Today Frank and I traveled to Minneapolis with a load of wheat. Bergren and Axel cut hazelnut brush and cleared brush on the southern forty. Carl put up fence in the pasture where we will stack the wheat, etc.
- 8 Today we came home from Minneapolis. We had a load of shingles with us. Bergren and the boys are clearing on the southern forty.
- 9 Bergren and the boys are clearing on the southern forty. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia, and I placed an order for medicine for \$6.
- 10 In the forenoon the boys and Bergren cleared on the southern forty, and in the afternoon we reaped the wheat on the hill on the south field.
- 11 Today we have rainy weather. Bergren and the boys are clearing on the southern forty.

I worked on repairing the old reaper, etc. This evening Sture came home from Minneapolis to tie wheat for Lundsten.

- 12 **Sunday** Halverson preached in the morning and Rogers in the afternoon.
- 13 Today we reaped the wheat in the garden by the old house [cabin] and also in the field by the sorghum.
- 14 Today we reaped the wheat on the field by the barn.
- 15 Today we reaped wheat on the large part on the south field. Mamma and Josephine took "Rosy" to the bull at Ottinger's place.
- 16 Today we finished reaping the wheat on the south field.
- 17 In the morning, Carl and I went to Waconia. I paid \$1.20 for the medicine box. The other boys are clearing on the southern forty. In the afternoon we reaped the wheat on the newly broken field on the southern forty.
- 18 We finished reaping the wheat on the new field on the southern forty. Today we took the heifer, "Molly," to the bull for the second time.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I reaped the oats by the old cabin and mowed some hay from the second crop. The boys cut hay with the scythe and dug potatoes in the field where we will stack the wheat.
- 21 In the forenoon I reaped the oats in Peterman's field while the boys dug up bluegrass turf in the north garden. In the afternoon they tied oat bundles in the home field and I did various jobs.
- 22 In the forenoon the boys and I fenced around the cellar for the new barn. Bergren dug up sod in the yard and in the afternoon tied the oats on Peterman's field. Axel hauled home sand from Clearwater Lake. I did various jobs.
- 23 Today we stacked wheat from the south field by the oat stack.
- 24 We stacked 13 loads of the wheat from the field by the barn just south of the large stack, which was 14 ½ loads.
- 25 We stacked 10 large loads of oats and had 1 large load of wheat on top.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Sture is home. In the forenoon he went to Waconia and bought linseed oil. Carl plowed and Axel and Bergren dug out sod in the garden. In the afternoon we stacked wheat from the field by the barn and from the upper end of the south field. Sture painted various things.
- 28 We stacked wheat from the corn field and also from the newly broken field on the southern forty in the south field. Sture painted various things. Today Oliver Gibbs from Lake City was here. He got seven varieties of the Russian apples that I will send to the big exhibition of the American Pomological Society in Philadelphia to be held on September 12, 1883.
- 29 Today we finished stacking the wheat. Sture painted.
- 30 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. The boys are digging up sod

and hoeing sod in the garden. The horse is sick with colic. In the afternoon Carl plowed and the others chopped sod. I did various jobs.

- 31 In the forenoon the boys and I went to Charles Zieman's place for a load of small stones. Bergren dug up sod and Frank hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, Carl, Frank, and I hauled home three loads of stone from Niklas's place. Axel and Bergren began to dig a ditch and put logs across it to make a bridge for the cattle to walk across on.

September

- 1 Axel and Bergren worked on the bridge in the meadow. Carl plowed in the garden and the barn field. In the afternoon I went and met my brother-in-law, John, in Waconia. We went home by way of Lindfelt's house, where I bought communion wine.
- 2 **Sunday** My brother-in-law John preached today.
- 3 In the forenoon, Carl plowed the barn field. Bergren and Axel worked on the bridge on the southern forty and in the afternoon, Axel and Bergren cut the second crop of hay and Carl mowed. Frank threshed the beans and I did various small jobs.
- 4 Carl plowed in the barn field. Axel and Bergren worked on the bridge in the south field and finished it. I pruned the grapes, etc.
- 5 Bergren and Frank threshed for John Nelson. Axel is threshing in Scandia. Carl did some plowing and then mowed. I did various small jobs.
- 6 Carl finished the plowing in the barn field and later we cocked hay and hauled in part of it and stacked part of it. Axel threshed for P. Magnus in Scandia until three o'clock and then went to Lindenberg at Malmberg's place and threshed until dark.
- 7 Carl plowed on the large part of the south field. Axel and Bergren are digging a two-foot-wide strip for the basement of the barn to make it wider. I painted various small things.
- 8 Carl plowed until noon. Axel did various things and I painted. In the afternoon we cocked, hauled, and stacked hay. Bergren was at Freed's the whole day and nailed shingles on his house.
- 9 **Sunday** John Erickson and his wife from Minneapolis are here in Scandia to visit, so he preached today.
- 10 Axel, Frank, and Bergren hauled manure to the south fields. Carl was out to Halvitsser's house to ask the stone mason, Anton Boss, to come here and build the barn basement. I did various small jobs.
- 11 Carl, Frank, and Bergren hauled manure. Axel grubbed willows in the west meadow. I did nothing as I am not feeling well.
- 12 Carl, Frank, and Bergren hauled manure. Axel grubbed willows in the west meadow. I did nothing as I am not feeling well.
- 13 The boys hauled manure. Bergren is at Broberg's threshing. I am not well.
- 14 In the forenoon, Carl plowed. Axel and Bergren grubbed out bushes. In the afternoon,

the boys dug potatoes and I did various jobs. In the evening my brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, his wife, and his daughter (who is Andrew Nilson's wife) came here from Litchfield.

- 15 In the forenoon, Carl plowed. Axel and Bergren grubbed in the bushes. In the afternoon the boys went fishing and in the evening Bergren went home as he had worked his two months with me.
- 16 **Sunday** Today Brother John Erickson from Minneapolis preached.
- 17 This morning, Elsa and I went with the visitors from Litchfield to the Waconia depot, where they took the train to Minneapolis. Elsa and I went to visit with John Nelson. The boys cut corn on the west field and the south field. J. Erickson and his wife went with us home from John Nelson's for a visit.
- 18 Carl and Frank went to Shakopee for a load of lime. Axel is cutting corn and I did various small jobs. The J. Ericksons left here today to go to Broberg's house. Mr. Pearce from Lake Minnetonka came here this afternoon.
- 19 In the forenoon the boys cut corn. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of sand from Clearwater Lake and the others cut corn. I did various small jobs.
- 20 Today it is raining, so we cannot do any work. In the afternoon, Mamma and Carl went to Waconia.
- 21 In the forenoon it rained, so we did not do any work. In the afternoon, Carl hauled wood for the threshing machine, etc. Axel took "Rosy" to the bull at Ottinger's for the second time.
- 22 Axel threshed for Lindenberg. Carl plowed on the southern forty. Frank did various jobs. I worked on the granary, etc.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Axel threshed in the morning for Lindenberg until nine o'clock. After, Axel and Frank threshed for Per Daniel. Carl plowed on the southern forty. I did various jobs.
- 25 Axel threshed for Freed until 3:30 p.m.. Carl plowed and I butchered a ram. At four o'clock, Hjelm's threshing machine arrived and we threshed until sundown.
- 26 We threshed all day and finished the threshing.
- 27 Axel threshed at Lundsten's. Carl plowed. Frank and Mamma dug potatoes and I fenced by the straw stack. Afterwards, we went to Waconia.
- 28 Axel and Frank threshed at B. Nilson's. Carl plowed on the southern forty in the forenoon and finished it. In the afternoon he plowed the home field. I did various jobs.
- 29 We all - Elsa, Carl, Frank, Emma, and I - went to the Agriculture Fair in Carver.
- 30 **Sunday** Today we took the heifer "Nancy" to the bull at Ottinger's place.

October

- 1 Axel threshed for B. Nilson until four o'clock. Frank threshed for Zieman all day. Today the stone mason, Anton Boss, started work on the barn cellar. Carl waited on him. At noon, John Nelson came here and began to make a frame for the front door on the house. I did various jobs and the womenfolk dug potatoes.

- 2 A. Boss and Carl are working on the barn cellar. John Nelson is working on the door frame. Axel is threshing at Peterman's and Mamma and Frank are digging potatoes. In the afternoon I went to the Waconia mill with a load of grist.
- 3 In the forenoon, Axel plowed in the home field. In the afternoon we gathered the squash. Frank is threshing at Peterman's. A. Boss and Carl are working on the cellar and J. Nelson is working on the door sash for the front door.
- 4 A. Boss and Carl are working on the cellar. Axel is plowing the home field and the large field. Frank and Mamma are digging potatoes. J. Nelson is doing carpentry work and I am doing various small jobs.
- 5 Today it is raining, so A. Boss did nothing. Axel went to Waconia in the morning for the grist and John Nelson hung the front door. In the afternoon, Axel and John Nelson threshed for Niklas. Carl and Frank are cutting wood for the stove. I painted the front door, etc.
- 6 A. Boss and Carl worked on the cellar. Axel is threshing for Niklas. This afternoon even Frank is threshing for Niklas. In the forenoon I went to Waconia for a load of lime and in the afternoon, I painted the front door and window frame for the second time. In the afternoon at four o'clock A. Boss went to Chaska.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Axel plowed. Carl and Frank finished digging potatoes. I butchered a ram and then I did various jobs. This evening A. Boss returned from Chaska.
- 9 A. Boss and Carl are plastering on the cellar. Axel is plowing in the forenoon and in the afternoon he hauled home sand. John Nelson is putting up new ceiling boards in the south porch and I did various jobs.
- 10 A. Boss and Axel are plastering the cellar. Carl is plowing and hauling sand. John Nelson finished the ceiling in the porch and I plastered in the ovens at the syrup camp.
- 11 In the forenoon I went to Waconia for a load of lime. A. Boss and Axel did plastering work on the cellar until nine o'clock, when it started to rain. Frank and Carl cut corn. In the afternoon, Carl plowed. Axel and Frank did various jobs. A. Boss went to Waconia; I installed a lock on the front door and painted.
- 12 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. Carl plowed and Frank husked corn. Mamma and I went to Waconia in the forenoon. In the afternoon I worked on the molasses kettles.
- 13 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. In the forenoon, Mamma, Carl, and Frank cut sorghum and in the afternoon they hauled it together and piled it. I worked on the fireplace and stove for the molasses pans. Frank Kjellberg was here today and made the door frames for the barn cellar.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. Pryde built the oven for the fireplace at the syrup camp. Carl hauled water and then plowed. I worked in the garden and Frank did various jobs.
- 16 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. Carl hauled sand in the morning and in the afternoon he plowed. Frank husked corn for the pigs. I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. I sent a box of scions and a letter to Oliver Gibbs in Lake City and also to

the Agricultural Department in Washington asking for scions. Pryde helped Boss in the forenoon.

- 17 Today we had rain, so we have done nothing. A. Boss worked for an hour on the cellar this morning. I butchered a ewe in the forenoon.
- 18 A. Boss and Axel plastered on the cellar. Carl finished plowing the square field in the forenoon and in the afternoon he plowed in the yard down by the old cabin. Frank and I dug up apple trees.
- 19 Frank and I did various jobs in the garden. In the afternoon I finished plastering in the molasses kettles. Mamma and Frank husked corn for the pigs. Carl plowed the whole day and A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar.
- 20 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. Carl and Frank did various jobs and afterwards cut corn. In the forenoon I went to Waconia and had the mare shod on her front feet and afterwards I did various jobs. Last night we had a cold snap and the ground froze, so we could not plow.
- 21 **Sunday** Today it snowed all day and we have six inches of snow.
- 22 Axel and I heeled in apple trees, etc. Carl plowed on Peterman's field and did various other jobs. Frank and Mamma cut off the turnip tops and carried them into the cellar. A. Boss went to Kern's house.
- 23 The boys are husking corn on the southern forty. I pruned the grapevines and did various other jobs in the orchard. A. Boss went to the master mason Shaefer.
- 24 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. I pruned grapes and did other small jobs. The other boys and Ida husked corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon they covered the grapevines.
- 25 A. Boss and Axel worked on the cellar. The other boys and Ida finished husking corn on the southern forty and I finished pruning the grapevines and did various other jobs in the orchard.
- 26 A. Boss and Frank worked on the cellar. Axel and Carl filled dirt in around the outside of the cellar. In the forenoon I went to Waconia for a load of lime and then did various other jobs. Today I sent a box of scions to M. Pearce by Lake Minnetonka.
- 27 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia to meet John Anderson from Eggleston while Axel and Frank cut stovewood. In the afternoon the boys hauled cornstalks. I did various other jobs today.
- 28 **Sunday** John Anderson is here today and is in charge of the meeting.
- 29 A. Boss and Axel are working on the cellar. Shaefer arrived at ten o'clock and started to help with the mason work. In the forenoon the other boys hauled wood for the molasses making. I did various jobs. In the afternoon the boys began to press the sorghum canes in the cane mill while I bundled up the apple trees and raspberry bushes that are to be sent to Litchfield.
- 30 A. Boss, Shaefer, and Axel worked on the cellar. The others are pressing and cooking

syrup. I did various jobs. I sent the apple trees and the raspberry bushes, that are to go to Litchfield, with Niklas Swanson to Delano [to send on the train].

- 31 A. Boss and Shaefer finished the cellar walls. Axel made mortar and carried it to the masons, as usual. Carl and Frank pressed the last of the sorghum canes in the morning. The womenfolk finished making the molasses syrup. Carl plowed. I went to Waconia in the forenoon for a barrel of lime and also a load of sand. In the evening we all went to a temperance meeting in Scandia. Colonel Hamilton spoke and it was good.

November

- 1 The masons left this morning. The boys husked corn. I did various jobs in the orchard. In the evening, Andrew Peterson from Carver and Colonel Hamilton were here and visited with us.
- 2 Today the boys husked corn, etc. Axel went to Per Daniel's in the forenoon and helped to butcher. I did various small jobs in the orchard. Today the heifer "Daisy" calved.
- 3 The boys husked corn and Bergren was here in the afternoon and husked corn. I went to August Krause and got apple seedlings from him and then I did various small jobs.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Mamma, Axel, and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed. In the forenoon I butchered a ram and then I did various jobs.
- 6 First, I went to the election and voted, and then we went to Scandia and bought graveyard lots. Mamma, Axel, and Frank husked corn and Carl plowed.
- 7 Mamma, Frank, and I finished husking corn a little past noon and then I packed roots and scions for grafting into the cellar. Axel and Carl are hauling and stacking corn husks.
- 8 Axel plowed the corn field. Carl is sick. I painted the porch, etc.
- 9 Axel plowed the corn field. Carl is sick. Frank and I fenced by the cellar in the barnyard. In the afternoon, Secretary Gibbs from Lake City and Mr. Gould from Excelsior came here and I gave them scions from the Russian apples to distribute to the horticultural society. I gave them scions from the Hibernial, Lieby, Ostrakoff Glas, and Charlamoff. Mr. Gibbs also gave me some scions, two of which are from Russian varieties.
- 10 Mamma and I went to Waconia and I had the horse "Frank" shod. We even went to Maetzold to get rose bushes. Axel finished plowing the corn field. Frank cut wood for the stove, etc.
- 11 **Sunday** Last night it was cold and stormy and we are having the same weather today.
- 12 The boys hauled corn husks and straw for the pigpen roof in the forenoon and then they hauled manure to the orchard. I did various other jobs.
- 13 Last night a cattle buyer from Minneapolis stayed with us. His name was Pearce. He had four cows and two calves in his wagon. Today we hauled manure to the orchard and to the raspberry bushes. We took "Fanny" to the bull at Ottinger's place.
- 14 First we put up the storm windows and then we hauled out more manure to the garden and the home field. It is a very cold day with a dry, northwest wind.
- 15 In the forenoon we butchered a pig. Then the boys hauled manure and I did various jobs.

The school teacher, Miss Brunius, is boarding with us for a few days. There is a strong and cold northwest wind blowing.

- 16 A cold, strong south wind is blowing. The boys are grubbing out large trees on the southern forty. I did various jobs.
- 17 The boys hauled the manure from the pile by the wagon shed out onto the fields. In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I spread out the manure in the garden.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 In the forenoon, the boys hauled manure and in the afternoon, they fanned wheat. I did various small jobs, etc. I sent a letter to O. Gibbs in Lake City.
- 20 Mamma and Sture went to Minneapolis today. Carl drove them to Victoria Station. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. I did various small jobs. Today my brother-in-law John Anderson came here. He came from Granite Falls or Leentrop.
- 21 The boys hauled manure all day. I did various jobs. I finished the grindstone that I had previously begun to chop out.
- 22 Axel went to the Minnetonka mill with a load of wheat. Carl and I piled wood together in the woods.
- 23 In the forenoon Axel, Carl, and I went to a meeting in Scandia. John Anderson preached. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure and I made a trough to lead the water away from the well. In the evening I went to Victoria Station to get Elsa when she came home from Minneapolis.
- 24 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. I went to Waconia to get the mail, etc.
- 25 **Sunday** Today it is warm and after dinner, it rained.
- 26 Last night and today it is very cold. Axel is helping Per Daniel butcher. Carl and I did various small jobs.
- 27 I wrote a letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden. Axel and Carl grubbed bushes in the west meadow. This afternoon we have mild weather.
- 28 Today it is rather cold with a southeast wind. The boys are grubbing willow bushes and gathering and piling wood in the woods. I went to Waconia and had the hind feet of the mare shod. I sent a pail of butter by express to Huntington in Minneapolis. I even sent a letter to Sweden. Today I received the cupping machine together with the oil and the book that I had ordered from Cleveland, Ohio.
- 29 Today is **Thanksgiving Day**. It is according to a proclamation from the President to give thanks to God for this year's good crops and for a good harvest. In the forenoon we had a prayer meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon the boys hauled home wood for the stove. I did various small jobs.
- 30 Frank and I went to Carver and I had the colt "Rock" shod. I also received my prize money for apples, butter, and wool yarn. The boys grubbed in the south meadow.

December

1 The boys hauled manure the whole day. In the forenoon I went to Waconia after the grist, etc. Afterwards I did various other jobs. Last night Sture came home from Minneapolis and he was sick.

2 **Sunday**

3 The boys hauled manure and I did various jobs.

4 The boys grubbed willow bushes in the south meadow. Elsa and I went to the Waconia mill with a load of wheat. While I was there, I went to August Krause's place and looked over his apple trees.

5 The boys grubbed willow bushes in the south meadow. Mamma and I went to Dr. Brae on the other side of Young America and had teeth pulled. I had all my teeth, nine in all, pulled, and then I went over and looked at Thomas's Russian apples. In the evening I sold "Lady," the cow we had bought in Litchfield, to the cattle buyer that used to stay at Adam Fischer's house. I received \$50 for her. For eight days now we have had very nice weather. The 2nd we put the boar with the sows. It looks like both have taken him, especially the white one.

6 Today it rained the whole day so we did nothing. Today the cow "Lady" left us, as I sold her yesterday.

7 First it rains, then it snows. The boys chopped wood for the stove. Henry Schraan was here today to doctor up "Fanny" as she is lame.

8 In the forenoon the boys grubbed willow bushes and piled them in stacks in the woods. Sture and I were in Waconia and had the horses shod.

9 **Sunday**

10 Per Daniel helped us butcher the two old sows.

11 The boys grubbed willow bushes. I did various small jobs.

12 Sture and Carl drove to Minneapolis with the two old sows. I took the train.

13 Carl and I returned home. Sture stayed in Minneapolis.

14 The boys are cutting cordwood. I did nothing as I am not well.

15 The boys and I were in the woods and cut timbers for the barn. Today the black-and-white sow took the boar.

16 **Sunday**

17 Today it is snowing and it is very cold. The boys and I did various small jobs.

18 The boys are hauling wood for the stove from the forest. I butchered a ram, etc. In the evening, Sture came home sick from Minneapolis.

19 In the forenoon Ida and I went to Waconia. The boys are cutting wood for the stove and also hauled the second crop of hay into the barn.

20 Today John Nelson and the boys began to dovetail the timbers for the barn. Sture and I are not well. I went over to Kaufhold and collected the \$35 he owed me.

21 Nelson and the boys hewed the timbers. Sture and I are not well. I cupped Sture today.

22 I went to Chaska and Carver. Miss Hilma Brunius and Pryde went along. Miss Brunius tried out an organ for me at Halrigger's Store. The boys did various things. Today we

took the heifer "Star" to the bull for the first time.

23 **Sunday**

24 Carl and I went to Chaska and bought an organ from Halrigger's Store for \$85 and brought it home. The other boys did various things.

25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting in Scandia.

26 Axel and I went to Young America and put labels on Thomas's Russian apple trees. I also cut some scions from them.

27 In the forenoon Axel and I went to Waconia and found a place by the station where we could stack our cordwood. I put \$50 in the bank and paid my bill to Eiselien and part of my bill to Gunz. In the afternoon the boys hauled out the cordwood to the side of the road. I did various small jobs.

28 In the forenoon Axel and Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the afternoon Carl went to Waconia with a load of wood and Axel chopped wood for the stove. I did various small jobs.

29 Carl made two trips to Waconia with cordwood. Axel chopped wood for the stove and I did various small jobs.

30 **Sunday**

31 Carl took two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel chopped wood for the stove and I did various small jobs.

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January

1 We first had a religious meeting in Scandia and then we had our annual business meeting. Then I went to Niklas's for a party.

2 Carl went to Chaska with a load of oak wood. I repaired the water pump down by the barnyard. Axel did various jobs and then took the cow "Daisy" to the bull at Ottinger's.

3 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Today, it is quite cold. Axel and I slaughtered a pig.

4 Today it is quite cold—34 degrees below 0. Today, the boys only did chores because it was too cold to be outside. Ida was at Per Daniel's and quilted.

5 Axel went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. The other boys chopped wood and did chores. I did various small jobs.

6 **Sunday** Very cold.

7 Before noon, we did various small jobs. In the afternoon, N. Swenson and his son-in-law, with Per Daniel and Lundsten, came here. In the evening, Olaf Hakanson from Portland, Oregon, was here. He collected money for a meetinghouse in Portland.

8 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel did various jobs. In the evening,

we had a meeting in Scandia. Brother Okerson preached.

9 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. We had a meeting in Scandia before noon, and one in the evening, when Brother Olaf Okerson preached.

10 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The others did various small jobs.

11 Today, before noon, the boys hauled out the hewed timbers from the woods. In the afternoon, it was storming, and we went to Niklas Swenson's for a party.

12 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel chopped wood. I did nothing. In the evening, we were at Lundsten's for a party.

13 **Sunday**

14 Today I went to a horticulture meeting in Minneapolis. I brought apple trees with me: one peck of Wealthy for display; 240 Lieby with me; 378 Hibernial; 410 Little Seedling; and 472 Ostrakoff Glas. Sture came with me to Minneapolis and took home clothes. Carl hauled wood to Chaska and Axel did various jobs.

15 Today, the horticultural meeting began. Sture went home today. Carl hauled wood to Chaska. Axel did various jobs.

16 Carl hauled wood to Chaska. Axel did various jobs.

17 Carl hauled wood to Chaska. The other boys and John Nelson hewed and dovetailed timbers.

18 John Nelson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. Today, I traveled home from Minneapolis. Sture met me for a ride in Waconia.

19 John Nelson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I did nothing. Mr. Stoughton was here today for a load of the grubbed-out stumps.

20 **Sunday**

21 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. I chose a paint color to paint the panels and wood. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Sture hauled home timber to the new barn. The other boys and I cut down logs to be sawed into lumber.

22 Before noon, Sture hauled fence rails out in the southern forty. The other boys and I dovetailed timbers and in the afternoon, J. Nelson helped the boys with the timber. Sture went to Ottinger's bull with "Star" for the second time.

23 Nelson, Sture, and Axel hewed timbers. Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. I did nothing, I was not well.

24 Today it is quite cold. Sture is in Chaska with a load of cordwood. In the afternoon, J. Nelson and the boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I went to Waconia with Niklas.

25 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. Niklas and Renius each hauled a load of wood to Chaska and the other boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. I filed the saws, etc.

26 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood and the other boys hewed and dovetailed timbers. W. Stoughton from Chaska was here for a load of stumps. I went to Waconia for apple seedlings that Emery in Lake City sent me. John Anderson

from Eggleston came home with me. We rode with Oskar Lundsten.

- 27 **Sunday** John Anderson preached.
- 28 Before noon, we were in Scandia at a meeting. First I went to Waconia and sent 15 pounds of butter by express to Huntington in Minneapolis. In the afternoon, the boys hauled firewood and timber.
- 29 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wood. The other boys sawed off logs into board lengths and into cordwood, while I kept the saws sharp. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia.
- 30 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. I and the other boys cut down trees for logs for the sawmill and did various other jobs. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. John Anderson preached.
- 31 I did nothing, I was not well. The boys sawed off the trees into log lengths and hauled some home. It is quite cold. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia.

February

- 1 Sture hauled logs for sawing out to Rietz's creek where Richter tonight will saw. The other boys cut down trees to be sawed into lumber and I went through the woods and blazed trees that will be suitable for lumber.
- 2 Sture hauled saw wood. The other boys cut logs. I did various jobs.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys cut down trees. I did various small jobs. Pryde was here this afternoon and began to repair our gloves. In the afternoon, Mamma went to Waconia and shopped in the store. She went with Niklas to Waconia.
- 5 The boys hauled two white oak and two black oak to Rietz's to be sawed. Axel did various jobs. I wrote a letter to J. Anderson in Eggleston and to G. Nelson in Kirkwood, etc.
- 6 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys sawed cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 7 Sture went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. The other boys sawed cordwood. I scraped and washed the wheels on the wagon so I can paint them.
- 8 The boys sawed cordwood, etc. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. In the evening, Sture and Ida were at a party at Rietz's.
- 9 The boys hauled logs to Rietz's. I did various small jobs. Pryde has been here for four days this week and sewed and repaired clothes.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Carl went to Chaska with a load of wood. Sture began to paint the panels in the kitchen. I did various jobs. Axel went to Ottinger's bull with "Star" for the third time. Today, it has snowed a lot.
- 12 Sture went to the market in Waconia. The others sawed firewood for the school

teacher. I made a table for my grafts. It has snowed a lot today, so now we have a lot of snow. In the evening, I became sick with heart palpitations.

13 Today, it snowed the same as yesterday. The boys did various jobs. Sture painted the panels in the large room. I was sick from heart palpitations until eleven o'clock. I used the cupping machine on myself and the heart palpitations quieted down.

14 Before noon, the boys butchered a pig. In the afternoon, Sture painted another coat on the kitchen panels. The boys did various jobs. I did nothing as one must be quiet after having been cupped.

15 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia with 16 lbs of butter and sent it to Huntington in Minneapolis. After dinner, Sture was sick. The other boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. In the evening, the children went to Lundsten's for a party.

16 Sture and I did nothing. The other boys fanned the seed wheat and hauled home basswood.

17 **Sunday**

18 Before noon, Sture and Ida went to Waconia. The other boys fanned wheat. In the afternoon, H. Schraan was here to doctor a sheep that was sick. Today I sent a draft for \$10 to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa, for apple trees.

19 Today, we had to skin the sick sheep. Sture and Carl painted. Axel and I are sick.

20 & 21 Sture and Carl painted. Axel and I are sick. I have been cupped several times this week.

22 Sture and Carl painted. Axel and I are a little better with our health. Today, F. Krank was here and bought a calf from us.

23 Today it is snowing and storming. We did various small jobs. Carl went to Waconia in the evening to meet Uncle John Anderson, he went with Andrew Broberg.

24 **Sunday** John Anderson preached. We had a meeting.

25 Before noon, we had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we did various jobs.

26 Before noon, I went to the Waconia mill with meal. Sture painted and the others chopped wood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and sold it.

27 Before noon, we were in Scandia for a meeting. In the afternoon, the boys fanned wheat.

28 We butchered four pigs. Per Daniel helped. In the afternoon, we cut up the pork.

29 Today at five o'clock in the morning, Sture and Carl traveled down to Minneapolis. They had two pigs and a load of wheat. Before noon, I salted the pork and in the afternoon, did various jobs. Axel did the chores. F. Krank was here this afternoon and took the calf home that he had bought.

March

1 I went to Waconia and met Charles Luedloff to exchange scions. Axel and Frank fanned wheat. Sture and Carl came from Minneapolis at four o'clock in the

afternoon.

2 **Sunday**

- 3 First, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I began to make grafts. Sture painted the wagon wheels, etc. Axel and Carl did various jobs.
- 4 I made grafts. Sture painted and Axel and Carl did various jobs. Peterman was here in the afternoon and got seed wheat. Bergren was here today and then I paid him for threshing, so I don't owe him anything.
- 5 Before noon, Axel and I went to Waconia. I exchanged scions with Luedloff for the second time. In the afternoon, I made grafts. Sture painted and the other boys did various jobs.
- 6 Sture went to Chaska with a load of wheat and got money for cordwood from Stoughton, whom he had sold to. I made apple grafts for the trees. Before noon, Axel and Carl cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia for the grist. Carl took "Froken" to Ottinger's bull.
- 7 I made grafts before noon. The boys hauled haystacks from the pasture and in the afternoon, they fanned wheat, etc.
- 8 Before noon, I made grafts. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, they went and had music lessons with the teacher, Hilma Brunius. Per Daniel and I went to Waconia and made arrangements with Kugler to buy lumber and shingles in Minneapolis. Elsa was with us in Waconia.

9 **Sunday**

- 10 I made apple grafts. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia, etc.
- 11 Sture and I went to the election. Then I made grafts. Axel and Carl cut cordwood.
- 12 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I made grafts for the apple trees. Sture went to Carver and had "Rock" the horse shod.
- 13 Before noon, Axel and Carl shoveled snow out by Kaufhold. I grafted. Sture did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Ottinger and his boys were here for some seed wheat. Lundsten was even here for seed wheat. Sture measured up and weighed the wheat for them. Today I finished grafting the apple trees.
- 14 Before noon, Sture and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Ida and Sture went to the schoolhouse, where they took their examinations. Axel and Carl cut cordwood the whole day.
- 15 Axel, Carl, and Frank cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia with 18 pounds of butter that he sent to Huntington in Minneapolis. I wrote a letter to Sweden and Kirkwood. Brunius came here in the afternoon and was here through the night.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 Today, all four boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 18 All four boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs. Today I sent a letter to Sweden.
- 19 The boys cut cordwood. I filed saws.
- 20 Sture and I went to Waconia before noon to see if our lumber and shingles had

arrived, but they had not. We took home a heater from Malmberg's. In the afternoon, I hung a door in the barn. The boys cut cordwood the whole day.

- 21 I did various small jobs. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia for the lumber that had just come from Minneapolis. He took home a load of lumber.
- 22 Today we hauled two loads of lumber from Waconia. Niklas Swanson hauled three loads, Peterman two loads, and Lundsten one load. Together it was eight loads.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Sture and I went to Waconia for the last load of lumber and paid Kugler for it. The other boys cut cordwood.
- 25 First, Sture went to Per Daniel with a load of lumber, then he washed the harness. The other boys cut cordwood and I did various jobs.
- 26 Sture oiled the harness, etc. The other boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs. Last night the white sow had seven piglets, but one was dead.
- 27 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Sture went to the Waconia mill with seven sacks of oats to grind for the horses.
- 28 Before noon, we did various jobs. Peter Ottinger was here for seed wheat. In the afternoon, Sture, Carl, and Frank bored into the maples. I was not well. Axel went to the bull at Ottinger's with "Froken" for the second time.
- 29 The boys cut cordwood in the southern field. Before noon, Sture was in Waconia. In the afternoon, Sture and Frank hauled block and fence poles from the southern field. I did various small jobs.
- 30 **Sunday** We did not have a meeting today, for the roads were slippery.
- 31 Sture and Frank bored in the maples, etc. The other boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs.

April

- 1 Sture and I went to Waconia and unloaded shingles from the railroad car, then we cut timbers for the barn. The other boys carried molasses sap and cut cordwood. Ottinger was here for the last load of seed wheat. Today we sent 12 pounds of butter to Minneapolis.
- 2 The boys hauled timber and cordwood from the forest and cut timber and cordwood, gathered molasses sap, and cooked syrup. I did various jobs.
- 3 Before noon, Sture and Frank hauled cordwood from the forest and in the afternoon, Sture and Freed went to Waconia for shingles. Frank and I burned off the swamplands. The other boys cut cordwood and carried molasses.
- 4 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia for the last of the shingles. In the afternoon, he went to the mill for oat grist. The other boys cut cordwood and carried molasses. I did various small jobs.

- 5 Sture sowed ten bushels of wheat in the large piece of the southern field. Carl, Frank, and I were in the forest and cut some timber and piled the shingles, carried molasses sap, etc. I did various small jobs. Axel is sick.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Sture, Carl, and Frank hauled cordwood from the forest and hauled large stumps out of the field in the southern forty. We had a little snow for a time in the night. I did various small jobs. Axel is sick. In the afternoon, Carl went to Ottinger's bull with "Fanny."
- 8 Before noon, Sture and Frank hauled cordwood out of the forest. The other boys cut stovewood. In the afternoon, Sture harrowed down the wheat in the large piece of the southern field. The other boys cut stovewood and carried maple sap. I did various jobs. Resmacher was here for seed wheat.
- 9 Sture sowed wheat and harrowed it. The large piece of the southern field is now sown. It is 11 ¼ acres with 15 bushels. The other boys carried maple sap and cut stovewood. Today, the mare foaled and the other sow farrowed. I hewed out a thill for the roller, etc.
- 10 Sture sowed wheat in the western piece in the southern field. It is 5 acres, 6 ½ bushels. The other boys grubbed the turf in the old garden, picked up quack roots, and carried molasses sap. I made a frame for the roller. Carl went to Ottinger's bull with "Star." This time they poured water in the ears so she could be with calf.
- 11 Sture sowed wheat and harrowed in the field near the barn. The field is 5 acres. He sowed 6 bushels of wheat. The other boys dug up quackgrass, carried maple sap, and even washed a part of the apple trees. I did various small jobs.
- 12 Sture hauled wood from the southern field and sowed wheat in the north orchard. The other boys burned brush and dug up quackgrass and carried together maple sap. I did various jobs.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Today it rained, so we did little small jobs. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia to meet the school teacher, Miss Brunius. The Russian apple trees from Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa, had come, so he took them home. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, in Litchfield.
- 15 First it rained. Sture painted the new basement window frames. The other boys cut cordwood. I labeled the new apple trees that had come and heeled them in. Today, summer school has begun.
- 16 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia. The other boys and I were in the forest and cut timber. In the afternoon, Sture plowed where the stacks had been and did some plowing in the southern field. The other boys did various jobs. I finished the roller frame.
- 17 Sture sowed wheat and harrowed it in the southern forty and then he sowed oats. The other boys dug out and gathered quackgrass roots and then they washed

some apple trees, etc. I did various small jobs. In the southern field, 5 acres were sowed with 6 bushels of wheat. Planted this year: on 27 acres, 24 bushels of wheat and in 6 ½ acres, 24 bushels of oats.

- 18 Sture sowed oats before noon on the home field. The others dug quackgrass roots. In the afternoon, Carl sowed oats and Axel dug up plum trees while I did various jobs. Sture took the mare to the purebred stallion in Chaska. She took the stallion. To breed here costs \$20 with a down payment of \$2.
- 19 Sture finished sowing oats in the home field and harrowed and rolled it in. The other boys grubbed the apple trees in the north orchard, then they dug holes and I planted Lombardy poplars and plum trees, which I set out. Then I planted red onions and we finished making this year's maple syrup. We have cooked 70 gallons of syrup.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Before noon, Sture and Axel chose and blazed timbers in the forest for foot logs for the workshop. In the afternoon, they and John Nelson worked on the timbers. Carl rolled the grain fields all day. Frank and I did various jobs.
- 22 John Nelson and the boys dovetailed the timbers for the barn. Carl rolled. It has been freezing again the last two nights, so some of the maples have been dripping sap again. Frank gathered it and we made 2 ½ gallons of syrup. I took up the heeled-in apple trees and fixed up the smokehouse and hung up the pork to smoke.
- 23 John Nelson and the boys finished dovetailing the timbers for the barn at four o'clock in the afternoon. In the forenoon, Carl finished rolling the fields. Carl and Frank burned the willow brush in the southern meadow. Sture and Axel chopped wood from the grubbed-out oaks in the new field. I did nothing as I have been cupped with the cupping machine and must be quiet for a few days. In the afternoon, Birrel Nilson was here and cut the large boar, seven pigs, and eight of the lambs.
- 24 Before noon, Carl harrowed the newly broken field, etc. The others burned off the meadows. In the afternoon, they all grubbed out large trees, etc.
- 25 I plowed in the orchard and planted potatoes and did various small jobs. I am not well.
- 26 Today it rained. Before noon, the boys fanned the wheat and then did various things. I filed a saw then I did nothing. I am not well.
- 27 **Sunday** John Anderson is here today and preached.
- 28 Before noon, we went to the meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia and had the colt shod and the gelding shod on the front feet. The other boys planted the Russian apple trees that came from Iowa.
- 29 Today, it rained quite a lot. Before noon, I went to Victoria to drive my brother-in-law, John Anderson, and then I went to J. Rietz and he wrote three bonds for me for \$200 that I gave Ida, Sture, and Axel. The boys did various jobs in between the rain.

30 Today it is beautiful weather. Before noon, the boys and I planted raspberry bushes out by the barn. In the afternoon, Sture, Frank, and I dug and planted apple trees. The others cleared up the grubbed-out trees in the new broken field.

May

1 Today, we did various jobs including planting Russian apple trees and hauling cordwood from the newly broken field.

2 Before noon, Axel and Carl dug holes for the trees. Frank and I planted Russian apple trees and finished. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Axel and Carl grubbed ash roots in the new field. Sture went to Jungsten in Chaska with the mare to the stallion but she did not take him. Sture went to Carver with apple trees for Luedloff.

3 Sture has plowed the newly broken field the whole day. The other boys dug holes for the apple trees and grapevines, and uncovered the grapevines and leveled the dirt and mixed in ashes. Then they grubbed out some trees by the house. Frank and I planted apple trees and grapevines, etc.

4 Sunday

5 Before noon, Carl harrowed in the newly broken field and on the piece by Peterman. Axel and Frank raked hazelnuts. Frank went to Waconia. I tied up grapevines. Sture is at Per Daniel's and helped John Nelson to build a barn.

6 Carl plowed on Peterman's piece between the rains. Axel and Frank raked together the hazelnuts on the newly broken field. I laid sick the whole day.

7 Before noon, Carl and Frank hauled manure to the home field. Axel did various jobs. I tied up grapevines. In the afternoon, I went to the Waconia mill with a load of wheat. Elsa was with me. The boys raked and burned the hazelnut in the southern forty.

8 The boys plowed, harrowed, and rolled the hazelnut brush in the home field in the western end by Peterman's, and burned the hazelnuts. The womenfolk sheared the sheep. I did nothing. I am not well. Enoch Broberg is here for a visit.

9 Carl marked out for corn in the western end of the home field and by Peterman's and plowed in the newly broken field. Axel and Frank planted corn in the western end of the home field and by Peterman's and did other things. I am not well. Today I have been cupped.

10 Axel plowed in the newly broken field. Carl went to Jungsten's stallion in Chaska with the mare, but she would not take him. Then Carl and Frank did various jobs. I did not, I am not well.

11 **Sunday** In the afternoon, Rietz was here for a visit.

12 Today, we did various jobs. We plowed the newly broken field, harrowed, and planted potatoes. We fixed a place for a garden, and planted. We gathered hazelnut brush and hauled it to the haystack in the southern field, etc.

13 The boys harrowed and raked roots in the newly broken field. They plowed, harrowed,

and rolled the other haystack in the southern field for corn. I was first out to Pryde's and then I grafted the plum trees. In the afternoon, I went to the Waconia mill with grain. I paid all my bills in Gunz's store.

- 14 The boys harrowed, rolled, and marked out the corn in the southern forty, and I grafted, etc. In the afternoon, Doctor Brae from Young America came here to make an impression of the teeth that I shall have him make for me. He took out a tooth from Carl and one from Anna.
- 15 The boys planted corn and finished in the southern forty, plowed the old orchard, and grubbed the trees out by the corncrib. I planted grafts the whole day. Axel dug for the grafts.
- 16 The boys plowed, harrowed, and rolled in the north orchard, and planted squash, popcorn, and potatoes. Axel dug and I planted grafts all day. Axel grubbed out trees by the pigpen.
- 17 Axel, Carl, and Frank did various jobs. I planted grafts. Sture went to Carver and had the mare shod in the front feet. Hilma Brunius rode with him. He even paid taxes and sold a money order to Pryde. He went to Lingeston's stallion with the mare, but she did not take him.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Sture painted the floor in the kitchen. The other boys did various jobs and planted melons. Mamma and I went to Mr. Luedloff for a visit.
- 20 Today, John Nelson has begun to build on the barn. Sture is helping him. Before noon, I went to Waconia. Axel went to the bull with "Froken" for the third time, at Ottinger's place. In the afternoon, I sharpened the saws, etc. Carl painted the kitchen porch floors. Axel and Frank hauled home wood from the southern forty.
- 21 John Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys did various jobs inside because it is raining. I am not well so I did nothing.
- 22 John Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys and I broke the piece where the fence had been along the milk place. Then we did various jobs. Today I hybridized some apple blossoms. It rained today, often.
- 23 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Carl drove to Benton and met my brother-in-law, John Anderson. He came home from Granite Falls. I did various jobs but I am not well. It has been raining and cloudy for several days.
- 24 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn in the morning. The other boys cut stovewood and in the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 25 **Sunday** John Anderson is here and preached. Today, we had a baptismal service. Axel and Carl were baptized today.
- 26 Before noon, we were at a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon, Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The others and I did various jobs. John Anderson from Eggleston went to Birrel Nilson's in the afternoon. Tomorrow, he will travel home.

- 27 Mamma and I went to Carver. I had the colt and the gelding shod on the front feet. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys hauled in corn, etc.
- 28 Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the breaking plow sharpened. Today, we let the cattle out on the southern forty. Last night, "Molly" calved. It is still cold at night.
- 29 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. I and the others broke the grass lawn by the old house and also broke the old strip between Niklas and me in the home field. I worked in the orchard and planted sugar beets and various other things.
- 30 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. In the afternoon, they hauled down and laid the foundation logs to the barn. The other boys helped them. I trimmed apple trees, etc.
- 31 Today, it is raining so we did nothing. Nelson went home today.

June

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 Axel and Carl cleared the woods where our workshop will be. Sture went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Sture made foot logs for the workshop. The others grubbed hazel brush on the island. I worked in the orchard, etc. Today "Betty" was with the bull at Ottinger's.
- 3 Mamma and I went to Young America to Tolinder's. I pruned the Russian apple trees there. We should have gone to Dr. Brae, but he was in Waconia. Sture worked on the rafters for the barn and then went fishing. The other boys cultivated the corn and grubbed.
- 4 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. Axel and Carl worked on the road. I did various jobs and worked in the orchard.
- 5 Axel and Carl, with the horses, worked on the road. J. Nelson worked on the barn and made window frames for the workshop. Sture went to Waconia and did various things. I pruned the apple trees and did various jobs. In the afternoon, the assessor was here and valued the real and personal property.
- 6 Today, we raised the barn. There were seventeen men for the raising and we ended the raising at noon. In the afternoon, J. Nelson and the boys put up the rafters.
- 7 J. Nelson worked on the barn. The boys nailed the boards on the walls of the barn. I am not well. Today I have been cupped so I was in bed the whole day.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 J. Nelson worked on the barn. Sture and Carl nailed boards on the walls. Axel and Frank hoed sweet corn and cultivated the corn. I did nothing. I was not well.
- 10 J. Nelson, Axel, and Carl nailed the roof boards on the barn. Sture went to Minneapolis today because Christina Nelson sang. Before noon, Frank and I went to the Waconia market. I sold "Fanny" for \$26. In the afternoon, I did nothing.
- 11 J. Nelson worked on the barn. Axel and Carl nailed the roof boards on the barn. Frank hoed the garden. I was not well. In the evening, J. Nelson went home. He

cannot work more for me at this time.

- 12 Today, the boys hoed the squash, popcorn, melons, in the garden, and cultivated some corn at Peterman's. I hoed the apple grafts, etc. In the evening, Sture came from Minneapolis.
- 13 The boys together hoed the corn at Peterman's. I went to Waconia for a keg of shingle nails. Then I went and hauled home a load of sills from the saw on Rietz's place.
- 14 Before noon, the boys hauled down sheep manure on the corn stacks, etc. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl were at Per Daniel's and helped to raise his barn. I did various small jobs. Sture went to the stallion in Chaska with the mare. She took him.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Sture and Axel hoed potatoes and hoed corn in the home field. I did various small jobs.
- 17 Before noon, the boys began to nail the shingles on the barn. In the afternoon, they cultivated and hoed the corn.
- 18 Today in the morning, Frank and I went down to Minneapolis. We had a load of wheat and wool. Elsa took the train. The boys hoed corn on the newly broken field. In the night, a Methodist preacher came here from Renville station named Bins.
- 19 Today, we traveled home from Minneapolis. The boys cultivated and hoed the corn.
- 20 Before noon, the boys cultivated and hoed the corn, potatoes, and apple trees, etc. In the afternoon, it rained. The boys nailed shingles on the barn. I did various small jobs. Ottinger was here and paid me for seed wheat.
- 21 Sture went to the stallion in Chaska with the mare, but she did not take him. The other boys cultivated the corn and the sweet corn and hoed the sugar corn. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel dusted Paris green on the potatoes to kill the potato bugs. Carl went to Waconia and met brother-in-law John and sister Maja Stina. Mr. and Mrs Stoughton were here today. I have done nothing.
- 22 **Sunday** Anderson preached in Scandia today.
- 23 Before noon, the boys nailed shingles on the barn. In the afternoon, they cut the clover and the oats that had fallen over. I did various jobs.
- 24 The boys hoed and cultivated the corn, and then cut hay along the creek and spread out the cut clover. I went to the Waconia mill with grain, then I did various things. Today, John Anderson and sister Maja Stina went to Granite Falls. Birrel Nilson drove them to the station. Carl took "Betty" to the bull at Ottinger's for the second time.
- 25 Before noon, the boys nailed shingles on the barn roof. Frank and I went for sawdust from Hjelm's saw by Birrel Nilson's place. In the afternoon, I went to the Waconia mill for the grist. The boys cultivated and hoed, etc.
- 26 I nailed the shingles on the barn and rolled logs to the saw by B. Nilson's place.
- 27 Axel, Mamma, and I went to Carver and shopped for clothes for Axel and others in

Andrew Peterson's store in Carver. I took out \$10 for a money order for Pryde in Chaska. The other boys hoed in the garden and did other jobs.

28 We have done various jobs. We mowed a piece in the southern meadow, cocked and hauled in the clover from the creek by the pigpen and from the orchard, and then we cocked the cut oats and cultivated the corn in the home field, etc.

29 **Sunday**

30 Before noon, we hauled a load of boards from Hjelm's saw, and turned the hay in the southern meadow, etc. In the afternoon, we got a pouring rain.

July

1 We turned the hay in the southern meadow, raked it, and hauled in most of it. We cocked the rest of it, etc.

2 Before noon, we hauled hay and mowed some in the afternoon. Axel and Frank plowed in corn. Carl mowed in the western meadow. Sture and Mamma were with the school children on the steamboat in Clearwater. School teacher, Hilma Brunius, rented a boat for the children to ride on the lake. I made screens for windows, etc.

3 I went to Waconia for some lime and rain troughs. The boys cultivated and hoed the corn, hauled in the cut oats, and hauled home one load of lumber. Sture counted and piled the boards and went to Waconia.

4 We had our usual celebration party in Scandia. We had several visitors: Carl Peterson from Minneapolis, the Mixes, Carl Swenson and others from Gotaholm, and the Westbergs and Andersons from Purgatory Creek.

5 I went to Waconia and had the colt shod on one foot and I took home the wheels for Niklas's hayrack. Sture went to Hingsten in Chaska with the mare but she didn't take him. In the afternoon, we gathered and hauled in the hay from the western meadow. Carl Peterson and one of the Andersons were here for a visit.

6 **Sunday**

7 We cultivated the corn, mowed in the southern meadow, etc. In the afternoon, we hauled hay.

8 Sture and I worked on the barn. Axel made mortar and daubed in the barn basement. Carl and Frank hauled home lumber from Hjelm's saw that is on Rietz's land. He also went after a load of sand from the lakeshore.

9 Before noon, Sture and I worked on the barn. The others cultivated the corn and sweet corn, mowed, and hoed. In the afternoon, the boys mowed, raked, and hauled hay. I worked on the grapevines.

10 We cut and mowed hay, raked, and hauled it in. Worked some on the barn. I worked with the grapevines. Mrs. Mix and a woman from Hector were here today.

11 We turned, raked, and hauled in hay. Sture worked in the barn before noon. I daubed in the basement walls, etc.

12 Before noon, Sture went to Chaska with the mare to Hingsten's but she would not

take the horse. The other boys hauled and cut hay. I mowed in the western meadow, etc. In the afternoon, Sture and Ida went to Waconia and had some teeth filled. The other boys cut hay and then did various jobs. I daubed in the basement in the barn and pruned grapevines.

13 **Sunday**

14 Axel, Mamma, and I went to the market in Watertown and sold the cow, "Rose." We went to Carl Swenson's for a visit. Sture worked in the barn and the others did various jobs, but they could not do much because it was raining.

15 Before noon, we did various jobs and in the afternoon we cut hay and mowed in the western meadow out by the island. Today we went to the bull at Ottinger's with "Molly" and "Betty."

16 Before noon, we cut, mowed, and hauled home hay by the road. In the afternoon, I wrote letters to Sweden asking for cherry seeds, etc.

17 Axel and Carl went to Per Daniel's and cut hay. Sture went to Young America to Doctor Brae to have some teeth pulled. I first went to Waconia, then I made boxes for raspberries. Today, I sent the letter to Sweden with the request for the fruit seeds. I even sent a letter with a check for \$2.25 to Cleveland, Ohio, for cupping oil.

18 Today we hauled hay the whole day from the western meadow by the island and down by the road. We have finished the haying.

19 Before noon, Sture, Carl, and Frank went to Waconia to watch the veterans parade. Axel and I piled boards, etc. In the afternoon, we set up a fence by the railroad tracks in the western meadow, south of the island.

20 **Sunday**

21 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled fence posts for the fence along the tracks. I repaired the fence between Niklas and me and did various jobs. Sture laid in floor boards in the barn. Tenney Bergquist and Mrs. Bergquist were here last night. They traveled home today. In the afternoon, Mrs. Petermen and her sister-in-law were here from Minneapolis for a visit.

22 Sture and Carl painted the roof of the new barn. Axel and Frank are at Rietz's weeding the wild oats from the corn. I planed the boards for the eaves troughs, etc.

23 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. I got a money order from Sweden for \$310. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to Rydell in Sweden. Sture grooved and tongued boards, and he and Carl finished painting the barn roof. Axel and Frank grubbed and harrowed the meadow.

24 Sture put ceiling boards in the barn. The other boys grubbed out willow brush in the meadows and did other jobs. I sent a letter to Sweden today. The German preacher Lanlett and his wife were here.

25 Today in the morning at 3:30, Frank and I traveled down to Minneapolis with a load of wheat. We came back home, in the night at 12:30. Sture put in ceilings in the new barn.

- 26 Today, I did nothing. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Sture put ceiling boards in the barn. The other boys hoed the corn and stacked a haystack in the southern field.
- 27 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis preached in Scandia today. J. Erickson from Minneapolis is here.
- 28 Before noon, Mamma and I went to J Nelson's. J Erickson and his wife came home with us for a visit. In the afternoon, Frank Peterson and his wife, his brother-in-law Johnson and his wife, visited with us. Sture cut hay for Per Daniel. The other boys hoed corn and cut the hay and stacked a little haystack in the southern field.
- 29 Today, we have reaped a few oats in the home field down by the orchard. Sture worked on the barn. The other boys hoed corn and apple trees.
- 30 Before noon, Lundsten and I went to Waconia. I took out \$200 from the bank and I lent it to Lundsten. Sture nailed strips on the barn. The others hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, we reaped wheat, first in the northern orchard and then in the southern field.
- 31 We reaped wheat on the large piece in the southern field and on the western piece. In the afternoon, Secretary Gibbs from Lake City and Gould from Excelsior were here.

August

- 1 We reaped wheat in the western piece in the southern field and finished by noon. In the afternoon, we tied up the oats in the home field and then it rained.
- 2 Before noon, it rained a lot. We planted wild strawberries. In the afternoon, we reaped the wheat in the barn field.
- 3 **Sunday** John Erickson from Minneapolis preached in Scandia today. Charles Erickson was here, in the night.
- 4 Today, we finished reaping the wheat in the barn field and then on the large piece in the southern field near the road.
- 5 We reaped the wheat in the southern field on the other side of the railroad tracks. In the evening, we reaped oats on the field by the old house.
- 6 Today we reaped oats in the home field and the square piece in the southern field. Today we took "Nancy" to Ottinger's bull.
- 7 Today we began to stack wheat. We stacked the northwest stack from the wheat near the road and field where we had corn last year.
- 8 They stacked wheat in the two southernmost pieces by the barn fields wheat. And the wheat from the northern orchard.
- 9 They stacked one-and-a-half wheat stacks out on the hill in the southern field. I went to Waconia. I am not well.
- 10 **Sunday** J. Erickson preached today. Mrs. Ungman and her family came here today. I laid sick, all day.

- 11 Today, the boys stacked the oats and some wheat from the newly broken field. Emma Nelson from Minneapolis is here.
- 12 Before noon, the boys stacked wheat and finished. Mamma and I went to Waconia and tried to sell a calf, but we didn't sell it. In the afternoon, Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The others were fishing.
- 13 Mamma and I visited Gould's in Excelsior. We sold a calf to Simpson, the butcher. Sture, Axel, and Carl were at Andrew Broberg's and threshed.
- 14 Per Daniel and I went to Excelsior and sold lambs and a wether. The boys fanned wheat and hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia, and also hoed in the orchard.
- 15 Before noon, Axel and I went to Waconia with a load of two-year wheat. I sold it to the mill. In the afternoon, Axel plowed. I was not well. Carl threshed at Broberg's.
- 16 Axel was at J. Nelson's and threshed. Carl was at Lundsten's and threshed. Frank did various things but he has a plague of boils. I did various things. Sture worked on Andrew Broberg's threshing machine.
- 17 **Sunday** The missionary, Anna Sandberg, and Miss Erickson were here today.
- 18 Today it is foggy weather. Today, I hoed in the garden. Carl plowed down the garden.
- 19 Today it rained. The boys laid in panels in the hen house. Carl plowed in the home field in the afternoon. I did nothing.
- 20 Sture worked in the rain. Carl plowed before noon and Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl were at Peterman's in Scandia and threshed. Frank plowed first by the old house and then he began to plow in the barn field.
- 21 Carl threshed at Lundsten's. Axel threshed at Peterman's before noon. In the afternoon, he threshed for Lindenberg at Malmberg's old place. Frank plowed the barn field. Sture worked on Broberg's threshing machine. I went to Waconia before noon. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter asking for scions.
- 22 Carl plowed and Axel threshed before noon at Malmberg's place. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank did various jobs. Mamma and I went and shopped in the store. We had grain for the mill and some apples for Mitchell and the Mix family. Today I sent a letter to Captain C.J. Liljehook, Wallenborg, and Lindhult in Sweden asking for different kinds of scions. I even sent an annual report for the horticultural society to Drothzen in Aberdeen, South Dakota.
- 23 Today, I went to Chaska and paid Halriger for the organ. I also went to Carver and took some books to the bookbinder for binding and some little apples to Millborg's and Brunius's. I sent a book report from the Horticultural Society to Peter Nilsson in San Francisco. Emma came with me to Carver. Axel threshed for Zieman and Carl for Broberg. Frank plowed.
- 24 **Sunday** Today it rained a lot.
- 25 Last night, it rained quite a lot. Today, Sture worked in the barn and did various jobs. Axel helped him before noon and then he and Frank did various jobs. Carl plowed on the large piece in the southern field. I did various jobs.

- 26 Before noon, Sture worked in the barn. I went to the Waconia mill for the grist. Mamma came with me. In the afternoon, Sture went with the threshing machine to Broberg's. I hauled basswood bark to Per Daniel's small lake to soak for the best fibers in it. Carl plowed all day and Axel threshed for Lindenberg the whole day.
- 27 Carl plowed the newly broken field by the old house and hauled home one load of sand before noon. In the afternoon, he plowed in the southern field. Frank and I did various jobs. Axel threshed at Lindenberg's. In the afternoon, Per Daniel's girls and two others from Minneapolis were here for a visit.
- 28 Carl plowed and Axel threshed at Lindenberg's until noon. Frank went to Ottinger's bull with "Molly." I painted the floor in the southern porch. In the afternoon, the dentist, Dr. Brae from Young America, came here.
- 29 Carl plowed, Axel is not well. I did nothing. Doctor Brae worked on the teeth he had made for me.
- 30 Before noon, Axel and Frank went to Ottinger's bull with "Pearly." I went to Dr. Brae's in the afternoon. Carl plowed and Axel and Frank did various small jobs. I went to Waconia and met my brother-in-law, John Anderson from Eggleston. Charley Norman was with me. Sture is with the threshing machine at Andrew Broberg's.
- 31 **Sunday** John Anderson preached for us today.

September

- 1 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure and John Anderson and I made an account and divided the inheritance money that came from Sweden for the heirs.
- 2 Before noon, John Anderson from Eggleston, Charley Norman, and I were at the bank in Waconia and took out some money and some of the drafts for the money order that came from Sweden last July. The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood. The boys hauled hay. John Anderson went to Per Daniel's for the evening. Today, I sent a draft to Charley Johnson in Granite Falls for \$19.34.
- 3 I wrote a letter to Sweden and did various jobs. Before noon, it rained. The boys fanned the two-year-old wheat and carried it upstairs in the granary, etc. In the afternoon, they hauled manure.
- 4 Before noon, I went to Waconia for the grist from the mill. I sent two sacks of flour by train to John Ongman in St. Paul. One sack is for John Ongman and the other is for Professor Edgren. I also mailed a letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden with receipts from my brother-in-law, John, and from me for the inheritance we received from our brother, Samuel. I even sent a letter to G. W. Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois, with \$66.89. Charley Norman and Elsa were with us in Waconia. I also had the colt's front feet shod. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys hauled manure the whole day.

- 5 The boys hauled manure and plowed in the southern field. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Frank and Charley Norman were on the lake and fished.
- 6 Before noon, it rained. I did various jobs and pitched out the old straw. In the afternoon, Charley Norman and Axel went to Waconia. Sture came home. He worked in the barn. I did various jobs.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Before noon, Carl plowed and Axel and Frank chopped trees in the new broken field in the southern forty. In the afternoon, they did nothing because of a lot of rain. I did various jobs.
- 9 Before noon, Sture and I put up eaves troughs on the south side of the new barn. Carl plowed and the others cut corn. In the afternoon, Sture went with the threshing machine. Carl plowed and the others cut corn. I went to Waconia and then we had rain with thunder and lightning.
- 10 Carl plowed in the southern field on the other side of the barn. Axel and Frank cut corn in the newly broken field. I picked the Russian apples and wrapped them in paper, and did other small jobs.
- 11 Before noon, Charley Norman traveled home today. I drove him to Waconia. Carl finished plowing in the newly broken field. In the afternoon, all three boys finished cutting corn on the other side of the tracks. I did various small jobs.
- 12 Axel, Carl, and Frank were at Per Daniel's and threshed. I did various jobs.
- 13 Carl and Frank were at Birrel Nilson's threshing. Axel sawed wood for the threshing and did other various jobs. I did various jobs. Yesterday, August Krause was here and looked at the Russian apple trees.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Axel and Frank threshed at Birrel Nilson's. Carl and I did various jobs.
- 16 Today, we threshed. We had Hjelm's machine here.
- 17 Today we threshed out in the field and finished by noon. In the afternoon, they threshed at Niklas Swenson's; Axel and Carl were there in the afternoon and helped. Frank and I fenced by the pasture. John Nelson began to make doors for the barn.
- 18 Axel and Carl threshed at Niklas's. J. Nelson worked on the doors to the barn.
- 19 Axel and Carl threshed at Niklas's and at Freed's. Nelson worked on the doors to the barn. I am not well. Sture is home today. Before noon, he went to Waconia and in the afternoon, he threshed for Freed.
- 20 Before noon, Axel threshed for Freed until noon. Sture mowed the second crop of hay. Carl went to Ottinger's bull with "Molly" for the third time. In the afternoon, all four boys cut corn by Peterman's piece. Nelson worked on the doors to the basement in the barn. I am not well.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the mare and the colt shod. Axel and Frank

cut corn and finished. In the afternoon, we hauled in the hay from the second crop. Carl threshed for Bradhouse.

- 23 Before noon, I went to Waconia for lime. In the afternoon, I slaked it and tore down the outside molasses oven and did various other jobs. Axel and Frank stripped the leaves off the sweet corn. Carl is at Rietz's threshing. Today, I sent the receipts down to Kirkwood that should be signed.
- 24 I built the oven for the molasses kitchen. Axel and Frank cut and hauled sweet corn. Sture helped them in the afternoon. Carl is at Rietz's and threshed. Ida is there and prepared food, yesterday and today.
- 25 Before noon, I finished the oven for the molasses kitchen. In the afternoon, I picked more apples. Axel and Frank cut and hauled sweet corn. Carl was at Rietz's and threshed.
- 26 Today we did various jobs. We have picked more apples for the fair and dug up potatoes, etc.
- 27 Ida, Sture, Axel, Carl, Anna, and I went to the agricultural fair in Chaska. We had a heavy rainstorm last night.
- 28 **Sunday** We had a vote and we shall have John Anderson from Eggleston come here and preach one time a month in the year. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Gerdson were here for a visit.
- 29 Before noon, I went to Waconia. Andrew Peterson and his family were with us and visited today. The boys dug potatoes the whole day. I did various jobs in the afternoon.
- 30 I went to Excelsior to Gould's place with a load of apples that shall be sent to the World's Industrial Exposition in New Orleans. The boys dug up potatoes.

October

- 1 Before noon, it misted. We cleared the sticks in the barn basement and did other various jobs. In the afternoon, it rained quite hard. The boys fanned wheat and I did various jobs.
- 2 Before noon, it was foggy. The boys hauled manure out of the sheep barn and pig pen, etc. Sture went to Waconia for lamp oil, etc. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn. Sture rounded off the upper edges of the sills for the stalls, etc. I made stone foundations under the divisions in the barn basement.
- 3 Before noon, I went to the Waconia depot with contributions that some of the congregation members gave to the seminary in St. Paul. There was a box with four quilts, two sacks of flour, and a jar of butter. In the afternoon, we picked the last of the apples and packed them. Axel, Carl, and Frank husked corn at Peterman's.
- 4 Sture and Frank scraped and evened the ground around the new barn. Axel and Carl husked corn. I was not well. I did various jobs between the times I was in bed.
- 5 **Sunday**

- 6 Today we began to press the sweet corn and cook syrup in the cane mill, but the screws had rusted so badly, we had to go to Waconia and get new screws. So, today we did nothing with the sweet corn. Axel and Carl finished husking corn for Peterman. John Nelson was here this afternoon and hung doors on the barn basement. I did various jobs. I was not well.
- 7 Today we pressed and cooked the syrup the whole day. Axel and Carl husked corn in the home field on the western side. John Nelson hung doors in the barn basement and finished it by noon. I put latches on the doors but I am not well.
- 8 Before noon, I pressed and cooked the syrup. Axel and Carl husked corn in the home field and finished it. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in the squash and took up the sugar beets. Mamma finished cooking syrup—about 60 gallons worth. I did masonry work in the barn basement.
- 9 The boys hauled and stacked corn fodder, etc. I did masonry work in the barn basement, etc., and small jobs. We have taken the sugar beets into the barn. We have 70 bushels of beets.
- 10 Frank and I traveled to Chaska and exchanged our boots because what I bought was too small. We were even to Carver at the book binder. Mamma and Per Daniel's wife went to Victoria. They went on the train down to Minneapolis. Axel and Carl husked corn in the new broken field in the southern field. Sture painted on the new barn.
- 11 Before noon, I wrote a letter to Liljehook in Sweden for scions. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and mailed it. Axel and Frank husked corn on the other side of the tracks. Carl plowed on the corn piece by Peterman's field. Sture painted the barn.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I went to Waconia for a political meeting, namely the Farmers' Alliance. Sture painted the barn. Carl plowed. Axel and Frank husked corn. Elsa came home this evening from the Swedish Baptist General Conference in Minneapolis. Olson and the preacher, Hjelm from Rock Island, went with her. Dr. Brae from Young America came and put in my false teeth.
- 14 Before noon, I stayed in and Dr. Brae finished my false teeth. Sture was at Rietz's and borrowed his ram. In the afternoon, Dr. Brae traveled home. Sture and I put up the eaves troughs on the north side of the new barn. Carl plowed in the western end of the home field, etc. Axel husked corn on the other side of the track.
- 15 Sture made a loft in the pigpen. Axel and Frank husked corn in the newly broken field. Carl plowed on the square piece. It is the second time it was plowed. I did various jobs. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Hjelm from Moline preached.
- 16 Sture worked on various jobs in the pigpen. Axel and Frank husked corn in the newly broken field and finished. Carl plowed and then harrowed the field by the barn. I

did various small jobs. We have had warm and quite beautiful weather. The 13th, "Daisy" calved.

- 17 Sture worked on repairs in the pigpen. Axel and Frank husked corn. Carl plowed corn in the newly broken field. I did various jobs.
- 18 Sture finished repairs in the pigpen. The other boys finished hauling cornstalks and husked corn. We got 30 wagon boxes of corn from 7 acres of land. I did various jobs.
- 19 **Sunday** Olson from Rock Island preached for us today. Luedloff and Schutz in Waconia were here today to see the Russian apple trees. Carl Swanson from Gotaholm was here for a visit. We have beautiful weather, over 80 degrees warm.
- 20 Today, we have rainy, cold weather. Sture and I fixed the inside of the new sheep barn. The others shelled corn, etc. Carl did a little plowing.
- 21 Sture put a loft in the hen house. Carl brought home Rietz's ram, then he plowed in the newly broken field. In the afternoon, he went to the mill with meal and he sent a jar of butter by express to Minneapolis. I planted currant bushes. Axel and Frank did many various jobs.
- 22 Sture took down the divisions in the stable and put up new stalls. Carl plowed before noon in the cornfield. In the afternoon, the boys finished hauling cornstalks, and hauled in the turnips. Axel and Frank took the potatoes into the basement and put a few potatoes out in the garden. I planted currant bushes and gooseberry bushes. It is cold today and tonight it has started to freeze hard.
- 23 Frank and I went to Young America to Dalinder for some Russian apple trees. Sture worked on the stalls. The other boys did various other jobs. Today, we pressed the juice from the Isabella grapes for wine.
- 24 Before noon, I was not well. In the afternoon, I took apple trees and packed them to send them to Moorhead and Lake City. Sture worked in the henhouse. Carl plowed on the other side of the tracks. The others did various jobs.
- 25 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia and bought shoes, etc. I sent Russian apple trees to Holtz in Brainerd and to Gibbs in Lake City. Carl plowed on the other side of the tracks. Axel and Frank grubbed out stumps, etc. In the afternoon, Axel, Frank, and I worked in the garden. Carl plowed the garden. Sture worked in the hen house.
- 26 **Sunday** Today it rained so we could not get over the slippery roads for the meetings. In the afternoon, Colberg and his wife from Minneapolis were here for a visit.
- 27 I pruned back grapevines. Axel and Frank covered them and hilled up the dirt around the apple trees. Carl plowed in the northern garden. Sture put windows in the barn basement and drove Colberg and his family to Andrew Broberg's, then went to Waconia.
- 28 I pruned the grapevines. Carl and Frank covered the grapevines. Axel worked on the road. Sture worked in the hen house.

- 29 I pruned the grapevines. Axel and Frank covered them, etc. Carl plowed on the other side of the tracks. Sture worked in the hen house.
- 30 Sture and I made foundation pillars for the carpenter shop, etc. Carl plowed on the other side of the track. Axel and Frank grubbed stumps on the other side of the track.
- 31 Mamma and I went to Waconia. I was even out to August Krause's. Sture was at Per Daniel's doing carpenter work. The other boys hauled manure.

November

- 1 Before noon, we moved the chickens into the new chicken house. Then we fixed and cleaned out the cattle barn, etc. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. I did various jobs. Sture worked at Per Daniel's. In the night, we had our first snow but it barely covered the ground.
- 2 **Sunday** Today there was a student named Larson from the school in St. Paul who preached for us in Scandia.
- 3 I did various jobs. Sture is at Per Daniel's. The other boys hauled manure.
- 4 Before noon, Sture, Axel, and I voted. In the afternoon, we dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Tom Gerdson shall have them. Carl has plowed the whole day on the place we shall plant corn, next spring.
- 5 Before noon, I butchered a ewe. Axel grubbed stumps. Carl plowed. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Carl and Frank scraped out a ditch in the field on the other side of the track. Axel grubbed stumps. It is beautiful weather but it freezes a little at night.
- 6 Before noon, I was at Gerdson's for apple seedlings to graft. The boys scraped on the ditch out in the southern field. In the afternoon, I did various jobs, while Carl plowed and Axel and Frank grubbed out the oak in the southern field.
- 7 Before noon, Ida, Emma, Axel, Carl, and I went to Waconia. I bought clothes for them. I even sent a package of Russian apple trees to F.K. Phoenix in Delavan, Wisconsin. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank grubbed stumps. Carl plowed where we shall plant corn in the spring and he finished it. I did various jobs.
- 8 I went to Gould's in Excelsior for apple trees. I tried to get some orders on pork but could not get any. The boys grubbed the large tree in the southern field.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 I went to Luedloff for some plum trees and various garden stuff. Sture was with and we bought three pairs of felt boots and rubber shoes in Chaska. Axel and Carl piled wood. Frank began to go to school today.
- 11 The boys put up fence posts by the home field and the line between Niklas and us. Today we went to Rietz's bull with "Molly." I did various jobs. Sture worked at Freed's.
- 12 Axel and Carl scraped the earth in the home field and then covered the strawberries

with hay and did various small jobs. First, I went to Freed's and pruned back his grapevines, then I did various jobs. Sture came from Freed's today. We continue to have very brilliant weather.

- 13 Sture worked on the carpenter shop. Axel did various jobs. Carl harrowed in the southern field where we shall have wheat this spring. Before noon, I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod on the front feet and the mare on the back feet.
- 14 Before noon, Axel, Carl, Peterman, and I staked out the line between Peterman and me. Sture is at the Scandia meetinghouse and sooted the stovepipes. In the afternoon, Axel grubbed in the strip between Peterman and me. Carl harrowed. Sture worked on the carpenter shop. I did various jobs. Ida went and scrubbed the church.
- 15 Before noon, Carl harrowed in the southern field. Frank went to Waconia for the mail but it hadn't come because the train was off the track. Axel grubbed the whole day. Sture worked on the carpenter shop. I did various jobs. Carl plowed in the afternoon on the other side of the track.
- 16 **Sunday** Today, the children were visiting at Ottinger's house.
- 17 Carl plowed on the other side of the track for the second time. Sture worked on the carpenter shop and Axel helped him. I did various jobs. I planted over half a bushel of walnuts.
- 18 Today, we began to lay a new roof on the large house. It is fair weather but is cold in the nights.
- 19 We shingled the house and finished the south side. Today it is windy. It is a cold south wind.
- 20 Before noon, I went to Waconia for siding to use as ridgeboards on the roof. I sent a draft to Underwood in Lake City for \$2 for apple seedlings. I mailed a letter to Phoenix in Wisconsin and a card to Holtz in Moorhead. I even received a letter from my brother, Rydell, in Sweden containing cherry seeds. The boys nailed shingles all day. In the afternoon, I helped them.
- 21 First we butchered a pig, then we finished shingling the house. It is cold but there is no snow.
- 22 Today, it snowed all day, so we have a half-foot of snow. We did various small jobs. We took "Pearly" to Rietz's bull and the heifer "Maggy" to Peterman's bull.
- 23 **Sunday** It is quite cold. Today a student by the name of F.O. Nilsson from St. Paul came to Scandia and preached.
- 24 The boys fanned the wheat that had been wet, set in storm windows, etc. The cold has eased up.
- 25 Before noon, Ida and one of Per Daniel's daughters went by train to Minneapolis. Sture drove them to Waconia. I and the other boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, we finished off the roof, plastered around the chimney, and took down the scaffolding, etc. Today it is perfect weather.

- 26 Axel and Carl hauled home stovewood from the woods. Sture set posts by the basement barn doors and then worked on the carpenter shop. I set glass in the windows, etc.
- 27 Today it is a general Thanksgiving for a good harvest according to a proclamation by the President. We had a prayer meeting in Scandia.
- 28 Axel and Carl hauled manure in the garden. Sture worked on the carpenter shop. I did various small jobs.
- 29 Before noon, I went to Waconia for a box of apple seedlings that came from Lake City. Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. Sture worked on the carpenter shop. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys shingled the workshop. It is fine weather.
- 30 **Sunday** The schoolmaster, Bishop, and his wife were here for a visit this afternoon.

December

- 1 The boys nailed shingles on the carpenter shop and finished. I did nothing. In the evening, Ida came home from Minneapolis.
- 2 Sture and Axel went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered pigs. In the afternoon, Carl and I went to Lundsten for potatoes. Before noon, I lay sick.
- 3 Sture worked on the carpenter shop. Axel and Carl hauled manure, etc. I wrote a letter to Sweden. It is mild and fair weather.
- 4 Sture is putting on ceiling boards in the workshop. Carl is cutting cordwood from the tops of the trees that were left from the logs last year. I finished writing the letter and I shall send it to Sweden. It is mild weather.
- 5 Sture put in the ceiling boards in the carpenter shop. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I went to Waconia and ordered boots and sent a letter to brother Rydell in Sweden. I sent a letter to Charles Downing asking for scions.
- 6 I did various small jobs. Sture hung windows in the carpenter shop. The other boys cut cordwood.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia. Carl went to John Nelson's for the church books. In the afternoon, Sture did various jobs. The others cut cordwood. I have done various jobs today.
- 9 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia before noon and had the horses shod. I did various jobs.
- 10 Sture worked on the carpenter shop and then went to Waconia to have the mares shod. Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel did the chores and I did various small jobs.
- 11 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Sture worked on the carpenter shop. Axel did the chores and chopped wood. I did various jobs.
- 12 Sture worked on the carpentry shop. Axel and Carl cut cordwood and stovewood and hauled home a load of stone that was left on the road. I went to Waconia before

noon. In the afternoon, I put the stovepipe drums in the bedrooms. It is rather cold but there is not enough snow for the sleigh.

13 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Sture laid panels in the carpenter house. Axel and Frank cut cordwood and did the chores. I finished putting the drums in the stovepipes, etc.

14 **Sunday**

15 We butchered the barrow and the large sow. Per Daniel was here to help. In the afternoon, we were at Per Daniel's and put his boar with our sow as the whiter of the two wants to breed.

16 Sture went to Waconia before noon with meal to the mill. In the afternoon, he went to Lundsten to help butcher. I repaired the old buffalo robe. The other boys only did chores. It is quite cold—18 degrees below 0.

17 Sture and Axel traveled down to Minneapolis. They had a load of pork and six sacks of wheat. Carl was at Birrel Nilson's and butchered. I did various small jobs. It is quite cold today.

18 Carl did the chores and went to Waconia for the grist and sent the letter to Professor Budd in Iowa for me. I put the stove in the boys' room, etc. In the evening at 6:30, the boys came home from Minneapolis. It is cold weather with a west wind.

19 It is very cold weather. The boys did chores, etc. I wrote a summary from the church book to answer questions on the history of the Swedish Baptists here in America.

20 The boys did chores along with sawing a little stovewood. Sture went to Waconia for grist. I wrote on the form to the church history and J. Lundsten was here today and we went over the questions and answers together.

21 **Sunday**

22 The boys only did chores. I had a sore back, so I was in bed. It is quite cold.

23 Today, there is snow and it is cold. Mamma went to Waconia and shopped. Carl was with. Sture put an elbow in the stovepipe in the meetinghouse. I have been cupped, today, and am in bed.

24 **Christmas Eve** The boys did chores. I was in bed, the whole day. I am not well.

25 **Christmas Day** The student, Larson, preached. I am in bed. The back is better. The others are all at the meetings.

26 Meetings in Scandia. The folks were at the meetings. I was in bed for the most part.

27 I had the student Larson make a careful legible copy for me of the history blank I had written about our congregation. Sture went to Chaska with a load of wheat.

28 **Sunday** J. Fogelstrom preached today. Fogelstrom and Hammel came to us today.

29 Sture and Axel traveled to Grove City at three o'clock in the morning. Carl drove them to Delano. Fogelstrom went to Niklas's house today for dinner. In the afternoon, they went down to Minneapolis. Tomorrow, Fogelstrom leaves for Nebraska.

30 Frank and I went to Waconia. Today I sent a draft to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa. It has snowed the whole day. Carl and Frank have cleaned out the manure from the

cow barn and the pigpen, and then they did chores.

- 31 Last night and today, we have had a lot of snow and wind. Carl and Frank did the chores and shoveled snow. I did nothing, but wrote a letter to J. Pearson in New Mexico. The children were at Lundsten's to ring out the old year.

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January

- 1 We had a meeting in Scandia and Larson preached.
- 2 Today it is very cold—more than 40 below—so cold that the quicksilver [mercury] froze. I wrote a letter to Drothzen in Aberdeen. The boys did the chores and in the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia to get the mail. I had a letter from Liljehook that he has sent the scions.
- 3 I finished the letter to Drothzen, etc. and also wrote a letter to Pearson in New Mexico. Carl and Frank did the chores. It is not as cold today—only 10 below 0.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Carl and I went to Ottinger's and helped to butcher the bull. Frank did the chores.
- 6 In the forenoon, Carl and I went to Waconia and took orders for a load of wheat and for the meat from the bull. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. I did nothing.
- 7 In the forenoon, Carl and I went to Waconia with the meat from the bull to Eiselien, who will send it to his commission merchant in Minneapolis to sell. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a cord of maple wood that Elias Anderson bought. I went to Birrel Nilson and bought a pregnant sow.
- 8 In the forenoon Carl and I went to Per Daniel's with the oxen and then to Birrel Nilson's to get the pregnant sow I bought from him. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 9 Carl went to Chaska with a load of wood. I did nothing. I sent a letter to Phoenix asking for pear seedlings, and also a letter to Emery in Lake City.
- 10 Carl went to Chaska and sold a cord of maple wood to Stoughton. Stoughton was here today and got a little over a cord of elm wood but I did not charge him anything for that as Carl eats dinner with them when he hauls wood to Chaska. Per Daniel was here today and paid me for the wheat that he borrowed from me last year. Today I received the scions from Captain Liljehook in Falkenberg, Sweden—200 apple, pear, plum, and cherry scions.
- 11 **Sunday** Two students - Larson and Anderson - preached for us today. We also had communion. It is snowing and storming.
- 12 Today we have a piercing cold. In the forenoon I wrote a letter to Liljehook in Falkenberg. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and mailed the letter. I even sent a receipt to New York that I had received the scions. Carl did the chores, etc.

- 13 Today it is very cold. Carl is doing chores, etc. I did nothing. Today we marked the sheep that we want to fatten for butchering.
- 14 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. I made a box that I will pack my apples in to take to a horticultural meeting in St. Paul.
- 15 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. I did various small jobs.
- 16 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and I went to Waconia with W. Maetzold and picked up the mail, and then I did various things.
- 17 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. Mamma and I packed the apples that I will take with me to the horticultural meeting in St. Paul next week.

18 **Sunday**

- 19 I traveled to St. Paul for the horticultural meeting and I was there until Saturday the 24th, when I journeyed back home. Axel came home from Litchfield on Wednesday the 21st and Sture came from Litchfield on Friday the 25th. Carl went to Chaska with cordwood three times this last week.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 Today we butchered the old sow and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and I got the money from Eiselen for the meat from the bull, so I paid him my bill, which was \$10.
- 27 Sture and Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood and they even hauled the cordwood that was piled by Stoughton's house over to the brick yard. Axel did the chores, and I did nothing.
- 28 Sture made a holder for salt so the animals could have salt outside. Carl went to Waconia to get a barrel of salt, etc. Axel did various things and I did various small jobs. Today I mailed a letter to Kjellberg and a card to Budd in Iowa asking him if he had received the draft.
- 29 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska. Sture and Axel began to cut cordwood. I filed the saws and did various other jobs. In the evening, the Rietzes were here for a visit.
- 30 In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and paid Kohler \$6 for the stove pipes. In the afternoon, I was sick again. The boys cut cordwood.
- 31 Sture and Carl went to the Chaska market and sold the cow, "Star." They bought a cutter at the Sheriff's sale and they paid my personal tax. They then went to Carver and paid for the paper and got the books that had been rebound. Axel did the chores. In the afternoon I was at a Farmers' Alliance meeting in our school house.

February

1 **Sunday**

- 2 In the forenoon, Sture and I went to Waconia with a load of cordwood and we also ordered a new harness from Kjerder. In the afternoon, Sture went to the Augusta Station and met my brother-in-law, John Anderson, and his son, John. The other

boys cut cordwood.

- 3 In the forenoon, we did nothing, except Carl, and he went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the afternoon we had a meeting in Scandia and my brother-in-law, John Anderson, preached. Today we went to Rietz's bull with the heifer, "Pearly," for the second time.
- 4 Carl went to Chaska with cordwood and the other boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Sture and his uncle, J. Anderson, went down to Lundsten's. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 5 Carl made two trips to Waconia today with cordwood. The other boys and I did nothing except visit with Uncle John Anderson and his son John. In the afternoon, P.D. Anderson and Mamma drove them to Waconia, where they took the train for home. Today I sent apples and scions to C.G. Patten in Charles City, Iowa, and in return, I will get two Duchess seedlings this spring.
- 6 Carl hauled two loads cordwood to Waconia. The other boys are cutting cordwood. I made labels for the apple trees.
- 7 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. The other boys are cutting cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Sture and Axel cut cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 10 Today it is very cold. Axel and Carl hauled home wood for the stove and cut wood for the stove. Sture made a wash bench and I did various small jobs.
- 11 Carl hauled home wood and also hauled a load to Waconia. Sture and Axel cut cordwood. Today I started making apple grafts.
- 12 Sture and Axel cut cordwood. Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia and also hauled home wood. I made apple grafts.
- 13 In the forenoon, Mamma, Sture, and I went to Waconia with grist for the mill. We took home the new harness that I bought. The other boys cut cordwood and in the afternoon, I did apple grafts. Sture and Axel cut cordwood and Carl hauled it home. Last night the schoolmaster, Bishop, was here.
- 14 The boys cut cordwood and went to the Waconia mill for the grist. They also drove Miss Sunderman back and forth from her home. She is giving Emma music lessons on the organ. I made apple grafts.
- 15 **Sunday** Larson, the student, was here and preached.
- 16 Today it is very cold. Sture is filing the saws. Axel and Carl are cutting stovewood and doing chores. I am making apple grafts.
- 17 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and the other boys cut timbers for the sawmill and fence rails and cordwood from the elm trees in the pasture. I made apple grafts, etc.
- 18 The boys hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia and cut more logs. I made apple

grafts, etc. Charles Erickson's Emma stayed with us last night.

- 19 In the forenoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Olson from Willmar preached. It is very cold. In the afternoon, the boys did various small jobs and I made apple grafts. Halriger was here and fixed the organ.
- 20 In the morning we had a meeting in Scandia. Olson preached. In the afternoon, Sture hauled logs to Waconia and the other boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts.
- 21 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and picked up a box of apple and pear seedlings that had come from the Phoenix Nursery in Delavan, Wisconsin. In the afternoon, I went to a caucus meeting in Witsack's schoolhouse. The boys cut cordwood all day.
- 22 **Sunday** Olson from Willmar preached and then tonight he came home with us.
- 23 Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Pastor Olson rode with Sture to Broberg's house. Axel and Carl sawed down an oak tree in the south field and then cut cordwood in the forest. I made pear grafts, etc.
- 24 The boys cut cordwood and I made apple grafts. Olson from St. Paul and his wife are here. Late in the afternoon we had a business meeting in Scandia to collect money for the support of missionary Olson. In the evening, the Mixes from Waconia visited us.
- 25 The boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts. In the afternoon, Taylor Johnson from Dassel came here. In the evening we had a meeting. Olson preached.
- 26 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture drove Taylor Johnson to Watertown. I made apple grafts, etc. Preacher Olson returned home today.
- 27 The boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts in the forenoon. In the afternoon Mamma and I went to Waconia and I sent a draft to Phoenix in Wisconsin for the apple and pear seedlings they sent me.
- 28 In the morning I butchered a lamb. Axel and Carl sawed down the large oak trees in the new field. Sture went to pick up Miss Sunderman so she could give Emma her music lesson. In the afternoon, the boys fanned wheat and hauled out the large oak logs from the new field. I made apple grafts.

March

- 1 **Sunday** Larson preached.
- 2 In the forenoon, Sture hauled an oak log to Waconia. The other boys did various other jobs and in the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts.
- 3 I made apple grafts all day. The boys cut cordwood but Carl hauled home cordwood from the southern forty. Mamma and Frank went to Waconia in the afternoon.
- 4 Carl hauled home cordwood from the southern forty, etc. Sture and Axel cut cordwood. I made apple grafts all day. Hjortson was here and looked over the seed wheat. Per Daniel was here and shelled corn.
- 5 The boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts and today I finished the grafting.

- 6 The boys cut cordwood and did various small jobs.
- 7 The boys cut cordwood. Carl went to get Miss Sunderman so he and Emma could have music lessons. I did various jobs.
- 8 **Sunday** The children went to Carl Swan in Gotaholm to visit.
- 9 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs. I also selected a variety of apple seeds and put them out to freeze.
- 10 The boys cut cordwood. In the forenoon, I went to the town election and voted, and after, I did various jobs. In the afternoon we took the heifer, "Daisy," to Rietz's bull for the first time.
- 11 The boys cut cordwood. I mended gloves and did various small jobs.
- 12 The boys cut cordwood. I mended gloves and did various small jobs. In the afternoon I butchered a ewe.
- 13 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture went to Poppler's and had corn ground. I mended gloves, etc. Last night, the sow I bought from B. Nilson farrowed.
- 14 In the forenoon, Sture and Carl went to Waconia and hauled 1,000 feet of boards from the depot to Kugler's place. Axel cut cordwood and in the afternoon they did nothing because of the stormy weather. Carl and Emma had their lessons from Miss Sunderman and I repaired gloves.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Today I butchered four pigs and three sheep. Per Daniel helped me.
- 17 I cut up the pork and salted it. In the afternoon, Axel cut cordwood. Last night, two men from Minneapolis stayed here. They had many mules with them that they intend to ship west.
- 18 Today Axel and I traveled to Minneapolis with the pork and mutton.
- 19 A little after sundown we came home from Minneapolis. The roads were very difficult to drive on. Sture and Carl have not done anything as they have not been well.
- 20 Sture is hauling boards from the mill over to Nilson's house. The others did nothing as it is snowing. I wrote all day.
- 21 The boys hauled home the little haystack from the south field and picked up and brought home the music teacher. They also cut cordwood and hauled home a load of boards from the sawmill. I went to a business meeting in Scandia and we decided to call the student, Larson, to preach for us every other Sunday for six months.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Sture and Axel cut down, hewed, and dovetailed footing logs for the stables by the church. Carl hauled two loads of boards from Habeck's mill in Waconia. I did various jobs.
- 24 Sture and Axel cut wood for the stove. Carl hauled a load of strips from Habeck's mill in Waconia as well as a load of pine boards from Kugler's place. I worked on

and made one dozen apple grafts as well as doing other jobs.

- 25 In the forenoon, Sture and Axel cut stovewood. Carl went to Waconia for the last of the pine boards at Kugler's place and also brought home the ground oats. I am not feeling well. In the afternoon, the boys piled the boards and also hauled home the hay from the south field, etc. I did various small jobs.
- 26 Sture and I went to Peter Magnus's auction in Scandia. Axel and Carl hauled home cordwood and piled it by the barn. In the evening, Mr. Powers from Chanhassen came here and stayed overnight; he had been down to Sibley County and bought a pair of horses.
- 27 Axel and Carl hauled cordwood from the woods. Sture nailed the corner strips on the carpentry work shop. In the afternoon, I visited the school as the schoolmaster, Bishop, had examinations for the school children.
- 28 Sture drove the schoolmaster, Bishop, to Excelsior. Axel and Carl cut cordwood from the tops of the oak trees in the south field. I went to Waconia and later made shelves in the workshop.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Today the boys cut wood for the stove, hauled cordwood from the woods, etc. I did various small jobs.
- 31 The boys are cutting wood for the stove. Sture and I are doing various small jobs.

April

- 1 First, Sture went to Waconia, and then he greased the harness. The other boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs.
- 2 Sture filed the saws and greased the harness. The other boys cut cordwood. I did various other small jobs.
- 3 Sture and Carl painted the ceiling in the kitchen. Axel and Frank cut cordwood. I made stakes to mark the apple and pear grafts.
- 4 The boys did various jobs. They made two trips to Gerdson's—once to pick up Miss Sunderman, and once to take her back home. They also went to Waconia, finished painting the kitchen ceiling, and some of them cut cordwood in the forest. I did various small jobs.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Sture and Frank bored holes in the maple trees. Axel and Frank hauled away the old fence between Peterman's and us and hauled cordwood from the newly broken piece of the south field. I did various things. Today the large sow farrowed—she had nine piglets. Today Andrew P. Peterson from Carver was here. I ordered a subscription to his newspaper, *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*. It rained during the night, but it is very dry.
- 7 Today we have windy and cold weather. The boys are cutting cordwood and stovewood as well as doing other various jobs. I did various small jobs.

- 8 The boys did various jobs. The others hauled slabs from the woods and oak stumps from the new part of the south field, etc. I did various things but I am not feeling well. We had a hard freeze last night and it is very dry. We are waiting and hoping for rain, but nothing comes.
- 9 Carl sowed oats straight across the eastern part of the south field—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres were sowed with 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels. In the forenoon, Axel was in the field on the other side of the railroad and burned the brush from the large oaks that were grubbed. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hauled maple sap. In the evening Sture left for Minneapolis to look for work. I did nothing as I am not feeling well. We took the heifer “Froken” to Rietz’s bull.
- 10 Today we started cooking maple syrup; some of us carried sap and some of us did various other jobs. Carl sowed oats in the north yard and on the place where we have the stacks— $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre was sown with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of oats. I have gotten the syrup cooking going and also done various other jobs. We have gathered 90 pails of sap yesterday and 104 pails today. Carl finished sowing the oats—10 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels on 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Today we had rain and snow.
- 11 The boys are chopping stovewood, carrying maple sap, and hauling stumps from the newly broken south field, etc. In the afternoon we had a special meeting of the school board to discuss necessary repairs of the schoolhouse. Today we cooked 10 gallons of maple syrup. This evening the children went to Broberg’s for a party. Sture came home from Minneapolis and Charles Norman was with him. They also went to Broberg’s and they stayed all night.
- 12 **Sunday** The student, Larson, was here and preached today.
- 13 Last night we had a hard freeze. In the forenoon the boys cut cordwood and in the afternoon, Carl harrowed in the oats. The others gathered 150 pails of maple sap. I did various small jobs.
- 14 Axel and Frank gathered maple sap and burned brush. Today we cooked 12 gallons of maple syrup. In the afternoon Sture and Charles Norman went to Waconia. Gerdson was here to get seed wheat. Today the weather feels like spring. Carl started to sow wheat. We sowed a bushel of Saskatchewan wheat on the home field by Niklas’s border as well as a peck of our own seed wheat on the same field. After, we sowed the square field that is 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, with 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of wheat, and we also sowed the large field by the road. I did various small jobs.
- 15 Carl sowed wheat in the south field by the road. The field is 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres and he sowed 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels per acre. After, he started sowing in the field by the barn. Frank and Axel did various other jobs. We cooked syrup today but the maple sap is not running very much anymore. Today we have nice weather. I did various small jobs. Today Gerdson was here and picked up the last of his seed wheat. Holtmeier was even here today to get seed wheat.
- 16 Carl sowed wheat in the barn field—it is 5 acres and he sowed 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushel per acre,

maybe a little more. Axel and Frank cut cordwood and did various jobs. Sture painted the carpentry workshop and I did various jobs, etc. I planted apple seeds out by the workshop.

- 17 Carl sowed wheat in the west part of the south field—it is 5 acres and he sowed 6 ½ bushels. Axel and Frank cut cordwood on the southern forty in the forenoon and in the afternoon Sture and Charles Norman left for Minneapolis. Axel drove them to Waconia. I worked in the garden and did various jobs there.
- 18 In the forenoon, Carl sowed wheat on Peterman's field—it is 2 ¾ acres and he sowed 3 ¼ bushels of wheat. Axel and Frank gathered maple sap and did various jobs. I went to Waconia and cashed the money order I got from Gerdson for the seed wheat. In the afternoon, Carl harrowed the newly plowed field and then went to Broberg's to pick up the school teacher, Miss Wiego, who will board with us. Axel and Frank grubbed sod on the newly broken field and I did various jobs.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Today it has rained the whole day. The boys did various jobs. They hauled maple sap and cooked syrup. I did various jobs and in the afternoon, I was in bed with heart palpitations.
- 21 In the forenoon we had rain. Carl went to Waconia and found out the apple trees from Professor Budd in Iowa had arrived, so he brought them home and in the afternoon, Carl harrowed on the other side of the railroad tracks and Axel grubbed where the fence had been by Peterman's field. Frank and I heeled in the apple trees we got from Iowa and also uncovered the apple trees already planted. Today we have had a lot of wind.
- 22 Carl sowed wheat on the new field on the other side of the railroad tracks—6 acres were sowed at 1 ¼ bushels per acre, for a total of 7 ½ bushels. Axel grubbed on the line by Peterman's field. Frank and I took up the apple trees we heeled in last fall and pruned the raspberry bushes.
- 23 In the forenoon, Carl sowed wheat on the new field on the other side of the railroad tracks, which is almost 2 ½ acres with 3 bushels of wheat. This year we have sown 27 acres with 34 ½ bushels of wheat. Axel, Frank, and I did several jobs. Mamma is cooking soap. This year we have made 30 gallons of maple syrup.
- 24 In the forenoon, Carl harrowed in the wheat in the new fields. Axel and Frank raked the straw off the strawberry plants and grubbed sod by the granary. In the afternoon, Carl began rolling the grain fields. Axel and Frank painted the ceiling in the carpentry workshop. I washed the Russian apple trees with soap suds and did various jobs.
- 25 Carl rolled the grain fields and plowed the cabbage beds, etc. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I packed the apple trees to send to my brother-in-law, Nils Larson, and did various small jobs.
- 26 **Sunday** Today at three o'clock, Elsa left to go to Kjell's place as tomorrow she will

travel to Litchfield to see her sister, Elizabeth. I sent the apple trees for my brother-in-law, Nils Larson, with her.

- 27 Last night we had an inch of snow and today it is raining and snowing all at the same time. Axel and Frank fanned wheat. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, John, in Granite Falls and also a report to the secretary of our horticultural society, S. D. Hillman. Carl came home from Delano at five o'clock. It was not a good trip.
- 28 We had an inch of snow again last night and we had a very hard freeze. In the forenoon, the boys cut cordwood and in the afternoon they uncovered the grape vines and dug up quackgrass roots. I did various jobs. On the 25th, we took the black heifer to Rietz's bull.
- 29 The boys dug up quackgrass roots and washed apple trees with soap suds. Carl rolled the oats and in the afternoon I tied up the grapevines.
- 30 Carl rolled the grain fields all day. Axel and Frank grubbed quack roots and I tied up the grapevines, etc.

May

- 1 Carl finished rolling the wheat and plowed some in the garden. Axel and Frank grubbed quackgrass roots, etc. and I planted red onions and did various things in the garden. In the afternoon, H. Gerdson was here to pick up apple trees, and in the evening, K. F. Kjellberg from Minneapolis was here. The student Larson was also here.
- 2 In the forenoon I went with Frank Kjellberg to Waconia and helped him get his note renewed at the bank. After that I had the two horses shod. The boys dug quackgrass roots and afterwards Carl harrowed in the garden. I did various jobs in the garden. Frank Kjellberg returned to Minneapolis in the afternoon.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Axel and Frank dug quackgrass roots. Carl harrowed and plowed in the garden. Today we planted some potatoes. I did various jobs. In the afternoon Charles Norman and Widmark (a photographer) came here to take pictures of my buildings, so we were hindered in our work for the rest of the day.
- 5 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia and in the afternoon he plowed the field by the cabin. Axel and Frank dug quackgrass all day. I did various jobs. The weather is stormy and cold.
- 6 Axel and Frank dug quackgrass and also dug some holes to plant apple trees. I went to Andrew Schraan's and ordered some timothy and then planted some apple trees. Carl went to Kjell's place to meet Mamma in Delano. It is cold weather and sleeting.
- 7 Last night we had a very hard freeze. We have a half an inch of ice on the water. It is very cold and it is snowing every once in a while. Today we did nothing. Shortly after dinner, Mamma and Carl arrived from Delano.

- 8 Cold and stormy weather with occasional snow. In the forenoon, the photographer Widmark took photos of the house from the southeast and then a picture of the whole family. Around noontime, Widmark went to Victoria and then returned to Minneapolis. In the afternoon, Per Daniel and I went to Swanberg's and Broberg's to inspect their buildings for fire risks. Because the weather is so bad, the boys did not work. Yesterday, Frank Lundsten took a couple of my steers to Renville County and put them to pasture there for the summer. Axel went along as far as Waconia.
- 9 In the forenoon, Carl and Charles Norman hauled home two loads of hay from A. Schraan that I bought from him. In the afternoon, Carl plowed for corn on the hill in the south field. Axel and Frank dug quackgrass roots. I planted apple trees, etc. J. Broberg was here to get raspberry bushes and six Wealthy apple trees from me.
- 10 **Sunday** Larson was here and preached today.
- 11 Carl plowed for corn and I set out apple trees all day. Axel and Frank dug holes for the trees, burned in the swamps, etc. We even planted raspberry bushes. Charles Norman left us today.
- 12 Carl harrowed and rolled where we will plant corn on the south hillside of the south field. Axel and Frank dug the holes and I planted the apple trees. It is beautiful weather now but very dry. We need rain.
- 13 Carl plowed and rolled the home field for corn. I planted apple trees—they are the Russian trees that I got from Professor Budd in Iowa. Axel is digging holes for the trees and doing various other jobs. The womenfolk are shearing the sheep and Frank is helping them. It is very nice weather, but very dry.
- 14 Carl and Frank marked the south hillside in the south field for corn and planted corn in the afternoon. Axel dug holes for and I set out apple trees. In the evening, the mare foaled—it is a male colt, sired by the full-blooded Norman horse.
- 15 Carl and Frank marked the home field for corn and Frank and Axel planted it in the afternoon. Carl plowed for sorghum and corn south of the orchard. I planted apple trees.
- 16 Carl and Frank planted sorghum in the home field by the orchard and corn down by the old wagon shed and they also planted sugar peas. I set out plum trees and grapes down by the orchard. Axel dug holes for the trees and did other jobs. The colt is sick and I am afraid he will probably die.
- 17 **Sunday** The colt died last night. Today the Germans borrowed our church for a baptismal service. In the evening we buried Andrew Broberg's son. It rained most of the day. This evening "Nancy" calved.
- 18 In the forenoon, John Nelson and Lundsten were here and we wrote a letter to the conference that will be in Houston. I also wrote a report of the fire risk inspection and sent it to the secretary, J. Ahlen. The boys plowed, harrowed, rolled, and hoed in the south orchard. In the afternoon, the boys plowed and rolled the north garden, plowed by the grapes, etc. I planted apple trees and grapes, etc.

- 19 Today we planted potatoes in the north garden, cleaned [sooted] the chimneys, plowed for the squash, hoed in the garden, and in the afternoon planted the pear grafts. Mrs. Lundsten, together with Mrs. Edgren from St. Paul, was here for a visit.
- 20 Today we have rain showers. In the forenoon, Ida, Carl, Frank, and I went to Waconia and shopped for shoes and overalls. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and Frank went to Gerdson's with apple trees that I had grafted. I planted grafts and Axel hoed in the garden.
- 21 Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Frank fanned wheat and planted squash and also did various other jobs. I planted grafts all day.
- 22 The boys did various jobs, plowed and planted potatoes and melons, hauled manure, etc. I planted grafts. Widmark was here with the photographs of my buildings. Ahlen from West Union was here today and insured my new barn and carpenter workshop, etc.
- 23 The boys plowed, rolled, and then planted sugar beets, carrots, beets, beans, etc. I planted apple grafts.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia and had the mare shod and also had grist to the mill. I planted grafts. Axel and Frank dug the holes for the grafts and hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Axel hoed and dug holes for the grafts—I finished planting the grafts. In the evening, Axel and Carl went to Birrel Nilson with a couple of calves that he will pasture for me.
- 26 The boys are fixing the fence around the pasture on the southern forty and doing various other jobs. I top-grafted the scions I received from Sweden.
- 27 The boys did several various jobs. Carl went to the mill to get the ground grist. I top-grafted the plum trees. Today we took the cattle to the pasture on the southern forty.
- 28 Today Elsa and I went to Minneapolis with a load of wheat and wool, but the wheat we could not sell there, so we sold it in Excelsior on our way home.
- 29 We returned from Minneapolis. We stayed with Frank Kjellberg's folks overnight. The boys have done various jobs and have started to grub in the woods.
- 30 I top-grafted apple trees. Axel and Frank grubbed in the woods and did various other jobs. Carl went to Chaska and paid the taxes. Miss Wiego and Emma went with to Chaska. The assessor, Lambrecht, was here today.
- 31 **Sunday** Our young people went with the student Larson to Watertown for a meeting at the Covenant Church.

June

- 1 Axel and I began to build on the stables at the church in Scandia and built a fence on the east side of the church. Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and sorghum.
- 2 Carl and I worked on the horse shed at the church. Axel and Frank hoed in the garden and did various other jobs.

- 3 Axel, Carl, and I worked on the horse shed at the church. In the evening, Hans Ring's son, Albert, and Hanna Okerson from Grove City, came here to see us.
- 4 In the morning, Axel and I went to Waconia. I paid Kugler for 1,000 feet of boards and 10 studdings. Carl cleaned off and raked the yard by the church. In the afternoon the boys cultivated and hoed the corn and sorghum, etc. I did various jobs.
- 5 & 6 We had a district meeting here in Scandia. The visiting ministers were Olson from Lake Elizabeth, Hall from Willmar, and Larson, our student pastor, plus Professor Edgren. Professor Edgren and his family are staying with Lundsten for a few weeks.
- 7 **Sunday** The meeting continues through today. An American Baptist minister from Granite Falls by the name of Julian was also here.
- 8 Today we broke the strip of sod between Peterman's and my land, and we will put up a wire fence there later. In the afternoon, we cultivated the corn and plowed a small piece on the other side of the tracks. I did various small jobs.
- 9 Axel and Frank cultivated the corn and hoed the sorghum. Carl plowed for the millet, etc. In the afternoon, Aunt Elizabeth from Portland, Oregon; John Johnson and his wife; and Aunt Bengta from Litchfield; came for a visit.
- 10 The boys hoed the sorghum and squash, etc. I sowed millet, etc. Charles Norman and John Johnson went fishing.
- 11 The folks from Litchfield and Aunt Elizabeth, together with Elsa and me, went to Chaska and Carver for a pleasure trip and to let our visitors see our county. Axel, Carl, and the horses worked on the road. Frank and Charles Norman hoed corn.
- 12 In the morning it rained. At twelve o'clock, the folks from Litchfield, along with Aunt Elizabeth, left for home. Carl worked on the road and in the afternoon the other boys hoed corn. Yesterday, summer school ended, so the teacher, Miss Weego, left for home today.
- 13 The boys are plowing and cultivating the garden and the others hoed. We planted the white cabbage and tomatoes today. I did various jobs. Simpson from Excelsior was here and bought two calves, three sheep, and chickens from us.
- 14 **Sunday** Professor Edgren preached.
- 15 Charles Norman and I went to Simpson in Excelsior with the calves and sheep he bought from us. The boys hoed the corn.
- 16 The boys hoed the sugar beets. I hoed the apple grafts. Charles Norman and Mamma went to Waconia. Last night we had a heavy rain.
- 17 The boys hoed the sugar beets and potatoes, etc. I hoed the apple grafts, etc. In the evening we had a prayer meeting in Scandia.
- 18 Today we cut hay on the little meadow by the road, cultivated the corn, and hoed in the garden, etc.
- 19 Today the life insurance agent from Galesburg, Illinois, was here and my wife, Elsa, took out a policy for \$2,000. The boys cultivated and hoed a variety of places. At noon

we had a hard rain. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, John, and a report to the horticultural society in Minneapolis.

20 Carl took the mare to the purebred stallion in Chaska, but she would not take him. Ida and Charles Norman were along to Chaska. Axel and Frank hoed the garden and cultivated the corn. I pruned apple trees and grapevines.

21 **Sunday**

22 The boys cut hay and mowed in the yard and by the pigpen and along the creek, cultivated the potatoes, and hauled in the hay from the small meadow and along the road. I tied up the grapevines. Today "Nancy" went to Rietz's bull.

23 Charles Norman and I went to Leenthrop in Chippewa County. We took the train at Augusta and got off in Granite Falls.

24 25, 26, 27 We are in Leenthrop.

28 **Sunday**

29 We traveled home from Leenthrop. The boys did various jobs while we were gone. The 27th, Carl took the mare to the purebred stallion in Chaska and she took him. Today we took "Betty" to Rietz's bull.

30 The boys hayed in the meadow, etc. I pruned and tied up grapevines.

July

1 In the forenoon Carl and I went to Waconia and bought a hay rake, etc. The other boys mowed in the southwest meadow and in the afternoon they cocked hay in the south meadow. Charles Norman picked up Christine Anderson, my niece, at the Augusta Station.

2 We hauled hay from the south meadow. Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. In the evening, I had a spell with my heart.

3 Today Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. We have cocked hay and hauled hay. Axel went to Birrel Nilson's the other day and helped with a barn raising.

4 Today is a holiday. We celebrated it in Scandia. Professor Edgren spoke. The Mixes from Waconia were even there.

5 **Sunday** Today we had a baptismal service. Our Emma, Gottfried Swenson, Theodore, and Anna Broberg were baptized.

6 The boys mowed and hayed and then hoed. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia with Sture, who left for Minneapolis.

7 The boys mowed, cut, bunched, and cocked hay and plowed the corn. I did nothing as Professor Edgren and his family were here.

8 The boys cultivated the corn, mowed and hauled hay, etc. Yesterday afternoon and last night we had some rain. I sowed turnip seeds on the other side of the railroad tracks.

9 I mowed, bunched, and hauled hay, cultivated the corn, and did various small jobs.

- 10 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank cut and mowed hay. I went to Lake Park Hotel and sold raspberries. In the afternoon, we hauled in hay. Carl helped with the shingling of Birrel Nilson's barn roof.
- 11 In the forenoon, I went to Waconia and Axel took the mare to the stallion in Chaska, but she would not take him. Charles and Frank plowed the corn and then we hauled in hay.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 The boys mowed and cut timothy in the field in the southern meadow. I hauled hay and did various jobs. I pruned and trimmed grapevines, etc.
- 14 I cut and mowed the meadow by the road, hauled hay from the south meadow, and hoed in the corn. I finished with the grapes.
- 15 I cut and mowed out by the island and then bunched and hauled in hay. Mrs. Stoughton and Hillman were here.
- 16 Frank and I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. The boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, we hauled hay from the island. We had a big storm.
- 17 I cultivated the corn, hauled fence stakes, repaired fence, hauled hay, etc. The Brunius family was here for a visit.
- 18 Ida, Charles Norman, and I went to Chaska and Carver. I took the breaking plow to the factory in Carver to have it repaired. We stopped and visited with the Bruniuses. Then I took the mare to the stallion, but she would not take him. Mamma says I don't need to take the mare there anymore as she is sure she is pregnant.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Today, Mamma, Frank, and Charley Norman went to Minneapolis. In the forenoon, we cultivated and weeded the garden and then we repaired the fences. Mrs. Strandberg left us today.
- 21 We cocked hay in the small meadow in the south field, fixed fences, hoed in the garden, etc. and in the evening Mamma, Frank and Charley came home from Minneapolis and Sture came home with them.
- 22 The boys stacked the hay on the small meadow and grubbed out willow bushes in the meadow. I went to Carver and got the breaking plow. Emma went along and she had a visit with the Bruniuses and then I bought a half-fare ticket for my niece, Christine, John Anderson's girl. Mr. and Mrs. Stoughton and Ida Weego were here for a visit. In the evening, Christine Anderson left us to visit at Per Daniel's home. Tomorrow she leaves for Granite Falls.
- 23 The boys broke ground in the small meadow in the south field. It is very sultry, hot, storm-brewing weather. I put new teeth in the sickle of the Wood's Reaper.
- 24 In the forenoon I went to the Waconia mill with grist. Mrs. F.O. Nilsson from Houston and her sister-in-law Mrs. C. Nilsson from Spring Garden rode with me home. They are here to visit and greet old friends and renew their memories of dear old Scandia. It is now 25 years since F.O. Nilsson moved away from here. The boys hoed the garden

and Sture has prepared the boards (tongue and groove).

- 25 The boys finished breaking sod in the meadow in the south field. They hoed in the garden and Sture is working with preparing the boards. I did various jobs. I took "Maggy" to Peterman's bull.
- 26 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis, and Olson, are here for a visit, and Peterson preached today.
- 27 The boys reaped the oats but we did not tie the bundles. We picked the shoots from the sorghum. Mr. and Mrs. Brunius visited us today.
- 28 The very hot, sultry, storm-brewing weather continues. We have heavy, soaking rains but no change in the weather. Today we did various small jobs. Mrs. F.O. Nilsson and Mrs. S.C. Nilsson and Frank Peterson are here. I wrote a letter to A.J. Drothzen.
- 29 Today Mrs. F.O. Nilsson and Mrs. Christian Nilsson went to Broberg's place. Mamma drove them over there. Tonight they are leaving for Minneapolis. Today we reaped the Saskatchewan wheat on the home field, west of the creek, and then reaped on the other wheat. The storm-brewing, hot, sultry weather continues.
- 30 We reaped a little more wheat, but it is so terribly hot and there is so much electricity in the air, it is impossible to work. Sture tied wheat bundles for Lundsten. After dinner we had heavy rain.
- 31 We finished reaping the wheat in the field by the barn and later in the field alongside the road in the south field. We still have hot, muggy weather. Sture is working for Lundsten.

August

- 1 First we turned the oats; it has been lying cut and untied in the rain. Then we reaped on the west part of the south field. Charles Norman has helped us for four days to tie bundles between the rain showers. Sture has tied bundles for Lundsten.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys, Sture, and the girls tied the oat bundles today. It has now rained so much ever since it was cut that we have not had a chance to tie it until today. I am not well, so I was cupped today.
- 4 The boys and the girls have reaped the wheat on the side by Peterman's field and later reaped wheat on the other side of the tracks. I have done nothing.
- 5 Peterman has our horse, "Frank," today and Sture is driving Peterman's reaper. We finished reaping the wheat and I was well enough so I could drive the reaper. Peterman's hired man helped us to tie the wheat bundles.
- 6 This morning at four o'clock, Sture and Charles Norman left for Litchfield to work during the harvest. Carl took them to Delano. Axel and Frank fixed up the stack bottoms and moved the fence. After Carl came back they hauled away the straw. I am not well.

- 7 We stacked the oats and later we stacked three loads of the wheat. Andrew Peterson from Minneapolis is here. He is John A. Peterson's brother.
- 8 Last night we had very much rain. This forenoon I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod with round shoes. The boys did various jobs and in the afternoon we did various small jobs.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 We stacked wheat the whole day.
- 11 Rain showers all day. Carl plowed in the garden and on the west side of the south field. This is only a "pre-plowing" as it will need to be plowed again. Axel and Frank hoed and I did various jobs.
- 12 In the morning, Carl plowed and the others and I hoed in the garden. Mamma went to Waconia to get the mail and to mail the letter I had written to Norberg in Granite Falls. After dinner we stacked wheat.
- 13 We stacked wheat all day. In the afternoon, I got so sick I could not help. Yesterday we took "Maggie" to Peterman's bull for the second time. Late tonight "Molly" calved.
- 14 We stacked the wheat on the north end of Peterman's field. This was new wheat on the other side of the railroad tracks. I could not do anything except instruct them how to do it.
- 15 We finished stacking the wheat. It is beautiful weather.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Carl plowed and mowed the Hungarian grass [millet]. The other boys and I hoed and did various other jobs. I sent a letter to Schreiner in Hector.
- 18 Carl plowed then mowed. The other boys hoed and cut hay. I hoed and then did various things. John Sundine bought "Molly" today.
- 19 In the forenoon Carl plowed and the other boys did various things. In the afternoon Carl plowed some and then mowed on the west meadow. Axel and Frank threshed for Peter Magnus. I did various jobs. Gideon's son from Excelsior bought three sheep from us today.
- 20 Axel and Frank threshed for Peter Magnus in Scandia. Carl went to Zieman's and threshed at ten o'clock and threshed until dark. John Sundine was here and took the cow that he bought. I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and sold two bushels of apples and had the shoes fixed on the horses.
- 21 In the forenoon Carl plowed on the barn field, Axel threshed at Zieman's, and in the afternoon we bunched and hauled home the Hungarian grass [millet], totaling three large loads. Afterwards, we cocked the clover along the creek.
- 22 Axel and Frank threshed for Birrel Nilson in the forenoon. Carl plowed, and in the afternoon we bunched and hauled in hay and clover.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Carl plowed—Axel, Frank, and I set fence posts on the line between my property and Peterman's. In the afternoon, Axel was sick. Bost and his son came from Excelsior and

were here and looked over the Russian apple trees.

- 25 Axel, Frank, and I nailed the strips to the fence posts on the wire fence we are building between my property and Peterman's. Carl mowed the second crop of hay and plowed on the other side of the tracks, however, it is so dry that one can hardly plow. The nights are very cool.
- 26 This morning Axel, Frank, and I built the fence and Carl plowed. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure and I hauled weeds away from the gardens.
- 27 The boys hauled manure and I pruned raspberry bushes. In the later part of the afternoon, it rained.
- 28 The boys hauled manure and I pruned the raspberry bushes. Ida and Emma are at John Nelson's for a party.
- 29 Elsa and I went to Carver and sold butter, pork, and lard, and we bought groceries. I bought a Krause plow at the factory. Axel and Frank fished and then did various jobs.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 In the forenoon, Carl plowed. The other boys hoed, etc. I did various jobs. In the afternoon we bunched hay and hauled it home.

September

- 1 The boys hauled manure and I did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and I also went to Lindfelt's for communion wine.
- 2 Carl plowed. Axel and Frank did various jobs and sawed wood for the threshing machine, etc. In the forenoon I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I visited Mr. and Mrs. Mix who were here.
- 3 Axel and Frank are at Lundsten's threshing. Carl is plowing. I did various jobs and also picked out seed corn.
- 4 Andrew Broberg threshed for us. We finished the stacks near the house. The grain totaled 416 bushels of wheat, of which 27 bushels were Saskatchewan wheat, and 343 bushels of oats.
- 5 We threshed the other stacks in the field. It was 266 bushels. Altogether it was 682 bushels of wheat, but we got almost 12 bushels of screenings. We finished threshing at 11:30. The whole harvest was 1,025 bushels: 682 bushels of wheat from 27 acres (i.e. 25 ½ bushels per acre); and 343 bushels of oats from 5 ½ acres sown with 10 ¼ bushels, 62 bushels an acre.
- 6 **Sunday** Larson preached and we also had communion.
- 7 Ida, Axel, and Emma cut corn while Carl and Frank threshed for Niklas Swenson. I wrote letters to John Anderson in Granite Falls, to Sture in Litchfield, and to Drothzen in Aberdeen, etc.
- 8 It rained all day, so we did no work.
- 9 In the forenoon Carl plowed but Axel was not well. In the afternoon Carl and Frank

- threshed for Freed, and Axel, Ida, and Emma cut corn. I was cupped today as I had a hard backache. I sent the three letters to Granite Falls, Litchfield, and Aberdeen.
- 10 Carl and Frank finished threshing for Freed and then threshed for Bradhouse, and in the evening they threshed for Per Daniel. Ida and Emma cut corn. I made latches for two of the cellar windows.
- 11 Carl and Frank threshed for Per Daniel, but several rain showers made the threshing difficult. Axel did various small jobs and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia.
- 12 Carl plowed the newly broken land on the other side of the tracks. Axel and Frank finished cutting corn in the afternoon and then did various other jobs. I pruned back the raspberry bushes and did various other small jobs. Today Oskar Lundsten and I came to an agreement that he would sell my steers for me in Hector. Last night we had a lot of rain.
- 13 **Sunday** Joseph Peterson from Lincoln in Blue Earth County, together with his wife, stopped here on their way home from the State Fair in Minneapolis.
- 14 Carl finished plowing the newly broken field on the other side of the tracks. Axel and the girls stripped the sorghum. I went to Waconia and had the screws on the cane mill repaired. After dinner, Frank threshed for Broberg. Axel and Carl cut the sorghum canes and hauled them home. I repaired the cane mill.
- 15 Carl plowed. Axel threshed for John Nelson and Frank for Broberg. The girls stripped the sorghum canes and I worked on the cane mill and then wrapped apples. It is beautiful weather.
- 16 In the forenoon Carl plowed while Mamma, Emma, and Frank cut sorghum. I have done various fixing around the syrup camp.
- 17 Today we began to make molasses. Mamma, Frank, and Carl worked with the molasses and Axel piled the rails that were taken from the fence by the tracks last summer. I did various things. It is perfect weather.
- 18 Mamma, Carl, and Frank cooked molasses. Axel dug potatoes and I built a new well curb, etc. The weather is clear and warm.
- 19 It is raining. The boys did various things in between the showers. Axel went to Waconia. I finished the well curb and Carl did some plowing.
- 20 **Sunday** Larson preached his farewell sermon today.
- 21 In the forenoon, Mamma, Carl, and Frank finished cooking the molasses. Carl hauled lumber for Andrew Broberg from the depot to his new house. Axel and Frank dug potatoes and I packed apples. In the afternoon, the school board and I inspected Frank Lundsten's work on the new schoolhouse. Mrs. Strandberg is here visiting.
- 22 Carl plowed on the east side of the south field. Axel is at Peterman's threshing. Frank and I did various jobs. Mamma is at Andrew Broberg's quilting.
- 23 Carl plowed. Axel is threshing for Peterman. Frank is digging potatoes and I did various small jobs.

- 24 In the forenoon, Axel threshed for Peterman, Carl plowed, and Frank is digging potatoes. I did repairs in the chicken house and then I went to Waconia and had the horse shod. In the afternoon, Carl plowed and Axel and Frank dug potatoes.
- 25 Carl plowed and Axel and Frank are digging potatoes. Mamma and I are getting the grapes and apples ready to exhibit at the Farmers' Market Fair in Chaska tomorrow.
- 26 Today Mamma, Axel, Carl, Frank, Emma, and I went to the fair in Chaska. It is very fine weather.

27 **Sunday**

- 28 Axel and I are building a fence on the home field between my property and Niklas's. Carl is plowing for the second time on the west side of the south field. Frank and the womenfolk are digging potatoes.
- 29 Axel and I finished the fence that we started yesterday. Carl is plowing, Frank and Emma are taking up potatoes, and Mamma is heeling in the grapevines.
- 30 Carl finished the second plowing of the west side of the south field and then he harrowed the barn field. Axel and Frank are digging potatoes and I am doing various small jobs. Emma and I wrote letters to Patten in Iowa, Pearce in Minneapolis, and Luedloff in Carver.

October

- 1 Carl plowed in the barn field and Axel, Frank, and Emma dug potatoes. I went to the Waconia mill with grist and then I sent a box of apples and scions to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. I sent two of each of the following varieties of apples: Hiberna, Lieby, Astrokoff Glas, and Charlamoff, and four scions of each of the three first varieties. I also mailed letters to Luedloff and to Pearce in Minneapolis.
- 2 Carl is plowing on the barn field. Axel dug the last of the potatoes and then he husked corn. Frank is threshing for Rietz and I fixed the fence by the pigpen. It is beautiful weather, but a little cooler than before. Mrs. Strandberg is here.
- 3 Carl plowed, Axel husked corn, Frank threshed for Rietz until 3:30, and I fixed the fence by the pigpen and worked on the pig barn.
- 4 **Sunday** J. Erickson from Minneapolis preached for us today. It is very cold. The ice is thick as window glass and a week ago we had 85- and 90-degree weather.
- 5 I helped the boys bring in the sugar beets and squash. Emma helped me to write letters to Philips in West Salem, Wisconsin, and Knutson in Springfield, Minnesota. Ahlstrom from Minneapolis is here on a visit. Last night it snowed enough to cover the ground.
- 6 Today Mamma, Frank, and I went to Chaska and Carver. The boys are husking corn and Ahlstrom went home today. Today it is thawing.
- 7 Axel, Frank, and the girls are husking corn. Carl plowed and then they hauled home cornstalks, etc. In the forenoon I butchered a ram. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod.

- 8 In the morning, Axel, Frank, and the girls husked corn and Carl plowed. In the afternoon Carl and Frank hauled home the turnips while the others husked corn. I did various small jobs. John Erickson and his wife from Minneapolis came here for a visit today.
- 9 Axel husked corn in the forenoon. Frank and Carl put up the stove at church and afterwards Carl went to Waconia for a load of lime and he also took home a load of sand. In the afternoon he plowed. Mamma and I pressed the grapes for wine.
- 10 Carl plowed on the corn field near the apple trees and the others finished husking corn in the home field. I did various small jobs.
- 11 **Sunday** John Erickson from Minneapolis preached today.
- 12 Last night and today it is very cold and raining.
- 13 Today it is beautiful weather. Axel and Carl are husking corn and Frank and I dug up apple trees and planted walnut trees.
- 14 In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia to pick up my brother-in-law John Anderson and his wife—they came from Red Wing. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys husked corn and Carl harrowed the newly broken field.
- 15 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. In the afternoon I did various things. The boys husked corn and hauled home corn husks. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia and brother-in-law John Anderson preached.
- 16 The boys husked corn on the other side of the tracks. I did various small jobs. The Ericksons, Andersons and Elsa are visiting at Lundsten's house.
- 17 My brother-in-law John and my sister, Maja Stina, returned home to Granite Falls and I went along with them. Carl drove us to Cologne.
- 18 **Sunday** I went to the meeting in Leenthrop.
- 19 My brother-in-law John and I went to Norberg's place and inspected the farm. I am intending to buy it.
- 20 My brother-in-law John and I went to Montevideo to find out if there was any mortgage against the property, and if the taxes were all paid. Everything was in order and up-to-date. While I was gone, the boys husked corn and hauled it home, carried the potatoes and carrots into the cellar, and harrowed on the other side of the railroad tracks by Peterman's field and the barn field.
- 21 I traveled home from Leenthrop, arriving at Augusta at seven o'clock in the evening. I walked home from there, arriving home at nine o'clock.
- 22 The boys hauled corn husks and plowed the corn fields. Axel grubbed. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law John.
- 23 I butchered a ram and in the afternoon I worked in the garden. Carl plowed, Axel grubbed, and Frank did various things.
- 24 In the forenoon I went to Waconia and gave Mix \$50 to give to Kjellberg. In the afternoon I planted a half-bushel of walnuts that Luedloff sent to me. Carl plowed the corn field, Axel grubbed, and Frank hilled up around the apple trees. Axel and Frank

used one of the horses and cultivated around the apple trees.

25 Sunday

- 26 In the forenoon I pruned back the grapes, Carl plowed, Axel grubbed, and Frank hilled around the apple trees.
- 27 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl did various small jobs. Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl drove over to Kjell's place to meet Sture and Charles Norman in Delano. I pruned back grapevines all day and Frank hilled around the apple trees.
- 28 Carl, Sture and Charles Norman came from Delano in the afternoon. Charles and Sture had come from Litchfield. I pruned back grapevines. Frank did various small jobs. We still have very nice weather.
- 29 I pruned back grapevines. Axel and Frank heeled in the grapevines. Carl plowed in the garden and Sture is fixing things in the barns. Charles Norman went to Eggleston.
- 30 Sture worked in the barns and the other boys cut fence rails in the woods. I did various things and went to Waconia after dinner. I received a letter from Parker in Iowa that he had sent the deed to the land I am buying from him. I also received an apple tree from Patten in Charles City, Iowa. Bergren came and stayed overnight.
- 31 Sture did various repair jobs. Axel and Frank worked in the woods and plowed the small swamp in the south field on the other side of the tracks. I did various jobs and I even went to the schoolhouse to look at the work that F. Lundsten has done.

November

1 Sunday

- 2 First, we butchered a pig, and in the afternoon Sture and Frank scraped out the ditch in the south field. I went to Waconia. Charley Klatt was here and built a chimney in the carpentry workshop and finished by two o'clock in the afternoon. Axel made the mortar and tended for the mason, fetching and handing things.
- 3 Sture and Axel did various jobs. Frank worked on the road with the horses. I heeled in the apple trees and did various other jobs. At seven o'clock in the evening, Carl came home with the steers from Hector. It is unusually great weather.
- 4 The boys hauled home straw and covered the roof of the wagon shed and then grubbed in the woods, etc. In the forenoon, Frank worked on the road and I heeled in apple trees, etc. In the afternoon I pruned the grapevines for Per Daniel.
- 5 Axel and Carl grubbed north of the barn. Sture and I fixed the door in the barn. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail, sawed wood for the stove, etc.
- 6 Sture and I put up partitions and made a manger in the stable at the church. We also had a business meeting. In the forenoon the other boys grubbed and in the afternoon it rained.
- 7 It rained in the forenoon. Sture built a stairway in the carpenter's workshop. The other boys grubbed in the afternoon and I did various other small jobs.

8 **Sunday**

- 9 Freed and I went to Chaska and deleted the \$700 mortgage I had on his land so I got my money back. Mamma went with to Chaska and we shopped in Faber's store. The boys grubbed out in the woods.
- 10 In the forenoon I went to the bank in Waconia and paid for the land that I bought in Chippewa County. I paid \$1,500 for 240 acres. The banker, Mix, in Waconia, sent the money to a Mr. Barker in Howard County, Iowa, and I got the deed on the land. In the afternoon I did various other jobs. The boys grubbed in the woods and also did various other jobs.
- 11 Sture and I took out the partitions and the mangers on the west side of the cow barn in order to rearrange the interior. The other boys grubbed. In the afternoon Carl worked on the road—this is extra road work. We have a beautiful Indian summer.
- 12 Sture and I worked on the interior of the barn. The boys grubbed in the woods and in the afternoon Carl, with the horses, did extra road work. In the afternoon I was at Freed's and pruned his grapevines.
- 13 Sture and I worked on the inside of the cow barn. Axel and Carl grubbed. Ida scrubbed the church. Frank carried water for the scrubbing and also went to Waconia. It is now very cold—the ground is frozen three inches deep. In the evening, Freed was here and we did an accounting and he gave me a note for \$50.
- 14 Sture and I worked on the inside of the cow barn. Axel and Carl grubbed and in the afternoon Carl and Frank hauled straw to cover the strawberry patch. In the evening, F. Sorlie came here and paid me for the seed wheat he bought last spring. We have cold, clear weather.

15 **Sunday**

- 16 In the forenoon I went to Waconia. Sture hewed timbers for the barn. In the afternoon I started laying boards overhead in the cow barn. Sture did various other jobs. Axel and Carl grubbed and Frank started school today. It is sunny and warm.
- 17 Sture went to Minneapolis to work for Kjellberg. Axel drove him to Waconia. Carl did various jobs and in the afternoon Axel grubbed. I worked with laying in the overhead boards in the cow barn and Carl helped me.
- 18 I finished the floor in the cow barn and later did various other jobs. The boys grubbed. Charles Norman came here from Minneapolis. It is still mild and sunny weather.
- 19 In the morning, Carl, Charles Norman, and I went to Clearwater Lake and gathered and piled stones on the shoreline. Axel grubbed. In the afternoon, I cut scions and did various other jobs. The boys and Charles Norman grubbed.
- 20 In the forenoon I went to Waconia to get my brother-in-law John Anderson who came from a preachers' convention in Minneapolis. The boys grubbed and I sent 35 scions to Patten in Iowa today. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia and in the evening the children went to a double wedding at Andrew Broberg's place.

21 In the morning, my brother-in-law John returned home to Granite Falls. Carl drove him to Augusta Station. I sent the deeds for the land I bought with John to record in Montevideo. Axel and Charles Norman grubbed and in the afternoon, Carl helped. Frank sawed wood for the stove and also did various other jobs. I did various other jobs in the garden. It is still nice weather.

22 **Sunday**

23 Axel, Carl, and Charles Norman grubbed all day. Frank is going to school. I went to Waconia in the forenoon and in the afternoon I did various other jobs.

24 Axel, Carl, and Charles Norman grubbed. I was cupped today as I have developed a sharp pain in my back and could not get out of bed.

25 The boys and Charles Norman grubbed. I did nothing as my back is still aching. Today we went to Peterman's bull with the heifer "Fanny." This is the first service that I owe since I paid my bill to Peterman.

26 **Thanksgiving Day** Almost everyone went to the meeting in Scandia. I had to stay home because of my backache. Emma, Peter Nilson, Kate Broberg, and Anna Broberg were here for a visit this afternoon. It is beautiful weather.

27 Axel and Carl grubbed most of the day. Today we had a little snow. I did no work as I am not feeling well. Charles Norman did nothing.

28 Axel, Carl, and Charles Norman grubbed the whole day. I did various small jobs in the garden. Today the snow has melted and we have very nice weather. Josephine is sick in bed and Anna is not feeling well.

29 **Sunday**

30 Carl and I worked on the stalls by the church. Axel is not well and neither is Charles Norman. We are having nice warm weather.

December

1 Axel and I worked on the stalls by the church. Carl and Charles Norman grubbed in the afternoon. It is beautiful weather.

2 Axel, Carl, and Charles Norman grubbed the whole day. In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. Mamma stopped and visited with Mrs. A. Broberg while I went to the mill with the grist. In the afternoon, I stopped by the church and worked on the stalls. We are having mild, wonderful weather.

3 I went to Krause's and inspected his apple trees, then I went to the mill in Waconia to pick up the grist, and then I went home. Axel, Carl, and Charles Norman grubbed. In the afternoon they began to strip the twigs off the trees and pile the brush. In the forenoon Axel was at Per Daniel's and butchered some pigs. It is beautiful weather, but a little colder than before.

4 Today we are having a snowstorm and it is cold. I put a stove in the carpentry workshop and did other small jobs. Carl and Charles Norman took the train to Minneapolis in the afternoon and Axel did the chores.

- 5 In the forenoon, Axel, Frank, and I went to Waconia to buy shoes and boots. On our way home we stopped at the church and painted the door casings by the stalls, etc. In the afternoon the boys cut wood for the stove and did the chores.
- 6 **Sunday** It is very cold.
- 7 Very cold. Axel and I put on the storm windows and took other precautions against the cold. Frank is in school.
- 8 Today we are having a blizzard. Axel is doing the chores and taking care of the wood supply. Around noontime, Carl and Charley Norman came home from Minneapolis. I started to write a letter to Sweden.
- 9 Axel, Carl, and Charley Norman cut off the twigs and branches from the grubbed trees and put them in a pile in the woods where they have grubbed. I finished the letter to Sweden. Carl went to Waconia to pick up the grist and stopped to visit at Poppler's.
- 10 In the forenoon we did various small jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and mailed my letter to Rydell in Sweden. I sent two pictures of the buildings on my farm and a picture of Charles Norman, to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden. I also mailed a report to the secretary of our horticultural society, Hillman, in Minneapolis. Axel, Carl, and Charley Norman are working in the clearing the whole day.
- 11 Axel, Carl, and Charley Norman worked in the clearing. I repaired the large kettle and did other small jobs. The cold is moderating.
- 12 In the morning I went to Waconia and had the horses, "Frank" and "Rock," shod. In the afternoon I did various other jobs. In the forenoon, Axel, Carl, and C. Norman worked in the clearing and in the afternoon Carl went to Poppler's with a load of corn to be ground. Today we have grand weather.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Today we have butchered three old sows and four pigs. Per Daniel and Charley Norman helped us.
- 15 In the forenoon Elsa and I went to a funeral for old man Peterman. Carl and C. Norman helped Per Daniel butcher. In the afternoon, I cut up the pork. The boys are working in the clearing. It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 16 Axel and I went to Carver and sold six pigs and on the way home, we stopped at Poppler's and got the ground corn. Carl and C. Norman worked in the clearing and chopped the pork for sausage meat.
- 17 In the forenoon Mamma and I went to Waconia. I paid Foster for the hay rake and had the mare shod. Axel and Carl hauled manure to the raspberry bushes and a few of the apple trees. C. Norman is working in the clearing and in the afternoon did various jobs. It is grand weather.
- 18 Axel, Carl, and C. Norman cleaned out the sheep barn and hauled manure. I made a door over the steps in the carpentry workshop.
- 19 Axel, Carl, and C. Norman are hauling manure and I did various small jobs.

- 20 **Sunday** Lindberg from Clear Lake preached for us today.
- 21 First, we hauled the large oak stump from the south field. Afterwards, Carl and C. Norman hauled manure. Axel worked in the clearing. I did various jobs. Today we went to Peterman's bull with the heifer "Pearly." We have mild weather and the snow is almost gone.
- 22 Axel and Carl grubbed the whole day. Charley Norman grubbed in the forenoon and in the afternoon he went to Minneapolis. I took him to Waconia. We have mild weather and rain, so the roads are muddy.
- 23 Axel and Carl are working in the clearing and I did various small jobs. It has now frozen, so the roads are very rough.
- 24 We did various small jobs. Carl went to Waconia and met Sture and Charles Norman. They came from Minneapolis.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting in Scandia. It is beautiful weather with no snow. The roads are very rough and difficult.
- 26 I did various small jobs. The boys did the chores.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl hauled rails from the track. Frank and I burned the brush pile on the island. In the afternoon it rained, so we did nothing.
- 29 Carl and Frank hauled rails from the tracks. Sture and C. Norman hewed out a water trough from an oak log. I did various jobs. It is mild weather and foggy, so the traveling is very muddy.
- 30 Carl and Frank hauled rails and poles. Sture and C. Norman worked on the water trough on the southern forty. I went to Waconia and mailed a letter with a draft for \$2 to Chicago for a year's subscription for *Hemlandet* [*Homeland*]. It is mild and very muddy.
- 31 Carl and Frank hauled home stovewood from the forest. Axel and I repaired the fence on the southern forty, etc. It has now gotten cold so the roads are very rough and uneven.

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January

- 1 Today we had our annual meeting at the church in Scandia. I was there. Last night, Jonas Broberg died. Per Daniel and his family visited us.
- 2 Carl and Frank hauled cordwood from the woods. I did various small jobs. Sture and C. Norman were out and broke the colt and went to Waconia for the mail.
- 3 **Sunday** Today we are having a strong blizzard. In the afternoon, we went to Per Daniel's for a visit.
- 4 Even today, it is a blizzard. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home cordwood from the southern forty. I did various small jobs.
- 5 Today we went to the funeral of J. Broberg. We did no work. Today, the weather is nice.

- 6 Before noon, Sture and Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. I repaired the gate by the barn. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Sture and I filed the saws. Axel and C. Norman sawed cordwood. The weather is clear.
- 7 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Sture and I did various jobs in the carpentry shop. Axel did the chores, etc. It snowed the whole day. In the evening, some of us were to the prayer meeting in Scandia. There is a snowstorm and very cold.
- 8 Today is a snowstorm and quite cold. The boys are doing their chores and sawing cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 9 We went to the funeral of John Nelson's son, Alfred. There is a cold northwest wind and very cold. We did nothing else.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood in the clearing. Sture and I did various small jobs.
- 12 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman sawed cordwood. Sture went to Frank Lundsten's and butchered. I went and repaired mittens for the boys.
- 13 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Mamma and Sture went to John Nelson's. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I did various jobs. John Sundine was here for "Daisy," which he purchased the day before yesterday. It is nice weather.
- 14 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. I did various jobs. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. Sture is building a horse stall in the barn. It is nice weather.
- 15 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. Sture filed the saws and we both did various other jobs. It is cold and beautiful weather.
- 16 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. Sture and Emma went to the Bruniuses in Carver for a visit. Sture paid my personal taxes in Chaska. I did various jobs. Hilma Brunius came with Emma for a visit. Today it snowed the whole day.
- 17 **Sunday** Oswald and Lora Brunius from Carver were here for a visit. They traveled home in the afternoon.
- 18 19, 20, 21 & 22 Mamma and I went to Minneapolis to be there for the horticulture meeting and we were there until Saturday, the 23rd, then we traveled home. The 21st, it snowed and in the night it was intensely cold and stormy. Sture came with us to Minneapolis. Carl hauled cordwood to Waconia, where it was too cold. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood and then it was too cold.
- 23 We came home from Minneapolis. It is very cold. We did nothing but the chores.
- 24 **Sunday** It is quite cold.
- 25 Carl hauled two loads of oak wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I did various jobs. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 26 Carl hauled two loads of maple wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut

- cordwood. I did various jobs. Today, it snowed the whole day but it was not too cold.
- 27 Today we butchered eight pigs. Per Daniel and C. Norman helped us. Today it is beautiful and fine weather.
 - 28 Carl hauled two loads of maple wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I cut up the pork from three pigs. It is beautiful weather.
 - 29 Charley Norman and I went down to Chaska and sold five pigs to the butcher, Gale. We traveled by Hjortson and Holtmeier on the road home. The boys cut cordwood. Mamma and Axel even went to Waconia. It is beautiful weather.
 - 30 Carl hauled two loads of maple wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman went to Waconia to shovel snow on the road before noon. I made brine and salted pork. Rietz and Freed were here. Freed wants to have a driveway from his house across my land. I gave him a strip, a rod wide, in the northern line between my property and Ziemann's. Emma went to Waconia to take music lessons from Luella Mix.
 - 31 **Sunday**

February

- 1 Carl hauled a load of basswood to Chaska. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I wrote a letter to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden and did various other jobs. Cold weather.
- 2 Carl hauled a load of basswood to Chaska. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I went to Waconia in the afternoon. I sent the letter to Sweden. Mrs. Lundsten and Mrs. Schraan were here for a visit. It is cold.
- 3 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Axel did various jobs in between tending the cattle. In the evening, we had a meeting. Lindberg from Clear Lake preached. It is cold weather.
- 4 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I went to Waconia for the Farmers' Alliance meeting. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. It is steady cold weather.
- 5 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Carl went to Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon, Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I did various jobs. It is not so cold.
- 6 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we did various jobs. Emma went to Waconia and took music lessons. John Sundine was here and bought a calf from me. Today, it is melting and water is dripping from the roofs.
- 7 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. We even had communion.
- 8 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel and C. Norman went to Per Daniel's and helped him with his sick colt. It is so warm, the fruit trees may suffer from it. The roads are bare in spots. In the evening, we went to

- a meeting. Tomorrow, Lindberg is going home.
- 9 C. Norman went to Per Daniel's and butchered. Carl is sick. Axel did the chores. I began to make grafts for the apple trees today. It is mild weather but it is blowing hard. In the evening, Ahlstrom came from Minneapolis.
 - 10 Axel, Carl, and C. Norman cut cordwood. I grafted the apple trees. Today we got a little snow. It is colder. Today, we went to Peterman's bull with the cow "Fanny" for the second time.
 - 11 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I grafted apple trees. Ahlstrom traveled home today. Today it is beautiful weather. The heifer, "Bjorn," has calved today.
 - 12 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I grafted apple trees. It is beautiful weather but almost too mild.
 - 13 Carl hauled two loads of maple wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I grafted apple trees. In the afternoon, Ida and Emma went to Waconia. It was beautiful weather.
 - 14 **Sunday**
 - 15 Before noon, Carl hauled home wood. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl cut cordwood. C. Norman went to Waconia. I grafted apple trees. Today, it is cold. We can't haul wood because the road is bare in places.
 - 16 Today, it is cold and windy weather. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood for half the day. Carl was sick with a toothache. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia to the preacher Sundstrom. I grafted apple trees. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. Sundstrom preached.
 - 17 Before noon and evening, we had meetings. Sundstrom preached. Carl and C. Norman cut cordwood the whole day. In the afternoon, Axel even cut cordwood. In the afternoon, I grafted. Today, we had beautiful weather.
 - 18 Carl hauled a load of maple wood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl went to Poppler's with a load of corn to grind. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I grafted the apple trees. In the evening, we had a meeting. Sundstrom preached.
 - 19 Carl hauled a load of maple wood to Waconia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I finished grafting apple trees today. Lundstrom is here today and in the evening we had a meeting.
 - 20 Before noon, the three boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, we had a snowstorm. Carl went to Poppler's for corn to be ground. Emma went to Waconia and took music lessons from Luella Mix.
 - 21 **Sunday** Sundstrom preached. John Friberg and two of his children from Clarkfield, Yellow Medicine County, are here for a visit.
 - 22 Carl went to Chaska with a load of basswood. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Friberg went from here to Lundsten's. I did nothing today.
 - 23 Carl hauled two loads of maple wood to Waconia. Axel is sick, so he did nothing.

- C. Norman cut cordwood. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Mamma and Ida went to Andrew Broberg's for a visit. Today it is mild weather. The roads are bare again.
- 24 All three boys cut cordwood before noon. In the afternoon, Axel and C. Norman cut wood. Carl hauled home cordwood from the woods. I began to make a molasses kettle.
- 25 Carl and C. Norman cut cordwood for nearly the whole day. Axel is not well. I did various jobs out in the carpenter shop. Last night and today, there was a strong storm and it is cold. I am afraid the apple trees will be damaged from the change yesterday.
- 26 All three boys cut cordwood. I went to the Waconia mill with grain and did various things. It is cold weather. The roads are icy and slippery, although there were bare spots.
- 27 Carl and C. Norman went to the market in Chaska today with steers and sold them there. Axel is not feeling well. I went to Waconia in the afternoon for the grist and took home a pipe damper for the molasses kitchen that had been fixed at Kohler's shop. This evening, we had a blizzard.
- 28 **Sunday** Today the blizzard continues.

March

- 1 Carl went to Waconia with a load of maple wood. It is snowing so the boys did nothing. I worked on the molasses kettle, etc.
- 2 Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of maple wood. Today I was paid for the cordwood we hauled there this winter. Today it is grand weather.
- 3 Carl went to Faber's in Chaska with a load of basswood and today he received pay for the cordwood we hauled there this winter. Axel and C. Norman hauled cordwood. Mamma and I went to John Nelson's for a visit. It is even nice weather.
- 4 Before noon, Carl went to John Nelson's for a load of hay. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl and Axel hauled home the haystack on the other side of the track. C. Norman cut cordwood. I worked on the molasses kettle.
- 5 Before noon, Carl went to John Nelson's for a load of hay. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank hauled a load of stone from Simmer's. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood the whole day. I worked on the molasses kettle. It is mild and beautiful today.
- 6 Carl and Frank hauled stones from Simmer's and unloaded them in Scandia. Axel and C. Norman cut cordwood. I worked on the molasses kettle. It is grand weather.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Before noon, all three boys cut cordwood. I went to Waconia and had the mare shod on one foot. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl hauled out fence posts from the clearing. I worked on the molasses kettle. C. Norman went to Waconia.
- 9 Carl and C. Norman hauled out the cordwood from the clearing. Axel cut cordwood.

I went to the election in Witsack's schoolhouse. Then in the afternoon, I worked on the molasses kettle and finished. It is grand weather. Today we took "Froken" to Peterman's bull.

10 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Carl and C. Norman hauled wood from the clearing. I did various jobs. It is a cold southern wind.

11 Carl and C. Norman hauled wood from the clearing. Axel cut cordwood, before noon. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia for the mail. I did various small jobs. Grand weather.

12 Carl and C. Norman hauled cordwood from the clearing. Axel cut cordwood. I did various small jobs.

13 Before noon, Carl and C. Norman hauled cordwood from the clearing. Axel cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Axel, Carl, and I hauled stone from Charley Simmer's. C. Norman went to the tailor in Waconia who sewed his clothes. It is grand weather.

14 **Sunday**

15 Carl and C. Norman hauled cordwood and logs from the clearing. Axel cut cordwood. I made shelves for the upstairs carpenter workshop. It is beautiful weather.

16 Carl and C. Norman hauled cordwood from the clearing and rails from the old fence out by the tracks. Axel and Frank are sawing cordwood. I did various jobs. The pastor, Larson from Lake Elizabeth, came here this afternoon. Today it is mild weather and it rained in the evening.

17 Before noon, we went to a meeting. Larson from Lake Elizabeth preached. In the afternoon, Axel and C. Norman went down to Minneapolis. Carl went to the Waconia mill with oats to grind. I did nothing. I am not well. Elsa is not well. It is mild weather. The roads are bare and they are muddy.

18 Carl hauled home stovewood and cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. It is mild weather. Yesterday, the first of the sows farrowed.

19 Carl cut stovewood, did the chores, and went to Waconia for the oat grist. I did various small jobs. It is warm weather but cloudy. It looks like rain.

20 Today, we had a big snowstorm the whole day. Carl did various jobs and the chores. I did various jobs in the carpenter workshop. There were two Dalecarlian men for dinner who were looking for work. Axel came home this evening from Minneapolis.

21 **Sunday** Holmquist from Clear Lake is here. He preached.

22 Before noon, Axel and Carl hauled fence posts and rails from the clearing. Charley Norman came from Minneapolis. In the afternoon, the boys and C. Norman hauled stumps from the clearing. I topped the trees around the house, etc.

23 C. Norman and I sawed off the tops of the trees on the western side of the house. The other three boys hauled the grubbed-out stumps from the clearing, north of the barn. It is beautiful weather.

- 24 C. Norman and I topped the trees around the house. Carl and Axel hauled out the tops in the woods. Today it is quite beautiful weather.
- 25 Before noon, C. Norman and I topped the trees. Axel and Carl hauled the stumps from the clearing. In the afternoon, Carl and C. Norman hauled tree tops and stumps. Axel cut cordwood. I did various jobs.
- 26 C. Norman and I topped the trees along the road and in the western meadow. Axel and Carl hauled various odds and ends of the brush from the clearing.
- 27 The boys and C. Norman split rails and cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl and I stripped the tree tops down by the road and piled the brush. Frank did various jobs. It is a cold northern wind.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 I went to school most of the day. The school children were taking exams. Axel and Carl worked on the clearing, etc. Last night, we had enough snow to cover the ground. The weather is cold.
- 30 The boys worked on the clearing and then cleaned out the sheep barn. I took off the roof of the old house and did various jobs. It thaws in the day but freezes at night.
- 31 Today, we took down the old house and hauled it out north of the carpenter workshop. There, I shall set it up. This morning "Nancy" calved. During the day it melts and at night it freezes hard.

April

- 1 The boys did many various jobs and cut stovewood. I made a gate between the calf pen and the sheep barn, etc. We have a sharp, dry, cold northwesterly wind.
- 2 The boys did various hauling and cut stovewood and cordwood. I did various jobs. It is dry and cold weather.
- 3 The boys cut stovewood and fanned the wheat that Peter Magnus is going to use for seed wheat. I went to Waconia and had my boots half-soled and had "Rock" shod.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 I wrote a letter to Sweden and Litchfield, then I filed saws and did various jobs. The boys cut stovewood the whole day. John Pearson from Gotaholm was here last night. Today it is not so cold weather.
- 6 Carl sowed oats on the western part of the southern field. The other boys and I tapped the maples. We tapped 200 trees. It is grand weather, but dry.
- 7 Today we have begun to cook the syrup. We got 100 pails of sap today. Axel, Emma, and I tapped 107 more maples. Carl sowed more oats and harrowed in all the oats. We have 13 bushels of oats from $6\frac{3}{4}$ acres. It is grand but dry weather.
- 8 Today we cooked the syrup from 75 pails of sap, fanned seed wheat, and cut stovewood. Carl harrowed corn stacks in the southern field and then sowed $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of Saskatchewan wheat (about $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres). Today, "Betty" calved. It is

grand weather with some signs of rain.

- 9 Today, we cooked 10 gallons syrup but the sap is not running today. Axel burned off the clearing, etc. Frank is not well. I did various jobs. Carl sowed 3 ½ bushels of Saskatchewan wheat, on 3 acres, and then 3 ¼ bushels on 2 ¾ acres. We are having grand weather.
- 10 Carl sowed Saskatchewan wheat in the barn field (6 ½ bushels per 5 ⅛ acres). Axel burned stubs in the clearing, etc. I went to Waconia and sent Lucerne clover seed by express to John Johnson in Litchfield and did various jobs. Frank is not well. Today it is chilly weather and cloudy but there is no rain.
- 11 **Sunday** Dahlstrom from Minneapolis preached today.
- 12 Before noon, Carl harrowed the wheat in the barn field. In the afternoon, he sowed wheat on the other side of the track. Axel and I burned the old stumps in the clearing. Today we made two gallons of syrup. Today, we accepted three cream cans from a Minneapolis creamery and have agreed to sell our cream to the same company.
- 13 Carl sowed wheat on the other side of the track. There is 9 ½ bushels of Saskatchewan wheat and 1 bushel of ordinary wheat. He sowed 10 ½ bushels on 8 ¾ acres. Axel and Charley Norman burned the old stumps in the clearing, etc. I did various jobs. They cooked two gallons of syrup today. Dahlstrom from Minneapolis came here today. In the afternoon, it rained.
- 14 Carl harrowed on the other side of the track and sowed wheat in the home field on the western side of the creek. Axel and C. Norman split rails for the fence on the eastern side by the clearing. I did various jobs. Frank is sick. We cupped him yesterday. Today, Dahlstrom went home. Today, we have thunder, rain, and a strong wind.
- 15 Axel and C. Norman split fence rails, etc. I built a water box for the milk. Carl sowed wheat in the home field (5 bushels on 4 acres). In all there are 31 bushels of wheat measured with the bushel measure to 26 ¾ acres and 13 bushels of oats on 6 ¾ acres.
- 16 First Carl harrowed the last of the wheat in the home field. Then, he hauled away the old stumps and laid them in the clearing. Axel and C. Norman grubbed in the clearing but it has rained sometimes, so that work is delayed. I finished the milk boxes. It is beautiful weather and thunder warm.
- 17 Axel, Carl, and C. Norman worked in the clearing the whole day. Before noon, I went to Waconia with the water boxes to have them zinc-lined. Emma went along and had her music lesson. In the afternoon, we planted red onions and apple seeds out by the granary. Then I dug up apple trees. It is warm and beautiful weather.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Carl rolled the oats and part of the wheat. Axel dug holes for the apple trees and hauled away the straw from the strawberries. Frank did various jobs. He is better.

- I grafted the plum trees. It is unusually beautiful weather for this time of the year.
- 20 First Niklas Swenson was here and castrated the lambs and the pigs. Carl rolled and plowed in the northern orchard. Axel and Frank partly filled the old cabin cellar and worked some in the garden. I top-grafted plums and apple trees and did other various jobs.
 - 21 Before noon, Elsa and I went to Waconia. I took home the water boxes. We bought shoes, etc. In the afternoon, I grafted in the apple trees. Axel and Carl burned in the clearing, etc. Frank worked in the garden. Holtmeier was here while we were in Waconia. Today, it is quite warm with thunder-brewing heat.
 - 22 I grafted and pruned apple trees, etc. Carl rolled the field by the barn but the wheat is already four inches high. Axel grubbed the old stumps in the clearing and did other various jobs. Mamma, Ida, and Frank sheared the sheep. In the afternoon, it rained and in the evening, it hailed.
 - 23 The boys carried potatoes up from the cellar and planted the potatoes in the northern garden, etc. In the afternoon, it rained and became quite chilly. I pruned apple trees, etc.
 - 24 The boys worked in the clearing and filled up the old cellar, etc. I pruned apple trees and did various other jobs. Today we have cool, cloudy weather.
 - 25 **Sunday Easter** Easter has not come this late for over 100 years.
 - 26 Last night, we got much rain and today it is still misting and cloudy. The boys cut stovewood and did other various jobs.
 - 27 Cloudy weather and rain. It is also cold. The boys cut stovewood. I put in the milk boxes by the well. In the afternoon, Carl went to the Waconia mill with wheat and corn. He got grist. In the afternoon, Holtmeier and Hjortson came for apple trees and grapevines.
 - 28 Before noon, the boys and I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing.
 - 29 Last night, there was much rain and today it is raining. Carl and Frank greased the harnesses. I did various jobs. Axel is lying sick. We took "Lady" to Peterman's bull.
 - 30 Today it is beautiful weather and muggy. Before noon, Carl and Frank did various jobs. I did various jobs in the afternoon. Carl and Frank laid fences and I tied up the grapevines. Today we cupped Axel. The cream company's Chaska agent collected the cream today. We took "May" to Peterman's bull.

May

- 1 Before noon, Carl and Frank hauled manure. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia. Frank hoed the strawberry patch. I tied up the grapevines. The cream agent was here today and one from the company named Freeman. It is very beautiful weather.
- 2 **Sunday** The Germans had a baptism in our church today.

- 3 Carl, Frank, and C. Norman raked and burned brush in the clearing. I tied up grapevines to finish and planted apple trees. Axel and Mamma went to Waconia. They brought home blackberry plants that Luedloff had sent. It is a beautiful day.
- 4 Axel, Carl, and Frank raked and burned in the clearing and grubbed the old stumps. I planted apple trees. It is quite beautiful weather.
- 5 Before noon, Carl and Frank plowed in the garden, etc. Axel dug holes for the apple trees. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank planted blackberry bushes and shoveled the dirt away from the grapevines. Carl rolled the wheat on the other side of the track. I planted apple trees the whole day.
- 6 I planted apple trees and grapevines, etc. Carl rolled the wheat and finished it and then began to plow the corn. Axel and Frank did various jobs. It is cool for the weather.
- 7 I planted various things in the garden. Carl plowed and rolled the corn. Axel and Frank burned the brush from the tree tops in the road. Then they worked in the clearing. It is beautiful weather.
- 8 Before noon, it rained. I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Carl greased the harnesses and the others did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys hauled stumps and rails from the clearing. I did various jobs. We emptied wine into bottles.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 Carl plowed the corn in the middle of the southern field and finished it. He then plowed a piece of it where we will sow Lucerne clover. Axel and Frank worked in the clearing and hoed the raspberry bushes and fixed the fence. I did various jobs. The tinsmith, C.M. Grasshouse, from Waconia put in the faucets in the milk box.
- 11 Carl plowed and rolled. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I set out apple grafts the whole day.
- 12 I planted apple grafts. The boys marked out for the corn and planted it. They also dug holes for the grafts. Carl sowed timothy seed on the field on the other side of the track. It is beautiful weather. All the apple trees are in bloom and most of them have many blooms. The cream agent from Minneapolis creamery has quit. Jerry Edman was here today and we promised him to let Bierlien [Bierlein] have our cream.
- 13 Before noon, Axel and Frank planted corn. Carl harrowed a field for Lucerne clover. C. Norman was here for lunch and sowed the clover. Carl even went to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. I planted grafts all day. In the evening, the children were invited to a party at the Lundsten's.
- 14 Today, the boys began to break the field that we have cleared that is north of the barn field. I finished planting grafts. It is chilly weather, otherwise it is beautiful weather.
- 15 The boys broke on the clearing. I hoed around last year's apple grafts. It is beautiful weather but chilly and it is too bad we will have frost tonight.
- 16 **Sunday**

- 17 Before noon, John Nelson, Lundsten, and Birrel Nilson were here and wrote a letter to the conference. In the afternoon, I hoed by the apple grafts. Frank went to Ottinger's for Lucerne clover seeds. The boys have broke in the clearing and finished. Last night, we had frost and ice on the water but I don't think the fruit blossoms were damaged much. The graft shoots were burnt a little. Yesterday, there was an excursion train of nine coaches that came to Waconia.
- 18 The boys planted potatoes in the newly broken field. I hoed the whole day in the garden and in the afternoon, Frank helped me. It is grand weather but we need rain.
- 19 The boys planted corn and sweet corn in the newly broken field along with various small jobs. I grafted apple trees, etc.
- 20 I grafted apple trees before noon. Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod and took home timothy seed. Axel and Emma harrowed the corn, then Axel and Frank harrowed while Carl plowed and rolled a field for timothy, by A. Schraan's fence.
- 21 Before noon, Axel and Carl sowed timothy seed in the southern field by the southern line. Frank and I sowed Lucerne clover seed down by the garden. In the afternoon, we did various small jobs. I wrote letters to my brother-in-law, John.
- 22 Elsa and I, together with Ida and Carl, went to Chaska and shopped in the store. We sold smoked pork and even went to Carver for a horse plow we have had repaired at the factory. Frank went to Waconia and bought a draft for \$40 and sent it to John Anderson in Granite Falls for the tax on the land out there. Axel cleaned the ditch in the southern forty.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 The boys plowed in the garden and planted sugar beets and carrots and hoed. I hoed by the walnut tree and did other various jobs. It is warm and dry weather. Today we went to Peterman's bull with "Nancy."
- 25 The boys plowed, harrowed, and rolled the garden, planted carrots and sugar beets, etc. I grafted apple trees, etc. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and had "Frank" shod on the front feet and one shoe changed on "Rock."
- 26 Carl harrowed and plowed in the meadow in the southern field on the other side of the track. Axel and I sooted the chimneys and sawed out boards for gates. Frank hoed and even Axel helped in the garden. It is grand weather but very dry.
- 27 Today we have done various jobs. The plowing is done in the southern meadow (ditto in the garden); I also harrowed corn, burned logs in the woods, and worked on the gates. Sundine bought a dozen hens.
- 28 Before noon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. Axel hauled and watered the corn and last year's apple grafts because it is so dry. In the afternoon, the boys set posts for the fence between the road and the western meadow. I made gates. In the evening, Sture came home from Minneapolis.
- 29 The boys hauled a part of the old fence by the road where the wire fence is to be.

Carl went to Waconia before noon. I worked on the gates, etc. It is warm and dry weather.

30 **Sunday**

- 31 I worked on the gates. The boys split fence posts and hewed them out on the southern forty, fixed the cabbage beds, and planted them. The assessor was here. This year the land was valued.

June

- 1 Sture, Carl, Mamma, and Josephine went to Chaska. Sture bought tickets to Granite Falls. Josephine had some teeth pulled as she had such bad toothaches. Axel and Frank cleaned the weeds from the apple tree beds and cleaned out the ditch for watering the cattle in the southern meadow. I did various jobs. Last night, we had a quarter-inch of rain.
- 2 Today in the morning, Sture, Ida, Charley Norman, and Freed went to Granite Falls. Axel drove them to the Augusta station. Carl and Frank set fence posts between the southern field and the road. I made gates, etc. We took "Betty" to Rietz's bull.
- 3 Carl went to Chaska for Anton Arndt to locate a spot for a well in the southern forty field. In the afternoon, he drove him home. Anton Arndt, Axel, Frank, and I did various jobs. Today it is **Ascension Day**. Last night the mare foaled, but the young foal is troublesome because it can't stand up.
- 4 The boys hauled part of the old fence between the road and the southern field and dug for water for the cattle out in the pasture, etc. I did various small jobs. It is very dry. We need rain for both the grass and the pasture.
- 5 The boys took away the old fence and burned the trash down by the road, hauled manure, and plowed down the piece where we shall plant strawberries next year. I worked on the gates, etc. The colt is sick so we are spending a lot of time with it.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Carl and Frank cultivated the corn, etc. Axel did various jobs. I went to Waconia and had hinges made for the gates. In the afternoon, I hung up the gate down by the southern field. Last night the colt died.
- 8 Axel, Carl, and the horses worked on the road. I wrote a letter to Lindberg in Anoka, repaired Oskar's shoe, etc. Today, we got a little rain that freshened the tops of the plants, but the ground is very dry and the grass is drying up.
- 9 Axel and Frank worked on the road. Carl went to Waconia and had the mare shod. In the afternoon, Carl went to Augusta station and met Sture and Ida. They came home from Granite Falls. I did various small jobs.
- 10 & 11 Mamma and I went down to Minneapolis and sold the wool and shopped for various things. Sture came with us to Minneapolis (he works for Kjellberg). We were with Kjellberg in the night. The boys laid fence in the northern woods these days, etc. It is very warm and dry with a strong wind.

- 12 I went to Waconia for a letter from Sweden with a draft in it. The boys did various jobs. Today, it is warmer and up to 90 degrees with a strong storm. Today we went to Birrel Nilson's with the mare for the first time. She took him. John Anderson from Granite Falls arrived this evening from the conference in St. Paul. He had missed the train on our track so he must walk to the track in Augusta. Today, in the draft from Sweden was the third sending of our inheritance from brother Samuel, which was \$122.87.
- 13 **Pentecost Sunday** Brother-in-law John Anderson preached today.
- 14 John Anderson went to Minneapolis today. I drove him to Waconia. The boys set the fence posts next to the road. I did various jobs. Saturday night, we had a big rain, which the plants and grass really needed. Now it is muggy and warm.
- 15 The boys hoed, etc., then they went fishing. I did various jobs. Today, brother-in-law John from Minneapolis came with two other preachers, Halvardsson and a Johnson from Iowa. In the afternoon, brother-in-law John and I divided the third sending in the year from brother, Samuel, that had come as an inheritance from Sweden. We took "Nancy" to Rietz's bull. We had been to Peterman's bull before.
- 16 In the morning, we had a meeting in Scandia. Brother-in-law John Anderson preached. In the afternoon, I wrote a letter to Lindberg in Anoka and then trained the grapevines. It rained, so the boys did nothing.
- 17 I wrote a letter to Rydell in Sweden and to Gustaf Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois. The boys hoed corn. John Anderson from Leentrop went home today and P. Freed went with him.
- 18 Before noon, I went to Waconia. I sent a letter to Sweden and a letter to G.W. Norman in Kirkwood, Illinois, with a draft for \$35 which is their share of the inheritance from my brother, Samuel, and a letter to Carl F. Lindberg in Anoka with a draft for \$10 for the paper, *Bibliotaket* [*The Library*] that came from Sweden. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Per Daniel's and greeted George Mattson from Stromsburg, who had come up. The boys cut hay and mowed around the house, the orchard, and by the road.
- 19 First, I trained grapevines. Then, George Mattson came here. The boys hoed corn, etc.
- 20 **Sunday** A young student named Holmgren preached.
- 21 Today, Elsa and I took George Mattson out to John Nelson's for a visit and there was a big rain and hailstorm while we were there. The boys did various jobs, etc.
- 22 Before noon, Carl and I put braces by the fence posts along the road. Axel and Frank hoed the potatoes. In the afternoon, Carl and I nailed wire on the fence while the others cultivated corn. G. Mattson went to Lundsten in the afternoon.
- 23 Before noon, Carl and I nailed fences. Axel and Frank cultivated and hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, we hauled hay from the meadow by the road and the creek

in the home field, etc.

- 24 Carl and I nailed wire fences. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. Frank even went to Waconia to bring strawberries to Kohler and took the mail home.
- 25 I mowed and cut hay in the southern meadow, hoed in the orchard, split fence posts and took the mare to the stallion at B. Nilson's for the second time and she took him, again.
- 26 Axel, Carl, and Mamma went to Chaska and took the cow, "Maggie," with her calf. Frank went to Rietz's in the afternoon and hauled hay. I trimmed the grapevines and hoed in the orchard, etc. George Mattson stayed with us last night. He went to Niklas's today.
- 27 **Sunday** Paul Johnson preached today.
- 28 I mowed in the western meadow. We made hay and hauled it in from the southern meadow and hauled dirt by the doors to the barn.
- 29 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and bought shoes for Anna and Oskar, etc. The boys cut hay. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hoed and Carl mowed. I did various jobs. It is perfect haying weather.
- 30 Before noon, the boys cultivated and hoed potatoes. In the afternoon, they hauled hay. I made a chicken coop, etc.

July

- 1 Mamma and I went to Excelsior and sold chickens, butter, and raspberries. We first went to the Park Hotel but they didn't buy anything. The boys cultivated the potatoes in the newly broken field. In the afternoon, they hauled hay, etc.
- 2 The boys cultivated the corn and mowed the last of the hay in the southern meadow and then mowed a part in the western field. I did various small jobs.
- 3 We went to Scandia and celebrated the 4th of July. The 4th is on Sunday, so we celebrated it on Saturday. Mattson from Stromsburg went to Carl Swenson's house today. Many who came from Minneapolis were here today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 The boys hauled hay the whole day from the southern and western meadow. I went to Waconia and then hoed around the small grapevines. It is quite warm.
- 6 The boys mowed weeds on the Lucerne clover field and in the western meadow. They plowed corn and hoed the sugar beets. The womenfolk hoed the sweet corn. Before noon, I wrote a letter to brother-in-law John in Granite Falls. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and sent a draft to Granite Falls for the breaking of my land. The hot weather continues.
- 7 The boys mowed the small meadow down by the road and then cut the hay by the milking place. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home hay from the western meadow.
- 8 Before noon, we turned the weedy hay in the Lucerne clover field and then cut hay.

In the afternoon, it rained but we weeded the garden and hoed in the orchard. Mrs. Bergquist and two of her daughters are here.

- 9 The boys and I hoed the sweet corn, etc. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Bengt Anderson preached. G. Mattson came here from Carl Swenson's house.
- 10 Today we took the mare to B. Nilson's stallion but she would not take him. The boys hauled hay all day and then went to Niklas Swenson's for a party.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Mamma and I took G. Mattson to Broberg's and then to Waconia. The boys mowed out by the island and hauled in the weedy hay from the lower end of the orchard. It was very warm.
- 13 The boys cocked hay by the island, etc. I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod and then I hoed the orchard.
- 14 The boys cocked hay and then cultivated in the orchard and hoed the corn in the new field. This morning, G. Mattson from Stromsburg left from here. I drove him to Waconia, then I hoed in the orchard.
- 15 The boys hauled home the hay from the island and staked it. We have now finished the haying. I did various small jobs. Weego's mother-in-law from Chaska is here and is visiting.
- 16 The boys cultivated corn in the newly broken field. Carl and Mamma went to Waconia and they took the grain to the mill. I mended the horses' fly nets, etc. In the afternoon, I went to a temperance meeting in Scandia.
- 17 The boys split fence posts and stripped the bark from them, etc. I mended fly nets for the horses. Today, we went to B. Nilson with the mare for the 4th time, but she didn't take the stallion.
- 18 **Sunday** On Saturday night, we had a school meeting.
- 19 The boys split fence posts and hoed, etc., and then went to Waconia for the grist. I finished the fly nets and trimmed apple trees. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Bengt Anderson preached.
- 20 Today, we began to reap wheat on the southern hill, in the southern field, and in the home field. Today we took "May" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 21 First, we reaped some wheat, and then we reaped the oats in the southern field. Sture and Mrs. Kjellberg came here today. Frank met them in Victoria. Sture helped us tie wheat.
- 22 We reaped oats. We reaped wheat in the home field. Today, it is warm with no wind.
- 23 We reaped wheat in the field by the barn and a part of the southern field by Peterman's place. Today we are having a good breeze. Mrs. Wifverson from St. Paul was here for a visit.
- 24 We reaped wheat in the southern field by the old road. In the afternoon, we reaped

by Peterman's place. We have intensely hot weather, so we can't work. F. Kjellberg came here today.

25 Sunday

- 26 We reaped wheat on the other side of the track. In the afternoon, Kjellberg and his wife traveled home to Minneapolis.
- 27 Before noon, we reaped the wheat on the other side of the track. We have now finished reaping wheat. In the afternoon, we did various jobs and we had a strong storm that played havoc with our wheat shocks. It looks as if half our apples blew down. We picked up nine bushels.
- 28 Today, we shocked the wheat that blew over yesterday. Sture, Mamma, and I went to Waconia to have the smith fix the hooves on the colt and burn away some flesh. Weego's mother-in-law, Mrs. Erickson, went along to Waconia, where she went to the station and rode home to Chaska.
- 29 Today we began to stack the wheat. We made one stack of wheat near the road and another we started with three loads.
- 30 We finished the stack and then made a stack of wheat in the home field.
- 31 We stacked the wheat from the barn field. Sture stacked wheat at Lundsten's. Today, we took the brown cow to Peterman's bull.

August

1 Sunday

- 2 Sture stacked the oats. I trimmed the grapevines. It is dry and beautiful weather.
- 3 I stacked the wheat in the southern field on the other side of the tracks, which made over two stacks.
- 4 Before noon, we stacked the last of the wheat on the other side of the track and Peterman's stack. We are having dry and beautiful weather during this harvest. I don't think we have ever finished so early. In the afternoon, Axel, Mamma, and Emma went to Waconia. Sture went with to Waconia then went down to Minneapolis. I trimmed the grapevines, etc.
- 5 Carl plowed the swampland on the other side of the track and part of the old ground. Axel cut down the brush in that field that grew along the fence. Frank cut hay around the side of the fences, etc. I pruned back the grapevines but I am not well. For half a day, I did nothing.
- 6 Today, we buried Sundheim. Mamma and I went to the funeral. Carl mowed the meadow in the home field and the Lucerne clover, stacked, etc. Frank cut hay, etc. In the afternoon, Carl plowed the southern field. I stripped bark from basswood trees for Bost. Axel threshed at A. Broberg's.
- 7 Carl plowed. Axel cut weeds by the fence, etc. Frank threshed for Broberg. I went to Waconia and then pruned grapevines.

8 **Sunday**

- 9 Before noon, we raked together the hay and in the afternoon, the boys hauled in the second crop of hay. I went to Waconia for a plow. Before noon, Frank threshed at Broberg's. The student, Anderson, from Kansas, and his wife are here visiting.
- 10 Carl plowed in the home field. Frank hoed and Axel threshed for Lindenberg. I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went to Waconia and had the rings exchanged on the hubs of the small wagon.
- 11 Carl plowed. Before noon, Axel threshed at Lindenberg's. Frank and the girls hoed. I made a fence around the well, etc.
- 12 Carl plowed in the home field. Axel and Frank repaired the fence down by the barn field. In the afternoon, they went to Zieman's and threshed. I worked on the fence, etc., and did small jobs. Today we took "Lady" to Peterman's bull. We have had 90 to 95 degrees for a whole week and it is very dry. We need rain.
- 13 Before noon, Carl and Frank threshed for Zieman. Axel and the girls hoed the garden. I wrote a letter to G. Mattson in Stromsburg. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. Axel and the girls hoed. Carl and Frank repaired the fence on the east side of the barn field. It is very warm.
- 14 I trimmed the raspberry bushes the whole day. All three boys hoed in the garden. Today, it is cooler weather but very dry. We need rain.
- 15 **Sunday** Tjernlund from St. Paul preached today.
- 16 I trimmed the raspberry bushes. The boys put a bridge over a ditch and then they hauled manure on the square piece of the southern field. Tjernlund and his wife are here. Mrs. Barber from Minneapolis was also here. Last night, we had a little rain, so it is cooler.
- 17 The boys hauled manure. I finished trimming raspberry bushes.
- 18 Before noon, the boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, they cut and mowed clover hay. I did various jobs; among others, I went after the Bost bark that had been soaking in Per Daniel's lake. Today we took "May" to Peterman's bull.
- 19 The boys hauled the old straw and covered up the Canada thistles by the swamp land in the northern woods. I raked together weeds that were in the orchard, etc. Tjernlund went to Lundsten's this afternoon.
- 20 After the long drought, we had a beautiful rain last night. The boys hauled manure all day. I wrote a letter to the nurseryman, Patten, in Iowa, and one to my brother-in-law, John, in Granite Falls. Then I did various jobs.
- 21 Today it was too warm to work, it was 96 degrees. Frank has plowed. Axel has done various jobs. Carl is not well. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Last night, we had rain again and a strong storm. The rest of the apples blew down. In the afternoon, we had rain and very strong storms.
- 22 **Sunday** Tjernlund preached today.
- 23 Before noon, all three boys plowed using both teams. In the afternoon, they hauled

manure. It continues to be warm, every day, from 90 to 96 degrees. I did various small jobs.

- 24 Carl and Frank plowed using both teams before noon. Axel and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, we raked together and hauled clover hay. Mr. Stoughton and his foster daughter were here for a visit. It is still hot.
- 25 Before noon, Carl and Frank plowed with both teams. Axel and I set posts for a straw shelter in the pasture. In the afternoon, we hauled clover hay and did other various jobs.
- 26 Axel and I worked on the straw shed. Frank plowed. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia for the preacher, Carl Lindberg, from Anoka.
- 27 Axel and Carl threshed for John Nelson. Frank plowed. I did various jobs.
- 28 Axel and Carl threshed for John Nelson. Frank plowed. I began to make another grain box for the granary. Brother Lindberg is here. Tjernlund and his wife traveled home today. Before noon, we had a large rainstorm. It is now cooler with much haze.
- 29 **Sunday** Brother Lindberg from Anoka preached.
- 30 Carl plowed. Axel and Frank threshed at John Nelson's. I finished the grain storage in the granary and did other jobs.
- 31 Before noon, the womenfolk and I picked and packed the apples that I shall send to the State Fair in Minneapolis. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. I sent the apple boxes express to Elliot in Minneapolis with a letter. Carl plowed. Axel cut corn and Frank threshed at Peter Magnus's in Scandia. It is now cool weather, only 60 degrees.

September

- 1 Carl and Frank threshed at Per Daniel's. Axel and I worked on the railroad crossing out by the track, etc.
- 2 Last night and today, it has rained. Carl plowed. Axel and Frank sawed wood for the threshing and did other jobs. I fixed the granary.
- 3 Carl plowed. The other boys and Ida cut corn. I fixed the granary.
- 4 Before noon, Carl plowed in the barn field and finished it. The others cut corn. Carl went to the Waconia mill with a sack of corn for grinding. I went to Broberg's with Lundsten and B. Nilson to settle Broberg's estate. Last night we had a lot of rain.
- 5 **Sunday** J. Erickson from Minneapolis preached for us today.
- 6 Today we had rain, several times. Carl and Frank threshed at Freed's. Axel and I did various jobs. Brother and Sister Erickson from Minneapolis are here and even Mrs. Ahlstrom and a Mrs. Hagstrom. In the evening, we got a lot of rain.
- 7 Today, we had so much rain, we did odd jobs. The boys set fence posts. Carl drove Mrs. Ahlstrom to the Broberg's and then went to Waconia.
- 8 Before noon, Axel and Frank cut corn on the newly broken field. I wrote a letter to brother-in-law, John. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank threshed at Freed's. I went

to Waconia with the letter. I had the mare shod on the front feet and gave some Russian apples to Schnutte. Carl plowed in the southern forty the whole day.

- 9 Carl threshed at Birrel Nilson's. Frank plowed. Axel hoed the grapevines and cut corn on the newly broken field. I hoed in strawberries. The Ericksons left us today and went to Lundsten's.
- 10 Before noon, Axel cut corn. Carl threshed at B. Nilson's. Frank plowed. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel cut corn in the newly broken field and finished. Carl plowed. At noon, J. S. Harris from La Crescent came. A. W. Sias from Rochester and G.W. Fuller from Litchfield came. Luedloff from Carver also came here and looked over the varieties of fruit trees in my orchard. I did various jobs.
- 11 Axel and Carl threshed at Bradhouse's and then did various jobs. Frank went to Waconia for the mail and plowed in the orchard. I did various jobs.
- 12 **Sunday** Erickson from Minneapolis is here in Scandia and preached today.
- 13 Axel cut corn at Lundsten's. Carl mowed the weeds for the second time on the Lucerne clover field and then plowed. Frank and I did various small jobs.
- 14 Axel and Frank threshed for Lundsten. Carl plowed, etc. I butchered a wether and then did various jobs.
- 15 Last night, we got a lot of rain so we could not thresh today. Andrew Broberg hauled the separator up to our place today. Carl plowed. Axel, Frank, and I did various jobs. In the evening, it rained again.
- 16 Carl plowed and went to Waconia. Axel and Frank cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and then sharpened fence posts. G. Mattson's son, Henry, from Stromsburg, came here from the city waterworks in Lake City.
- 17 Before noon, Henry Mattson and I went to Waconia. The boys dug up potatoes. We threshed at 1:30. We finished two wheat stacks and the large oat stacks. We used Andrew Broberg's threshing machine.
- 18 We began to thresh but it started to rain, so we had to stop. At 12:30, we began again, and threshed the rest of the oats and three more stacks of wheat, which finished the grain near the house before six o'clock.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 We threshed in the southern field on the other side of the tracks and finished it by noon. In the afternoon, all three boys were at Niklas Swenson's and threshed. I put up the fence posts in the barnyard.
- 21 Today, I drove Henry Mattson (the younger) from Stromsburg down to Merriam Junction. He will travel home to Nebraska. All three boys were at Niklas's and threshed.
- 22 Carl plowed on the other side of the track and finished. Axel and Frank dug up potatoes in the garden, then we raked together the weeds from the Lucerne clover field and hauled it. I did various jobs.
- 23 Today, in the morning, Mamma and Emma went to Minneapolis. Carl drove them to

Waconia then plowed in the home field (it is the second plowing). Axel and Frank stripped the sweet corn. I went to Per Daniel's to make a settlement between Zieman and him because Zieman's dog seriously injured Per Daniel's pigs. Then we picked the grapes and various other fruit. It was muggy but beautiful weather.

24 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia for grist. The others stripped the sweet corn. In the afternoon, we worked with the fruit that we shall take to the county fair and did various other jobs.

25 Carl, Frank, Anna, and I went to the agricultural fair in Chaska. In the morning, it was rainy weather but it cleared up and became a beautiful day.

26 **Sunday**

27 First we helped Freed to move his cane mill here and put everything in order for the syrup camp. The boys cut and hauled sweet corn canes. I planted walnuts in the northwestern corner in the northern garden, etc. This morning, "Pearly" calved a heifer. In the evening, Mamma and Emma came home from Minneapolis.

28 The boys cut and hauled home the sugar corn and finished, hauled squash, and pumpkins, and hauled away the squash vines from the field. I did various small jobs.

29 The boys and Mamma pressed the sweet corn canes and made molasses. I went to Waconia before noon and sent mail to Fuller in Litchfield, Patten in St. Charles, and Henry Anderson in Granite Falls. Then I did various jobs.

30 Carl, Frank, and Mamma pressed and cooked the syrup. They believed they had made 60 to 70 gallons. Axel and I dug up the raspberry bushes and planted in the northern garden. It is clear and cold weather. Last night the water had a sheet of ice about the thickness of window glass. This evening, Sture came home from Minneapolis.

October

1 Today I was with Mix in Waconia, Sarbreier from Chaska, and then I went to Sundheim's house to settle the estate. Carl plowed for the second time in the home field. Axel and Frank dug up potatoes in the newly broken field.

2 Axel and Carl dug up potatoes. Frank threshed at Peterman's. I went into Per Daniel's tamarack swamp and gathered moss and then I did various jobs in the orchard, etc. In the afternoon, Sture went to Minneapolis. Mamma drove him to Victoria.

3 **Sunday**

4 Carl harrowed and plowed for the second time in the southern field by the old road. Axel and the girls dug up potatoes before noon and finished. In the afternoon, Axel and I dug up apple trees. Frank threshed at Peterman's before noon and in the afternoon, he threshed at Rietz's. It is warm and beautiful weather.

5 I packed apple trees and shall send them to G. W. Fuller in Litchfield. Carl went for a

a barrel of salt and then he plowed. Axel fixed the corncrib and helped me pack the apple trees. Frank threshed at Rietz's. We took "Froken" to Rietz's bull.

- 6 Before noon, Axel and I repaired the corncrib. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel, Frank, and Ida husked corn. I did various jobs. Carl went to Delano with four bundles of apple trees that I am sending to Fuller in Litchfield. Today it is quite warm weather.
- 7 Before noon, Carl plowed for the second time and finished. Axel and Frank husked corn. I did various jobs and in the afternoon, Ida and I went to Waconia. I sent a letter to A. Holt in Moorhead. The boys husked corn.
- 8 The boys, Mamma, and Emma husked corn. I put in a floor in the pigpen. It is quite warm weather.
- 9 The boys husked corn the whole day. Before noon, I went to Henry Schraan's place and bought medicine for the colt. In the afternoon, I worked on the pigpen. Great weather but thunder warm.

10 **Sunday**

- 11 Carl and Frank went to the Watertown market and sold grapes. Axel husked corn. I did various jobs.
- 12 The boys husked corn. Before noon, I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Warm weather.
- 13 Before noon, the boys shelled the old corn in the barn. I fixed up the boxes in the root cellar. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn. I fixed the place in the barn where we will put the corn. We had a few drops of rain. It is warm and quite dry.
- 14 Carl and Frank hauled cornstalks. Axel finished husking the corn in the southern field and then helped Lundsten to butcher pigs. In the morning, I dug up and bundled apple trees. After dinner, I went to Waconia where I express-shipped 7 Ostrakoff Glas apple trees together with 30 scions of the same to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. Today we had a strong storm and cold weather.
- 15 The boys finished hauling cornstalks, then they hauled together the sugar beets and took the tops off them. I dug apple trees from the Lieby and Hibernals, the whole day. Today it is beautiful weather but cold. Yesterday, I got a letter from G. Mattson in Stromsburg, Nebraska, with many pictures.
- 16 Before noon, Axel, Frank, and I scraped and evened out the swampland on the other side of the track where we plan to sow timothy. Carl harrowed in the barn field using the colt and the mare. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank harrowed using both teams. Axel and I planted raspberry bushes.

17 **Sunday**

- 18 Carl and Frank harrowed with both teams. Axel and the womenfolk dug up carrots. Carl hauled them. I wrote a letter to George Mattson in Stromsburg, Nebraska. Later in the afternoon, Axel and I planted some raspberry bushes. It is cooler weather but dry.

- 19 Frank plowed the fields where the corn was. Carl harrowed. Axel and I dug up apple trees and planted raspberry bushes. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl husked corn in the newly broken field. I went to Freed and butchered today. Today we have had a strong storm from the south.
- 20 Before noon, I worked in the orchard. In the afternoon, I went to Herman Simmer and to Waconia. I got a draft from Fuller in Litchfield for \$15.40 for apple trees. Frank plowed in the corn field. Axel and Carl husked corn on the newly broken field. Today there is a cold western wind. Anna came with to Waconia and was measured for shoes. Elsa bought a pair of glasses from a Jew in Shakopee for \$3.
- 21 Carl plowed the cornfield and finished. Axel and Frank husked corn in the newly broken field. I did various jobs in the orchard. I even went to Rietz's and got a contract made that I will send to Norberg in Chippewa County. Today, it is warm.
- 22 Before noon, I butchered a ewe. Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The others husked corn. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Henry Anderson from East Union, Carver County, was here for some apple trees and grape plants. Today the weather is very beautiful.
- 23 Axel and Frank husked corn in the newly broken field. Carl went to Waconia and had the mare and "Frank" shod on the front feet. In the afternoon, he helped the others to husk corn and they have now finished husking corn. I planted blackberry bushes and did other small jobs. We have had a little rain and thunder. Today I sent the contract to Norberg for renting my newly broken field.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Today in the morning, Carl and Frank went down to Minneapolis with a load of corn. First I helped Charley Klatt to butcher the ewe he had bought from us. Then Axel and I dug up the walnut trees. It is cooler weather today.
- 26 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. I sent four Hibernals, two Charlamoff, and two grapevines to Borg and Anderson in Delhi, Redwood County. Axel put wood ashes around the grapevines and then Axel and I dug up apple trees. In the evening, at eight o'clock, Carl and Frank came home from Minneapolis.
- 27 Carl and Frank hauled home the corn straw from the newly broken field. Axel and I worked in the orchard. Mrs. Rietz and her mother were here for a visit.
- 28 Carl plowed in the home field and in the orchard. Axel, Frank, and I worked in the orchard. This evening, two agents came here who have the cockle mill concern and stayed overnight with us. We took "Pearly" to Rietz's bull.
- 29 Before noon, Carl plowed the cabbage beds and in the northern orchard. Axel and Frank dug up horseradish and planted it in the northern orchard. Emma and I wrote letters. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank set fence posts around the cranberry swamp. Carl plowed in the newly broken field by the barn. I cut grapes, etc. Birrel Nilson was here for some apple trees. Yesterday and today, we have had perfect weather.

- 30 Carl plowed in the newly broken field. Axel and Frank set fence posts around the cranberry swamp and grubbed out a couple of trees, etc. I cut grapes. Beautiful weather.
- 31 **Sunday** Today, Mamma and I, with Axel and Frank, Ida and Emma, went to the funeral of the banker, George Mix, from Waconia. He was buried in Norwood, so we did not get home until evening.

November

- 1 Before noon, Carl plowed in the newly broken field and finished it. Axel and Frank hauled dirt to the barn doors and into the barns. In the afternoon, the boys hauled sheep manure to the timothy field by the island. I pruned back grapevines the whole day. Today and yesterday, it is warm and very beautiful weather.
- 2 Before noon, Axel, Carl, and I went to the election. Frank went to the Waconia depot for a package of apple seeds that had come from Patten in Iowa. In the afternoon, it rained and we had a strong storm. We did various small jobs.
- 3 Before noon, I butchered a wether. In the afternoon, I pruned back grapes. The boys hauled manure out to the timothy field by the island. Today we have a strong southern wind.
- 4 Before noon, I went to Waconia. I sent a letter with a draft out for \$2 to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. In the afternoon, I pruned back grapevines and finished. The boys hauled manure out to the timothy field and to the orchard. In the evening, Charley Norman from Granite Falls came here.
- 5 I grafted in apple trees and did various small jobs. Before noon, the boys hauled manure to the orchard. In the afternoon, they heeled in the grapevines. Last night, it was a hard freeze and today it is quite cold.
- 6 Mamma, Ida, Carl, and Charley Norman went to Chaska today. The other boys grafted the rest of the grapevines and helped me with various jobs in the orchard. They cleaned the chicken house and put manure on the strawberry patch. It freezes every night. This morning came some snow.
- 7 **Sunday** Hanson from Cannon Falls went with us home after the meeting.
- 8 The boys hauled manure to the raspberry bushes and also on the potato pit and did other various jobs. I trimmed the gooseberry and currant bushes and cut off scions, and did other various jobs.
- 9 Carl worked with the horses on the new railroad track out by Hjortson's place. Axel and Frank covered the strawberries then grubbed on the place where we will build the pig house. I planted apple seeds. The apples were rotten, so I planted whole apples only, squeezing them to pieces. Today it is thawing and good weather.
- 10 Before noon, I wrote a letter to Friberg and brother-in-law, John. In the afternoon, I cut more scions and packed them. Axel and Frank grubbed, etc. Today it is colder weather. Carl is working with the horses on the railroad.

- 11 Before noon, I went to Waconia and bought a new pump for the well. I even had the cistern pump repaired. I took the old wall clock to Hanson for repair. In the afternoon I did various jobs. Axel and Frank grubbed out in the woods. Carl worked with the horses on the railroad tracks.
- 12 Carl worked with the horses on the railroad track. Axel and Frank grubbed out in the woods. I did various small jobs. Yesterday and today, we had a fine Indian summer.
- 13 Before noon, Axel and Frank grubbed. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank Claussen came and here and set up the new pump in the well and the boys and I helped with it. Carl worked with the horses on the railroad track. It is quite nice weather yet.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Carl worked with the horses on the railroad track. Axel and Frank grubbed in the woods. I worked on a gate. Today, it is cloudy but fine weather.
- 16 It is snowing a little this morning. Carl drove out to the railroad to work there, but it is snowing so that he came home. It snowed the whole day. We did various little jobs. It is not cold. Yesterday, we took "Froken" to Rietz's bull. It was the second time we went to Rietz's bull with "Froken."
- 17 Last night and the whole day today, we have had a strong snowstorm. I did various small jobs in the workshop. The boys did the chores but could not do work because of the snowstorm.
- 18 Today, we have shoveled snow the whole day and opened up a part of the road. It was the biggest snowstorm we have had in thirty years.
- 19 The boys shoveled snow and did various small jobs, went after the mail, etc. Carl went and opened the road to the track where he works. I butchered a ewe and did various other small jobs. The heifer, "Fanny," calved today.
- 20 Carl worked with the horses on the tracks. Axel and Frank set up fence posts and gate posts in the barnyard and did various other jobs. I hewed out the gate posts and hung the gates up and did other small jobs. Today it is very nice weather but there is much snow.
- 21 **Sunday** C. Lindberg from Anoka preached for us today.
- 22 Last night, there was a snowstorm and it has also rained often. We did various small jobs. Axel was with us and opened the road in front of the schoolhouse.
- 23 Today, there is a snowstorm, again. The boys did various small jobs. Frank was in school. I made a door to the vegetable cellar.
- 24 Before noon, Axel and I put up the storm windows. Carl and Frank shelled corn and fanned wheat to take to the mill. In the afternoon, Carl, Frank, and I went to Waconia and bought shoes, felt boots, and leather boots at Mock's store. We even had the meal for the mill. Charley Norman went with us to Waconia. Today it is beautiful weather, but cold.
- 25 It is **Thanksgiving Day** for a beautiful harvest, according to the proclamation by our

President. We had a meeting in Scandia. We took up dollar subscriptions for the seminary in Stromsburg and a loose collection for Theodore Broberg to pay him for heating and cleaning the meetinghouse this year. Carl worked with the horses on the railroad tracks.

- 26 Before noon, I wrote a letter to Professor Edgren in Stromsburg and sent a draft in the same letter for \$38.75 from the Scandia congregation. I also sent a letter to Frank Peterson in Minneapolis with a subscription list of each member to the school in Stromsburg after the dollar system. I also sent a letter to John Friberg. In the afternoon, C. Norman and I went to Waconia. I sent three letters and even took home the grist from the mill. Axel grubbed in the woods and did chores. Carl worked with the horses on the track and today was the last day on that job.
- 27 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the mare and "Frank" shod. I sold 20 maple cordwoods for \$3.25 for the Scandia congregation and \$2 cordwood to Luedtke and Butts. Carl was out at the track and got his check for the work he had done on the track. In the afternoon, Carl went to Poppler's to put in an order for the grinding of the corn. I shortened the tongue to the bobsled. Axel did the chores. Frank went to school. Beautiful weather.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Before noon, Axel, Carl, and I and two of Niklas's boys shoveled snow on several places on this side and then on the road to the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl took the horses and opened the road between Scandia and here. I did various jobs out in the carpenter shop. Axel did various jobs.
- 30 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel had "Rock" shod in Waconia and then he did various jobs. I did various small jobs.

December

- 1 Today, the wind is blowing quite hard and cold. The boys did various small jobs. Ida and I wrote a letter to Luedloff, etc., then I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with the letters and took home the mail.
- 2 Before noon, Axel and Carl shoveled snow on the road to the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. I did various small jobs. Today it is quite cold.
- 3 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Charley Norman went to Poppler's with a load of corn to grind. Axel did the chores and various other jobs. I worked on a wood rack. It is cold yet.
- 4 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel and Frank did various small jobs. C. Norman drove Emma to Waconia. She took music lessons from Luella Mix. I worked on the wood rack. It is not quite so cold.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs and chores. I

worked on the wood rack and did various other small jobs. It is beautiful weather.

- 7 Before noon, we butchered the three old pigs. We had Per Daniel's and C. Norman's help. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I finished the wood rack. The others did various jobs. Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull. It was very nice weather.
- 8 Carl and Charley Norman hauled two loads of maple cordwood to Waconia. I cut up the pork of one of the sows we butchered yesterday and salted it. Axel did the chores and various other small jobs. Beautiful weather
- 9 Charley Norman and I went to Carver and sold pork. Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. Today it is thawing.
- 10 Before noon, Carl and C. Norman hauled a load of wood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. C. Norman drove Per Daniel's girl to the Waconia depot. I cut scions for C. Luedloff, etc. Axel did various jobs and tended to the stock. It is warm and the snow is melting fast.
- 11 Today in the morning, Carl went down to Minneapolis to be paid for our work on the railroad. The others had nothing to do because it rained the whole day. I did little small jobs out in the shop.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Frank and Charley Norman hauled two loads of stone from Scandia. Axel did various jobs. I did nothing because I am not well. Today it is quite nice weather. In the evening, Carl came home from Minneapolis.
- 14 Carl hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. C. Norman and I went down to Luedloff's to exchange scions with him. Axel did chores. In the afternoon, it was quite cold with a northwest wind.
- 15 Before noon, Carl and C. Norman hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel and I shoveled snow and fixed the road from here to the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. The other boys did various jobs. I was not well. It is quite cold.
- 16 Before noon, we had a meeting. Brown from Iowa preached. C. Norman drove Holmquist from Clear Lake to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl and C. Norman hauled a load of wood to Waconia.
- 17 Before noon, Carl and C. Norman hauled a load of wood to Waconia and I went with them. I paid my debt of \$8.75 to Mock. I mailed a letter to Chicago with a draft of \$2 to pay for a year's subscription for *Hemlandet* and I also mailed a letter to A.P. Peterson in Minneapolis concerning the 80 acres in Granite Falls. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia and Axel did the chores. I did nothing.
- 18 Axel and C. Norman went to B. Nilson's and butchered pigs. Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl went with Emma to Waconia for her music lessons. I did various jobs. The brothers Broms and Lillie are here, so we had

a meeting this evening.

- 19 **Sunday** Broms preached before noon and Lillie preached in the evening.
- 20 Before noon, Carl and C. Norman hauled a load of maple wood to Waconia and they have now hauled all of the maple wood to Waconia that was ordered. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of of elm wood to Waconia. Axel and I did various jobs. In the evening, we had a meeting. Lillie preached.
- 21 Axel and Carl hauled stone from Scandia. C. Norman was at Freed's and butchered. In the evening, we had a meeting. Lillie preached.
- 22 Axel and Carl hauled stones from Scandia. C. Norman drove the preacher, Lillie, and John Nelson. In the evening, we had a meeting. I did various small jobs.
- 23 Carl, Ida, and I went to Waconia, and then did various things. Axel sawed firewood and took care of the stock.
- 24 It is Christmas Eve, so we did nothing, only light, small jobs. Sture came home today. Carl went to meet him in Waconia. Today I sent 90 scions to Richardson in Winnebago City. It is cold but beautiful weather.
- 25 **Christmas Day** Before noon, we had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we had a visit at Per Daniel Anderson's.
- 26 **Sunday** We had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, Per Daniel's children were here for a visit. Olaf Hanson, the jeweler from Waconia, was also here for a visit. It is cold weather.
- 27 We did nothing today, for it is quite cold. Carl drove the jeweler, Olaf Hanson, home to Waconia.
- 28 I butchered a calf that Freed will take with him when he goes to Minneapolis. Sture and C. Norman went to Waconia. The others did various jobs.
- 29 I made a box to send the apples out to the Agricultural Department in Washington; otherwise, we did nothing. This morning, we got a little snow but later, we had beautiful weather.
- 30 I went to Waconia and sent the box of three Hibernial apples off and a letter to the Agricultural Department in Washington. I received payment for the maple wood from Butts and Luedke. The boys and Ida went to John Nelson's for a visit.
- 31 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. I did various small jobs. Axel and Frank took care of the livestock. Clear and beautiful weather, but cold.

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January

- 1 We went to Scandia for our annual business meeting before our congregational meeting. We did no work today.
- 2 **Sunday** The cold weather is still here.

- 3 Carl and C. Norman went to Waconia and had the shoes for the horses fixed. We did nothing else as it is very cold and stormy with snow.
- 4 In the forenoon, Carl and C. Norman each hauled a load of elm cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl and Mamma went to Waconia, and Axel and C. Norman went to Per Daniel's and borrowed his boar for our sows. Sture began working on a clothes closet for the upstairs hall. I did various jobs.
- 5 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. Sture worked on the clothes closet upstairs. Axel sawed wood for the stove and did the chores. I did various jobs. The boys hauled home 600 well bricks from Chaska.
- 6 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. Sture worked on the clothes closet upstairs. Axel did the chores and I did various jobs. Today it is very cold—30 degrees below 0.
- 7 Today it is very cold—more than 30 degrees below 0. C. Norman and I went to Waconia. Sture is working on the clothes closet and the other boys did the chores. Today I received a letter from Rydell in Sweden and also cherry seeds, white plum seeds, and red plum seeds all in the same box. This evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Stolberg from Houston preached.
- 8 Sture and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. Axel and Carl went to Birrel Nilson's and helped butcher pigs. The boys hauled home 600 well bricks from Chaska. Reverend Stolberg is here. I did nothing today.
- 9 **Sunday** Stolberg from Houston preached today.
- 10 Axel and C. Norman went to Per Daniel's and helped butcher pigs. In the forenoon Carl went to Waconia with a load of elm wood and in the afternoon, Mamma, Carl, and I went to Waconia and Sture was also with and left for Minneapolis.
- 11 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. Axel is doing chores, etc. I did various jobs. We have beautiful weather and it is not too cold.
- 12 Carl and C. Norman went to Chaska with two loads of basswood. Both yesterday and today they brought loads of well bricks home with them. Axel did the chores. I finished the clothes closet and painted it.
- 13 Today it has snowed quite a bit and has kept on all day. Carl went to Waconia and had the horse, "Rock," shod. Otherwise, we did nothing.
- 14 We have still had snow showers today. The boys shoveled snow and did the chores. I wrote a letter to Sweden. C. Norman went home to Minneapolis.
- 15 Carl hauled two loads of elm wood to Waconia and in the afternoon, Mamma, Frank and Emma went to Waconia with the other team. Axel and I did various jobs. We shoveled snow on the road between Niklas's and Fischer's. I mailed the letter to Sweden today.
- 16 **Sunday** Today it has snowed a lot the whole day, so we have deep snow on the level places.
- 17 Today we have shoveled snow as well as other jobs. Carl and Frank went to

Waconia and opened the road there but by the afternoon, the road was blocked again from the snowstorm.

- 18 In the morning, Axel and Carl shoveled snow on the road to the schoolhouse and in the afternoon Carl worked on the road to Waconia. The snow is so deep the roads are impassable. I repaired the old fur coat and Axel did the chores.
- 19 Carl went to Waconia to try to keep the road open, but no load can be taken over it. I repaired mittens but we did no other work. Axel did the chores.
- 20 Axel and Carl went to Waconia, each with a load of elm wood, but the road was drifted over with snow, so they could not haul anymore. I repaired mittens. We had a letter from Sture in Minneapolis. He is worried about Charley Norman and is afraid he may be lost.
- 21 We did various small jobs. Carl went to Waconia and met the preacher, Lindberg, and his wife from Anoka. They came here around noon time.
- 22 In the forenoon, Carl and I went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Emma was with us and had her music lesson. Charley Norman came home from Minneapolis this morning. In the afternoon we had a meeting in Scandia and Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat.
- 23 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. We also had communion.
- 24 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and C. Norman shoveled snow on the road to Scandia. In the afternoon Carl went to Waconia with a load of elm wood. I did various jobs. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia.
- 25 In the forenoon, Carl hauled a load of elm wood to Waconia and C. Norman also hauled a load of wheat there. In the afternoon, the boys fanned wheat and I did various jobs.
- 26 In the forenoon, Carl and C. Norman went to Waconia with two loads wheat, and in the afternoon Carl and C. Norman went to Waconia with two loads of elm wood. Axel is sawing stovewood and doing the chores. I butchered a ewe and did various other jobs.
- 27 Carl and C. Norman hauled two loads of elm wood to Waconia in the forenoon and two loads in the afternoon. Axel is sawing wood for the stove and doing the chores. I did various small jobs.
- 28 Carl hauled a load of elm wood and a load of maple wood to Stoughton in Chaska. We didn't ask for any money for this wood. C. Norman hauled a load of basswood and sold it to Faber. Axel sawed wood for the stove and did chores. Ida is over at Freed's quilting. Today I started grafting apple trees.
- 29 First, the boys fanned wheat, then Carl and C. Norman went to Waconia with two loads of wheat. Axel and Frank hauled manure out of the sheep barn and then they brought the boar back to Per Daniel. I made apple grafts all day. In the evening, Rev. L. Eklund arrived and we had a meeting in Scandia. It is snowing.
- 30 **Sunday** L. Eklund preached. It is very cold.

31 In the forenoon, we had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon the boys did nothing because it is very cold. Haglund from Minneapolis is here. I grafted apple trees all day.

February

- 1 The boys opened the road to the schoolhouse. They couldn't do any other work because of the drifting snow. The roads are very bad. In the evening we went to a meeting in Scandia. L. Eklund preached. I grafted apple trees the whole day.
- 2 Last night we had a snowstorm and it is still snowing today. The boys did nothing besides their chores. I made apple grafts all day.
- 3 Carl hauled two loads of elm wood to Waconia. I grafted apple trees. Axel did various jobs. C. Norman is at Per Daniel's. It is very cold weather.
- 4 Carl went to Waconia with a load of elm wood. Axel did various jobs. I grafted apple trees all day. Sture came home around noon. In the evening all the young people went to Frank Lundsten's and surprised him with the gift of a rocking chair. It is cold weather.
- 5 Carl went to Waconia on several errands. Axel sawed wood for the stove and did chores. I grafted apple trees. Today is not quite as cold. We took the heifer to Peterman's bull.

6 Sunday

- 7 In the afternoon Carl and C. Norman hauled boards from the Victoria Station for Birrel Nilson. I made apple grafts. Today the weather is mild but icy.
- 8 In the forenoon Carl and C. Norman went to Waconia with logs for the sawmill. In the afternoon, Carl hauled logs to Waconia and the other boys fanned wheat. I did apple grafts all day. Theodore Ottinger came here for seed wheat.
- 9 Carl hauled logs twice to the sawmill in Waconia and C. Norman hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. I made apple grafts all day.
- 10 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia with logs for the sawmill and in the afternoon he drove Sture to Waconia and Sture took the train to Minneapolis. Axel did the chores. I grafted apple trees. C. Norman butchered pigs at Per Daniel's.
- 11 Last night we had a snowstorm and today it is very cold. I finished the apple grafts today. I have made close to 1,000 grafts. The boys did the chores and other small jobs.
- 12 The boys did the chores and other small jobs. In the afternoon, Carl and Emma went to Waconia and Emma had her music lesson and also had a tooth pulled. I mailed a letter and 33 scions to Wm. M. Chaney in St. Charles, Winona County. I did various small jobs.

13 Sunday

- 14 Today we have warm weather and rain. We did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Mamma and Carl went to Waconia. Yesterday we had a snowstorm, so they found the roads are impassable.

- 15 P.D. Anderson helped us butcher the four pigs (they were 10½ months old).
- 16 I cut up two of the pigs and salted down the pork. Carl went to the Waconia mill with grist and hauled home boards from the sawmill. In the forenoon the boys shoveled snow and opened the road to Scandia. We took "May" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 17 I went to Carver and sold two of the butchered pigs to Hebeisen and Womer. Per Daniel was with me. In the afternoon, it rained and hailed and it was very unpleasant weather and in the evening, we had a snowstorm. The boy did various small jobs.
- 18 Most of the day we had an unpleasant, chilly snowstorm. The boys did the chores. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, John, and also to John Johnson in Litchfield. This evening, the snowstorm ended.
- 19 The boys shoveled snow all the way to Scandia this morning. This afternoon, Carl and Emma went to Waconia. Luella Mix came home with them. I did various jobs. C. Norman returned home from Minneapolis this evening.
- 20 **Sunday** A preacher from Willmar by the name of Samuelson preached for us today.
- 21 In the forenoon, Carl and I went to Waconia and took home the grist from the mill. In the afternoon, Carl hauled home the elm boards from the sawmill. I went to Lundsten's house and Frank wrote an order for lumber for me to Enoch Broberg, who is working in Smith's Lumber Yard in Minneapolis. Axel did the chores, etc.
- 22 Carl went to Waconia for a load of elm boards. The other boys did various jobs. I set up a new grindstone and did various other small jobs.
- 23 Axel and I did various jobs. Carl went to Waconia and then painted the wheels on the small wagon. We have beautiful weather. We took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull.
- 24 Mamma and I, together with Niklas, went to visit John Nelson and we inspected the railroad as we are to be witnesses for Nilson. The boys sawed and split wood for the stove, etc.
- 25 The boys fanned wheat and Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. I made an axe handle, etc. In the evening we had a snowstorm.
- 26 In the morning we had quite nice weather. Axel and Carl went to Chaska to sell a steer, but they had to turn back when they got to Grimm's as the road was blocked with snow. Again this afternoon we are having a snowstorm and cold weather. I filed the saws and made axe handles.
- 27 **Sunday** Today we couldn't get to the meeting as the roads were blocked with snow. Two of the boys managed to get to Scandia. A traveler by the name of Cole from Redwood Falls, with two teams [horses], came here and stayed the night.
- 28 Axel and Carl shoveled snow all morning on the road to Scandia and I shoveled here at home. In the afternoon, we did various small jobs. The man, Cole, from Redwood Falls, left here around noon. We took "Fanny" to Peterman's bull.

March

- 1 Today Axel and Carl started cutting cordwood out on the northern forty. I made axe handles. Today we are having milder weather.
- 2 The boys are cutting cordwood. In the afternoon Mamma, Frank and I went to Waconia.
- 3 Axel, Carl, and Frank are cutting cordwood. In the forenoon I wrote a letter to A. P. Peterson in Minneapolis, and in the afternoon I worked on the carpenter workshop.
- 4 The boys are cutting cordwood. Charley Norman is even cutting cordwood for me. I worked at various jobs in the carpentry workshop. The election boss is here for awhile today.
- 5 The boys and C. Norman are cutting cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl and Emma went to Waconia. I did various jobs in the carpentry workshop. I painted the wheels to the little wagon, etc. and did other small jobs.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 The boys and C. Norman are cutting cordwood. I did various jobs in the carpentry workshop. Olaf Hanson in Waconia was here overnight. He went home in the afternoon.
- 8 Today it is raining. Some of the boys cut cordwood this afternoon. C. Norman went to Victoria. Carl went to Waconia Bank with a draft of \$6 from Johnson in Litchfield. Frank Kjellberg was here last night. I made a box for the well digging.
- 9 The boys and C. Norman are cutting cordwood. Frank Kjellberg traveled home this morning. Carl was with as far as C. Rauen's to find out if the lumber had arrived, but the shipment had not yet come.
- 10 The boys and C. Norman are cutting cordwood. I am working in the carpentry workshop. It is mild weather, but the snow is melting slowly. P. Freed moved to Gotaholm today.
- 11 Axel and Carl unloaded a load of lumber from a railroad car at the Victoria Station. C. Norman and B. Nilson's hired man hauled the lumber home. Niklas Swenson's Willy also hauled one load. B. Nilson, Freed, and I went to J. Nelson's and to Andrew Swenson's place to estimate the damage their lands have suffered from the building of the railroad on the north side. Freed stayed overnight with us.
- 12 Carl and C. Norman are hauling boards from the Victoria Station and unloading them at Gerdson's. They couldn't get them home as the roads are too bad. In the forenoon, Axel and Frank cut cordwood. In the afternoon we opened the road to the schoolhouse. Mamma and Emma went to Waconia.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Axel, Carl, and Frank are cutting cordwood. I did various other jobs. Watchmaker Hanson was here overnight. Today I was subpoenaed as a witness to testify for John Nelson in regard to the damage to his land from the north line railroad.

Yesterday and today it is so cold that the snow froze so hard it will carry our weight.

- 15 In the forenoon the boys and C. Norman hauled home the haystacks and in afternoon Carl and Frank hauled shingles from C. Rauen's to Gerdson's. Axel and C. Norman are cutting cordwood. I did various jobs.
- 16 N. Swenson, P.D. Anderson, John Nelson, his son, August, and I went to the courthouse in Chaska to testify in regard to the damage that Nilson's land had suffered from the railroad being built across his land, but the case was postponed until April 25. Axel, Frank, and C. Norman cut cordwood. Mamma is sick in bed.
- 17 The boys cut cordwood. C. Norman cut wood in the forenoon and in the afternoon he went to Waconia. I did various jobs in the carpentry workshop.
- 18 In the forenoon, the boys cut cordwood. I worked in the carpentry workshop. In the afternoon, Axel, Frank, and I cleared snow outside by B. Nilson's. Carl went after a load of shingles out by Gerdson's. Ida, Albertina Nelson, and C. Norman went to Minneapolis this morning.
- 19 Axel and Frank are cutting cordwood. Carl hauled three loads of boards from Gerdson's. I did various small jobs.
- 20 **Sunday** Brother Broms preached. He will be here the third Sunday of every month until March 1888.
- 21 Axel and Frank are cutting cordwood. In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia and met Ida, who came from Minneapolis. I did various jobs. Brother Broms came here this afternoon.
- 22 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. B. Broms preached. In the afternoon the boys and I shoveled snow by Adam Fischer. Later, the boys cut cordwood. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 23 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Carl went to B. Nilson to pick up the remaining boards. In the afternoon Carl and I went to Waconia.
- 24 This morning the boys and girls went to a meeting in Scandia. Brother Broms preached. In the afternoon the boys cut cordwood. I did various things. Last night we had snow and it is very cold today.
- 25 The boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. Today the cow "Nancy" calved. It is beautiful weather but the wind is from the north.
- 26 Axel, Carl, and I went to the market in Chaska and sold "Betty" with her calf and a steer, which was a little over two years old. It is cold. The roads are hard sledding but impossible for carts. N. Swenson and P.D. Anderson rode along with us.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 The boys are cutting cordwood. I am not feeling well so I was cupped and I have been in bed since. It is still very cold.
- 29 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia for the mail. I am not well.

- 30 The boys are cutting cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl hauled home cordwood for the molasses cooking. I am not well
- 31 The boys cut cordwood by the north line where Peltz is to have his connecting road. After dinner, Carl hauled out cordwood from the new field. Today we took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull. I am not well.

April

- 1 The boys cut wood for the stove from the branches left after cutting cordwood. I did nothing. After dinner, Carl began to haul home the cordwood that the boys have cut on the northern forty.
- 2 The boys used both teams in hauling home the cordwood from the forest. I did nothing. It is beautiful weather.
- 3 **Sunday** Olaf Hanson from Waconia was here today. This afternoon and evening we had a hard snowstorm.
- 4 Olaf Hanson went home this morning. The boys are hauling cordwood from the woods using both teams. I did various jobs.
- 5 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia to get the watchmaker Hanson's tool chest. Mamma went with him to go to Peter Magnuson's in Scandia. In the afternoon Carl hauled cordwood. Axel and Frank are cutting cordwood. I did various small jobs.
- 6 The boys cut cordwood. I painted the gate on the fence in the barnyard and did various small jobs.
- 7 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs.
- 8 Today is Good Friday. The boys fanned seed wheat, piled boards, etc. I did various jobs—I even planted the fruit tree seeds I got from Sweden—white plum, cherries, and red plums. Today it is very nice weather and breezy, so the snow has melted fast.
- 9 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Carl went to Waconia and met Sture, who will work for Frank Lundsten. The horse, "Rock," was shod on his front feet. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank piled boards, and did other small jobs. Carl harrowed the large corn field. I did various jobs. It is very beautiful weather with a strong south wind.
- 10 **Easter Sunday** We visited at Per Daniel's house in the afternoon.
- 11 The boys cut cordwood between the rain showers. Sture went with Frank Lundsten to Waconia. I did various jobs. Last night we had a heavy rain storm. In the afternoon, the P.D. Andersons were here for a visit. Tomorrow, C. Norman is leaving for Granite Falls.
- 12 Today, Axel, Frank, and I have bored into 300 sugar maples. In the forenoon, Carl cut wood and in the afternoon he helped us tap the trees. I did various other jobs. It is beautiful weather. Sture is helping Frank Lundsten paint the meetinghouse.
- 13 Axel, Carl, and Frank cut cordwood and hauled home maple sap. The sap is not

running very well. In the afternoon Mamma and I went to Waconia. It is cloudy weather and the fields are too wet, so we cannot start to plant.

- 14 The boys cut cordwood in between the rain showers and hauled maple sap. I did various small jobs. Sture made a stone boat. It is raining so much that we cannot begin to sow. Today we took the mare to B. Nilson's stud for the first time and she took him.
- 15 The boys cut cordwood, etc. Sture and I worked in the woods and cut down two more timbers for the new pig barn. It is cloudy weather with rain showers. The maple sap is not running.
- 16 Today we started planting. Carl sowed oats in the home field and a section of Peterman's field. Frank harrowed it in and Axel hauled maple sap, etc. I did a variety of small jobs.
- 17 **Sunday** Broms preached.
- 18 Carl sowed 13 ½ bushel oats on 6 ½ acres, and then he began to sow wheat on the large south field. Frank harrowed using the colt and the mare. Sture is hewing foundation logs for the corncrib. Axel is doing various jobs. B. Nilson castrated the lambs this morning and I did various jobs including uncovering the apple trees that had been heeled in for the winter. Mamma is cooking maple syrup.
- 19 Carl is sowing wheat on the large south field. Frank harrowed. I sowed Lucerne clover in the lower part by the garden—that which I sowed last year did not germinate. Axel hauled maple sap and dug holes for the apple trees as well as other jobs. Sture began to work for Frank Lundsten. This afternoon, Carl took Emma to Waconia as she was going to Minneapolis to attend Mrs. Friman's sewing school. Mamma is cooking maple syrup.
- 20 In the forenoon, Carl sowed wheat on the western part of the south field. Frank harrowed. Axel and I worked in the garden and in the afternoon, Carl sowed wheat in the barn field. Mamma, Axel, Frank, and I went to a meeting in Scandia. Broms preached. Axel and Frank went to Waconia to get the apple trees that Luedloff sent me.
- 21 Carl rolled and Frank harrowed the whole day. Axel and I planted 98 walnut trees.
- 22 Today we did nothing. In the forenoon it rained and in the afternoon it snowed and was cold.
- 23 The boys cut cord and stovewood and did various other jobs. The snow melted off in the forenoon and I did various jobs.
- 24 **Sunday** Last night it snowed again and it is cold today, so the snow will not melt.
- 25 This morning the snow has melted. The boys cut wood for the stove and in the afternoon Carl sowed wheat on the other side of the tracks. Axel and Frank hauled maple sap and cut stovewood. Mamma is cooking maple syrup and I did various other jobs. August Krause was here today.

- 26 Carl finished sowing wheat on the other side of the tracks. We have sown 38 bushels of wheat on $28 \frac{3}{4}$ acres. Frank harrowed and Axel hauled maple sap, etc. I went to Chaska to be a witness for J. Nelson in his railroad case but we had to go home and the case will not come up again for another three days. We took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull for the fourth time.
- 27 Today we have done various jobs. We have had rain and thunder. The boys fanned wheat.
- 28 Carl took the mare to B. Nilson's stud for the second time and the mare took him. Later, Carl went to Waconia to get clover seed. Axel and Frank chopped wood for the stovewood, etc. I finished fixing the privy. In the afternoon Axel and Carl hauled cordwood out of the forest from the strip along the north line where Peltz is to have his road. I planted willow trees, and Frank helped me.
- 29 I returned to Chaska to witness for John Nelson's railroad case but the case did not come before the court today either. The boys fenced around the newly broken field, rolled the wheat, and did various other jobs.
- 30 N. Swenson, P.D. Anderson, and I went to John Nelson's land to determine what damage had been done to his property by the north railroad line. The boys grubbed stumps on last year's newly broken field. Today we took the spouts out of the maple trees. This year we have gotten very little syrup—not even 20 gallons and what we did get is very thin and has no good flavor.

May

1 Sunday

- 2 Axel and Frank grubbed stumps on the newly broken land. Carl harrowed and plowed by the pasture and harrowed the new field, etc. I top-grafted the plum trees, etc. It is stormy weather and in the afternoon it was cold and rainy.
- 3 Axel sowed clover and timothy in the south field by A. Schraan's fence and also in the north orchard. Carl plowed in the old garden and in the newly broken field. Frank did various jobs and I grafted apple and plum trees. Mamma is making soap. Today it is grand weather.
- 4 Carl rolled the wheat field on the other side of the railroad and also the oat field on Peterman's field and a part of the barn field. Axel and Frank planted apple tree seedlings and also planted potatoes in the north garden. I planted apple trees, etc.
- 5 Two of the boys hauled wheat using both teams and they hauled two loads each. One of the boys helped the womenfolk shear the sheep. I set out apple trees all day.
- 6 Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia using the mare and the colt. Frank plowed the newly broken field. Axel dug holes for the apple trees and I am planting apple trees, etc. The womenfolk are shearing the rest of the sheep. H. Gerdson was here to get the apple grafts I have made for him. He also bought some apple trees from me.

- 7 Frank is plowing the newly broken field and Carl is harrowing and rolling the field. I planted apple and plum trees. Axel did various jobs. Holtmeier's son was here to get apple trees.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 The boys planted potatoes on the new field next to the barn field. I fixed the grape trellis, etc. Sture came from Minneapolis in the evening. Yesterday and today it has been very warm—86 degrees.
- 10 In the forenoon Carl and Frank went to Waconia with two loads of wheat. Axel fixed the fence and let the cows out in the woods. The cow, "Blossy," calved today and in the afternoon, Carl plowed for corn on the new square field. Axel and Frank planted sorghum and I tied up the grapevines.
- 11 In the forenoon, Axel planted corn on the new field. The others plowed and rolled the square field for the corn. I tied up the grapevines, etc. In the afternoon we went to the wedding of Larson and Lovisa at Per Daniel's house.
- 12 Axel sowed timothy on the meadow and on the other side of the tracks. Carl plowed, harrowed, and rolled the seed. Frank planted corn on the square field. I tied up the remaining grapevines, etc. Today we took the mare to B. Nilson's stud for the third time and she took him.
- 13 Today the boys and I worked in the garden and did various jobs. It looks like rain but none has come as yet.
- 14 In the forenoon, Carl and Frank plowed in the garden for the grafts, melons, sugar beets, etc. Axel planted willow cuttings, etc. I pruned the apple trees. In the afternoon, Carl and Axel went to Waconia with two loads of wheat. Brother Broms came home with them. Frank planted melons and I worked in the garden.
- 15 **Sunday** Brother Broms preached today.
- 16 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl set fence posts in the north line along Peltz's private road. Frank worked in the garden. I began planting my grafts. In the afternoon Axel and Carl went to Waconia with two loads of wheat. In the evening, the boys went to a meeting.
- 17 In the forenoon, I planted apple grafts and Frank helped me. Carl took Charley Norman and his wife to Cologne as they are moving to Granite Falls. Axel is cutting posts for the fence and in the afternoon we were at a meeting in Scandia, where Brother Broms preached.
- 18 Axel and Carl finished the fence along Peltz's private road. Frank and I planted grafts—it is very dry, so we need rain. Today we took "Pearly" again to Peterman's bull.
- 19 Axel and Frank helped me plant grafts. Carl harrowed the corn on the newly broken field and in the afternoon we went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 20 Axel and Carl fixed the fence in the southern forty. Frank did various jobs. Ida, Tina, and I went to Waconia. I had three sacks of wheat to bring to the mill. I paid Mock

and Worster my debt and I also paid Kohler for a tin of snuff. In the afternoon I pruned the apple trees.

- 21 First, N. Swenson was here and castrated the pigs. Axel and Carl fixed the fence by the west meadow. Frank did various jobs. I pruned the apple trees, etc. In the afternoon we had a lovely light rain that did lots of good.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Carl and Frank plowed the sugar beets. Axel and the womenfolk planted sugar beets, etc. I pruned the apple trees and also did various other jobs.
- 24 In the forenoon, the boys and I planted strawberries. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl made a box to set out in the new well that will be out in the southern forty. Frank and I did various jobs.
- 25 Axel and Carl started digging the new well on the southern forty in the pasture. Carl went to Waconia. I worked on a windlass for the well digging. Frank did various jobs.
- 26 In the forenoon I finished the windlass for the well digging. The boys dug for the well. In the afternoon, all three of the boys helped dig for the well. I did various jobs. Today we took the mare to B. Nilson's stud again, but she did not take him.
- 27 Today, Elsa, Anna, and I went to Minneapolis to sell the wool. We arrived at the woolen mill around noon and to Kjellberg's around 3:30 in the afternoon.
- 28 In the forenoon we bought various dry goods at Sigerbom's Store and groceries in a store by Kjellberg's. At two o'clock we left Minneapolis and at 9:30 in the evening we came home. The boys are digging a well out in the south pasture, etc.
- 29 **Sunday (Pentecost Sunday)**
- 30 The boys dug on the well in the south pasture. In the forenoon I helped with the well and in the afternoon I did nothing, I was not well.
- 31 The boys dug on the well in the southern forty and began to line it with bricks. The well is 31 feet deep. I am making a watering trough to use for watering the cattle.

June

- 1 In the forenoon, the boys finished lining the well with bricks. I finished the watering trough. In the afternoon we dug in the marsh in various places to get enough water for the cattle. The boys did various jobs. I wrote letters to Broms and Henry Anderson in Granite Falls.
- 2 In the forenoon, the boys cultivated and hoed. I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys fenced around the cranberry swamp, etc. I did various jobs. Today we brought the cattle to the south pasture.
- 3 Ida, Frank, and I went to Chaska and sold the smoked pork to Gunz's store. We also went to Carver and had "Frank" and "Rock" shod by Hammarlund. I left the two plows at the factory for repairs. Axel and Carl cultivated the corn, replanted the sorghum, and began to dig for the cellar of the new pig barn.

- 4 The boys cut and mowed Lucerne and red clover and they also helped me to put up the wire on the grape trellis down below the apple orchard.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Carl worked on the road with the horses. Axel, Frank, and I raked and hauled in the clover hay, etc.
- 7 Carl and the horses worked on the road. Axel and Frank hilled the potatoes and did various jobs. I pruned the grapevines, etc. Today I settled up with Rietz for the service of his bull and various other things.
- 8 The boys scraped off the black dirt from the place where we will build the corncrib and also where the pig barn is going to be, and then hoed in the garden. I pruned grapevines. Last night we had enough rain to wet the ground one inch deep.
- 9 In the forenoon, the boys dug and scraped for the pig barn cellar. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and had the mare shod. Axel and Frank hoed in the north garden and I pruned the apple trees. Emma came home this evening.
- 10 Today P.D. Anderson, Niklas Swenson and I, along with John Nelson, went down to Chaska and received payment from the railroad company for being witnesses for John Nelson. The boys dug for the cellar and also cultivated and hoed in the corn.
- 11 Today Sture, Axel, Carl, and Ida, along with other young people from the church, left for Clear Lake for a visit. Frank and I did various jobs.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 In the forenoon I sowed timothy on the south field on the other side of the tracks and then Frank and I harrowed. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and brought home the children who had been on the trip to Clear Lake. Frank hoed the melon patch.
- 14 Today, John Nelson started hewing the timbers and dovetailing them for the pig barn; Axel and Carl helped him. Frank hoed in the sugar beets. I am hoeing the apple grafts, etc. Luella Mix was here to visit.
- 15 J. Nelson, Axel, and Frank hewed and cut timbers for the pig barn. Carl hoed and poisoned potato bugs. I hoed and in the afternoon, I drove Emma to Waconia and she went to her sewing school in Minneapolis. Yesterday evening we had a heavy rain.
- 16 J. Nelson, Carl, and Axel cut, hewed, and dovetailed timbers for the pig barn. Frank and I hoed in the garden, sowed timothy seed, etc.
- 17 J. Nelson, Axel, and Carl cut and hewed timbers. Frank and I cultivated the garden, etc. Last night the school teacher, Miss Daly, stayed overnight with us. The school year ended today.
- 18 J. Nelson, Axel, and Carl cut and hewed timbers for half the day. In the afternoon, Nelson went home. I hoed, etc. Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. Around eleven o'clock we had a hard rain. Ida and Emma are scrubbing the meetinghouse. In the evening Mr. Luedloff came here to try to determine which of my apple trees are

the hardest.

- 19 **Sunday** Brother Broms preached today. I was home this morning as Luedloff did not leave until eleven o'clock.
- 20 The boys hoed in the corn and the squash, etc. Carl went to the mill after the grist. I put teeth into the sickle of the mower, etc. Today we also had a rain shower.
- 21 The boys are hoeing in the corn. Mamma and I went to Excelsior and sold hens and chicks. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Brother and Sister Broms came home with us.
- 22 The boys hoed corn, etc. I did various jobs. In the evening we had a meeting. The weather is nice and cool. I went to Waconia to get nails.
- 23 Sture and Frank Lundsten started to build the corncrib for me today. Axel and I are helping them. Carl and Frank plowed the potatoes, cultivated the corn, etc.
- 24 Frank Lundsten worked on the corncrib until noon. Sture worked on it all day. They shingled it today (Axel and Frank helped). Carl went to Waconia to get shingle nails and then mowed the west meadow. The boys hauled in the hay from around the pigpen and the creek. I did various little things.
- 25 I repaired the old pump and in the afternoon we put it in the well on the south pasture. The boys mowed and cut hay, hoed and cultivated, and took corn and rye to the Waconia mill to be ground.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 The boys hauled hay from the west meadow all day and also from the timothy field on the south meadow on the other side of the tracks. I wrote a letter to Mattson in Stromsburg. Today we took the heifer, "Nancy," to Peterman's bull.
- 28 The boys mowed and cut the large piece of the south meadow, went to Waconia, hoed potatoes, etc. I finished writing the letter to Mattson in Stromsburg, Nebraska, and one to Charley Norman. Afterwards I did various other jobs.
- 29 The boys are cutting and mowing the timothy field in the south meadow and hauling the hay from the large field, etc. I did various jobs. It looks like rain, but none has come as yet.
- 30 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in the timothy from the south meadow and cultivated the corn, etc. I did various things. In the evening we did get a little rain, but we need more.

July

- 1 Last night we had more rain. Axel and Frank plowed the corn, plowed and cultivated the timothy, etc. Carl went to Waconia. In the afternoon he was in Scandia and set up tables and benches for the Fourth of July. I made boxes for the hay racks, etc.
- 2 The boys cultivated and hoed in the garden and hauled in hay. Axel went to Waconia and met Emma, who came home from Minneapolis. I did various jobs.

- 3 **Sunday** It is now rainy weather.
- 4 We celebrated this holiday as usual in Scandia. We all had a picnic dinner together. Quite a few Minneapolis folks celebrated with us. In the morning we had rain, but later in the day we had great weather.
- 5 The boys mowed and hayed on the west meadow and dug and cleaned out the water holes for the cattle in the south meadow as we are short of clean water for them. Emma went back to sewing school in Minneapolis today. Carl drove her to Waconia. I did various jobs. It is hot and humid—stormy weather.
- 6 The boys are mowing and hauling in hay. I hoed the strawberry beds, etc.
- 7 The boys are mowing and cutting hay by the island. They are hauling in hay from the west meadow. I hoed in the garden and fixed a bridge in the meadow. Mamma is over at A. Broberg's quilting.
- 8 The boys are mowing and cutting in the southern meadow on the other side of the track. They hauled hay home from around the island. I hoed in the garden. The Bergquists from Minneapolis are here for a visit.
- 9 The boys cut hay by the road, hoed in the garden, and hauled hay home from the south meadow. Mamma and I went to Luedloff's house and visited with them. We went by way of Carver and picked up the two plows that were repaired at the factory. It is very dry and there is no sign of rain. Everywhere we drove by, the beetles are destroying the wheat in the field.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 The boys hoed the sugar beets in the garden and hayed and mowed the little meadow by the road, etc. Sture and I went to Waconia and looked at a reaper. After, I hoed by the apple grafts.
- 12 The boys are hauling in the hay from the meadow in the south field by the road and that finished the haying. Today I bought a self-binding reaper from F. Oberle in Waconia. Carl went after the reaper and then the boys hoed in the orchard. I hoed by the apple grafts.
- 13 The boys hoed the sorghum in the afternoon. In the forenoon, the machinery agent was here and set up the self-binder reaper and eight of the boys helped with that. I hoed in the garden and also worked in the carpentry workshop. It is very dry and still no rain.
- 14 Today we have hoed, plowed, and cleaned up in the garden the whole day. It is 93 degrees and very dry.
- 15 In the forenoon we hoed in the orchard and in the afternoon, Carl and Frank plowed the sorghum. Axel and I and several others put up markers by all the grave lots, cut the hay, and fixed up the graveyard. In the evening we had a meeting and Broms preached. Erickson and his wife from Minneapolis are in Scandia. It is very dry and warm—94 degrees.
- 16 The boys dug and scraped in the pig barn cellar. I did nothing as I find it too warm,

so I am not well. Today the thermometer shows 98 degrees.

- 17 **Sunday** Broms preached. Willie Swanson and Justus were baptized today.
- 18 Today Mamma and I, along with brother and sister Erickson from Minneapolis, went out to John Nelson's for a visit the whole day.
- 19 Axel and Carl hauled sand using both teams for the masonry work on the barn cellar. Frank hoed in the garden and I did various small jobs. Today it is 95 degrees.
- 20 In the forenoon, the boys did various things. In the afternoon, the agent Oberle was here and started the self-binder. The boys reaped the oats on the home field. I am not well.
- 21 In the forenoon, the boys finished reaping the oats on the home field and part of the south field. In the afternoon the boys were out on the island in Clearwater Lake for a temperance meeting. I could not go with as I am not well. Mamma and Mrs. Erickson went with the boys to the island.
- 22 The boys reaped the remainder of the oats on Peterman's field. Afterwards, they reaped the wheat on the big section in the south field. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 23 The boys reaped wheat in the south field and finished it. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 24 **Sunday** John Erickson from Minneapolis preached. Ericksons left us today and went over to A. Broberg's house.
- 25 The boys reaped wheat on the other side of the tracks. Carl went to Waconia this morning and bought more twine for the reaper. I am not well.
- 26 The boys finished reaping all the wheat. I was cupped today as I am not getting better.
- 27 Today we had a thunderstorm with enough rain that it soaked into the ground to a depth of three inches. The boys did various things. Carl went to Waconia and had the horses shod. It is still hot. In the evening we had a meeting and Bengt Anderson preached.
- 28 Today we have rain showers—just enough that we cannot stack the wheat. The boys did various jobs and I did nothing. In the evening they went to the meeting. Bengt Anderson preached.
- 29 Today it rained again and we could not stack the wheat. The boys did various jobs. I did nothing.
- 30 Today the boys stacked the wheat the whole day. I did a few small jobs. It is still very warm.
- 31 **Sunday**

August

- 1 Today the boys stacked the oats. I did various small jobs.
- 2 Today the boys stacked wheat. Sture came home today and helped stack wheat.

Mamma went to Waconia and met Emma. She came home from Minneapolis and has now finished her term in sewing school. I did various small jobs. It is sultry and warm weather.

- 3 Sture and the other boys stacked wheat on the other side of the tracks by Peterman's field. In the evening Gustaf Norman from Kirkwood came here. Axel is threshing for Peltz and Zieman.
- 4 Carl went to Broberg's and helped haul wheat. In the forenoon, Frank plowed the barn field. Axel hoed in the garden. In the afternoon G. Norman, Mamma, and I rode around Clearwater Lake so we could show G. Norman our neighborhood.
- 5 Carl helped Andrew and Catherine Broberg. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn until noon and then they threshed for Birrel Nilson. I did nothing.
- 6 This morning I drove G. Norman (from Kirkwood) and Sture to Victoria. They took the train to Minneapolis. Axel and Frank threshed for B. Nilson until noon and then they plowed. Carl threshed for Rietz. I pruned back the raspberry bushes. The watchmaker Hanson came here this evening.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Carl threshed for Sundheim. Axel went to Waconia and took Charles Erickson and his wife for a ride this morning. Frank plowed and in the afternoon, they both plowed. Frank went to Victoria and met Sture. I cut back the raspberry bushes.
- 9 Carl went to Shakopee to get lime. This morning Frank plowed. Axel hoed, etc. In the afternoon they went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod and hauled home water from the lake. I pruned the raspberry bushes. Today we went to Peterman's bull with the black cow "Bliss."
- 10 In the forenoon it rained. In the afternoon Carl sowed rye in the home field on the other side of the creek. Axel and Frank slaked the lime, etc. I did various jobs. Anna Sandberg and three other girls from Minneapolis came here today.
- 11 Today Charley Klatt started the masonry work on the cellar for the pig barn. Carl is hauling stone for the cellar and Axel is making mortar and passing it to Klatt. Frank plowed and I made a window frame for the barn, etc. We took "Lady" to Peterman's bull.
- 12 C. Klatt and his hired hand built on the cellar for the barn. Axel mixed mortar, etc. Carl hauled stones and Frank plowed. I am pruning the raspberry bushes and hoed the strawberries.
- 13 Today it has rained the whole day. The boys did nothing. I put moldings around the chimney in the living room.
- 14 **Sunday** Lindberg from Anoka and his wife are here. Lindberg preached for us today.
- 15 Carl and Frank summer plowed the west part of the south field. Axel cut hay and hoed in the garden. In the forenoon I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon I hoed the strawberries. Mrs. Mix and Lotta Mix are here to visit.

- 16 Carl and Frank plowed the large part of the south field and cut the Lucerne clover. Axel and I hoed in the garden. Sture made doors for the corncrib. In the afternoon and evening we had very much rain.
- 17 Carl and Frank plowed. Axel and I hoed in the garden. In the afternoon Carl went to the mill with grist. Mrs. Mix, Lotta, and Ida rode with Carl to Waconia. Sture is not well. He did nothing today.
- 18 Carl plowed and Axel hoed. In the afternoon Sture and Frank went to Waconia and met Brother Broms and hauled home the grist from the mill. I did various jobs. In the evening we went to a meeting in Scandia. Broms preached.
- 19 Carl went to Shakopee to get lime. In the forenoon Sture and I worked on the corncrib. Axel and Frank cut quackgrass in the meadow on the other side of the track. Fogelstrom and Broms are here. In the afternoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. Today I sent a letter to my brother-in-law, J. Anderson, in Granite Falls about renting out my land. Fogelstrom preached in Scandia this afternoon.
- 20 Sture and I worked on the corncrib. The other boys slaked lime and did various other jobs.
- 21 **Sunday** Broms preached.
- 22 In the forenoon, Carl and Frank plowed. In the afternoon, we hauled manure out to the other side of the tracks and hauled stones home. Mamma and I went to Waconia. Sture is working on the corncrib. Axel was sawing wood for the stove the whole day.
- 23 In the forenoon Carl and Frank plowed on Peterman's field. Axel and I turned the hay. In the afternoon the boys hauled hay and I did various jobs. Sture worked on the corncrib the whole day.
- 24 Carl and Frank plowed. Sture started tearing off the shingles on the roof on the front porch as there will be a new roof put on there. I did various jobs as well as helping Sture at times. In the evening, we had a meeting. Broms preached.
- 25 C. Klatt and his hired man built on the cellar for the pig barn. Axel made mortar, Sture is working on the front porch, and Carl and Frank are threshing for John Nelson. I went to Waconia and hauled home a load of sand from the lakeshore and hoed in the garden, etc.
- 26 C. Klatt and his helper built on the cellar. Axel made mortar and Sture worked on the front porch. Carl and Frank threshed for John Nelson and they were back home by three o'clock. I did various jobs.
- 27 C. Klatt and his hired man worked on the cellar for the pig barn and finished it. Axel and Carl mixed the mortar and hauled the stones. Sture is working on the front porch. In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia after panel boards for the porch and also brought home a load of sand, etc. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Carl cut corn.
- 28 **Sunday**

- 29 Carl and Frank hauled manure to the south field on the other side of the tracks using three wagons. Axel loaded the wagons for them. Sture is putting on wainscoting on the porch. I did various jobs. Today we took the cow, "Nancy," to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 30 In the forenoon, Sture and I were out to Swenson's on the other side of Clearwater Lake and also to Waconia. Axel and Frank threshed at Per Daniel's. Carl cut corn and in the afternoon it rained. Sture and Carl went fishing. Frank threshed at Bradhouse's and Axel did various things.
- 31 Axel and Carl hauled manure. Frank threshed for Bradhouse until noon. Sture made steps to the front porch and a door for the corncrib. I plastered on the molasses ovens.

September

- 1 In the forenoon, Sture and I went to Waconia and met Swanson, who helped us to buy paint for the house. Mamma went along to Waconia. In the afternoon, Sture repaired the mangers in the stable. The other boys cut corn and I finished plastering in the evaporation pans for the molasses ovens.
- 2 Axel and Frank were at Lundsten's two times to help with the threshing, but it started to rain both times, so they had to quit and then it settled down to a steady rain. Sture worked on the mangers in the stable. I did various jobs. Carl cut the last of the corn. Olaf Hanson is here.
- 3 In the forenoon Carl and Frank hauled timbers from the woods to the pig barn. Axel cleaned out the cow barn, etc. Sture fixed the cow barn door. I plastered the stone footings under the porch and then it rained, so we did nothing. Olaf Hanson is still here.
- 4 **Sunday** It rained almost all day.
- 5 Axel and Frank threshed at Lundsten's. Sture also helped in the forenoon. I went to Waconia to get the paint. In the afternoon I worked on the stone foundation to the porch in between rain showers. Sture made storm windows for the cellar. Carl grubbed out stumps in the north barn field. Olaf Hanson left us and went to Gotaholm today.
- 6 Axel and Frank threshed for Lundsten until ten o'clock and then hauled manure while Sture and Carl went to Winkel's and threshed. I did various jobs.
- 7 In the morning, the boys did various jobs. Sture took the horses to Winkel's place to pick up the threshing machine. Frank went to Waconia and had the mare shod. I butchered a ram. Right after noon, we started to thresh. We threshed two stacks of wheat and two stacks of oats. Then we moved the machine and threshed part of a stack.
- 8 We finished threshing here at home by eight o'clock. Then we moved the machine over to the field by Peterman's land. We threshed there until 11:30 and we burned the straw and then it started to rain. We had great weather while we threshed. In the

afternoon, Axel and Frank fenced around the straw stack, etc. Carl plowed and Sture painted. I did various jobs.

- 9 Carl and Frank harrowed on the first plowing. Axel stripped the sorghum, Sture painted the house, and I hoed by the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 10 Carl and Frank plowed the second time in the field by the barn. In the afternoon, Carl mowed in the south meadow and Axel stripped the sorghum canes, etc. Sture painted on the house and I hoed in the strawberry patch, etc.
- 11 **Sunday** L. Eklund preached today. Mrs. Strandberg came here today. Yesterday Olaf Hanson came.
- 12 Today it has rained almost the whole day, so no one did any work. I went to Waconia after paint and O. Hanson went along home to Waconia.
- 13 Carl and Frank plowed in the forenoon and in the afternoon Sture, Axel, and I went to the horticultural fair in Minneapolis. Ida went with Albertina Nelson yesterday to the fair on the north railroad.
- 14, 15 & 16 We attended the fair and the exposition building in Minneapolis. Axel and I arrived home on Friday evening, the 16th. Carl and Frank plowed and hauled in hay and they also hauled the sorghum to the molasses camp.
- 17 Carl and Frank plowed and then mowed the second crop of hay. Axel did various things and so did I. We gathered the grapes in the afternoon.
- 18 **Sunday** Broms and his wife are here in Scandia this week. Lindquist and his wife from Watertown were baptized today.
- 19 The boys plowed, dug potatoes, and hauled hay. I hoed by the last-planted raspberry bushes. In the afternoon I went to the mill with grist. Sture came from the fair in Minneapolis in the afternoon. Hanson went to West Union today.
- 20 Sture and Frank painted on the house. Carl plowed and Axel dug up potatoes and went to Per Daniel's and helped butcher a pig. I hoed the raspberry bushes and did various other jobs.
- 21 Sture and Frank painted on the house. Axel and Carl dug up potatoes and also mowed in the western meadow. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Brother and Sister Broms came here from Lundsten's.
- 22 Axel, Carl, and Frank threshed at N. Swenson's. I went to Waconia and had the horse "Rock" shod, etc. Sture is working for Koren's in Victoria. In the afternoon I did various jobs.
- 23 Axel and Frank picked potatoes, mowed, hauled hay, etc. Carl is sick and I did various things.
- 24 Today, Mamma, Emma, Tina, and I went to Carver to the agricultural fair. Axel was also with. Carl and Frank went to the market in Chaska and sold the spotted cow, "Froken," then they came to Carver. We had both the teams of horses. O. Hanson went home with us.
- 25 **Sunday**

- 26 Sture and Frank painted. Axel and Carl dug up potatoes in the forenoon, then we cut ties and braces for the pig barn. Then it rained.
- 27 The boys dug potatoes. Sture worked in the morning on the new kitchen door. After dinner he went with Frank Lundsten and hung the windows in the church. I did various jobs. O. Hanson came from Minneapolis this evening.
- 28 Mamma and I went to Hjelm's auction today. Carl and Frank hauled home timbers from the woods for the pig barn. Axel finished digging the potatoes and after dinner he threshed for Peterman. Sture worked at Koren's house for Frank Lundsten.
- 29 Sture went to Minneapolis today to pay for the city lot we bought. Carl and Frank went along in order to go through the exposition building. I drove O. Hanson and his things to Cologne, where he took the train for Sacred Heart. After dinner I did various things. Axel threshed for Peterman.
- 30 Axel and I cut logs for the barn, etc. Sture, Carl, and Frank came from Minneapolis this evening.

October

- 1 Sture is hewing timbers for the pig barn. Axel and Frank dovetailed the timbers. Carl painted by the kitchen porch. I fitted the new door in the kitchen and then I helped Carl paint.
- 2 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis is in Scandia at a wedding at Broberg's. He preached here this forenoon. Bengt Anderson preached this afternoon.
- 3 Sture, Axel, and Frank cut and hewed timbers. Carl is not feeling well. I went to Waconia in the forenoon and in the afternoon I hauled in the squash, etc. Bergquist from Minneapolis came here this afternoon.
- 4 In the forenoon, Carl and Frank hauled timbers. Axel and I turned the hay, etc. In the afternoon the boys hauled hay and manure. I did various jobs. Sture worked for Frank Lundsten.
- 5 Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure to the south field on the other side of the track. Sture hewed out ties and braces for the pig barn. I butchered a ram and did various jobs. In the afternoon I went to Scandia for a business meeting about the painting of the church and the new windows and also whether or not we should put up a new fence.
- 6 John Nelson and Sture started building on the barn today. Axel, Carl, and Frank hauled manure and I did various jobs.
- 7 John Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. Axel, Carl, and Frank are hauling manure and I did various jobs.
- 8 In the forenoon, John Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. The other boys are hauling manure. I did various jobs. In the afternoon it rained so we did nothing. Mrs. Nelson and Albertina were here this afternoon.
- 9 **Sunday**

- 10 John Nelson and Sture worked on the barn. Axel, Frank, and Mamma are pressing the sorghum canes and cooking molasses. Carl harrowed and I did various small jobs. Today we went to Peterman's bull with the cow "Nancy" for the third time.
- 11 J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn in the forenoon. Axel, Frank, and Mamma pressed sorghum canes and cooked molasses. This year we have made 45 gallons of molasses. Carl harrowed. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure except Axel, who helped Lundsten to butcher pigs. I did various things.
- 12 In the morning, the boys hauled manure to the other side of the track, etc. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank hauled manure. Axel went to Niklas's and butchered pigs. I did various things and went to the Waconia mill with grist. J. Nelson and Sture worked on the barn.
- 13 Today we raised the barn. John Nelson helped us in the morning and in the afternoon, Per Daniel and William Swenson helped. It is a beautiful day but a bit cold.
- 14 Sture worked on the barn and Carl is helping him. Axel and Frank are husking corn. I dug up my apple trees. In the afternoon, I drove into Waconia and met Brother Broms.
- 15 Sture and Carl are working on the barn. Axel and Frank husked corn on the square field in the southern section and finished it. I dug up boxelder trees and finished.
- 16 **Sunday** Broms preached. My brother-in-law, John, is also here. It rained all day.
- 17 Sture and the other boys worked on the barn the greater part of the day and then husked some corn. I dug up boxelder trees and did various jobs. Brother-in-law John is with Lundsten and B. Nilson.
- 18 In the morning, the boys nailed shingles on the pig barn. I did nothing as my brother-in-law, Anderson, is here. In the afternoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. Sture and Frank nailed shingles. Broms preached.
- 19 The boys hauled cornstalks from the square field and finished nailing shingles on the pig barn. I went to Luedloff's to get fruit trees.
- 20 The boys hauled in the sugar beets and topped them. Sture helped to cut off the tops. I did various things. In the afternoon I went to Waconia with boxelder trees and sold them to Volkenant. Today my brother-in-law, John Anderson, went home to Granite Falls. Per Daniel drove him to Augusta.
- 21 Axel and I dug up apple trees and sooted the chimneys. Carl and Frank hauled in the carrots and husked corn. Sture hung the door to the kitchen and worked on the barn. Last night we had a hard freeze and it is very cold.
- 22 Sture worked on the barn. Axel, Carl, and Frank and three of the girls husked corn and finished. The boys hauled some loads of cornstalks. I dug up some of the Swedish apple trees in the orchard and later it snowed.
- 23 **Sunday** It is snowing. We had planned to go to Gotaholm to a meeting, but the

weather made it impossible to go. A Swedish tramp by the name of Frank Anderson was here last night from Mankato.

- 24 The boys hauled cornstalks and manure. Sture put the window casings on the barn windows and painted them. I did little things in the orchard. There is a northwest wind and it is very cold. The ground is frozen, so I cannot heel in the apple trees that I have dug up. Winter came before I was finished with the orchard. Neither have we plowed our corn fields.
- 25 The boys are hauling manure to the gardens and doing various jobs. Sture worked on the barn doors. I did various jobs. It is still cold.
- 26 Carl and Frank are hauling home maple branches from the woods and also hauled manure to the gardens. Today I have heeled in a few apple trees and Axel has helped me with the work in the orchard. In the forenoon, Sture went to Waconia and had "Frank" and "Rock" shod. It is not quite as cold.
- 27 Carl and Frank each hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia with both teams. Sture is working on the barn and Axel helped Sture in the forenoon and in the afternoon, Axel helped me to dig up and heel in apple trees in the orchard. Today is mild and sunny.
- 28 This morning, Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I butchered a ram. Sture and Axel did various small jobs. In the afternoon, both Carl and Frank plowed on the corn fields. Axel and I worked in the gardens. Sture hung the large doors to the barn. It is mild and sunny today.
- 29 Carl and Frank plowed on the corn fields. Sture did various things in the barn. I pruned back the grapevines down in the orchard and also heeled in trees, etc. Axel did work in the orchard and other small jobs. It was clear weather, but colder today than yesterday.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 Two of the boys plowed the south field on the other side of the track where we will plant corn in the spring. One of the boys is working in the orchard and doing various other jobs. I am pruning the grapes and doing other small jobs. Today we had grand weather and it was warm. Sture is working for Frank Lundsten at Koren's.

November

- 1 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl plowed the field on the other side of the tracks where we will plant corn in the spring. I pruned grapes. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys plowed in the garden and I went to Waconia and promised wheat to the mill. It is very nice weather.
- 2 Axel and Carl hauled two loads of wheat to the mill in Waconia and sold it to them. I pruned back grapevines. Sture worked on the barn and boarded up the pigpens.
- 3 In the forenoon, Carl and Frank each hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. I pruned the last of the grapevines. Sture and Axel heeled them in. In the afternoon, Carl

harrowed in the south field. Frank plowed in the garden and in the cabbage beds. Axel and I dug up apple trees and heeled them in. Sture is working in the pig barn cellar.

- 4 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Frank plowed the western part of the home field where we sowed the rye that did not germinate. Sture went to Scandia and built a fence around the meetinghouse. Axel did various jobs. In the forenoon, I went to Waconia and paid Oberle for the self-binder and Broberg for the threshing. It is dry and grand weather. There is a cold wind with a northwesterly direction.
- 5 Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood each to Waconia. In the forenoon, Axel worked on the road. In the afternoon he grubbed the big maples. Sture repaired the organ. In the afternoon, I did various jobs in the garden. We had a hard freeze last night but today it is mild, spring-like weather.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 In the morning I went to Waconia and helped to load cordwood on the car that we are to send to Broms in Gibbon. Sture and Axel did various things. Carl hauled a load of maple cordwood and Frank a cord of basswood that we loaded on the car to Broms. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank hauled wood to Waconia with both teams. I did various things. Axel grubbed. Sture hung the doors for the pig barn. It is dry and grand weather with cool, clear air. The heifer "Molly" calved yesterday. The schoolteacher, Mrs. Pettijohn, began boarding with us today. She will pay \$8 a month for board during the school year.
- 8 In the forenoon, Sture, Axel, and I butchered a pig, etc. and did other small jobs. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel grubbed out the large trees. I cut up the pork, etc. Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood each to Waconia. In the evening it started to snow but it is not cold.
- 9 Sture and Axel grubbed out large trees in the north end of the field broken two years ago. Carl hauled home cordwood from the southern forty. Frank and I covered the strawberries with the straw and Frank harrowed the home field. I did various jobs. The snow that came last night has melted away today. It is great weather.
- 10 Sture, Frank, and Axel grubbed the big trees. Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Mamma and I were out at John Nelson's. I went there to dig up a dozen white ash trees that I will plant next spring. Today it is very nice weather. Today I sent 20 scions to O.F. Brand in Faribault.
- 11 Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood down to Waconia. Axel grubbed the large trees. I cut scions and heeled in the ash trees, etc. Sture is getting ready to go to Minneapolis and Chicago.
- 12 Frank drove Sture to Waconia. Carl and I went to Chaska and Carver. I received my prize money for the fruit. Axel, Renius, and Gottfried Swenson grubbed out large trees on the north side of the new field. Frank hauled a load of wood to

Waconia in the afternoon. It is beautiful weather.

13 **Sunday**

14 Today all our boys, along with Renius and Gottfried Swenson, grubbed north of the field by the barn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Per Daniel's and butchered a pig. I did various small jobs. Today Per Daniel received a dispatch from Granite Falls that my brother-in-law, John Anderson, died this morning.

15 Axel and Carl, along with Renius and Gottfried Swenson, grubbed the large trees. I went to Waconia and paid all my bills to Glashan, Wostrel, Shirmer, and Eiselen. It is still dry and great weather.

16 Today, in the morning, Elsa and I, along with Per Daniel Anderson and his wife, left for Granite Falls (or more correctly, Leenthrop congregation), to go to the funeral for my brother-in-law, John Anderson. We got on the train at Augusta. Our boys and Renius and Gottfried Swenson, grubbed out large trees on the clearing.

17 Our boys and Renius and Gottfried Swenson grubbed out large trees.

18 Renius Swenson and our boys grubbed out large trees. Today we buried my brother-in-law, John Anderson. The Leenthrop Church was packed with people who mourned with us in our deep sorrow and, like us, miss our departed loved one. His commission to witness about his Master has now expired. Sunday, the 6th of November, 1887, he preached his last sermon, and nine days later he was gone. His text was Jeremiah 8:20 and the people said it was the most powerful and heart-stirring message they had ever heard. He said that "as a witness of Jesus Christ and as a messenger of the Gospel, he was free from the blood guiltiness of the souls who heard him if it was the last time that he spoke to them." I believe, when I heard that besides some other utterances of the last weeks, that the spirit of God had let him understand that his work would be very soon ended. Now his spirit has again returned to God who gave it to him, and he is in the home of the Blessed.

19 Today we had a strong, northwesterly wind and strong storm here in Granite Falls. Mamma and I went to Henry Anderson's in Leenthrop. We were not able to go out visiting with anyone because of the storm. Renius and our boys grubbed out large trees in the clearing.

20 **Sunday** Mamma and I were at the meeting in Leenthrop.

21 Mamma and I, along with Per Daniel's wife, Carolina, left for home. Per Daniel is staying on in Leenthrop for a few days. John Anderson [brother-in-law John's son] drove us in to Granite Falls. At 1:30 we got on the train and at two o'clock the train left Granite Falls and arrived at Augusta Station at five o'clock. On Thursday, the 17th, Edward Johnson from Litchfield came here for a visit. Carl and Edward met us in Augusta. Oscar Norman went with us home from Leenthrop.

22 The boys are cutting the branches off the trees they have grubbed. They burned the brush. I did nothing. In the evening we had a meeting. Broms preached.

23 The boys are working in the clearing. I did various jobs including cutting scions.

Edward Johnson returned home to Litchfield on the morning train from Waconia. It is cold and cloudy today and it looks like it will snow.

- 24 Today is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We had a praise and prayer service in Scandia. Mr. Pettijohn is here visiting his wife who is boarding with us. We got a little snow overnight. It is mild, nice weather.
- 25 The boys are cutting off the branches and burning them in the clearing. I wrote letters most of the day. In the afternoon we had a snowstorm from the south. Still nice weather.
- 26 In the forenoon the boys went to Waconia and bought boots, shoes, felt shoes, and gloves. Oscar Norman was with. At eleven o'clock it started to snow and it has snowed the whole day. This afternoon, we did nothing.
- 27 **Sunday** An itinerant preacher by the name of Sjolander preached. The heifer "Mia" calved today.
- 28 Today the boys and I did various small jobs. It is very cold and clear weather. Carl went to the mill with grist.
- 29 Today we butchered the two old sows and the barrow that was lame. Per Daniel helped us butcher. It is cold but beautiful weather.
- 30 Carl and Frank were at Per Daniel's and helped him butcher. Axel is doing various jobs. Oscar Norman is sawing wood for the stove. I did various small jobs. Today we took the heifer "Rose" to Peterman's bull for the first time.

December

- 1 Carl and I went to Carver with the two old sows and the pig. We sold the pork to Hebeisen. We had a big snowstorm but it is so warm that both we and the horses were wet. We now have enough snow for perfect "sleighting."
- 2 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia and had the horses, "Frank" and "Rock," shod. Mamma and Emma were with him. Axel and Frank fanned wheat. In the afternoon Carl and Frank hauled cordwood for Birrel Nilson. Axel hauled the manure out of the sheep barn. I did various things. It is thawing, so the water is dripping from the eaves.
- 3 Carl went to Carver and had the mare and the colt shod at Peterson's Smithy. On the way there it started snowing and later it rained, so it is not very pleasant to be out. Frank went to Waconia this morning. The other boys and I did nothing.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 In the forenoon, Carl and Oscar Norman each hauled a load of wood to Waconia and in the afternoon they hauled two loads of wheat. The other boys did various other small jobs. I wrote a letter to A. Tjernlund in Denver. Yesterday we had a strong and cold northwesterly wind. Today it is mild and nice weather. We took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull for the fourth time.
- 6 Carl and Oscar Norman went to Stoughton in Chaska with two cords of maple wood.

The other boys did various other jobs I wrote a letter to my brother Rydell in Sweden telling him about my brother-in-law John Anderson's death, etc.

- 7 In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. I also went to Waconia to the dentist with Ida and Oskar so they could have some teeth pulled. I mailed the letters to Tjernlund in Denver and Rydell in Sweden. In the afternoon we had a meeting in Scandia. F. O. Broady had or rather is having meetings in the interest of the seminary. Broady stayed with us. "Fanny" calved today.
- 8 In the forenoon, Carl drove Broady to Waconia. Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia and in the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. The others cut cordwood and I did various small jobs.
- 9 Axel and Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Stoughton in Chaska. Frank did various other jobs. Oscar Norman worked for Frank Lundsten yesterday and today. I did various small jobs. It is mild weather, so the snow is melting.
- 10 Today, Axel, Oscar Norman, Emma, and I went to the market in Waconia. I sold "Fanny" and her calf on the market to John Sundine. Carl hauled a load of basswood to Waconia. About noon it started to snow and it snowed the rest of the day. The children went to choir practice in the evening.

11 **Sunday**

- 12 Carl and Oscar Norman each hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and Frank did the chores and chopped cordwood. I did nothing. At two o'clock a dispatch arrived from Granite Falls telling us my sister, Maja Stina, died last night. It has been just four weeks between John Anderson's death and the day his wife Maja Stina died, so they were almost allowed to go together to meet their Lord and Savior. Yes, blessed are they that die in the Lord, for they shall obtain rest from their work and pain.
- 13 Mamma and I went to Granite Falls in order to attend the funeral for my sister, Maja Stina.
- 14 We went to the church and viewed the body.
- 15 We buried my sister, Maja Stina. F. Peterson from Minneapolis preached the funeral sermon. The church was filled to the last seat, and they all sympathized with the sorrowing in their sorrow and loss of the departed. These two, John Anderson and his wife, now rest side-by-side in the same and their soul and spirits are in Paradise in the abode of the saints. Sister Maja Stina died suddenly. A few moments before her death she had had an intense time of prayer to her God and Savior, together with her children. At that time, she poured out her heart in a burning prayer of intercession for her relatives, especially for her brother, Rydell, in Sweden, then she sang a song of praise about the heavenly inheritance that she was waiting for. Those of her children who had families left, and only Frances was at home with her mother. It was late in the evening and as Maja Stina felt tired and sleepy, she laid down on the sofa to rest for a while, and as she fell asleep, she

slipped into her last sleep, but think how blessed to die at such a time! Just as she had finished a burning prayer of intercession and had sung her Master's praises, then to go almost directly from the time of fellowship into His presence. My sister, Maria Christina, was born January 4, 1826, and died December 11, 1887, and so she was 61 years, 11 months and 7 days old at the time of her departure.

- 16 We went to the meeting in Leenthrop. F. Peterson of Minneapolis preached. In the evening, we went over and visited with my brother-in-law, L. Johnson.
- 17 Mamma and I went on the train home. The train was delayed, so we did not get to the Augusta Station until half past six. During the time we were away, the boys cut cordwood and hauled it to Waconia.
- 18 **Sunday** Broms preached. We had communion.
- 19 Carl and B. Nilson hauled wood to Waconia. The other boys and I butchered a pig and did various other jobs.
- 20 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. Broms preached. Today we have a snowstorm from the northeast, so in the afternoon we did nothing.
- 21 Today we also have a snowstorm, so the boys did no work. I wrote a letter to Rydell in Sweden that sister Maja Stina was dead. I sent a letter to John Harris in La Crescent about the Russian apple trees.
- 22 The boys tended to the livestock and did the chores. The boys cut some cordwood but it is too cold. I did various small jobs. Today I mailed the letter to Sweden. Today we took the heifer "May" to Peterman's bull.
- 23 The boys tended to the livestock and did the chores. They also cut cordwood for a short while. After dinner, Carl and Ida took Mrs. Pettijohn to Waconia and the teacher continued from there home to Excelsior. I did various things.
- 24 The boys tended to the livestock and did the chores. The boys cut cordwood for a while but it was too cold. Carl went to Henry Schraan in Waconia for medicine for the horse, "Maid." I did various small jobs. We now have so much snow the roads are hard to drive over with a load on.
- 25 **Christmas Day (Sunday)** We went to a meeting in Scandia.
- 26 Today we did nothing. In the evening there was a meeting in the meetinghouse. They had a decorated Christmas tree in the church. Broms and two hired men from Clear Lake were there. I stayed home in the evening.
- 27 We went to the meeting in Scandia when Broms preached. Henry Schraan was here and treated the horse "Maid" for the swelling in her right leg.
- 28 Today it is very cold with a northwest wind, so we did nothing. In the evening we went to the meeting in Scandia. Broms preached.
- 29 In the forenoon we did nothing. In the evening the whole congregation went to Birrel Nilson's for a party and to dedicate his new house.
- 30 Today Brother Broms went home and Emma and Albertina Nelson went with Broms to Gibbon to help with the Christmas program in Gibbon. Around noon it started to

snow and also to blow and all afternoon we had a hard snowstorm. We did no work today.

31 Today we have had a snowstorm all day, so we have not done any work.

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January

- 1 **New Year's Day (Sunday)** Today it is clear weather but there is so much snow that we had no meeting in Scandia.
- 2 Today we have shoveled and packed the snow and the boys went to Waconia to meet the school teacher.
- 3 Before noon, Carl and Frank went to Waconia. They took a boar home to our sows; otherwise, the boys did nothing except the chores. Today I sent the Swedish scions to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa, and mailed a letter to Patten in St. Charles, Iowa.
- 4 The boys did the chores and cut some cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and met Emma. Hon came from Clear Lake. I did various jobs in the carpenter shop.
- 5 Today, we had a snowstorm the whole day. I filed saws, etc. The boys tended the livestock. The snow we got today was like sand, so we can't pack it.
- 6 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the carpenter shop. Today it was beautiful weather.
- 7 The boys cut cordwood. Before noon, Frank and Oscar Norman went to Waconia. I worked on a wagon box for the old wagon.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 The boys cut cordwood. I went to Scandia. We had an annual business meeting in our congregation. Today it is quite cold. Oscar Norman is with Niklas's boys fishing.
- 10 The boys cut cordwood. I worked on the wagon boxes. The intense cold continues.
- 11 The boys cut cordwood. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and had a part of the iron on the old wagon repaired. I did various jobs out in the shop. It is very cold. In the evening, the boys went to Hjortson's schoolhouse for a temperance meeting.
- 12 Today, we have had a strong snowstorm the whole day. The boys only tended to the chores and animals. I worked in the shop.
- 13 Today, it was unusually cold with a strong northwest wind. The boys only took care of the animals. I finished the wagon box. There was no school today.
- 14 Today, it was quite cold with a northwest wind. Before noon, the boys shoveled snow as far as the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl and Oscar Norman went to Waconia for the mail. Axel sawed stovewood. Frank took care of the animals. I did various small jobs.
- 15 **Sunday** Today, we could not get to the meeting because it was too cold and there was too much snow.
- 16 Before noon, the boys shoveled snow and went past the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl

and Frank went to Waconia. I wrote letters to P. Headburg and to Tjernlund in Denver and to Thomas in Young America.

- 17 Today, it is great weather and the cold has let up. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Mamma, I, and Carl, went to Waconia. Charley Norman and his wife came to us in the afternoon.
- 18 Carl went to Scandia and helped dig a grave for Charley Erickson from Minneapolis. They also shoveled snow in the graveyard and the road to the meetinghouse and a clearing next to the meetinghouse. Charles, Oscar Norman, and I went to Waconia and bought meat from Charley Rader.
- 19 Today, we had the funeral in Scandia. Charley Erickson from Minneapolis was buried in our cemetery. Charley was raised here in Scandia. He has now gone home to his God and Savior in the prayers. Today it is cold with a northwest wind.
- 20 It is yet very cold. Some of the boys cut cordwood. Carl went to Waconia to meet Pastor Broms, but he didn't come because the tracks were blocked. I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop.
- 21 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the carpenter shop. In the evening, Mrs. Bergquist and Emma Erickson came here.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to the Waconia mill with a load of meal. I worked on the gates in the carpenter shop. Today we got Andrew Broberg's boar back from Frank Lundsten.
- 24 Before noon, the boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, they hauled home stovewood, etc. I worked on the gates in the shop. Today there is a strong wind, so that the roads are blocked. Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull. A tramp was here last night. His name was Davis.
- 25 The boys cut cordwood. I worked on the gates in the shop. Today, it is still blowing so hard that the roads are blocked.
- 26 Before noon, the boys shoveled snow. In the afternoon, a couple of them went to the Waconia mill after the grist. Today, I sent a letter to Drothzen in California and then I worked on the gates in the carpenter shop. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 27 The boys cut cordwood. I worked on the gates in the carpenter shop and filed saws. Today, the sun is shining and it is not cold.
- 28 The boys cut cordwood. I worked on the gates in the shop. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 29 **Sunday** Broms preached. He was to be with us last Sunday, but with the train tracks blocked from snow, he couldn't come.
- 30 The boys cut cordwood. I went to Niklas Swenson and bought potatoes. I also wrote a letter to George Mattson in Osceola, Nebraska.
- 31 Before noon, we went to the meeting in Scandia. Broms preached. Carl went to Waconia and sent a jar of butter by express to John Tjernlund in Minneapolis (it was 16 ½ pounds). I mailed a letter to G. Mattson in Osceola, Nebraska, and to Luedloff in Carver. In the

afternoon, the boys worked with the snow on the road to Scandia. I did various jobs.

February

- 1 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia, but it has now been mild weather and the roads have become uneven, so you can't haul loads over them. Axel went to Frank Lundsten's and butchered pigs. Frank and Oscar Norman did the chores and cut some cordwood. I mended my fur coat and did other small jobs.
- 2 Before noon, we went to the meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. Today it is mild weather, so the horses can go down on the roads. Brother Broms went home with us from the meeting.
- 3 Before noon, Carl and I went to Waconia. We drove Brother Broms to the station. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Axel and Oscar Norman went fishing. The other boys did the chores. It has misted the whole day.
- 4 The boys cut cordwood. I made grafting wax and did other various jobs. Oscar Norman is in Excelsior working for Latham. Frank drove Oscar and the school teacher to Victoria this morning.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Today we have had a drifting snowstorm. The boys puttied the windows in the pig barn. I did various small jobs.
- 7 Today I have begun to make apple tree grafts. The boys are cutting cordwood. Before noon, Carl and Ida went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood.
- 8 I made apple tree grafts. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the afternoon, he was there with a load of wheat. The other boys cut cordwood and fanned the wheat, etc. Today it is cold and clear. Yesterday, we took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 9 I made apple tree grafts. Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. The other boys fanned wheat and took care of the animals and cut cordwood. Today it is very cold.
- 10 I made apple tree grafts. The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl drove Pettijohn's sister to Waconia. Today it is not so cold.
- 11 I made apple tree grafts. Carl and Frank Lundsten went to Norwood to the prohibition convention. Axel and Oscar Norman drove them to Waconia. Today there is a snowstorm. The boys only did the chores and cut stovewood.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 I made apple tree grafts. The boys cut cordwood. Today it is mild and the snow is melting. The water is running from the roof. In the evening, we had a contest meeting to dispute the righteousness of the cause of the Prohibition Party. There were 10 of the young people who delivered speeches.
- 14 I made apple tree grafts. Axel and Oscar Norman went to Frank Lundsten's and butchered pigs. Before noon, Carl and Frank went to Waconia and returned Andrew Broberg's boar to

- him. In the afternoon, they did nothing because the weather was quite cold.
- 15 I made apple tree grafts. Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Mamma and Ida went to P. D. Anderson for a visit. Oscar Norman drove them.
 - 16 I made apple tree grafts. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with two logs for the sawmill and in the afternoon, with a load of cordwood. Frank and Mamma went to A. Broberg's for a mission meeting. The other boys cut cordwood.
 - 17 I made apple tree grafts. The boys, Emma, and Mamma were at John Rauen's funeral in Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel and Oscar Norman shoveled snow from Swenson's house to Fischer's, and Frank went to Broberg's and hauled ice. Carl went to Waconia and met Brother Broms.
 - 18 I made plum tree grafts. Today, I finished grafting. The boys shoveled snow where we will butcher pigs. They hauled hay from the southern barn to the northern barn and then cut cordwood. Today, it is mild and beautiful.
 - 19 **Sunday** Broms preached.
 - 20 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Brother Broms preached. In the afternoon, we did various jobs. Yesterday, we had mild weather. Today we have a northwest wind and it is very cold.
 - 21 Today, we butchered nine pigs. We had Per Daniel's help. It is beautiful weather. It is not too cold or not too warm.
 - 22 I cut up the two pigs that we shall use for ourselves and salted it. The boys did various jobs. Today it is mild weather.
 - 23 Today, in the morning at six o'clock, Carl and Frank went to Minneapolis with seven of the butchered pigs. Niklas went to Minneapolis also so they kept each other company on the road. Axel did the chores and ground sausage meat. Oscar Norman helped Axel and went to Waconia for the mail. I did various jobs. Today it is mild weather.
 - 24 Axel took care of the animals and cut wood. I did various jobs. Oscar Norman, Ida, and Emma went to John Nelson's in the afternoon for a spelling bee in their schoolhouse. Today we took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull for the sixth time. It is mild and pleasant. Carl and Frank came from Minneapolis at nine o'clock in the evening.
 - 25 Today, we went to a funeral in Scandia. Axel Johnson from Minneapolis (Hjelm's third son) was buried. It is cold with a sharp, biting wind from the northwest. We did nothing.
 - 26 **Sunday**
 - 27 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and bought a draft for \$20 and sent it to Henry S. Anderson in Granite Falls to pay for my property in Chippewa County. Oscar Norman went to Excelsior. There is a south wind but it is cold.
 - 28 Before noon, Carl and Oscar Norman went to the Victoria station for a load of lumber that came there as part of Frank Lundsten's lumber order. In the afternoon, the boys shoveled snow on the road to Scandia. I went to the business meeting in Scandia to elect Broms to be our pastor.

- 29 Before noon, the boys and I cut logs for the mill. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with two logs for the sawmill. I painted the old wagon box, etc. Oscar Norman is with William Swenson to Carver settlement for small fishes for the table. Last night, "Pearly" calved.

March

- 1 Today we have had a strong snowstorm with northeasterly wind. The snow is frozen so it is like walking in sand. Before noon, we went to Scandia for a meeting but no one else came, so we had no meeting. In the afternoon, we did nothing.
- 2 Today, it is cold and the wind is blowing from the northwest. No trains are running. The boys fanned the seed wheat, cared for the animals, and visited the schoolhouse, because the school year ended today. In the evening, they all went to the schoolhouse for a prohibition meeting. I did various small jobs.
- 3 Before noon, the boys cleared the road to Scandia and shoveled snow. In the afternoon, Carl and Oscar Norman went to Waconia with a couple of logs. Axel went to the lake and fished. I did various small jobs out in the carpenter shop. Latham, who lives in Excelsior and works for Bierlein, was here last night. Newton Brae was here today. The school teacher went to Bierlein's today and will go home by train on Monday.
- 4 **Sunday** Broms preached (he came from the preachers' conference in Minneapolis).
- 5 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with the school teacher's trunk. I painted the wagon boxes, etc. I wrote a letter to Holmquist in Clear Lake telling him we have Brother Broms as our preacher this year. Axel and Frank cut some cordwood before noon. In the afternoon, the boys and I shoveled snow in the woods. We made a road to the north marsh, where we cut down oak for lumber.
- 6 Before noon, Carl hauled two logs to the sawmill in Waconia. The other boys and I shoveled snow in the woods. In the afternoon, the boys did some more shoveling and then hauled out both oak logs that we cut down in the northern marsh. I did various jobs in the shop.
- 7 Carl went two times to Waconia with two big oak logs to be sawed at the mill. Axel and Frank cut down some more trees, shoveled snow, and cut some cordwood. I did various jobs out in the shop. Oscar Norman went with Carl to Waconia.
- 8 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with two logs for the sawmill. The other boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Frank and Mamma went to Waconia. The other boys and I hauled down a tree that had been caught in another tree as it fell and we also hauled out some other trees. In the afternoon, we had a strong snowstorm.
- 9 Today, it rained and snowed. The boys only fanned the wheat for Andrew Broberg. I did various things in the carpenter shop.
- 10 Carl and Oscar Norman went to Waconia with a saw log. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood. I worked in the carpenter shop. Today it is colder weather.
- 11 **Sunday**

- 12 Before noon, Carl and Frank shoveled the road to the schoolhouse. Axel cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a saw log. The other boys cut cordwood. I made spouts for the molasses kitchen. The railroad is blocked with snow, so we don't have regular mail.
- 13 Axel, Carl, and I went to the election and came home at two o'clock. Carl went to Waconia from the election. Some of the boys cut cordwood for a while. I made sap spouts. It is extraordinarily cold and the snow is three feet deep.
- 14 The boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The other boys cut cordwood. I was cupped today because I am bothered with the lumbago pains.
- 15 Before noon, Carl and G. B. Nilson hauled a load of wheat to the Waconia elevator. G.B. Nelson is doing some of our hauling as we have hauled cordwood for him. In the afternoon, Carl went to the Waconia mill with meal and hauled home elm boards. The other boys cut cordwood and cleaned out the sheep barn. I did nothing. I sent a letter to Harry Anderson in Granite Falls and asked if he had received the money I sent. In the afternoon, Frank took "Nancy" to Broberg's bull.
- 16 Carl went to Waconia two times for lumber and he took home grist from the mill. The other boys cut cordwood. Today I was cupped again as the lumbago is no better.
- 17 The boys cut cordwood, and hauled the hay that was in the south barn to the north barn and did other small jobs. I am for the most part in bed. In the evening, all the children went to the protest meeting held in the schoolhouse.
- 18 **Sunday** The children went to the meeting and from there to John Nelson's for a dinner. They came home at eleven o'clock at night.
- 19 The boys cut cordwood from the tops of the trees after they were sawed and lain in the woods. Carl went to Waconia with butter that he is sending by train to John Harland in Minneapolis. I wrote a letter to Drothzen in California and a letter to P. Headburg in Denver since I didn't receive an answer to my other letter. I am better in health today.
- 20 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the carpenter shop. Today a west wind is blowing and it is cold weather.
- 21 The boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the shop. Today we have a strong storm from the northwest and it is very cold. The snow is as deep as it has been anytime this winter.
- 22 The boys cut down some of the elms in the woods for stovewood. I did various small jobs in the shop. The storm is over, but it is just as cold with a northwest wind. A book agent from Carver settlement was here overnight. His name is Ohman.
- 23 Today we are having a snowstorm. Frank and Oscar Norman went to Norwood to a prohibition contest. The other boys did various jobs and tended the animals. Carl went to Waconia to meet Broms, but the train didn't go from here to Gibbon, so he could not come. I fixed Mamma's spinning wheel, etc.
- 24 Axel and Carl cut stovewood from the dry elms in the woods. I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. We have a cold northeast wind and no sign of spring weather yet. Frank and

Oscar Norman came from Norwood at ten o'clock in the evening. They had walked since there were no trains running.

- 25 **Sunday** Today we have a strong whirling snowstorm with a northeasterly wind.
- 26 Before noon, Carl and I went to Hjortson's. I signed a bond for G. B. Nilson because he has been elected as our township treasurer. I also signed a bond for Hjortson. After that, we did various little things. We had a lot of snow last night. The roads are not passable.
- 27 I worked in the carpenter shop. Carl greased the harness. The other boys cut cordwood and stovewood. In the evening, Carl and O. Norman went to the spelling school held at John Nelson's schoolhouse.
- 28 Today, Elsa and I went to John Nelson's for a visit. The boys cut cordwood and did other various jobs. Today there was a southern wind so we are hoping for milder weather.
- 29 Before noon, I wrote a letter to the *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*. In the afternoon, Mamma, Carl, Emma, and I went to Waconia. We got the last payment for the cordwood from Booth's. The boys cut stovewood from the old basswood by the pigpen. Today we have beautiful weather. The snow is not melting much.
- 30 Today is Good Friday. Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Brother Broms preached. In the afternoon, we did nothing. It is sunny weather with a cold northwest wind.
- 31 Axel and I began to make molasses troughs. The other boys did various other jobs and cut some stovewood. Carl went to Waconia.

April

- 1 **Sunday (Easter Day)** We had a meeting and communion. Broms preached.
- 2 First I butchered a calf, then Axel and I made sap troughs. The other boys cut stovewood from the old basswood trees by the pigpen.
- 3 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Broms preached. In the afternoon, we worked on the sap troughs. Carl went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Bergren is here for a visit. Today it is mild weather, so the snow has melted a little.
- 4 The boys hauled the haystack into the barn that stood by the sheep barn. They hauled hay from the south barn to the north and cut stovewood, etc. I carved in the molasses troughs. Today it is mild weather with thunder and rain. In the evening, there was a gold contest against liquor and beer in the schoolhouse. Hjortson's son won the medal.
- 5 I hewed and carved the molasses troughs. The boys cut wood, drew water out of the cistern, and hauled lumber from the pasture north of the barn. Today we have a chilly west wind.
- 6 The boys chopped wood and began to haul out cordwood from the clearing. I carved the molasses troughs and finished. We made 56 troughs. The snow is slowly melting but it is still two feet deep on the level ground.
- 7 The boys hauled out cordwood from the clearing and cut cordwood and stovewood. I did various jobs. The school teacher, Mrs. Pettijohn, came here today.
- 8 **Sunday** Today the snow has melted fast. It is very beautiful weather.
- 9 Before noon, the boys hauled out cordwood from the clearing. I did various jobs. In the

- afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing. Today summer school began. Mrs. Pettijohn will board with us.
- 10 Today there is beautiful sunshine. The snow is melting a lot. The boys hauled cordwood from the clearing with both teams. I fixed up things in the molasses kitchen and did other small jobs.
 - 11 Carl and O. Norman went to Peltz's house, and ground oats and corn. Before noon, Axel and Frank hauled cordwood. In the afternoon, they hauled cordwood with both teams. I did various jobs.
 - 12 Before noon, the boys cut stovewood. In the afternoon, O. Norman and Carl hauled cordwood. Axel, Frank, and I began to tap the maples. We tapped 100 trees.
 - 13 Today we began to cook the syrup. We gathered 80 pails of sap and tapped 90 other maples. We painted fence posts, piled the lumber, and did various other jobs.
 - 14 The boys cut cordwood and gathered sap. Carl went to Waconia. I helped Mamma with the molasses; otherwise, I uncovered the strawberry beds, etc. Today I sent a letter to Droz in Cleveland, Ohio, ordering cupping oil. I also mailed a postcard to O.F. Brand in Faribault, and one to *Svenska Posten* in Minneapolis. Today it is beautiful weather. Most of the snow is gone.
 - 15 **Sunday** Broms preached but he is not well.
 - 16 Before noon, the boys tapped more maples and in the afternoon did various other jobs. I dug up the heeled-in apple trees. Today, Oscar Norman went to Excelsior to work for Latham. Mamma cooked syrup.
 - 17 The boys gathered the maple syrup and cut stovewood, etc. Last night, we had thunder and rain so we couldn't begin to sow. Today there is a strong wind and it is cold. In the afternoon, Carl and Mamma went to Waconia. I dug out more apple trees, etc.
 - 18 Before noon, the boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl sowed oats on the southern hill in the southern field. Axel and Frank gathered maple sap, etc. Last night we had a hard frost, although the sap is running. I packed apple trees to send to O.F. Brand in Rochester. Today, Senn (Bradhouse's son-in-law) was here for 20 bushels of seed wheat.
 - 19 Today, the sap is running fine after a freeze last night. The boys gathered 155 pails of sap. Axel and Frank worked for the most part with the syrup kitchen. Before noon, Carl and I went to Waconia. Today I sent 24 apple trees to O.F. Brand in Faribault. In the afternoon, Carl sowed oats in the southern field.
 - 20 Carl sowed oats in the home field on the western side of the kitchen. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat in the home field. Frank harrowed oats and finished. Today, the sap ran good. They gathered 200 pails. I did various small jobs. Mamma cooked the syrup.
 - 21 Before noon, Carl and I went to Waconia and sold apple trees and boxelder trees. Pettijohn came home with us. Axel gathered sap. Frank harrowed. In the afternoon, Carl sowed wheat in the southern field by the road. Frank harrowed and Axel gathered sap. I made plum grafts, etc. Today it was warmer weather. Mamma cooked the syrup.
 - 22 **Sunday** In the afternoon, we buried Bradhouse out by the Moravian church.

- 23 Carl sowed wheat and finished in the southern field and began to sow in the barn field. Axel grubbed stumps before noon, on last year's new field and in the afternoon, he gathered maple sap. Frank harrowed the whole day using the mare and the colt. I did various jobs. Lambrecht came for apple trees.
- 24 Carl sowed wheat in the barn field and on the newly broken field. Frank harrowed. Axel worked in the clearing. I top-grafted apple trees, etc. Mamma cooked syrup. We have a little over 40 gallons.
- 25 Frank harrowed on the newly broken field. Carl went to Winkel's place. Axel dug holes for the apple trees. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and hauled Broms's household things from the Waconia depot to Scandia. Axel and Frank worked in the newly broken field. I planted apple trees by the pig barn.
- 26 Carl sowed wheat in the western part of the southern field and on the field near Peterman's field. Frank harrowed with the mare and the colt. Axel worked on the clearing and dug holes for the apple trees. I planted apple trees by the pig barn.
- 27 Today it rained the whole day. I made frames for mosquito bar netting. The boys greased the harnesses and did other various small jobs.
- 28 Today, we had rain the whole day. We have too much rain—the swamps look like lakes. I worked on the frames for the mosquito bar. The boys did various small jobs. In the evening, they went to Scandia for a prohibition meeting, where editor Lind from Minneapolis spoke. This year we have sowed 34 bushels of wheat on 25 ½ acres, 13 bushels of oats on 6 ¼ acres, and we may sow another bushel among the clover.
- 29 **Sunday** Broms preached this morning. In the afternoon, editor Lind from Minneapolis spoke on abstinence and prohibition. He came home with us after the meeting.
- 30 Last night, we had more snow. Editor Lind visited with us today. In the afternoon, we drove him to the Waconia depot. Before noon, the boys hauled stumps away from the new broken field. In the afternoon, they hauled fence posts away from the clearing. The snow melted this afternoon but the wind is cold.

May

- 1 The boys hauled out stumps and split rails in the clearing. I did various jobs. Hjortson was here for ten bushels of seed wheat. The weather is cold and freezes in the night. Senn paid for the seed wheat today.
- 2 Today it rained the whole day. I did various small jobs out in the carpenter shop. The boys did various small jobs.
- 3 Even today, it rained the whole day. I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. The boys did nothing. The water is standing over the ground, everywhere.
- 4 Before noon, Axel helped to dig a grave in Scandia for John Lundsten's child who died. The other boys and I drew rainwater out of the cellar. In the afternoon, we went to Scandia for the funeral of John Lundsten's child. Last night we had about eight inches of snow. It is not raining today, but the wind is cold.

- 5 Before noon, Axel and Frank cut cordwood in the clearing. Carl went to Waconia for apple trees. Professor Porter in Minneapolis has sent them to me. Mamma went with to Waconia, and a preacher named Carlson came home with them. In the afternoon, the boys pruned apple trees and top-grafted some. In the afternoon, some of the boys repaired the fences and cut cordwood. I have pruned apple trees and top-grafted some and did other jobs. In the evening, the folks went to the contest meeting at the schoolhouse.
- 6 **Sunday** The student, Carlson, preached.
- 7 The boys worked in the clearing the whole day. I pruned apple trees, etc. Andrew Broberg was here for apple trees, grapevines, and raspberry bushes. The preacher, Carlson, went to Gibbon today.
- 8 Mamma and I went to John Nelson's. I had apple trees, grapevines, and raspberry bushes with me for the painter, Swenson, and even apple trees for John Nelson. Before noon, the boys worked on the clearing. In the afternoon, it rained and we did nothing. I have lived here in Scandia for 33 years, but never has the ground been so water-soaked this time of the year. No loads can be hauled over the roads. The empty wagon is almost too big of a load.
- 9 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Stolberg preached. We gave a collection for \$7.25 for the church building fund in Tenor. In the afternoon, the boys worked in the clearing. I pruned apple trees.
- 10 The boys worked in the clearing. I set out apple trees. Before noon, it rained. Today I received a package of spruce and pine seedlings from Luedloff from the express office in Waconia.
- 11 Before noon, the boys fenced in a cattle road through the woods. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. Frank dug holes for apple trees and I set out apple trees the whole day. Today there is a northerly wind, so we had no rain.
- 12 I planted apple trees the whole day. Frank dug holes. The other boys worked in the clearing. B. Nilson came after seed wheat. Lovisa Anderson and her husband, Larson, were here for a visit. We are having a cold, northwesterly wind. Last night, the water froze. Frost is on the window pane.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Today, Frank sowed wheat and Axel sowed clover seed near Andrew Schraan's fence and then they took up the grapevines. I planted apple and plum trees, etc. Today, the mare foaled and Carl tended to the colt the whole day because the he is so weak he cannot stand up. One of the sows farrowed a litter of seven pigs, but only five lived. Today, it is fine weather.
- 15 Axel and Frank took up the grapevines and finished, and then they set new posts by the grapes. Carl is tending the colt but he is not well, so he will die if he doesn't get better. I planted apple trees, and did other jobs. Today we have good weather. Last night, the other sow farrowed a litter of nine pigs, but one was dead today. This evening the colt died. This is the third colt that we have lost and all three were sired by full-blooded stallions.
- 16 Carl and Frank hauled cordwood out from the clearing. Axel carried the potatoes from the root cellar to the granary and planted some by the workshop; he also grubbed up

dead butternut trees by the house. Before noon, I went to the Waconia bank and had another draft made out to send to Droz in Cleveland, Ohio, for the one that was lost. In the afternoon, I set out apple trees, etc.

- 17 Carl and Frank plowed corn on the other side of the track with both teams. Axel grubbed tree stumps around the house and dug some holes to plant ash trees, etc. I planted ash trees around the house and did various other jobs. Today, Mamma has finished her soap making.
- 18 Before noon, Frank and Emma went to Waconia and sent a jar of butter down to John Lundsten in Minneapolis. Carl plowed the other side of the track. Axel worked in the clearing. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank plowed. Carl went to Waconia for a registered letter from Sture. I have planted trees and grapevines with doing other jobs.
- 19 Mamma, Carl, Frank, and I went to Chaska and Carver. I paid my real estate tax and bought clothes for Carl and Frank in Carver at J. Holmes's store. I had "Rock" and the mare shod on the front feet. We sold 37 ½ pounds of side pork to Gunz's store in Chaska. Axel plowed for corn on the other side of the track. Last night, we had frost and today, it is cold and cloudy.
- 20 **Sunday (Pentecostal Day)** Broms preached. It is rainy weather, so we only had a meeting.
- 21 Today it is rainy weather. Frank and I put up wire on the grapevine posts. Axel and Carl worked in the clearing between the rain and various other jobs. In the morning, Carl went to the Waconia depot with Oscar Norman's trunk.
- 22 Last night, there was a lot of rain. Today, there is a south wind and great weather. I tied up the grapevines. Carl and Frank hauled stovewood from the clearing and did other jobs. Axel grubbed on the line between Peterman and me on the other side of the track. This morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated the lambs.
- 23 Today, it has rained, often. Mamma and Ida sheared the sheep. Frank helped them. Axel and Carl worked in the clearing and hauled stovewood between the rains. I tied up the grapevines.
- 24 Today, it is cloudy and damp. The boys worked in the clearing. I tied up grapevines. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia.
- 25 Before noon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with a load of meal and to the depot for the empty butter jars and sent some butter to John Horlund. Axel set out cuttings, etc., and then he and Frank hauled out cordwood from the clearing. Carl harrowed the field on the other side of the track. I set out grape cuttings, etc. Today it did not rain and in the afternoon, the sun shone. Today, I received the medicinal oil from Droz in Cleveland, Ohio. The first draft I sent them was lost but the second reached them.
- 26 The boys marked out corn and sweet corn on the southern side of the track and planted sweet corn, burned the grub on the line, and worked some in the clearing. I planted spruce and pine seedlings that Luedloff had sent to me. In the afternoon, it was cloudy weather, again.
- 27 **Sunday** Today, it is raining.
- 28 Before noon, Mamma and I, with Frank, went to a funeral in Waconia for Peterman's mother. We even took home the grist from the mill. Carl took the mare to Slectha's stallion

in Waconia. It was the first time he took her to breed. In the afternoon, the boys marked out for corn and planted a part of it on the southern side of the track. I planted the evergreen bushes and finished. Today "Blues" and "Lady" calved.

- 29 The boys planted corn and potatoes on the other side of the track, and broke the grass strip between the field near the barn and the new field. Before noon, N. Swenson castrated the pigs. Today, I started setting out the apple grafts. Today it is dry weather but cool in the air.
- 30 The boys raked and burned in the clearing, etc. I planted apple grafts. In the afternoon, it rained some.
- 31 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and had the breaking plow sharpened. Axel and Frank raked and burned brush in the clearing. In the afternoon, the boys planted potatoes. I planted apple grafts the whole day. Last night, we had frost. Today, it is dry weather with a cool northwesterly wind.

June

- 1 Before noon, the boys worked on the clearing. In the afternoon, they began to break the clearing. I planted apple grafts the whole day and finished it except for some plum grafts that I will set out tomorrow. We are having clear weather but the air is cool.
- 2 Carl and Frank broke in the clearing the whole day. Axel planted potatoes before noon on the broken field. In the afternoon, Mamma and Axel went to Waconia. Before noon, John Nelson, John Lundsten, and G. B. Nilson were here and we made the church statistics to send to the conference. In the afternoon, I planted plum grafts, etc.

3 Sunday

- 4 The boys finished breaking the clearing, harrowed it, and planted corn. Then they sowed timothy seed on the other side of the track, harrowed it in, and scraped with the scraper by the pigpen. I pruned apple trees the whole day. A strong storm from the south today.
- 5 The boys plowed for squash, hauled dirt to the road leading to the pig barn, hoed in the orchard, and harrowed the corn fields. I trimmed the apple trees. Mr. Stoughton from Chaska came here at noon. John Nelson and Swanberg were here for dinner (they were here to inspect the buildings for fire insurance). Western storm and cloudy, but no rain yet. In the afternoon, the air was quite cold.
- 6 The boys plowed and harrowed in the orchard and planted sugar beets, and then they hoed in the orchard and did other jobs. I pruned trees the whole day.
- 7 Before noon, it rained, so we did nothing. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and Mamma went with as far as Mrs. Broms's house. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I trimmed apple trees, etc.
- 8 Carl and Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel hoed in the orchard, planted sugar beets, and finished with other jobs. I trimmed apple trees, etc. Assessor Lambrecht was here today and valued both the personal and real estate property. Today, we took the mare to the stallion for the second time, and she took him. In the evening the children were at the contest at the schoolhouse. Emma took part in it. Today, the summer term of the

school ended. Mrs. Pettijohn taught both the winter and the summer school. Mamma was at the school for examinations today.

- 9 Axel, Frank, and I went to the Waconia market and sold the black cow "Blues" to J. Sundine. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing. The school teacher, Mrs. Pettijohn, left for home today. Carl drove her to the Victoria station. Yesterday, we put the livestock out in the south pasture.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 The boys cultivated and hoed by the apple trees, walnut trees, and did various jobs. I hoed and leveled the dirt by the grapevines, etc. Today, Henry Staken was here and received \$6 for the Alliance treasury here.
- 12 The boys worked in the orchard. Frank and I washed some of the apple trees. In the afternoon, I hoed around the grapevines. The boys did various jobs.
- 13 Today, before noon, Carl, Ida, and Mamma went to Minneapolis to sell the wool and buy things in the store. Axel and Frank cut stovewood and began to paint the corncrib. Frank went to Waconia for red paint. I hoed and leveled the dirt around the lower grapevines. Today it is warm weather.
- 14 Axel and Frank painted the corncrib and finished it. I did various jobs in the orchard. Today, we had strong thunder and warm weather. Last night, we had thunderstorms and some hail. In the evening, at ten o'clock, our folks came from Minneapolis.
- 15 Before noon, the boys hoed sweet corn. I put new teeth in a sickle for the mower. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl cut and mowed a piece of the Lucerne clover in the small meadow. Frank went to the Waconia depot with a jar of butter to send to Harlund. I hoed around the apple seedlings.
- 16 The boys cultivated the corn, mowed timothy in the southern field on the other side of the track, and did other jobs. I hoed various things in the garden. This evening, Oscar Norman came here.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Before noon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn. We others turned the hay on the other side of the Lucerne clover in the home field. In the afternoon, we began to make, rake, and haul the hay, but it started to rain and stopped our plans. It was terrible hay weather.
- 19 Before noon, Axel and Frank cultivated in the corn. In the afternoon, they spread out the hay and hauled some in. Carl worked on the road with the horses. I hoed in the garden, etc.
- 20 Before noon, Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. In the afternoon, they raked together and hauled in the Lucerne clover and the hay in the meadow. Carl worked on the road with the horses. I pruned and tied up the grapevines.
- 21 Before noon, Carl worked on the road with the horses. Axel and Frank mowed and cut out the rest of the Lucerne clover and the hay in the northern orchard and around the buildings. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn and hauled home clover hay from the southern forty, etc. Axel cut around the house. I pruned the grapevines and did other various jobs in the orchard.

- 22 Carl and Frank broke in a part of the hard ground in the western small meadow. Axel hoed in the north orchard and among the potatoes in the barn field. I hoed around the evergreen seedlings in the northern orchard and worked on the clover hay in the northern orchard.
- 23 First we turned the hay around the buildings and around the Lucerne clover, and then we moved lumber, etc., from the southern barn to the pig barn. We hauled in hay and did other various jobs. Today we took the mare to Slodden's stallion in Waconia for the third time but she would not take him.
- 24 **Sunday (Midsummer Day)**
- 25 The boys cultivated and hoed the sweet corn, etc. I worked in the orchard. It is quite cool weather.
- 26 Before noon, the boys hoed in the sugar corn. I repaired the scythe handles, etc. In the afternoon, the boys cultivated in the orchard. Frank and Mamma went to Waconia. I hoed in the garden. It is cloudy, cool weather.
- 27 The boys hoed corn and hauled in the Lucerne clover. I hoed in the garden, etc. Cloudy weather.
- 28 Before noon, the boys hoed corn. I painted and wrote out labels for the apple trees. In the afternoon, I went with Frank, Emma, and Oskar to Waconia and bought shoes for them. The others hoed corn. Mamma went to a women's meeting in Scandia. Today, it is clear and warm weather.
- 29 The boys hoed corn, cut and mowed hay in the southern field, and cocked hay in the southern meadow along the creek by the pigpen. I trimmed the walnut trees and did other various jobs.
- 30 Axel and Frank split rail posts and stripped the bark from them. Carl went to Waconia before noon. In the afternoon, he mowed in the southern meadow by the track, etc. I did various jobs in the orchard. Brother and Sister Erickson came to us today from the Lundsten's. Today it is warm weather. Today I sent a draft for \$1.50 to Luedloff for the evergreens.

July

- 1 **Sunday** John Erickson from Minneapolis preached today.
- 2 Before noon, Carl and Frank cultivated the corn in the cornfield. Axel and I spread the hay. In the afternoon, we raked and hauled the hay. Carl went to Scandia and made benches for the Fourth of July. It rained in the evening.
- 3 Carl went to the prohibition convention in the Carver settlement. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn, the whole day. I hoed around the apple grafts. It rained in the evening.
- 4 We went to Scandia and celebrated the day. There were many folk there. The Westbergs from Purgatory were there. Today it is very beautiful weather.
- 5 Before noon, the boys hoed the sugar beets. In the afternoon, they raked together and then hauled in hay. I hoed in the garden. It is a hot and muggy day.
- 6 Last night, we had a tornado with rain and strong thunder. Many apple trees and other trees in the wood were blown down. Before noon, we only did small jobs. In the afternoon, Axel

- and Frank cut the hay on the side of the road. Carl drove the Ericksons and Mamma to Birrel Nilson's and went to Waconia after the mail. I did various jobs in the orchard.
- 7 Before noon, Carl mowed. Axel and Frank hoed and turned hay. In the afternoon, the boys raked together hay and hauled it in. I cut off apple twigs all day. In the evening, we had thunder and rain again.
- 8 **Sunday** The preacher Fogelstrom from Nebraska preached. Brother and Sister Erickson from St. Paul went to stay at Per Daniel's house after being with us for over a week.
- 9 Before noon, the boys hilled potatoes and turned hay. I put up stakes by the apple trees that I planted in the spring. In the afternoon, the boys raked together and hauled in hay. I hoed in the north orchard. The girls and Mamma hoed in the sugar beets. Anna is sick with rheumatism. Mamma cupped her today. It is very warm today.
- 10 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled hay from the road. They hoed in the garden. I hoed in the orchard. Preacher Fogelstrom came here in the afternoon and was here in the night.
- 11 Before noon, the boys cut hay on the other side of the track. I hoed in the orchard the whole day. In the afternoon, the boys hauled hay. Today it was quite warm, and I had no desire to be out. Mamma went to Per Daniel's for an invite.
- 12 Before noon, the boys mowed and cut timothy on the island and in the west meadow. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and sent butter to Harlund in Minneapolis. The other boys did various jobs and hauled in two loads of hay. I hoed in the orchard. It is not so warm.
- 13 Before noon, the boys cultivated the orchard, hoed potatoes, and turned hay. I trained grapevines. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in timothy hay from the island. The women-folk and I cocked the hay in the western meadow. At five o'clock, there came a strong thunderstorm.
- 14 The boys mowed and cultivated and did other various jobs. I pruned grapes. We had cloudy weather the whole day.
- 15 **Sunday** Niklas's sister, Pernilla, and her daughter Emma, were here this afternoon and visited us.
- 16 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia. Oscar Norman traveled to Granite Falls today (he quit his job with Latham in Excelsior). The other boys mowed and cut the hay in the meadow by the house and turned hay. In the afternoon, the boys hauled hay from the western meadow. I trimmed grapevines the whole day. Today, I sent a letter to John Pearson in Watertown that he shall bring me money.
- 17 The boys cultivated the corn in the corn field; cut, mowed and hauled in hay from the southern field; and hauled in hay from the western home meadow, etc. I pruned grapevines.
- 18 Before noon, the boys cut the hay in the western meadow and hauled in the hay. In the afternoon, they hauled home hay from the western home meadow and from the southern field. I pruned grapevines.
- 19 The boys cut and mowed hay in the western meadow and cultivated corn, etc. I pruned the grapes and finished. It is good, dry weather.
- 20 The boys first turned the hay, then they hauled home hay from the western home meadow

from the island and stacked it in the barnyard. I sawed off boards for gates that I shall make, etc.

- 21 The boys plowed in the corn and painted the eaves troughs. In the afternoon, they hauled home the hay and we have finished stacking it. We finished haying and hauled 55 loads of hay. I planed the boards for the gates. In the evening we had a school meeting.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Before noon, the boys hoed and cultivated corn in the orchard between rains. In the afternoon, they cultivated corn and hoed the sweet corn. I planed boards.
- 24 The boys hoed the sweet corn and did other various jobs. I planed boards. Mr. Pettijohn and his wife were here for a visit.
- 25 Before noon, Axel and I went to the Waconia mill with meal. I bought the twine for the reaper. Carl and Frank cultivated the orchard. In the afternoon, the boys split fence posts. I worked on the gates. Mrs. Mix from Excelsior is here for a visit.
- 26 The boys hauled home the new fence posts and did various other jobs. I worked on the gates. Simpson's hired man came from Excelsior and bought three ewes and the old ram.
- 27 A rag peddler and his wife were here last night. Before noon, the boys fixed the fences. This afternoon, Axel and Carl painted the pig barn. I worked on the gates. Olof Hanson from Sacred Heart came here today.
- 28 First, Axel and Frank fixed the road down to the main road, and then they painted the barn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Rietz's and stacked winter wheat. Axel painted. I have worked on the gates. Mamma, Anna, and Carl went to Chaska. Today was a muggy day.
- 29 **Sunday** The student, Olof Hanson, preached for us today. The Freeds were here for dinner today. It was a hot, muggy day.
- 30 Today it has rained. In the afternoon, we only did some jobs between the rains. O. Hanson and Axel went fishing. The others cleaned out the sheep barn and the hen house.
- 31 Axel, Carl, and I hung the new gate by the corncrib before noon. Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, there was a meeting in Scandia. The student, Hanson, preached. Axel and I hung the gates between the barnyards. Today, it is cooler weather. O. Hanson was here and fished.

August

- 1 Today, we had our prohibitionists in a gathering fest and steamboat rides on Clearwater Lake. Our folks were all there. I went home and hoed by the apple grafts, etc.
- 2 Before noon, Axel and I hung a gate down by the road. Carl and Frank painted the pig barn and finished. In the afternoon, Carl painted the gates. The others hoed by the walnut trees. I did various jobs. In the evening, we had a violent storm with rain.
- 3 Brother and Sister Broms were here tonight. Carl went to Waconia and met Sture, who came back from Chicago. The jeweler, Hanson, went to St. Bonifacius and bought groceries. The boys cultivated the sweet corn and hoed the garden. I fixed the doors in the south barn.
- 4 The boys did various jobs: they harrowed the newly broken field in the western meadow,

hoed the garden, mowed the Lucerne clover, etc. I weeded the strawberry patch. It is muggy weather with rain at night.

- 5 **Sunday** Our folks went to John Nelson's in the afternoon for a visit.
- 6 The boys hoed by the potatoes and in the garden. In the afternoon, Frank went to Broberg's to thresh rye. I hoed the strawberries.
- 7 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia and the rest hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, we took out the reaper and put it together and hoed in the garden. Sture started to work for Frank Lundsten today.
- 8 Today, the boys began to reap the wheat. They reaped the wheat on the place where we will stack it and then reaped in the large field in the home field by the house, but it rained a couple of times. I did various small jobs. Olof Hanson has come from Minneapolis today. Emma Erickson was here today and paid the interest on the note. The principal was also paid. Yesterday and today, it has been quite cool. "Lady" was with Peterman's bull.
- 9 The boys reaped the first of the wheat on the square, then they reaped oats on the hill in the southern field, but the oats lay flat on the ground so that the reaper would only cut them from one direction. I did small various jobs. In the afternoon, Mamma, the girls, and I turned the Lucerne clover.
- 10 Today it rained the whole day but there was no thunder. Carl went to Holtmeier's for some lime to use in repairing the hog barn cellar. Malmsten's and Fogelstrom's girls are here today.
- 11 Last night, it rained steadily and today it has misted the whole day, so we could not reap the wheat. The boys did various small jobs. I did masonry work in the pig barn. Last night, we had a Swedish tramp from Sibley County by the name of Johnson.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Today, the boys reaped the wheat in the barn field and began to reap in the large piece in the southern field. It rained a little. Sture started to lay a floor in the pig barn, but first he went to Waconia to get tar paper to lay between the floors in the barn. I did masonry work in the barn. Olof Hanson went home today to Sacred Heart.
- 14 The boys finished reaping in the large piece of the southern field. In the afternoon, they worked on the pig barn. I finished the masonry work.
- 15 Before noon, I went to Waconia for tar paper and nails. Sture worked in the barn. The other boys reaped the wheat in the new broken field. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl reaped the oats in the home field, while Frank, Sture, and I hauled in the second crop of Lucerne clover.
- 16 Sture worked in the barn while the others reaped the wheat in the west part of the southern field by Peterman's land. I did various jobs. Nils Olson's girls, from Rock Island, are here in Scandia for a visit. Today, we took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull.
- 17 Before noon, Sture worked on the barn. The other boys cradled the wheat on the hill and on the other side of the track where we had planted clover. I cut off the twigs on the apple trees. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia for strawberry plants and then he planted them. The

other boys and girls were out on Clearwater Lake. Today it is dry and cool. Mrs. Broms was here this afternoon.

- 18 Today, we began to stack the wheat. In the first stack, we put the wheat from the home field on the bottom. The next is the wheat from last year's cornfield and from the square piece. This is the year's best wheat, so we want to save it for next year's seed wheat. The next is from the field by the barn and that was very poor. Sture went to Frank Lundsten's to stack wheat.
- 19 **Sunday** Pastor F. Peterson of Minneapolis preached for us.
- 20 We stacked wheat the whole day. It is not dry, it is still green, and is in the middle of the last stacks. Sture stacked wheat for Lundsten.
- 21 We finished stacking wheat and stacked the larger half of the oats. Sture worked in the barn before noon. In the afternoon, Sture went to A. Broberg's and threshed.
- 22 Before noon, Frank hauled wheat for Niklas Swenson. Axel threshed for Broberg. I cut out twigs from the apple trees. Before noon, we finished stacking the wheat. Sture worked with the corn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Swenson's and hauled wheat. Axel threshed at Broberg's. Sture, Carl, and the Rock Island girls went fishing. I cut twigs from the apple trees. Before noon, we finished stacking the wheat.
- 23 Axel threshed for Broberg. Frank threshed for Peltz and Zieman. Sture worked in the barn. Carl hoed and did various other jobs. I picked apples for the fair and cut blight out of the trees. In the afternoon, the girls, the Rock Island girls, and Sture visited Birrel Nilson.
- 24 Carl plowed the last piece in the home field. Axel cut the hay around the buildings. Frank threshed for Broberg until the middle of the afternoon. Sture, Mamma, the small girl, and the Rock Island girls, went to John Nelson's for a visit. I cut blight from the apple trees and did various other jobs.
- 25 Before noon, Carl plowed. Frank mowed by the pigpen and in the old orchard. Axel cut hay, etc. Sture hewed out some of the supports for the hog barn. Axel did various jobs. It is clear and sunny and almost 90 degrees.
- 26 **Sunday** Today, we buried John Lundsten Jr. from Minneapolis here in the Scandia graveyard. Today we took "Lady" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 27 Before noon, Carl hauled sand to fill in underneath the floor in the hay barn. Frank mowed on the other side of the track. Axel cut hay. Sture went over to Lundsten's house to bring Frank Peterson and his wife over here. I did no work in the morning. In the afternoon, Carl drove Frank Peterson to Scandia, and then the boys hauled in the hay from the orchard and the home field. Sture went to Waconia. I pruned grapevines. Frank Warner from Carver was here in the afternoon. Hjortson was here and paid me for the seed wheat. Today, the Olson girls from Rock Island traveled from here to Minneapolis. We have beautiful weather.
- 28 Mamma and Frank are in Excelsior selling chickens and eggs. Carl plowed in the home field. Sture and I put up timbers in the hog barn. Axel did various jobs. It is dry and beautiful weather.

- 29 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" and "Fanny" shod. Frank plowed. Axel and Sture put a ceiling in the hog barn. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in hay from the other side of the track. I pruned grapevines.
- 30 Before noon, Carl drove Sture to the train in Cologne to Granite Falls to thresh for Henry Anderson. Frank plowed. I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank and Carl plowed. I trimmed grapevines. Axel grubbed out stumps on last year's new field. It is sunny and dry weather.
- 31 Carl and Frank plowed with both teams. Axel trimmed the raspberry bushes. I finished pruning the grapevines and then helped to trim the raspberry bushes. In the evening, Sampson's son from Excelsior was here and bought six hens.

September

- 1 Before noon, Carl and Frank plowed. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and had the plows sharpened. Frank tied up the raspberry bushes. Axel and I trimmed the raspberry bushes and hoed the whole day. Last night a boy from Young America stayed here. He had cattle with him for Excelsior.
- 2 **Sunday** Last night, the boy was here for another night.
- 3 The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, Axel was at N. Swenson's and hauled hay. I trimmed currant and gooseberry bushes.
- 4 The boys hauled manure. I trimmed currant bushes and did other various jobs. It is beautiful and dry weather yet but we need rain.
- 5 The boys hauled manure from the barn field. I hoed and watered the evergreen seedlings.
- 6 Axel and Frank hauled manure to the home field where we will seed rye. Carl drove Mamma out to John Nelson's. She is there to set up the warp for weaving rugs. This morning, I went to Scandia and set up a bulletin board, on which I nailed a notice of the County Fair. In the afternoon, I worked in the orchard.
- 7 The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a box of apples to send express to the State Fair in Minneapolis. Before noon, I picked apples and packed them for the State Fair, then I did various jobs. Today, "Rosy" calved.
- 8 The boys hauled manure and I did various jobs.
- 9 **Sunday** The preacher, Rosenquist, preached in Scandia today. He is with us for the night. I am not well.
- 10 The boys hauled manure and plowed in the field. In the afternoon, Axel hoed in the garden and I hoed in the garden and did other jobs.
- 11 Today, before noon, Carl, Frank, and Emma went to the fair and exposition in Minneapolis. They went on the train from St. Bonifacius. Axel fanned wheat and shelled corn and went to the Waconia mill with it. I trimmed currant bushes, etc., but I am not well. Brother and Sister Broms are here on a visit.
- 12 Today I have been cupped and then I was in bed all day. Axel dug potatoes and took in the seed corn. In the evening, Carl and Frank came home from the State Fair in Minneapolis.

- 13 Before noon, Carl and Frank plowed in the field by the barn. In the afternoon, Frank mowed the second crop in the western meadow, that is for mulch for the apple trees. Carl went to the Waconia mill for the grist. Axel powdered charcoal to use in the paint for the fence posts. I did nothing. We took "Lady" to Peterman's bull for the third time.
- 14 Before noon, we did nothing because it rained. In the afternoon, the boys squared the fence posts, etc. I did nothing.
- 15 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and then to Broberg's for some seed rye. Mamma was with. Frank harrowed for the rye. In the afternoon, Carl sowed rye in the home field on the western piece of the creek and harrowed it in. Frank plowed in the square piece of the southern field. Axel squared up fence posts and did various other jobs. I did nothing.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 The boys cut corn the whole day in the southern field on the other side of the track. In the afternoon, Mamma got a ride to St. Bonifacius station to meet Emma. Emma came from the State Fair in Minneapolis. I put ashes around the apple trees, etc.
- 18 The boys stripped the sweet corn. I did various jobs in the orchard.
- 19 Before noon, Axel and Carl threshed for B. Nilson. In the afternoon, Axel threshed at H. Rietz's. Frank threshed for John Nelson. I put ashes around the apple trees.
- 20 Axel threshed at Rietz's and Bradhouse's. Carl and Frank hauled the old straw from the straw shed roof down in the meadow to smother the quackgrass roots. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is raining off and on today
- 21 Axel threshed at Rietz's. Carl, Frank, and the girls cut and hauled sweet corn. I put ashes around the apple trees and did various other jobs.
- 22 The boys cut and hauled home sweet corn and finished. Then, they cut the corn. I went to Waconia and then worked in the orchard.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Frank threshed for Sundheim. The other boys did various jobs. I butchered a wether. I picked down apples for the county fair, etc.
- 25 Today, Andrew Broberg was here and threshed with his machine. It was beautiful weather. We began early and finished at nearly three o'clock in the afternoon. Then Axel and Frank were at P.D. Anderson's and threshed. Carl and I put up the fence in the barnyard. We had a very short crop of wheat this year.
- 26 Before noon, I went to Waconia. Carl did various jobs. Axel and Frank threshed for Peter Anderson. In the afternoon, we hauled in and stacked Lucerne clover. Axel and Frank threshed for Niklas Swenson. I am not well.
- 27 Before noon, Axel and Frank threshed for Niklas Swenson. Mamma, Emma, and I packed the apples for the fair. Carl fanned wheat and oats for the fair, etc. In the afternoon, Frank threshed for Lundsten. Axel cut corn. Carl, Mamma, and Emma packed grapes for the fair. I did nothing because I am not well.
- 28 Carl and I went to Carver and entered in apples, grapes, and maple syrup, wheat, oats, and beans for the fair. Axel and Frank were at Lundsten's until ten o'clock and then they cut

corn. Last night we had a light frost but nothing was damaged.

29 Today, Mamma, Axel, Frank, Ida, Anna and I went to the agricultural fair in Carver. Last night there was a strong frost and ice froze on the water. Half of our grapes are not ripe but they don't seem to be damaged by last night's frost.

30 **Sunday**

October

1 Today we began to press the sweet corn and cooked the syrup. It is beautiful weather. Frank became sick last Saturday and is still sick. I am a little better today.

2 The boys and the womenfolk worked in the syrup kitchen. I laid ashes by the apple trees. It is beautiful weather.

3 The boys and the womenfolk worked in the syrup kitchen and finished by night. We made 111 gallons of molasses. I worked in the orchard. Last night, we had a peddler from Rochester. Frank is better but cannot work, yet. Last night, it was cold and the water froze in the pails.

4 Today, the Lundstens are here making molasses. Mamma helped them to cook. Carl went to Excelsior and sold a calf and hens. Emma was with to Excelsior. Axel threshed for Peterman and I worked in the orchard, etc.

5 Frank went to John Nelson's and borrowed a loom. The other boys and Mamma dug up potatoes. I did various jobs. It is dry and beautiful weather.

6 First we killed some sick pigs and buried them, and then we dug up potatoes and finished cutting the corn in the new field. I did various jobs. It is dry and beautiful weather yet.

7 **Sunday**

8 I went to Waconia. I sent a letter to C.G. Patten in St. Charles, Iowa, ordering apple seedlings to Luedloff and to Sture in Granite Falls. The boys husked corn in the newly broken field. In the afternoon, the older ladies from the congregation were here for a visit, for it was Mamma's birthday. "Maggie" calved tonight.

9 Today we pulled up the pump from the well and repaired it. Carl took the part in to Waconia and had it fixed, then the boys husked corn, etc. It is very dry and beautiful weather.

10 This morning, it rained a little. We put up the mill and pulverized the oil paint for the fence posts, then the boys husked corn. I mended the gate by the corncrib.

11 Carl, Frank, and I took away the brick in the old well by the schoolhouse and filled the well again. Axel husked corn before noon. In the afternoon, he painted the fence posts. It is dry and beautiful weather but too dry to plow.

12 The boys painted fence posts and hauled in squash and pumpkins. I am not well so I have been cupped today.

13 The boys husked the corn and finished in the new broken field and hauled home the corn fodder and part of the sugar beets. I was in bed for most of the day. "Rosie" went to Peterman's bull today.

- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 The boys husked corn on the other side of the track. I butchered a wether before noon. In the afternoon, I salted in the hide to prepare it for tanning. We had two small rainstorms with thunder.
- 16 Before noon, the boys husked corn. I put ashes around the apple trees. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia to attend a prohibition meeting. The Carver people did not come, so we postponed the meeting to Saturday.
- 17 Frank and I dug up apple trees. The other boys and girls pulled the sugar beets and took off the tops of the beets. Mr. and Mrs. Stoughton and Mrs. Pettijohn were even here.
- 18 Before noon, I drove Brother Broms to Waconia. He left for Palmyra. Emma went with to A. Broberg's place. Mamma also went to Broberg's place but went home with Mrs. Broms. The boys pulled and took in the carrots. In the afternoon, we had much rain so we did nothing.
- 19 This morning, we had snow. We finished getting in the carrots and part of the turnips. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl plowed in the southern field. Frank and I dug up apple trees. Mamma finished weaving the rag rugs.
- 20 Before noon, Axel and Carl plowed. Frank and I worked in the garden. In the afternoon, we went to the prohibition meeting in Scandia. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey from Elk River, Anoka County, came with us home. They made prohibition speeches and held concerts. Frank plowed.
- 21 **Sunday** The children went to Sabbath School. In the evening, the Baileys sang and played as well as spoke at the concert in Scandia. We took "Lady" to Peterman's bull for the fourth time.
- 22 I went to Waconia with Frank Lundsten. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Carl and Frank plowed and Axel husked corn. In the evening, we had a concert when Mr. and Mrs. Bailey played, sang, and spoke for prohibition.
- 23 Carl and Frank plowed in the southern field and finished it. Axel husked corn. I pruned back all the grapevines below the orchard..
- 24 Carl and Frank plowed in the new broken field and by the straw stack. Axel husked corn on the other side of the track. I pruned back grapevines and did various other jobs in the orchard.
- 25 The boys husked corn. Carl went to Waconia before noon. I pruned back grapevines. It is beautiful weather yet.
- 26 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn. I pruned back grapevines. It is beautiful weather.
- 27 Carl went to Carver and had the horses shod. Mamma went with to Carver. Axel and Frank husked corn. I pruned back grapevines. Today it is colder weather. Today, I mailed a letter to Sture in Granite Falls containing the contract for Nils Norberg.
- 28 **Sunday** Luedloff was here today. He had apple trees with him.
- 29 The boys and girls husked corn, before noon. I butchered a wether. In the afternoon, I

pruned back grapevines. The weather has been quite beautiful.

- 30 The boys and womenfolk husked corn. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl hauled corn fodder. Frank went to Per Daniel's for two sacks of rye and then hauled it to the Waconia mill. The womenfolk husked corn and finished. In the afternoon, I pruned back grapevines. "Maggie" was with Peterman's bull today.
- 31 Axel and Carl hauled home corn fodder. Frank plowed in the cornfield on the other side of the track. I finished pruning back the grapevines, then I worked on the sheepskin that I want to tan.

November

- 1 Before noon, Axel hauled corn fodder and finished it. I packed some apple trees for Brand in Faribault and in the afternoon, I went to the depot and sent them, then I went to the mill for the rye flour. Broms was with me. He came from Palmyra. Mamma went with to Andrew Broberg's. Frank plowed in the cornfield, the whole day.
- 2 Axel and Carl plowed in the cornfield. I heeled in apple trees. Frank helped me and did other various jobs in the orchard. It is beautiful weather for this season.
- 3 Before noon, Axel and Carl plowed in the cornfield and finished it. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hilled in the grapevines. Carl went to Waconia. I heeled in apple trees. It is dry and beautiful weather.

4 Sunday

- 5 The boys hilled the grapevines and finished, plowed the orchard, and made a ditch beside the corncrib. I did various jobs in the orchard and then planted some apple trees.
- 6 Before noon, Axel, Carl, Frank, and I went to the election. We voted the national ticket this year. The boys and I cast our votes for the Prohibition Party. In the afternoon, Mamma and Frank went to Waconia. Axel and Carl scraped out a ditch on the newly broken field in the western meadow. I did various jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 7 Axel and Carl hauled manure to the raspberry bushes and to several places in the orchard. Frank and I did various jobs in the orchard.
- 8 The boys hauled manure in the orchard and plowed there, dug and set out raspberry bushes, and scraped ditches. I did various jobs.
- 9 The boys scraped the ditch in the field on the other side of the track, set fence posts by the western meadow, and hauled home the old fence. I repaired the gate between the barnyards and did various jobs in the orchard. It is colder weather today.
- 10 Carl, Frank, and I went to the Waconia market with "Molly" and her calf, and a 5-week-old calf that I had sold to J. Sundine yesterday. I went to N. Swenson's and bought a pig and to Per Daniel's, where I looked at a steer. The boys did various jobs. Today, I sent 100 scions to Richardson's in Winnebago City and a jar of butter to Harlund in Minneapolis.

11 Sunday

- 12 I butchered a wether and did various jobs. Before noon, Axel and Carl set fence posts by the western meadow. In the afternoon, they grubbed out stumps. Mamma and Frank went to

John Nelson's house. They had Nelson's loom with them. Today it is mild and beautiful weather.

- 13 The boys grubbed stumps in the new broken field and harrowed in the field. I was indoors most of the day and had Emma write a report on the Russian apple to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa. The weather continues to be dry and clear.
- 14 The boys grubbed out stumps and then they hauled logs to the hog pen. I did various jobs.
- 15 The boys set fence posts around the new pig barn and scraped away part of the dirt. Carl hauled wood over to the meetinghouse and went to Waconia. Brother and Sister Broms were here last night. Sture came home from Granite Falls today. I did various jobs. Last night we had a little snow and today it is cold weather.
- 16 The boys set fence posts by the new barn and we have even cut a lot of cuttings and set out the Russian willows and poplars. It is cold with a northwesterly wind.
- 17 Today, the boys and I put mulching around the apple trees of the second crop of clover hay. Sture went to Minneapolis today. Carl drove him to Victoria. Ida is with Kate Broberg, for Kate is sick. It is a sunshiny and not so cold day.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Carl hauled two load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel, Frank, and I put mulching around the apple trees. The cold is better and it is beautiful weather. Today, I mailed the report to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa. I also sent a box of apples from the Plikanoff, Christmas trees and No.5 M Royal Table trees.
- 20 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia before noon. Axel, Frank, and I finished mulching the apple trees and then we did various jobs. Frank went to Broberg's and borrowed a ram. Sture came from Minneapolis today. Mild and beautiful weather.
- 21 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Broms in Scandia. I did various jobs. My nephew, Edward Johnson, came here last night from Granite Falls. It is beautiful weather.
- 22 Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Sture and Axel put up eaves troughs on the new barn and changed the one on the south side on the south barn. I did various jobs.
- 23 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and Frank set fence posts between the high road and the home field. I did various small jobs. Today, my nephew, Edward Johnson, left and went to Kirkwood. Sture drove him to Chaska. Mild and sunny day.
- 24 Sture and I went to Chaska and Carver markets. I bought half a steer from B. Nilson in Chaska. Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Klatt's house. Axel and Carl set fence posts along the road.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Carl and Frank harrowed the whole day. Before noon, Sture, Axel, and I put up eaves troughs on the old barn and the corncrib. In the afternoon, Sture nailed a board fence around the hog barn. Axel and I did various jobs. Very mild and fine weather. Mamma went to Anton Peterson's house in Waconia. Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Walker from Excelsior were here

this evening.

- 27 Sture and I helped B. Nilson butcher the steer that I had bought one half of. Frank harrowed. Axel and Carl piled wood and hauled home some from the woods. We are having mild, beautiful weather.
- 28 Sture worked on the fence around the hog barn. The other boys piled and hauled home wood from the woods. Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia where we expressed two jars of butter to Stromquist in Minneapolis. I paid the charge—25 cents. In the afternoon, I salted down the meat from the steer. Today it is foggy and chilly weather. The 27th, we took “May” to Broberg’s bull.
- 29 Today, it is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, I did a few jobs. The boys were at Per Daniel’s lake and fished. We have no snow, yet. It is not very cold.
- 30 Today, we made a wire fence between the highway and the home field. Axel and Carl hauled the old fence to the new hog pasture. Sture and Frank nailed on the wire. I did various jobs.

December

- 1 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia. The other boys hauled the rails from the old fence. In the afternoon, Sture and Frank finished the wire fence and the other boys hauled home the trash of the old fence. I did various jobs. Today there is a cold south wind.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Before noon, Sture, Axel, and I butchered a barrow. Carl and Frank hauled home wood from the woods. In the afternoon, the boys worked on the well on the other side of the track. They cleaned out the well and took up part of the bricks lining it. Today it is “Indian summer” weather.
- 4 Frank Lohmer is here deepening the well out in the southern forty. The boys are even working on the well. Sture made a foundation for the well bottom to lay the brick. I cut up the pork and salted it. Today is a warm, fine “Indian summer.”
- 5 The boys and Frank Lohmer worked on the southern well. Sture did various jobs. It is colder weather.
- 6 Frank Lohmer continues to line the well with brick and finished it this evening. Axel and Carl helped with the well. Sture and Frank went to F. Lundsten’s to butcher his hogs, and then they did various jobs. I went to Waconia and bought a pump from Glashan for the well on the other side of the tracks.
- 7 Before noon, Glashan from Waconia put in the new pump in the pasture on the other side of the track. Sture, Axel, and I helped. In the afternoon, Sture and I made the well curbing. Carl and Axel began to dig a new well west of the kitchen.
- 8 Sture, Axel, and Frank dug on the well by the kitchen. Carl and William Swenson went to Chaska for bricks for the well. I finished the well curbing out in the southern forty.
- 9 **Sunday** In the afternoon, the children went to Hjortson’s house for a visit.

- 10 Sture, Carl, and Frank dug on the well. Axel and I went out in the southern forty and cut down material for the well curb and gate posts.
- 11 Sture, Axel, and Frank dug on the well. Carl went to Chaska after a load of bricks. I hewed out the lumber for the well curb, etc. It is cold and dry.
- 12 Axel, Carl, and Frank worked on the well. Sture went to Chaska after a load of bricks. I worked on the well curbing. It has snowed a little the whole day and is cold.
- 13 The boys dug on the well. It looks as if we are not going to strike water. I went to the Waconia mill with meal and then did various jobs. I mailed a letter today asking for the *Modens Almanacka*.
- 14 The boys dug on the well. I did various small jobs.
- 15 Sture, Axel, and Frank lined the well with bricks until noon. Carl went to Waconia. In the afternoon, we did various small jobs. Carl took home Broberg's ram.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Carl and Frank helped P.D. Anderson to butcher his hogs. Axel cut stovewood and did the chores. Sture went to Waconia and then repaired the mangers. I did various small jobs.
- 18 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia. The other boys piled wood out in the southern forty. In the afternoon, we put the old pump into the new well. The boys borrowed P.D. Anderson's boar and put him with our sows. Today, we took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull.
- 19 The boys piled wood out in the woods. I did various small jobs. Sture helped Frank Lundsten to butcher and then set up storm windows. Today, it is beautiful weather. Bergren was here last night.
- 20 The boys piled firewood in the woods and hauled home wood. Sture and I did various small jobs. Today, it is quite beautiful weather.
- 21 Before noon, Mamma, Sture, and I went to Waconia. The other boys piled wood out in the woods. In the afternoon, we moved our tools from the old wagon shed to the upstairs of the hog barn, etc. Today, it is cold.
- 22 The boys hauled away the old straw from the shed roof and tore down the shed. Sture and I did various jobs. Today, it is mild and beautiful weather. Yesterday, "Nancy" calved.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 The boys went to Waconia and they did nothing. I did a few jobs. Last night and this morning, we had rain and sleet and this afternoon, we had some snow, but not enough for sleighing.
- 25 **Christmas Day** This morning we had a meeting in Scandia. In the evening, we had a Christmas celebration around a Christmas tree. I was home alone. Today it was sunny and beautiful weather.
- 26 The boys lined the well with brick. I did various small jobs. Today it is cloudy and cold weather.
- 27 Sture went to Carver and had "Rock" and "Maid" shod. He hauled home 500 bricks from the Chaska brickyard. The other boys lined the well with brick and did some other small jobs. I did nothing.

- 28 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia and bought a new pump for the well by the house. The other boys finished lining the well with bricks. In the afternoon, the boys and the girls went to John Nelson's house for a visit. In the afternoon, John Radde came and bought a calf. I nailed sheet iron on the new pump.
- 29 Carl went to Carver and had the mare and "Frank" shod. Sture went to the Chaska market to look at the horses that were for sale. The other boys and I did various jobs.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 Today, Glashan from Waconia put the new pump into the new well. We helped him with it, and Sture and I made a platform over it. The other boys chopped stovewood, etc.

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January

- 1 In the morning we had a service in Scandia. Broms preached. In the afternoon we had our annual business meeting.
- 2 The boys are hauling and piling wood for the stove. Sture is making a box for the wagon. In the afternoon, Mamma, Carl, and I went to Waconia.
- 3 Sture worked on the double box. I did various small jobs. The other boys are cutting cordwood and stovewood and hauling home the wood for the stove. We have mild weather.
- 4 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl cut cordwood and in the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia. Axel did various small jobs. Sture and I did various jobs in the shop. Frank is sick. We are having mild, sunny weather.
- 5 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia and I did various jobs. Frank is sick. It is mild and grand weather.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Today we butchered the two old sows. We had P.D. Anderson help us.
- 8 Sture went to Chaska and Carver. Brother Broms went with to Carver. Axel and Carl cut cordwood, etc. We brought Broberg's boar from F. Lundsten's to our sows but I don't think they took him. In the evening we had a prayer meeting at Lundsten's house.
- 9 This morning at 5:30, Sture and Carl left for Minneapolis with the pork. I did nothing today. Axel and Frank did various small jobs and returned the boar to Lundsten's house. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail. Brother Broms was here last night.
- 10 Today I wrote a letter to brother Rydell in Sweden and also to John Pearson in New Mexico. Axel and Frank worked with the animals and did the chores. Sture and Carl came home from Minneapolis late this evening at 11:30.
- 11 I wrote a letter to Mattson in California. The boys did the chores.
- 12 B. Nilson and I went with P.D. Anderson to Chaska to testify for him as he is trying to get a pension. The boys did nothing. The jeweler, Olaf Hanson, came here last night. In the afternoon, my brother-in-law Olaf Johansson from Litchfield came here from a Farmers' Alliance Meeting in St. Paul. We are still having nice weather.

13 **Sunday**

- 14 Today we did nothing as we had company. In the afternoon, my brother-in-law Olaf Johansson and I went to visit Niklas Swenson. During the night it snowed and rained.
- 15 Today we had rain showers and we did no work. John Anderson (younger) and his wife from Granite Falls came here. They came from Eggleston and Vasa.
- 16 We have had light rain most of the day, so our snow has melted and we cannot use the sleigh, but this evening it turned colder and snowed. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to the meeting in Scandia, where we were to vote on whether or not to keep Brother Broms as our pastor for another year. There were so many complaints he was not re-elected. As far as I am concerned, I am pleased with Brother Broms, especially when I realize that I, myself, have many weaknesses and sins, yes, even follies, so I dare not complain about him as I, myself, have more faults than he. Those that complained would not look at it in that light, but such is man. May God have mercy on our church and on us.
- 17 My brother-in-law, Olaf Johansson, from Litchfield, returned home today. Sture drove him to Delano. Carl drove Olof Hanson to Augusta and then went to Waconia to get John Anderson's trunk. The roads are bad—partly ice and partly bare dirt. Frank started school today and Axel did the chores.
- 18 Carl and I went to Waconia and the boys did various jobs. John Anderson and his wife left here and went to P.D. Anderson's house today. Last night and today it is very cold. Frank is going to school.
- 19 I went to Waconia and had "Rock" and "Frank" shod. Sture is working on a wood rack. Axel and Carl hauled stumps away from the newly broken field. Frank is cutting and hauling ice to Broberg's.

20 **Sunday**

- 21 Carl hauled wood to Chaska. Sture finished the wood rack. Axel and I cut a couple of logs for the sawmill and also did various other jobs. In the evening, John Anderson and his wife from Granite Falls returned to our house from Birrel Nilson's place.
- 22 John Anderson and his wife returned to Granite Falls today. Sture drove them to Augusta and then went to Waconia and had the colt shod. Carl hauled wood to Chaska. Axel and I did various jobs. Today we took the heifer, "Maggie," to Peterman's bull for the second time. We have paid for her.
- 23 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska and used both teams. I did various jobs. Axel is not feeling well. Holtriger from Chaska was here and repaired the sewing machine. Frank is in school.
- 24 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska using both teams. I went to Rietz's and settled up with him and the Farmers' Alliance. Axel is not well. Frank is in school.
- 25 Carl hauled wood to Chaska and Sture went to Watertown to look at a couple of horses he might buy. Axel is not well. Frank is in school. I hewed out stud timbers for the hog barn cellar.
- 26 Sture hauled a load of wood to Chaska. Carl hauled two logs to Waconia to the sawmill and

then had the Swedish smithy shoe "Frank" on the front feet. Axel and Frank did various jobs and I worked in the carpenter workshop.

27 **Sunday**

28 In the forenoon, Mamma and Carl went to St. Bonifacius and sold butter and eggs and then traded in the stores. Sture went with them and then took the north train line to Minneapolis to look for horses. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a log to the mill in Waconia and Axel did the chores, etc. I did various jobs in the carpenter workshop. Pettijohn and his wife were here last night.

29 Carl made two trips to Waconia with logs for the sawmill. Axel did the chores. I went to Rietz and talked about the will he is drawing up for us. Today we took the cow, "Nancy," to Broberg's bull and also took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull. Today I sent Patten a report on the Russian apple trees.

30 Carl and I went to Waconia with a log for the sawmill. Sture went around Waconia looking for horses. Ida went to Dr. Brae in Young America and had some teeth pulled. It snowed a little bit today.

31 Sture and I went to Watertown and bought a team of horses from an Irishman whose name is Davien. Carl went to Waconia and then the boys cut cordwood, etc. Frank is in school. Today it is very cold.

February

1 Sture went to Waconia and had his new horses shod as well as the new mare, "Fanny." Axel and Carl hauled wood from the southern forty. I did various jobs. Frank is in school.

2 In the forenoon we butchered four pigs. P.D. Anderson helped us. In the afternoon, I butchered a calf. Sture and Carl went to Frank Lundsten's and butchered pigs. Axel and Frank did various jobs. It is mild and great weather.

3 **Sunday**

4 This morning at five o'clock, Sture and F. Lundsten left for Minneapolis with the pork to sell. We have snow today. Axel and Carl only did chores today. Mamma and I went to Rietz's and had Rietz draw up a will for us. Frank and Anna are in school and Emma is sick in bed. Today we brought P.D. Anderson's boar home with us and put him with the sows again; one of the white young sows took him.

5 Today it is very cold—25 degrees below 0. We did no work. Mr. and Mrs. Rietz visited us and gave Emma homeopathic medicine. Frank and Anna are in school.

6 Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel did the chores and I did various small jobs. This morning it was 25 degrees below 0. This evening at eight o'clock, Sture and Frank Lundsten came home from Minneapolis.

7 We butchered two pigs. We will keep them for our own use. After dinner I cut up the meat we bought in Minneapolis. Sture and Carl went to Waconia. Frank is in school. Axel did the chores. Today I sent a draft to Olaf Thor for the road work.

8 Carl went to the Watertown mill with a load of grist. Sture went to the Irishman, Davien,

and paid him for the horses. I cut up and salted the pork. Frank is in school and Axel has a boil on his hand, so he cannot work.

9 Sture and Carl went to P.D. Anderson's and helped butcher pigs. Frank did various jobs and I made brine for the pork, etc. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. It is lovely weather.

10 **Sunday**

11 Carl went to Delano to get the seed wheat I had ordered from Grove City. Sture lowered the ceiling in the horse stalls. I started grafting today. Frank is in school. Axel tended the livestock and did chores.

12 Axel and Carl chopped cordwood. Sture was at Broberg's and helped butcher pigs. I grafted apple trees. Frank is in school. It is beautiful weather. Today the cow, "Rosa," went to Peterman's bull for the second time.

13 In the forenoon, Carl took the horse, "Frank," to Waconia to the smithy as he is lame. In the afternoon, the boys cut down an oak and hauled it home for use as a watering trough. I grafted apple trees. It snowed a little last night.

14 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska using both teams. Axel cut cordwood and I made apple grafts. Frank is in school. It is cloudy today.

15 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska using both teams. I drove Brother Broms to the depot in Waconia—he is going to Dakota. Axel has done various jobs. It has sleeted all day, but the sleighing is better.

16 Sture hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia and Frank hauled one load. Carl went to Chaska with a load of wood. Axel did various jobs. I grafted apple trees. It is very nice weather today.

17 **Sunday**

18 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska using two teams. Axel did the chores. I did nothing. Frank is in school. Pettijohn was here last night. Sister Broms is staying with us.

19 Sture and Frank Lundsten are putting up wainscoting in the church. Carl was out to St. Bonifacius and bought a barrel of apples and then he and Axel set up logs to dry for firewood. I wrote a letter to John Pearson in New Mexico and one to Oscar Norman and did various small jobs. It is very cold today.

20 Sture is working in the church. Axel and Carl cut cordwood and did various jobs. I made apple grafts. It is cold.

21 Sture is working in the church. Axel and Carl cut cordwood in the morning and in the afternoon we had a snowstorm. I grafted apple trees. Today I sent a letter to John Pearson in New Mexico and also to Oscar Norman in Eggleston about his inheritance.

22 Sture is working in the church. Axel and Carl cut cordwood at times, but it is so cold with a biting northwest wind that they had to stop. I grafted apple and plum trees and finished my grafting today.

23 Sture worked in the church. Frank and I went to Waconia. I sent a draft to John Anderson in Granite Falls for my real estate tax there. Axel and Carl cut cordwood but it is really too

cold to chop wood. It is 28 degrees below 0.

24 **Sunday**

25 Sture worked in the church. Axel and Carl cut cordwood on the southern forty. Frank is in school. I made axe handles, etc. Today it is not so cold.

26 Axel and Carl cut cordwood out on the southern forty. Sture worked in the church. I put in the stud timbers in the basement of the hog barn for the partition walls.

27 Axel and Carl cut cordwood and Sture worked in the church. I worked in the hog barn cellar. Frank is in school.

28 Axel and Carl hauled home cordwood from the southern forty. Sture worked in the church. I am working in the hog barn cellar and Frank is in school.

March

1 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia to get Henry Schraan to doctor up the lame mare, and later Sture worked in the church. I worked in the hog barn. In the afternoon, I drove H. Schraan back to Waconia and met Brother Broms by the depot and drove him to Scandia. He came from a mission trip in Dakota. I even took Mrs. Broms home as she has been at our house for two weeks. We have mild weather—the time for sleigh riding is over for the year.

2 The boys hauled in the haystack and in the afternoon they hauled home cordwood. Axel took Mamma to Broberg's house and Emma to Waconia for her music lesson from Luella Mix. Sture is working in the church; I am working in the hog barn. We have mild weather.

3 **Sunday**

4 Axel and Carl cut cordwood, etc. Sture worked in the church and I worked in the hog barn. We are having mild, beautiful weather.

5 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture is working in the church and I am working in the hog barn cellar. Frank is in school. It is very mild weather. The little snow we had is almost completely melted.

6 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did various jobs. Sture worked in the church. It is still beautiful weather.

7 Today Mamma, Sture, and I went to William Mitchell's funeral in Waconia. Henry Schraan came home with us to doctor the lame mare. In the afternoon, Sture worked in the church. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Today I sent scions from the Red Cheeked apple trees to Patten in St. Charles and scions from the Peerless to Luedloff in Carver. It is windy and cold.

8 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture worked in the church. I worked in the hog barn cellar. I met with Rietz and Stashen at Lundsten's house to settle up for the Alliance. The heifer, "Maggie," went to Peterman's bull for the third time. It is cold.

9 Two of the boys cut cordwood. Sture worked at the church. I worked in the hog barn cellar. The Dane, Michaelson, was here to see what he could do for the sick mare. Carl went to Waconia two times. The weather is still dry and cold.

10 **Sunday**

- 11 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture worked in church. Today I finished the interior of the hog barn cellar. Frank is in school regularly.
- 12 This morning all four boys and I went to the town election and voted. In the afternoon Sture and I went to Waconia and bought paint for the window frames. The other boys cut cordwood. It is beautiful weather today. Today, when I was in town for the election, I gave 48 cents to each of the members of the Alliance organization.
- 13 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I fixed the doors in the hog barn. In the afternoon we had a snowstorm. I filed the saws and made axe handles. Sture worked in the church.
- 14 Axel and Carl hauled cordwood out of the forest. Sture is at Pofahl's and helped with the barn raising. I did various things in the carpenter workshop. We had enough snow for the sleigh but it is already melting.
- 15 Axel and Carl hauled cordwood out of the forest. In the afternoon it rained. I made spouts for tapping the maples. Sture worked at the church. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl fanned the seed oats. In the evening, the children all attended a prohibition contest at Gerdson's schoolhouse.
- 16 Axel and Frank cut cordwood and hauled it out of the forest. Carl had the mare shod. Sture worked in the church. It is mild weather, so the snow and ice are melting and almost gone. I finished the syrup spouts.

17 **Sunday**

- 18 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Sture painted the window frames on the house. I did various jobs. Frank is in school. Today we have great weather.
- 19 Axel and Carl hauled cordwood out of the forest. Sture went to an auction and bought a wagon. Today we moved the pigs into the new barn cellar. In the afternoon, Mamma and I drove to Waconia and express mailed a jar of butter to Hornlund in Minneapolis. It has been a beautiful day.
- 20 In the forenoon Axel and Carl hauled the straw from the old hog barn roof down to the meadow by the road. In the afternoon, Carl harrowed and Axel cut wood for the stove. I have started to work in the syrup camp and also hung the pork in the smokehouse. Sture went to pick up the wagon he bought at auction. It is gorgeous weather.
- 21 Carl and Frank harrowed using both teams. Sture and Axel bored into the maple trees. I sowed timothy seed in the south field and then I burned the open meadows, etc. It is very nice weather.
- 22 Sture painted the window frames and also went to Waconia. Axel cut wood for the stove and did various other jobs. I did various jobs. Carl sowed oats on the five-acre piece and on the field by Peterman's. Frank harrowed in the oats. We sowed 14 bushels of oats on 7 ½ acres.
- 23 Carl sowed bluestem wheat on the large piece of the south field. Frank harrowed the other side of the tracks and also a part of the wheat that was sown today. Axel is sawing wood for

the stove and did various jobs. Sture painted the window frames. Today we started cooking the syrup, but the sap is running very slow. I did a variety of jobs. It is beautiful weather.

24 **Sunday**

- 25 Sture took the mare to the stallion in Waconia and she took him. Carl sowed wheat on the south field as well as on the other side of the tracks. Frank harrowed. Today we brought Broberg's boar home and put him with our sows. I repaired the roller. Axel gathered sap, etc. We have sowed 13 bushels of bluestem wheat on 9 acres and 3 bushels Scottish Fife wheat on 2 ¼ acres on this side of the track. On the other side of the track is sown 9 ½ bushels on 7 ½ acres and on the home field and square piece is sown 5 ½ bushels on 4 acres.
- 26 I went to Luedloff's to get apple trees and scions. Carl and Frank sowed wheat and harrowed on the other side of the track and on the square piece. Axel did various jobs. Sture is painting the window frames. Today we have a cold wind from the west.
- 27 In the forenoon, the boys cut wood for the stove. In the afternoon, Carl sowed wheat on the newly broken field (about 3 ½ bushels on 3 acres). We have finished the sowing. Frank rolled the field. Sture painted the window frames. Axel cut stovewood and I trimmed trees down by the road. It is very cold weather. This year we have sowed 34 ½ bushels of wheat on 25 ¾ acres and 14 bushels of oats on 7 ½ acres.
- 28 First, Carl and Frank returned the boar to Broberg, and then Carl rolled and Frank harrowed the new field by the west meadow. Axel worked at the syrup camp. Sture painted windows and doors. I put up ornamental lattice work between the porch pillars, etc. In the afternoon it warmed up a little so the sap was running freely.
- 29 Frank and I went to Waconia and bought shoes and then I did various jobs. The boys worked on the syrup camp and chopped wood. Sture painted inside the house. We had some snow last night.
- 30 Sture went to the Carver market to see if he could locate the veterinarian, Larson. The other boys cooked syrup and cut wood for the stove. In the afternoon we had a snowstorm, so we did various jobs.
- 31 **Sunday** Dr. Rittosier preached in the morning and Dahlstrom this evening. The veterinarian, Larson, was here and treated the sick mare.

April

- 1 The boys worked at the syrup camp. Altogether, they have gathered over 250 pails of sap. In the afternoon, Carl plowed in the west meadow. I did various jobs. The Dahlstroms from Minneapolis are with us.
- 2 The boys worked at the syrup camp and gathered over 100 pails of sap. Dahlstrom is helping the boys. They also did other various jobs. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. Sture did various small jobs.
- 3 In the forenoon, Sture, Carl, and I hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia. In the afternoon Frank rolled and Carl sowed wheat in the west meadow. Axel and Dahlstrom carried sap and cooked syrup. I took the mulch away from the apple trees. There is a northerly cold wind.

- 4 Frank rolled the whole day. In the morning Axel sowed timothy and also clover on the new broken field in the west meadow. In the afternoon, Frank harrowed and rolled this and the newly broken north field. Carl, Axel, and Dahlstrom carried sap and cooked syrup. Sture is painting at Lundsten's. I am not well. In the afternoon, the Dahlstroms left us and went to P.D. Anderson's.
- 5 The boys hauled hay from the south barn to the north barn. They also gathered sap and cooked the syrup and cut wood for the stove. I removed the mulch from around the apple trees. Sture and Frank Lundsten are in Scandia building a summer pavilion for E. Broberg. We now have a cold easterly wind.
- 6 In the forenoon, Carl went to the Waconia sawmill to pick up some lumber. Frank went to the depot and met Miss Russell. She will board with us for the school term. In the afternoon Carl went to Waconia to pick up another load of lumber. Axel and Frank worked by the syrup kettle. I am removing the mulch from around the apple trees. Sture is working in Scandia for Enoch Broberg.
- 7 **Sunday** Dahlstrom preached.
- 8 The boys are cooking syrup and cutting wood for the stove, etc. I did various small jobs. Sture is working in Scandia. Carl went to Waconia to pick up the last load of lumber from the sawmill. The mare took the stallion again today. We finished our syrup making today. We have cooked 55 gallons of maple syrup.
- 9 Carl and Frank are hauling away the dirt from the newly dug well. Axel did various small jobs. I bricked around the new well. Sture is working in Scandia. Today we have warm weather but it is too dry.
- 10 The boys emptied the water from the well as it was sour. In the afternoon they cut wood for the stove. I made a cover for the well. Sture is working in Scandia.
- 11 Carl and Frank hauled rails for the old fence. Axel went to Waconia and later he did various jobs. I finished the cover for the well and uncovered the new apple trees. Sture worked in Scandia.
- 12 Axel, Frank, and I worked on a steel wire fence between the west meadow and the field. Sture and Carl worked in Scandia. The wheat is starting to come up, but the ground is too dry, so it is coming up very uneven. There are some signs of rain, but none has come.
- 13 Sture and Carl are working in Waconia on Enoch Broberg's house. Axel and Frank fixed the old fence. In the morning I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I mended the small wagon, etc. It is dry with a cold wind and last night the water froze in our pails.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Carl and Frank are hauling manure from the old hog yard to the garden, and then they harrowed there. Axel did various jobs. I grafted plum trees and did various jobs in the garden. Sture is working in Scandia. The black-spotted sow farrowed last night but she only had one piglet.
- 16 The boys cut stovewood and burned in the marshy swamp areas. I oiled the harness. Frank went to the Waconia depot with apple trees that I am sending to Charles Luedloff. They are

from the seedlings I had gotten from Winnebago City. I did various jobs in the orchard. Sture worked in Scandia.

- 17 Carl and Frank plowed in the garden by the raspberry bushes. Axel and I put wire on the stakes by the raspberries and set out the plum trees, etc. Sture worked in Scandia.
- 18 In the forenoon it rained a little. We did various jobs. In the afternoon we fixed the pump by the house well but we still did not get it to draw the water up. It is so dry the well in the pasture does not have enough water for the livestock. Sture worked in Scandia.
- 19 The boys grubbed out the dead trees that were around the house. I set out apple trees and did other things. Sture worked in Scandia.
- 20 Carl went to Waconia two times today. Axel and Frank hauled away the grubbed-out trees from around the house. I planted apple trees. In the afternoon, Glashan came to fix the pump but it could not be repaired as one of the cylinders had split. Sture is working in Scandia. Today both mares - "Kate" and "Fanny" - took the stallion in Waconia. It is very warm and dry. We need rain.
- 21 **Easter Sunday**
- 22 I planted apple trees. The boys dug holes for the trees. We also planted potatoes and did various jobs. Carl took apple trees to Winkel and Balleau. Sture worked in Scandia. Today we have storms from the south. We took "Maggie" to B. Nilson's bull. She has been several times to Peterman's bull but still is not with calf.
- 23 I planted apple trees, etc. The boys did various other small jobs. Sture worked in Scandia. It is cloudy weather today but as yet, no rain.
- 24 Last night we had a wonderful rain. Carl and Frank plowed on the barn field for corn. Axel grubbed down by the road, chopped wood, and uncovered a few grapes. I planted Wealthy apple trees by the evergreens in the north orchard, tied up grapevines, etc. Sture worked in Scandia.
- 25 Carl and Frank plowed for the corn in the barn field and also harrowed and rolled the field. I tied up the grapevines, etc. Axel did various jobs. Sture is working in Scandia. Today we had warm, wonderful weather.
- 26 I tied up the grapevines. The boys harrowed and hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank fixed fences. Frank drove Sture and Ida to Waconia. They went to Minneapolis for a wedding, etc. Peter Nilsson took Emma [not Peterson's daughter] as his bride.
- 27 Carl and I went to Carver market with the lame mare and met the veterinarian, Dr. Larson. He burned her foot again. Brother Broms went along to try to get citizenship papers, but they cannot be had except at a regular court session. Axel and Frank repaired the old fences. Today we have a very cold north wind.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Carl and Frank plowed the newly broken field. Frank went to Waconia and met Sture and Ida when they returned from Minneapolis. Axel is burning brush in the road and also doing various other jobs. I tied up the grapevines. There is a cold north wind.
- 30 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon Carl and Frank hauled

away the roots from the newly broken field and rolled it. Axel and I sooted the chimneys. Sture worked in Scandia. Last night we had frost and ice on the water pails.

May

- 1 The boys marked the newly broken field for corn, rolled it, and planted it with corn and some potatoes. They also took the potatoes from the cellar. I tied up the grapevines. Sture is working in Scandia.
- 2 In the forenoon Carl and I went to Waconia. Nyberg shod the mare and also "Rock" on his front feet. Broms went with us to Waconia and went on to Dakota. Frank planted corn on the barn field and finished. Axel and Carl planted potatoes. I did various jobs. Sture is working in Scandia.
- 3 Today the womenfolk are shearing the sheep. Frank is helping them. Carl painted the wagon wheels with oil paint. Axel set out apple trees in the forest—then the boys did various things. I set out dewberry bushes and grapevine cuttings. Sture worked for Frank Lundsten. Today the white sow farrowed a litter of twelve piglets; ten were alive and two were dead.
- 4 Axel and I hewed timbers for the fence gate posts and put in a gate by the hog barn. Frank did various jobs. Carl took the mares to the stallion in Waconia but they would not take him. In the afternoon Carl painted the wagon wheels. Sture worked for Frank Lundsten.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 The boys did various jobs. Sture hauled a load of boards from Waconia out to Maas's place. I made a furnace to warm the grafting wax on. It is dry weather with strong storms.
- 7 Early this morning, Mamma, Carl and Emma left for Minneapolis. They had wool and sheepskins along to sell. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I filed saws, etc. Sture is working for Maas. It is storming harder than ever.
- 8 At six o'clock it started to rain and continued until ten. It was a huge rain. In the afternoon I went to a special business meeting in Scandia when we decided to make Fridlund our pastor for the summer months. Axel and Frank planted corn on the newly broken field. In the evening, just before dark, our folks returned from Minneapolis.
- 9 The boys planted sugar beets and carrots. We had rain showers. During the forenoon I butchered a ram that was injured when Peltz's dog chased him into the wire fence. In the afternoon, I began to set out the grafts.
- 10 The boys plowed and harrowed for the squash, beans, etc., and then planted them with the sugar beets. They also repaired the fences and the gates along the railroad tracks. I set out grafts.
- 11 In the forenoon, Carl took both mares to the stallion in Waconia and both of them took him. In the afternoon Carl was in Waconia to get a barrel of salt and Mamma and Ida were with him. Frank and Axel repaired the fences, and harrowed the corn and potato field. I finished setting out the grafts. Sture continues to work for Maas. The school teacher's sister came here today.

- 12 **Sunday** Fridlund preached in the morning and Broms in the evening.
- 13 The boys hauled rails and repaired fences on the southern forty. They harrowed the corn field. In the afternoon, Carl took grist to the mill and had the horses shod. I pruned apple trees and did other various jobs. Sture worked for Maas.
- 14 In the morning, Glashan and Oberle were here and repaired the pump and we all helped them. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl repaired the fences on the southern forty. I pruned apple trees. Frank and the horses worked on the roads between Scandia and Broberg's. A Swede from Cokato was here for dinner. He was looking for work.
- 15 This morning Carl and I hauled Brother Broms's belongings to the depot in Waconia as he is moving to Dakota. We brought home the grist and also had the horses shod. In the afternoon, we got things ready for Carl and Sture's trip to Granite Falls. They plan to break our land out there. Axel, Frank, and the horses are working on the road between Scandia and Broberg's place. Cloudy and cold weather.
- 16 In the forenoon it rained but started to clear around noon. Carl and Sture began their trip to Granite Falls around noon. In the afternoon, the folks from Litchfield came here. They are Andrew Johnson, his wife, his sister Josephine, his brother Edward, and Anna Ingemanson.
- 17 John Nelson and Lundsten were here and we wrote a letter to the conference. Axel worked on the road by Broberg's place. Frank is entertaining the Litchfield visitors. This afternoon I trimmed the walnut trees. It is still cloudy and cold.
- 18 Andrew and Edward Johnson went to Minneapolis today. This afternoon the rest of the Litchfield visitors and some of our folks went visiting to Andrew Broberg's. In the evening Andrew and Edward Johnson returned from Minneapolis. Axel hoed in the garden and I pruned apple trees.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 First thing in the morning, Niklas came here and castrated the lambs and the pigs. Axel and Frank mended fences. I pruned trees. In the afternoon I went to Waconia and purchased an express money order that I sent to Wingren in Chicago for a book. The Litchfield folks and our children are visiting John Nelson. I pruned apple trees.
- 21 This morning at eight o'clock the Litchfield folks started for home. In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat and in the afternoon he worked with the horses by Broberg's place. Axel did various jobs and I pruned the apple trees.
- 22 Frank hauled two loads of wheat out to Waconia. Axel did various jobs and I trimmed the apple trees. In the afternoon my brother-in-law Cornelius's children from Litchfield came here. It is cold and last night we had a hard freeze.
- 23 I went to Chaska today and paid my real estate tax. Mamma, Emma, and Cornelius's Emanuel went along. We also went to Carver. Axel and Frank did no work.
- 24 Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. The Litchfield children went to Minneapolis today. This afternoon the boys took the mares to the stallion in Waconia but neither took him. Charley, Cornelius's boy, came back from Minneapolis and returned with the boys. I pruned apple trees.

- 25 Frank and Charley Cornelius took the lame mare to Carver to the veterinarian Larson. Sture came back from Granite Falls and met them in Carver. I pruned apple trees. Axel did various jobs.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Today the Litchfield folks returned from Minneapolis. Frank went to Waconia and had the lame mare shod and then the boys did various jobs. I trimmed apple trees, etc. Sture worked for Maas.
- 28 This morning the Litchfield folks left for home. Mamma, Frank, and Anna went with them as far as Cokato. Anna is to take the water treatment in the mineral water institution there. Axel did various jobs. I made a hog feeding trough, etc. Sture worked for Maas. It is very chilly weather.
- 29 Axel is working on the roads in our district. At four o'clock in the afternoon, Frank came home from Cokato. I did nothing today as I am not well. Sture worked for Maas. Last night the cow "Pearly" calved. We had a very heavy frost and it is still cold.
- 30 We fenced in an area for shelter for the small pigs and put a roof over it. Axel went to Waconia with the butter for Minneapolis. Sture worked for Maas. Chilly weather.
- 31 Axel and Frank, and the horses, worked on the roads in our district. I did various jobs. Today the assessor was here and valued the property. Today Miss Russell ended the summer school. Last night it was so cold the water froze in the watering trough. Last night the other white sow farrowed—she had a litter of nine and as yet, all are living. Sture worked for Maas.

June

- 1 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank cultivated the corn field alongside the barn. I hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, Frank drove the teacher, Miss Russell, to Waconia as she was going home. Axel and I did various small jobs. Sture is working for Maas. The weather is cold and dry. We need rain and warmth.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. I did various small jobs.
- 4 The boys and I emptied out and fixed the well in the pasture. Then we repaired the north door of the old barn. Today we had a letter from Mamma and Anna, telling us they are in Litchfield. The weather is still dry with no rain.
- 5 We repaired the south door on the old barn, and then hauled dirt to fill in the empty spots.
- 6 The boys spread and leveled off the place where the dirt pile had been near the corner. I watered the grafts and the apple trees. Today we had a rain shower, but not enough to fill the tub under the rain gutter.
- 7 Today we let out the livestock in the south pasture. The boys cultivated and hoed in the garden. I watered and hoed in the garden. Still no rain.
- 8 In the morning, Axel, Frank, and I went to the market in Waconia and sold the cow, "Pearly," and her calf to the banker, Mock. In the afternoon, Frank took the brown mare to

the stallion in Waconia. We had taken the gray mare to him in the morning, but neither mare would take him. Axel and I hoed by the pine trees and watered them.

9 Sunday

- 10 Axel and Frank built a fence for a hog yard just north of the field by the barn. I hoed in the garden and watered the trees and evergreens. Sture went to Maas to pick up his tool box. Edward Johnson came here around noon from Lundsten's house.
- 11 Frank drove to Delano to pick up Mamma and Anna who had been in Litchfield and Cokato. Anna did not take the treatment as they doubted the doctor's ability. Axel hoed the corn on the new field, and I fixed up the cabbage beds. Sture worked on Enoch's house in Scandia.
- 12 In the forenoon, the boys hoed and cut the alfalfa clover in the home field. I pruned and tied the grapevines. In the afternoon, the boys built fencing near the hog yard and did other small jobs. I weeded the strawberry patch. Sture worked in Scandia and the Brobergs came here for a visit this afternoon.
- 13 The boys finished fencing in the hog pasture, etc. I sawed boards for the gate on the hog pasture. Sture worked on Enoch's house in Scandia.
- 14 Axel and Frank raked the alfalfa clover into windrows and then hoed corn. I finished the gates for the hog pasture, etc. Sture is working at Holtmeier's. The drought continues. We need rain, and lots of it.
- 15 The boys hoed the corn and then went to Waconia with the mares. The brown mare took the stallion in the morning and another one in the afternoon, but the gray mare would not take any. I did various small jobs. Sture is working for Holtmeier.

16 Sunday

- 17 The boys hauled in the Lucerne clover and it made 5 ½ loads. It was in excellent condition and well cured. I tied the grapevines. Sture went to Minneapolis. I did various jobs. In the evening we had a half-inch of rain, which was good.
- 18 The boys hoed in the corn. I went to Chaska in the forenoon and tried to sell the black-spotted sow but I did not succeed at selling her. Sture returned from Minneapolis in the evening. We had a good rain during the night—almost an inch of rain.
- 19 The boys hoed corn. I did various little things. Sture is building a stable for Andrew Broberg. Last night we had more rain than the night before.
- 20 Last night we had a little more rain and today it is misting most of the day. We only did a few little things. In the afternoon, Mamma and Anna went to Minneapolis so Anna can take treatments from the masseur, Dr. Lofquist.
- 21 The boys plowed the potato field and cultivated the corn and then hoed the potatoes on the other side of the track. I worked in the garden and Sture is working in Scandia this spring. The other boys cultivated the corn, etc., and hoed by the sugar beets. The boys brought the mares to Waconia and the brown mare took the stallion, but "Fanny" would not.

23 Sunday

- 24 Yesterday, "Betty" calved. Sture worked in Scandia. Axel and Frank hoed the carrots and sugar beets, etc. I finished the gates for the hog pasture and then let the hogs into their new

- place. I pruned and trained grapevines.
- 25 The boys cut and mowed clover on the other side of the track and hoed in the gardens and trimmed the grapes. Sture worked in Scandia.
 - 26 The boys hoed in the garden and also mowed at home around the house. I trimmed the grapes, etc. Sture worked in Scandia.
 - 27 Sture and Ida went to Chaska and Carver to take orders for pork to try and get rid of the black-spotted sow, but no one needed any pork. They also had with them the smoked side pork which they sold to Melvin. The boys hoed in the garden and cocked the clover on the other side of the tracks. I trimmed the grapevines, etc. Olaf Hanson came here in the evening.
 - 28 In the forenoon Ida and I went to Waconia. The boys hoed. In the afternoon, Emma and I picked potato bugs. The boys hauled home the clover from the other side of the track. Sture painted the roof on the hall in Waconia.
 - 29 The boys mowed and cut hay in the yard and around the hog pen, plowed in the corn, and hauled in the hay from around the house. Josephine and I picked potato bugs, etc. Sture painted on the roof of the hall in Waconia.
 - 30 **Sunday**

July

- 1 The boys plowed and hoed the potatoes and hauled in the hay from around the hog pen. I mended the tongue of the little wagon, etc. Sture worked for A. Broberg. Olaf Hanson went to Minneapolis today.
- 2 In the morning Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel hilled the potatoes. We had a heavy rain shower in the morning. In the afternoon, the boys hilled the potatoes, etc. I cut off blighted twigs on the apple trees. We had a little rain shower in the afternoon.
- 3 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and met Mamma and Anna when they returned from Minneapolis. Anna has received a course of treatments from Dr. Rosequist. In the afternoon, Frank and Axel mowed and cut timothy on the other side of the track. I did various jobs. In the evening at six o'clock, Carl came home from Granite Falls. He has been on our land and broken 47 acres. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Pettijohn and Minnie Russell came here.
- 4 We went to Scandia and celebrated the day. There were many people gathered in Scandia for the July Fourth celebration.
- 5 The boys hauled in the timothy hay from the other side of the track, etc. I hoed around the evergreens, etc. P.D. Anderson's family is here visiting. Sture worked for Andrew Broberg.
- 6 The boys mowed and cut the east side of the south meadow and cultivated the garden. I did various jobs; Sture worked for A. Broberg. This is the third day we have had strong rain storms.
- 7 **Sunday**

- 8 Carl went to Watertown and met the veterinarian Larson and he cut a fistula on the horse, "Frank." The other boys hauled and cut hay along the creek in the home field, etc. I did various jobs.
- 9 Last night and this morning we have had very much rain. The boys did various jobs. Carl and O. Hanson went fishing. In the afternoon they did some mowing and cutting of hay. Sture worked for Andrew Broberg both yesterday and today. I did various small jobs.
- 10 This morning, Olaf Hanson left for his home in Sacred Heart. Frank drove him to Augusta. Today the boys reaped the rye, turned the hay, hauled in some hay, and mowed on the west meadow. Mamma and I planted turnip seeds.
- 11 Mamma and I went to Excelsior and sold chicks and eggs. The boys mowed, hoed the potatoes, and then hauled in hay. Sture worked for Maas.
- 12 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. I hoed in the garden and we took the cow, "Betty," to Peterman's bull.
- 13 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay. I hoed in the garden and planted rutabaga seeds. Sture worked for Maas. Today we moved the livestock from the south pasture as the well in the pasture has gone dry.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Carl went to Waconia and had the horses "Rock" and "Fanny" shod on their front feet. The boys mowed and hauled in hay. I did various jobs. In the evening, we butchered the black-spotted sow that I bought from N. Swenson.
- 16 In the morning, Axel and I went to Excelsior with the pork from the black-spotted sow, which I sold. The other boys cut and mowed and in the afternoon, the boys hauled hay and stacked it. I did various jobs.
- 17 In the forenoon I took grist to the Waconia mill. In the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys hoed and plowed in the corn field all day.
- 18 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay. I hoed in the garden, etc. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. L. Eklund preached.
- 19 The boys plowed the corn, cut hay along the fence in the corn field, and then hauled in hay from the meadow by the road. This completed the first hay crop. I hoed in the garden and did various other jobs.
- 20 The boys cultivated in the garden, hoed the corn on the new field, and cut and mowed the second crop of alfalfa clover. I hoed in the garden.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 The boys reaped the wheat in the home field and in the afternoon they hauled in the second crop of alfalfa clover hay. I hoed in the garden. Fridlund left here today and went to B. Nelson's. Pettijohn, his wife, and Miss Russell were here for a visit today.
- 23 The boys moved the fence and prepared a place to stack the wheat. They reaped the wheat and hoed in the garden. Carl went over to Frank Lundsten's and helped him set up his reaper. I repaired the hog pen shelter and hoed in the garden.
- 24 The boys reaped wheat in the south field, first the square field and later the large field

portion of the bluestem wheat. I hoed in the gardens.

- 25 The boys reaped wheat in the morning and in the afternoon it rained. I hoed in the garden and also planted strawberry plants. Sture came home from Maas today. They have finished the building of the Maas's home.
- 26 The boys reaped wheat and then they reaped oats on the five-acre piece of the south field. Sture went to Devien's place to exchange the mare he had purchased from him, but he did not succeed. I hoed in the garden and then mended the carriage.
- 27 The boys reaped the wheat in the south field on the other side of the track and part of the oats on the field by Peterman's land. Sture and Mamma went to the Chaska market and sold a calf. I hoed by the evergreen bushes and the turnips.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 The boys finished reaping the oats and also the wheat in the west meadow. Then they reaped the wheat on the new field. Most of this wheat lay on the ground. I hoed in the garden, etc. Sture went to Maas to get his tool box and then went on to Waconia. All the grain is now reaped.
- 30 Today we started to stack the wheat; Sture did the stacking. Mamma went over to John Nelson's house. Carl went to Waconia and had the horses "Frank" and "Prince" shod on their front feet.
- 31 This morning Carl rode up to Granite Falls with a team of horses to work during the harvest time and threshing time. August Nelson went with him. We stacked wheat all day.

August

- 1 We finished stacking the wheat from the other side of the tracks. It is very good weather to work in.
- 2 We stacked the oats and the last of the wheat. It has been perfect weather during the harvest so we have finished cutting and stacking our grain quickly.
- 3 In the morning Frank and the horses hauled oats for Niklas Swenson. In the afternoon, Sture took the horses to Waconia. Axel hoed in the grapes and the garden all day. I finished trimming the grapevines and then hoed the strawberry beds. Frank cleaned out the chicken house this afternoon and Mrs. Mix from Excelsior came and bought eggs and butter.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 Frank threshed at Broberg's. Sture repaired Enoch Broberg's granary in Scandia. Axel plowed the rye stubble and I worked in the orchard.
- 6 I drove Sture to Cologne. He is going to Granite Falls to help with the threshing. I went to Luedloff's and placed an order for seed for winter wheat. Axel did various jobs. Frank threshed at Broberg's. We took the heifer "Fanny" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 7 Frank threshed for Broberg. Axel threshed for Peltz and Bradhouse. I did various jobs. We had a rain shower this morning.
- 8 Frank threshed at A. Broberg's. Axel threshed at Peterman's from 9 until 3 and then he plowed. I worked in the garden and did various other jobs.

- 9 Mamma and I went to the funeral of Bernard Kaufhold's youngest son in Waconia. In the afternoon I worked in the garden. Axel plowed on the home field. Frank threshed for Swanberg in place of Broberg.
- 10 Frank finished plowing the home field and then he plowed on the new field. Axel and I worked in the garden. In the afternoon Hakanson from Rose Hill, together with Enoch Broberg, was here for a visit. It is very warm and muggy—87 degrees.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 Frank plowed on the new field. Axel and I worked in the garden and also did various other jobs.
- 13 In the morning, the boys cultivated the garden and in the afternoon they hauled manure. I hoed in the garden and then went to Waconia and bought feed for the pigs and then went to Broberg's for ice.
- 14 In the morning I butchered a calf. Around noon, Mr. Harris from La Crosse came here and later in the afternoon I drove him to Waconia. Axel threshed for P.D. Anderson. Frank did various things.
- 15 The boys hauled manure. I hoed in the garden, etc.
- 16 The boys hauled manure. I hoed in the garden, etc. Bost from Excelsior and Renius Swenson were here and looked at my orchard.
- 17 The boys hauled manure and I worked in the orchard. Luella Mix from Excelsior was here today.
- 18 **Sunday** Very hot and muggy day.
- 19 The boys cultivated the garden, Frank plowed, and Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys went to Waconia. I began to work in the granary.
- 20 We have had a long drought, but last night we had a good rain. Frank plowed. Axel and I worked in the granary, etc.
- 21 Frank plowed, Axel and I worked in the granary, etc. Edward Johnson from Litchfield, and Alice Lundsten, came for a visit. Mrs. A. Broberg, together with Malmsten's daughters, was here also.
- 22 Axel and Frank threshed for John Nelson. I worked in the granary, etc. Emma helped Mrs. Swenson as they had extra men working for them.
- 23 The boys threshed for John Nelson until noon. In the afternoon Frank plowed and Axel hoed in the raspberry bushes. I worked in the granary. Today I received the almanac from Palm and Stadling in Stockholm, Sweden. It deals with present and future dates.
- 24 Frank plowed. Axel hoed around the raspberry bushes and then went to Waconia. I worked in the granary. Emma worked for the Swensons. The girls who board at John Nelson's house came here this evening.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Frank plowed. Axel trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc. I did various jobs. Today we took the heifer "Star" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 27 In the morning, Frank mowed on the second crop of clover on the other side of the track.

Axel threshed out beans. I plastered in the granary. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel pruned the raspberry bushes. Mamma and I went to Waconia and then bought some ice from Broberg.

- 28 Frank plowed. Axel threshed for Birrel Nilson. I plastered in the granary. It is still hot and dry.
- 29 Axel and Frank hauled home the clover and the timothy from the southern forty and hauled home wood for the threshing machine. I hoed around the evergreens, etc.
- 30 This morning Frank was at Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon he hauled home water from Clearwater Lake because we do not have enough water in the wells for the livestock. Axel trimmed raspberry bushes all day. I hoed in the garden, etc.
- 31 Axel and Frank threshed for Lundsten. Mamma and I went to Chaska market and sold a calf, and then we went to Carver and sold apples. Today I sent a money order to Palm and Stadling in Stockholm for 5 crowns and 75 more for books. The money order was for \$1.65 and cost 25 cents.

September

1 Sunday

- 2 Frank hauled water from Clearwater Lake for the livestock. Axel did various jobs. I butchered a ram and did various other jobs.
- 3 Today, Andrew Broberg started threshing for us. We threshed the grain in the stacks by the house and 2/3 of the grain on the other side of the track.
- 4 This morning around 8 we finished threshing at our place and we moved the threshing machine to Niklas Swenson's place and the boys went along. Ida and Emma are also there, helping with the cooking, etc. I replaced the fence in the pasture, etc.
- 5 In the forenoon, the boys threshed for Niklas Swenson. I made a box and packed apples in it for the State Fair in Minneapolis. In the afternoon the boys cut corn. Mamma and I went to Waconia and shopped in Dr. Kravelius' store. I express-shipped the box of apples to the State Fair.
- 6 In the forenoon, Frank harrowed the new field and in the afternoon he mowed the south meadow. Axel threshed for Broberg and I did various jobs.
- 7 In the forenoon Frank plowed, and Axel and I fixed the gate and the fence at the railroad crossing. In the afternoon Axel and Frank hauled home the hay from the south meadow and I did various other jobs.

8 Sunday

- 9 The boys hauled in hay and cut corn. I wrote a letter to Brother Broms and also did some other writing. In the afternoon O. F. Brand from Faribault came here. Today "May" calved. The dry weather continues.
- 10 The boys cut corn all day. I drove O. F. Brand to Waconia and then I did various other small jobs.
- 11 The boys hauled in the third crop of Lucerne alfalfa clover and also cut some corn. I hoed in

the garden and in the strawberry field and then hauled away the weeds.

- 12 Mamma and I went to Carver. The boys cut corn all day.
- 13 Frank threshed for Peterman. Axel and the womenfolk finished cutting the corn. I hoed in the orchard and wheeled away the weeds.
- 14 Frank threshed for Peterman. In the forenoon Axel and I fanned wheat including the screenings from the threshing. In the afternoon Axel took the grist to the mill and I did various jobs. This morning we had a heavy rain shower and since then it has misted off and on during the day.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Frank mowed in the west meadow and then plowed. Axel pruned the raspberry bushes and then he and I tied them up.
- 17 Frank plowed. Axel, the girls, and I pulled the weeds out of the potato field and then Axel and I hoed in the garden.
- 18 In the morning, Frank raked the hay on the west meadow into windrows. Axel and I worked in the gardens. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the hay. The 16th, we took "Lady" to Birrel Nilson's bull.
- 19 Today we have a deep sorrow when our beloved daughter, Anna Isabella, died at 15 minutes past 12 noon. She was born May 14, 1872, and died September 19, 1889, at the age of 17 years, 4 months, and 5 days. She was always so kind, quiet, and tolerant that our loss and sorrow is heart-rending to all of us, but in our deep sorrow, we have this comfort that she went away happy in her faith in her dear Savior, Jesus Christ. As Sture and Carl were not at home, she sent a greeting to them that she was "Happy in Jesus." This she said only a few minutes before she died.....Later in the afternoon we went to Waconia and sent a telegram to Sture and Carl in Granite Falls telling of her death. We also ordered a casket.
- 20 We went to Waconia two times, first to get the casket, and then to get the dispatch from the boys.
- 21 Frank went to Augusta and met Sture and Carl. Axel, Frank, and Theodore Broberg dug the grave.
- 22 **Sunday** Today we buried our beloved daughter, Anna Isabella. Rev. M. Fridlund made the arrangements for the songs and preached the funeral sermon. His text was the 90th Psalm, a prayer by Moses. The songs here at the house were Gospel hymns number 20; then after prayer, number 88 from "Pilgrim Songs;" number 2, in the church, "Pilgrim Songs" number 2, number 59, the 2nd and 3rd verses; then Gospel hymns number 361; at the grave, "Pilgrim Songs" Number 2, song 191. Now we have followed our dear Anna to her final resting place for her earthly remains, but her soul is now in Paradise with her dear Savior, Jesus Christ. May God grant that all in our family may live their life with our God and Savior Jesus Christ during the remainder of our pilgrimage so that we may meet our dear ones with Jesus. Then on Sunday evening, M. Fridlund preached his farewell sermon. His text was from the prophet Amos, "Prepare to meet thy God."
- 23 Mamma and I visited at John Nelson's house. Frank drove Sture and Carl to Augusta as they are returning to Granite Falls for harvest work. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel

- dug potatoes, etc. We had rain showers.
- 24 Frank plowed until noon. In the afternoon Axel and Frank went to Waconia and bought boots and then Frank went to John Nelson's house after Albertina so she could dose us with medicine here at home.
 - 25 Today Albertina Nelson dosed Mamma, Ida, Josephine, and myself. Frank plowed during the morning and in the afternoon he drove Albertina Nelson back home. Axel did various jobs.
 - 26 Frank plowed. Axel dug potatoes. I did nothing as I am not well. In the evening, Wm. Gronan from Litchfield came to sell us a gravestone. He stayed overnight. We packed apples and grapes for entering them at the county fair.
 - 27 Axel and I went to Carver with apples, grapes, wheat, and oats and entered them at the county fair. The womenfolk gathered the grapes that we intend to sell.
 - 28 Mamma, Frank, Josephine, and I were at the agricultural fair in Carver.
 - 29 **Sunday** Today, Luedloff, his wife and daughter, and his son-in-law, Arnold, were here visiting as well as Rudigar.
 - 30 Mamma, Frank, Axel, and I went to Excelsior to buy clothes for the boys. In the evening, Mrs. Mix and Luella came here and stayed overnight.

October

- 1 Today, Albertina Nelson has medicinally dosed the largest part of our family. The boys dug potatoes. In the afternoon Frank drove Albertina Nelson home.
- 2 The boys dug the last of the potatoes. I worked on building a platform for the hog barn to feed the hogs on.
- 3 Frank harrowed. I finished the platform in the hog barn. Axel helped me in between times but also did various other jobs.
- 4 Axel has started husking corn on the new field. Frank went to Waconia after a plow, but he had to wait as they had not finished repairing it. He did not return until three o'clock. I fixed a number of things in the hog barn.
- 5 Frank plowed. Axel husked corn. I did repair work in the hog barn.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Today Albertina Nelson was here again and dosed us. Frank plowed in the forenoon. After dinner he took Albertina to Waconia. While there, he borrowed Broberg's wagon tank and then he hauled home water for the livestock. Axel and I did various small jobs.
- 8 Frank hauled a load of water in the forenoon and in the afternoon he plowed. Axel husked corn. I finished my repairs in the hog barn and then I wrote a letter to Brother Broms.
- 9 In the forenoon, Frank and I returned the wagon tank to Broberg's and we also went to Waconia and I cashed the check I received for my prize at the State Fair. In the afternoon Frank plowed and I began to heel in the apple trees. Axel husked corn all day.
- 10 Frank finished the plowing on the other side of the track. Then he plowed in the home field for the second time. Axel and I dug up apple trees. It is very warm weather.
- 11 Frank plowed the small west meadow and also the home field. Axel and I dug up apple trees. It is warm and dry.
- 12 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and in the afternoon he plowed the home field.

Axel husked corn. I made water troughs and did various other jobs.

13 **Sunday**

14 The boys and the womenfolk dug up and took in the sugar beets. In the morning I stayed in the house and took a dose of medicine so that I would throw up the sickness. In the afternoon I did various small jobs.

15 The boys and the womenfolk dug up and took in the sugar beets and then started on the carrots. I fixed and organized things in the root cellar and then worked on the grapevines.

16 The boys and the womenfolk finished digging up the carrots and hauling them into the root cellar. Afterwards, they husked corn. Frank plowed a while on the home field. I did various jobs in the orchard.

17 Frank finished plowing in the home field. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. I packed apple trees that are to be sent to O. F. Brand in Faribault.

18 The boys and girls husked corn all day. In the forenoon, I wrote a letter to the book company, Palm and Stadling, in Stockholm, and to O. F. Brand in Faribault. In the afternoon I went to the Waconia depot and sent the apple trees to O. F. Brand in Faribault.

19 Mamma, Axel, Ida, and Josephine were in Excelsior and sold butter and eggs, and then they traded at the stores that are selling out. Frank husked corn. I did various things. Today, the man from St. Bonifacius was here and bought sheep for the second time.

20 **Sunday**

21 In the forenoon, the boys and girls husked corn and in the afternoon, Axel and the girls husked corn. Frank had Peterman's water tank and hauled home water from Clearwater Lake for the livestock. I did various jobs.

22 The boys and girls husked the corn from the barn field. I pruned back grapevines. Today it is a little warmer.

23 I went to Luedloff's to get apple trees and gooseberry bushes. Then I went to Carver to pick up my premiums. The boys and girls husked corn.

24 In the forenoon I butchered a ram and then I pruned back grapevines. Frank and Mamma husked corn. Axel did nothing as his hand is aching. Last night a man and his wife by the name of Williams stayed overnight with us. They were on their way to his brother's home in Gotaholm.

25 Frank and the womenfolk husked corn and finished today. Axel can do nothing because of his hand. I pruned back grapevines, but I am not well. Last night two peddlers stayed here. One of them was an Arab. They had with them a steel-grey stallion.

26 Frank and the womenfolk dug up the turnips. I pruned the grapevines. Axel still is not able to work because of his hand.

27 **Sunday**

28 Frank hauled in the cornstalks and Henry Nelson helped him. I finished pruning back the grapevines. It is beautiful weather, but still no rain.

29 Frank and Henry Nelson finished hauling in the cornstalks. I did various jobs in the garden. Axel still cannot work with his hand.

- 30 I went to Hoberg in Waconia with a bundle of Russian poplars. Frank did various jobs—dug a trench in which to heel in the apple trees and then he covered part of the grapevines.
- 31 I heeled in apple trees. Frank and Emma are over at Niklas Swenson's house. They are taking part in the corn-husking contest. Ida is also there to help with the cooking.

November

- 1 The boys finished covering the grapevines. Axel went to get the mail. I worked in the gardens.
- 2 Last night we got 4-5 inches of snow and it is still snowing. I remodeled a wheelbarrow I bought in Waconia. The boys did various small jobs.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Frank plowed in the garden. Alex and I hilled the apple trees. The frost is already one inch down into the ground. Our district school opened today.
- 5 This morning Frank went to Waconia and then to Broberg's to borrow the water tank wagon, but it was frozen in the ice at the lakeshore, so he could not use it. This afternoon Frank plowed on the corn field. Axel and I did various jobs. It is great weather but very cold.
- 6 This morning we butchered a pig. In the afternoon Frank hauled a second bundle of poplars to Hoberg and then he went to Broberg's to borrow the water tank wagon. He hauled home water for the livestock. I cut up the pork. Axel dug up a large ash tree to transplant. We have warm, beautiful weather.
- 7 Frank hauled four tanks of water from the lake and emptied them into our well by the house. Axel planted the ash tree in the front of the house and then covered the strawberry beds with hay. I did various jobs. We took "Froken" to Peterman's bull.
- 8 In the forenoon Frank returned the wagon and tank to Broberg's and then went to Waconia. In the afternoon he plowed the corn field. Axel and I worked in the gardens.
- 9 Frank plowed the corn field. Axel and I mulched the apple trees in the orchard and I also cut scions. We are having very mild, nice weather.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Frank plowed the corn field. I pruned apple trees. Axel went to Waconia and then he did various jobs. Today it is cooler weather.
- 12 Frank hauled two loads of household goods for Niklas Swenson's son-in-law, Dr. Richards, in St. Bonifacius. I pruned apple trees and plum trees. Axel lowered the ceiling in the calf stall in the barn. Last night we had some snow flurries.
- 13 Axel finished plowing the corn fields and then plowed by the plum trees. Frank has a boil on his hand, so he cannot plow. I gathered cuttings from the poplars and willows and I will send these to Hakanson in Minneapolis. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl returned from Granite Falls and a Mr. Johnson from Eggleston from Dakota came back with the boys. It started snowing and snowed all night.
- 14 I made cuttings all day. In the afternoon, Johnson from Eggleston continued on his journey. The boys did the chores.

- 15 Axel and Carl hauled four cords of maple to the schoolhouse. I did various small jobs. The weather is cold enough so the snow didn't melt today.
- 16 In the morning Frank and I went to Waconia and Carl hauled a cord of basswood to the schoolhouse. In the afternoon Axel sawed wood for the schoolhouse. Sture went to Minneapolis today. We took "May" to Peterman's bull today.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Carl helped P. D. Anderson to butcher pigs. I went to Waconia and then to the depot and sent poplar and willow cuttings to C. Hakanson in Minneapolis. Axel burned trash in the woods and also did the chores.
- 19 Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" and "Fanny" shod. Axel burned brush and Carl helped him in the afternoon. I cut scions from the Lieby to send to Brand. George Ottinger was here and borrowed the ram.
- 20 In the morning Carl went to Waconia and had "Frank" and "Mag" shod. Axel and Sture burned brush and logs by the old hog pen. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I trimmed the currant bushes. Today, I sent 700 Lieby and 50 Red Cheeked apple scions to O. F. Brand in Faribault.
- 21 Sture and Carl each hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel burned in the woods and cleaned up the area by the old hog pen. I trimmed the gooseberry bushes and bound them up. We are having beautiful weather.
- 22 Sture and Carl each hauled two loads of cordwood. Axel and I did various jobs. It is colder today.
- 23 Sture and Carl each hauled two loads of cordwood. Axel burned brush by the old hog barn, etc. I did various jobs and also went to Waconia. The weather is clear, sunny, and a bit colder.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 The boys grubbed willow bushes by the island in the west meadow. I went to Waconia and sent a jar of butter to Malmsten's in Minneapolis. Ida and Albertina Nelson went with to Waconia. The weather is beautiful but cold. Clearwater Lake froze over last night. We took "Froken" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 26 The boys grubbed willow bushes in the meadow. I went to Carver and bought medicine and then went to Henry Claus's place to look at his apple seedlings. They were badly blighted and sun-scalded.
- 27 This forenoon the boys grubbed willow brush. I burned a brush pile by the plum trees. In the afternoon it started to snow, so we did nothing. In the evening it got very cold.
- 28 Today is **Thanksgiving Day**, according to our President's proclamation. In the morning we had a prayer meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon we visited with John Nelson's folks. It is very cold.
- 29 Axel and Carl hauled two loads of water from Clearwater Lake. Sture went to Waconia and had the white horse "Mag" shod. I did various jobs.
- 30 Today we butchered four pigs and the two old sows. There is a very cold, southerly wind.

December

1 Sunday

2 This morning at 4 o'clock, Sture and Axel left for Minneapolis with six butchered hogs. Carl and I did various small jobs. Frank started school.

3 This morning at 10 o'clock, Henry Anderson and my brother-in-law, Johnson, came here from Granite Falls. Also four of the Bergquist family in Minneapolis came here in time for dinner. Carl and I did nothing. Frank is in school. In the evening at six, the boys returned from Minneapolis.

4 We did nothing. Emma Nelson, now Mrs. Johnson, came for a visit. In the afternoon we had light snow/rain.

5 My brother-in-law, Johnson, and I went to Waconia and then to the mill with grist. Sture and Henry Anderson went to Minneapolis. Frank is in school. Axel and Carl did various jobs.

6 Carl and I went to A. Krause's place and examined his apple seedlings. Sture returned from Minneapolis and then he hauled a cord of maple wood to Pettijohn's house. Axel tended to the livestock and did chores. Frank is in school. Yesterday I received the last two books from Stockholm.

7 Axel and Carl grubbed out willow bushes. Sture hauled a cord of basswood to Pettijohn's house. I did various jobs. Today it is foggy.

8 **Sunday** L. Eklund preached.

9 Today we butchered the heifer, "Maggy," as she could not conceive. N. Swenson helped us. B. Nilson borrowed our boar for his sows today.

10 Axel and Carl hauled home water from Clearwater Lake. I cut up the beef and salted it. Sture did various jobs. Frank is in school. It is misting and mild.

11 Today my brother-in-law, Johnson, left us to go to Kirkwood, Illinois. I drove him to Chaska. Mamma went along. Sture was at Gotaholm. Axel and Carl grubbed willow brush and hauled home water.

12 Sture, Axel, and Carl grubbed willow brush and Carl also returned A. Broberg's water tank wagon. I did various small jobs. It is a gorgeous day. I also went around in P. D. Anderson's forest and looked for an oak tree I could use for a watering trough.

13 Axel and Carl grubbed willow brush. I stayed indoors and had Emma write letters for me to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa, and to Dr. Brae and to Thomas in Young America.

14 Sture, Axel, and Carl grubbed willow brush. In the afternoon, Sture, Mamma, and Emma went to Waconia. I was cupped today. I sent off letters to Professor Budd in Ames, Iowa, ordering scions. I also sent letters to Dr. Brae and to Thomas in Young America.

15 Sunday

16 The boys piled wood in the forest. I was in bed for most of the day. It is mild and foggy weather.

17 The boys were in the woods all day and chopped down trees for the sawmill. I went along in

the morning and picked out the trees, but should not have done that so soon after I had been cupped. It is mild weather.

- 18 The boys grubbed willow bushes. Carl also went to Waconia. I stayed in bed. Beautiful, warm weather.
- 19 The boys grubbed willows. Carl went to Waconia. I stayed in bed. Cold but beautiful weather. Mamma went over to Broberg's house as Mrs. Broberg was suddenly taken ill. In the evening at 6, she died.
- 20 The boys grubbed out willows. I did nothing other than to have Emma write a letter and a report for me to Wyman Elliot in Minneapolis. We took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull.
- 21 In the forenoon the boys grubbed willow bushes. In the afternoon, Sture and Ida went to Waconia. Carl helped A. Broberg to dig out old Mrs. Broberg's grave in the Scandia graveyard. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I did nothing; I was mostly in bed.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Today old lady Broberg was buried. Practically the whole congregation attended. Josephine, Oskar, and I stayed home. Last night we had a little snow, but it is mild and sunny today.
- 24 The boys did various small jobs, put up the storm windows, etc. Sture and Mamma went to Waconia. I did nothing. First it rained and then the sun shone.
- 25 **Christmas Day** in Scandia. Most of our folks were out to service in the early morning. The John Nelsons are here visiting and the two old folks are going to stay overnight.
- 26 Today we did nothing. Sture drove the Nelsons home. There is a cold northerly wind, but no snow.
- 27 The boys did various small jobs. Sture went to Waconia. I did nothing. It is very nice weather, but the roads are rough and not very good traveling.
- 28 Sture and Carl went to the Chaska market and sold two calves. Axel and Frank sawed wood, etc. I made a list of the apple varieties in the orchard. Just now, this evening, we are having a hard, sudden snowstorm.
- 29 **Sunday** We had enough snow last night that the sleighing is good except for the spots where the snow has blown away. Mrs. Larson of Minneapolis was here visiting this afternoon.
- 30 In the forenoon, the boys hauled logs to Peltz's sawmill by Zieman's place. In the afternoon, Sture hauled a load of wheat to Waconia and he also had the two white horses shod. Axel and Carl cut trees for the sawmill. I selected trees to be cut down.
- 31 This morning the boys hauled logs to Peltz's sawmill. We have five elm, three maple, and one butternut log there now. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went to church to help with the Christmas tree. Axel did various jobs and I did various small jobs. In the evening all the children went to the church to help usher out the old year. Mamma and I were at home.

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1890

January

- 1 Before noon, we had our annual affairs meeting of the congregation in Scandia. In the afternoon, we went for a visit at P.D. Anderson's. Sture and Axel were home. It is cold and bad weather. The snow has blown away. The 26th of December, 1889, we were home with Swenson. He was here for five days.
- 2 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia with a load of wood. In the afternoon, it was too cold to go to Waconia. The other boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. Bergren is here today.
- 3 Mamma, Ida, and I were invited to G. B. Nilson's for a Christmas party. Sture hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. The other boys did various other jobs.
- 4 Before noon, Sture, Carl, and I went to P.D. Anderson's woods and cut down a white oak and hauled it home for a watering trough. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia with a few sacks of wheat and sold them. The other boys did various small jobs.
- 5 **Sunday** Sture and Carl went to Ottinger's for a funeral. Mrs. Ottinger was buried in Chaska today.
- 6 Today we butchered seven hogs. It is quite cold. Mr. and Mrs. Pettijohn were here last night.
- 7 Today, before noon, Sture and Carl went to Minneapolis with a load of pork. Axel tended to the livestock. I did various jobs.
- 8 Axel tended to the livestock and I did various jobs. In the evening, Sture and Carl came home from Minneapolis.
- 9 Mamma and I went to John Nelson's for a visit. The B. Nilsons and Lundstens were even there. The boys tended the livestock. Sture went to Maas's house where he worked last summer.
- 10 Sture hauled two loads of maple wood to Glass in Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and had the mare shod, then he met and brought home Pastor L. Eklund with him. I wrote a letter to Elisabeth in Portland, Oregon. The 9th we brought "Blossy" to Peterman's bull.
- 11 The boys hauled the sheep manure out on the field. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia. He brought Alexander Johnson and his wife from Gibbon home with him. I did various small jobs. It is mild weather with a little snow.
- 12 **Sunday** L. Eklund preached.
- 13 Sture and Axel hauled home the boards that Peltz had sawed out, etc. I went to Waconia in the afternoon. I sent a draft to Green for *The Fruit Grower* and a bank draft for Dr. Keith's paper in Minneapolis.
- 14 Sture hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Carl is not well. Axel tends the livestock. I

- wrote a letter to Sweden. Nils Mortenson from Minneapolis is here and is sewing an everyday coat for me. At the evening meeting, L. Eklund preached.
- 15 Carl and Ida went to Waconia and had some teeth pulled. L. Eklund went home today. He rode with Carl to Waconia. Sture and Axel cut a maple log and hauled it to Peltz's saw. In the afternoon, Carl took some old clothes into Scandia that will be sent to the poor in Dakota. I finished my letter to Sweden.
 - 16 Today it is very cold, so the boys did only a few little jobs. They hauled home the last of the lumber from Peltz's sawmill. Nilson, and Mortenson from Minneapolis, left us in the afternoon. The boys returned N. Swenson's boar. One of the sows took him; if the other sow took him the first time we had him here, I don't know. In the afternoon, Ottinger brought back our ram. I did nothing.
 - 17 Carl hauled a load of basswood to Chaska. Sture went to Waconia and Axel tended the livestock. I wrote letters to John Pearson in New Mexico and to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. Today, I sent a letter to my brother Rydell in Sweden. It is beautiful weather and cold.
 - 18 Sture hauled a load of maple wood to Waconia and Carl hauled one later in the afternoon. In the afternoon, Axel sawed wood for the schoolhouse. I did various little jobs. Some of the family is sick. Perhaps it is grippe or influenza.
 - 19 **Sunday** Dr. Ritter preached.
 - 20 Sture and I went to the Alliance meeting in Waconia. Sture was at John Nelson's. Carl hauled a maple cordwood to Pettijohn's. Axel cared for the livestock. The night before, we got a little snow. Mamma is with Mary Lundsten because she is sick. Today it is quite cold.
 - 21 22 & 23 I was at the horticultural meeting in Excelsior. These days have been quite cold and one night there were six inches of deep snow. The boys hauled some cordwood and cared for the animals.
 - 24 In the morning, I traveled home from Excelsior. Today it is cold with a strong southerly wind, and snow is closing the roads because it is drifting. We did nothing.
 - 25 Today it is mild and beautiful weather. The boys hauled water from Long Lake for the horses. Sture and Mamma went to Waconia. I cut scions from the Lieby apple tree that I am going to send to Bost.
 - 26 **Sunday**
 - 27 Sture and Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia, before noon. I packed down meat in the snow and also put some in the smokehouse to be cured. Axel filed a saw for Rietz. In the afternoon, Axel and I piled up the butternut lumber and the others did various jobs. It is mild and beautiful weather.
 - 28 Sture went to Chaska with a load of basswood. N. Swenson hauled a load of wood for us. Carl went to the Lundsten's and butchered. Axel trimmed the butternut trees. I cleaned the old bark off the apple trees, etc. Bost came and got his scions.
 - 29 Sture moved Dr. Ritter's things to Waconia. Carl went to Chaska with a load of cordwood. Axel trimmed the butternut trees. I cleaned off the old bark on the apple trees.

- 30 Today we have had a sudden thaw. Sture worked in the shop on a stairway for the inside of the granary. Axel and Carl hauled water from Clearwater Lake. I did various small jobs in the shop. Yesterday, I sent a draft for \$1.50 for subscriptions to Trona Seger for Joseph Broberg and myself.
- 31 Carl went to the Watertown mill with a load of meal. Axel took care of the livestock. I did various small jobs in the shop. Today it was cold weather.

February

- 1 The boys hauled a load of water and hauled home stovewood. Sture went to Waconia. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys hauled water from Clearwater to the barnyard well. Sture went to Waconia. I made a door for the granary along with other small jobs. Bost came with apple seedlings to graft.
- 4 The boys hauled manure with both teams. I finished the granary door and some other small jobs. Today it is mild weather and the snow is melting fast. Today we took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull.
- 5 Axel and Carl cut wood from the top of the butternut tree from which we cut the log for sawing as well as from maple tree tops. Sture finished the stairway of the granary. I began to make grafts. Today, it is cold weather.
- 6 Axel and Carl cut wood from the treetops left in the woods after we had taken the logs to the saw. Before noon, Sture finished the stairs in the granary. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia. I grafted apple trees, etc. Today "Fanny" went to Peterman's bull for the second time, for we have paid for her.
- 7 Before noon, the boys hauled wood in from the woods, etc. In the afternoon, there was a snowstorm. I made apple grafts. Louise Mortenson from Minneapolis came here today.
- 8 Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia and had the white horse shod by Nyberg in Schirmer's shop. I made apple grafts. Mortenson from Minneapolis went home today. Ida and Emma went to B. Nilson's and helped with the quilting.
- 9 **Sunday** The missionary Sissell, and L. Eklund, preached.
- 10 Sture went to the Watertown mill and market. The other boys did various jobs. Carl went to Waconia with L. Eklund. Carl and Eklund were here last night. I was not well. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. Sissell preached.
- 11 I grafted the whole day. Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. Sture went to Waconia. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. Sissell preached. It was beautiful weather.
- 12 The boys hauled manure. I grafted apple trees. In the evening, we had a meeting. Sissell preached. We took "Rosy" to Peterman's bull.
- 13 Axel and Carl sawed and chopped stovewood. Sture went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I made apple grafts. It is mild weather and the snow is gone. In the evening there was a meeting. Sissell preached.

- 14 The boys hauled hay and wood from the woods. I grafted apple trees but I am not well, so at times, I was in bed. In the evening there was a meeting. Sissell preached. It is beautiful weather but it freezes by night.
- 15 The boys hauled home wood from the woods and piled up the newly sawed boards. Carl and Mamma went to Waconia in the afternoon. I finished grafting apple trees.
- 16 **Sunday** Sissell preached. Sissell leaves us tomorrow.
- 17 Edward Johnson from Litchfield is here, so the boys are visiting with Johnson for most of day. I was cupped today and was in bed.
- 18 I am in bed. Axel is not well, either. Sture filed saws. Carl went to Waconia. It is a hard freeze for the apple trees.
- 19 Before noon, we had a snowstorm. The boys did nothing, only took care of the animals. I am in bed.
- 20 Clear and cold weather. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl hauled the old straw in the southern meadow to the home meadow where they piled it over the pieces of quackgrass. Sture went to Minneapolis. I did nothing, for I am still in bed.
- 21 Axel and Carl hauled home the straw from the southern forty on the quack meadow. Sture went to Minneapolis. I did nothing. I am, for the most part, in bed.
- 22 Last night, I had heart palpitations so today, for the most part, I am in bed. Carl went to the Carver market to search for Doctor Larson. The other boys took care of the animals. Today, I sent a letter to the *Amerikanska Posten* that I want them to discontinue sending the paper to me after March 22, this year.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. Sture and I did nothing. In the evening, the veterinarian Larson, from Litchfield, was here.
- 25 Today we had a snowstorm, but the snow froze and has disappeared, so the ground is barely covered. Sture put names on the sacks. The other boys only took care of the animals. I did nothing.
- 26 Today, we have had another snowstorm with frozen snow. The boys only took care of the animals. I am still in bed.
- 27 Today it is clear and cold. The boys only took care of the animals. Sture went to Waconia and sent a jar of butter to a Louis Peterson in Minneapolis. I am, for the most part, in bed. I have influenza.
- 28 The boys only took care of the animals. Most of us are sick with influenza. It is clear but cold weather.

March

- 1 Carl and Frank hauled water to the wells. Sture went to Waconia. I for the most part am in bed. It is beautiful weather but cold.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys butchered three pigs. Two we will use ourselves and one we will sell. I did

nothing. Frank became sick this afternoon with influenza.

- 4 Sture and I cut up the pork and salted it. Axel and Carl hauled straw from the southern field to put on the quackgrass in the meadow. It is beautiful weather.
- 5 Sture, Axel, and Frank have influenza. They helped the womenfolk to grind sausage meat. Carl went to Waconia. I made brine for the pork and did other various jobs.
- 6 Carl hauled water from the lake. The other boys are not well. I did various small jobs but I am not well. In the evening, P. Anderson and I made up our accounts.
- 7 Carl hauled home wood. Sture and Axel are not well. Mamma and I are not well. Frank is much better, so he is going to school. Beautiful and dry weather but somewhat cold.
- 8 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and had the colt shod on one foot and also drove the girls to A. Broberg's. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to an Alliance meeting in Waconia. Today I sent a letter and scions of Plikanoff and Christmas apple trees to Patten in St. Charles, Iowa.
- 9 **Sunday** L. Eklund preached.
- 10 Sture and Carl went to Watertown market and sold the lame mare, "Kate." I was in bed the whole day. In the evening, our folks attended the prohibition meeting in Scandia.
- 11 Today, the boys went to the town election. Carl went to the Waconia depot and sent butter to Malmsten's in Minneapolis. The others did various other jobs. I am not well, so I was for the most part, in bed. Today it is thawing.
- 12 The boys did various small jobs. I was cupped again, today, as I am having neuralgia.
- 13 Sture sawed off the tops of the ash trees on the western side of the granary and then he went to Waconia. Axel and Carl hauled away the logs from the old hog pen, hauled home wood, etc. I was in bed. John Carlson from Watertown was here and asked for seed wheat.
- 14 Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. Sture did various jobs in the carpenter shop. I stayed in bed or by the stove. Emma is sick with a sore throat.
- 15 Axel and Carl cut stovewood. Sture went to Waconia. I did nothing, I am in bed. In the evening, Carl and Frank went out to Freed's house. The sharp, dry cold continues.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Sture hung the doors by the new and old granary, etc. Axel and Carl hauled wood and did various other jobs. I am not well. Mamma is not well.
- 18 Axel and Carl dug on a well in the western meadow, etc. Sture did various jobs and went to Waconia and bought some pills. Mamma and I are not well.
- 19 Before noon, the boys finished the well in the western meadow. In the afternoon, they worked on a watering trough. I did nothing but I am better. The dry cold continues.
- 20 Before noon, Axel and Carl ground corn and oats on Samuel Peltz's mill. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia. Sture worked on the water trough. I did various small jobs. It is milder but there is no rain.
- 21 Before noon, we got three inches of snow. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl hauled manure. Sture has made a wagon tongue for the small wagon. I did various small jobs.
- 22 The boys hauled wood and rails, finished the water trough, and started to make a storage

trough for the maple sap. Carl went to Waconia with "Rock" to have him shod. I did some small jobs in the shop.

23 **Sunday**

24 Sture finished the large sap trough that we are going to use by the syrup kitchen. Axel and Carl chopped stovewood. I made a shutter for the granary window and hung it. In the afternoon, it began to rain.

25 The boys fanned the seed wheat and oats. Carl drove Emma to Waconia. She went to John Nelson's house and tomorrow she and Albertina Nelson will travel to Minneapolis. I did a few various jobs. Today we have storms and at times, snow.

26 Before noon, Sture hewed out gate posts. Axel and Carl chopped wood. I made grafting wax, etc. Axel and Carl cut stovewood. Sture became sick in the afternoon, possibly with influenza.

27 Before noon, Axel cut stovewood. Carl went to Waconia for the mail. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, we had a strong snowstorm from the northeast.

28 Today, we used the sleighs for the boys to haul manure before noon. In the afternoon, they cut stovewood. I worked on a gate. Sture is not well.

29 Axel and Carl cut stovewood. In the afternoon, Sture and I, with Oskar, went to Waconia. The roads are bad, muddy, and rough, and there is a cold north wind.

30 **Sunday**

31 Axel and Carl cut stovewood. I worked in the carpenter shop. Sture was cupped today. We are having dry, freezing weather. Today, we went to Niklas's boar. I do not believe one of the sows is pregnant. Axel sowed alsike clover in the western meadow.

April

1 Axel and Carl cut stovewood. I did little jobs out in the shop since I am not well, with influenza. Sture, too, is not well. It freezes hard at night.

2 Axel and Carl cut stovewood. Carl went to Waconia and met Emma. She came from Minneapolis. I did various jobs in the shop.

3 Mamma, Frank, and I went to the German Baptist Church for a funeral. Old John Zieman was buried. It has rained almost the whole day and sometimes it has rained hard. Axel and Carl greased the harness. In the evening, Mr. Pettijohn and his wife were here.

4 Before noon, there was a meeting in Scandia. L. Eklund preached. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank harrowed on the large piece of the southern field. Axel and I did various jobs. L. Eklund is with us.

5 Frank drove Emma to Waconia to John Nelson's house. Axel and Carl did various jobs. It rained before noon. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank harrowed. I worked in the shop the whole day. Today, we returned Niklas's boar. Simon Peltz was here and exchanged oats. L. Eklund went to N. Swenson's, in the afternoon.

6 **Sunday (Easter Sunday)** In the morning, it rained. L. Eklund preached.

7 Carl sowed $2\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of wheat on $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres in the new part of the field by the barn. Then,

he sowed a large half-bushel of wheat in the $\frac{3}{4}$ acre in the western meadow. Frank harrowed. Axel cleaned out the sheep barn, etc. Sture repaired the stalls. I took up the heeled-in apple trees. In the afternoon, we had our first thunderstorm of the year—a beautiful rain.

- 8 Before noon, Carl and Ida went to Waconia. Axel dug up some Isabella grapevines. In the afternoon, Carl sowed oats on the northern end of the large piece of the southern field. Frank harrowed in the field near the barn. Sture went to an auction at W. Barlow's house. In the evening, a Norwegian, Knute Berg, and his son from Bird Island came and stayed overnight.
- 9 Before noon, Sture and Axel tapped the maple trees (but it was bad). Carl sowed oats and then sowed bluestem wheat. Sture harrowed. Axel did various jobs. I top-grafted apple trees. Frank is in school. The school year ends today.
- 10 Last night, it froze quite hard. Before noon, Axel went to Waconia after grist. At ten o'clock, they began to sow and harrow. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel gathered sap and tapped more trees. I top-grafted apple trees, but I am not well.
- 11 Sture and Axel gathered sap and tapped more maples, the whole day. Today, we gathered together 177 pails of sap. Carl sowed wheat in the home field and in the barn field. Frank harrowed. In the afternoon, I began to top-graft the Peerless apple trees for O.F. Brand. Today it is warm and sunny weather.
- 12 Carl sowed wheat on the other side of the track. Frank harrowed. Before noon, Sture and Axel gathered maple sap. I was not well. In the afternoon, Sture and I top-grafted apple trees. We got 109 pails of sap. Today we finished the seeding on the new part, by the barn: $2\frac{3}{4}$ bushels on $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres, south of the oats in the southern field, $7\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of bluestem wheat on 5 acres, on the square piece $2\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of bluestem wheat on $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres and $5\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of bluestem wheat on $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres in the home field, $6\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of Scottish Fife on $5\frac{1}{4}$ acres, 10 bushels of Fife wheat on $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres on the other side of the track, a large half-bushel of Fife wheat in the field in the western meadow on $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. Altogether, $35\frac{1}{4}$ bushels on $26\frac{1}{2}$ acres of oats and we sowed the mixture in the old wheat field; in the western meadow we sowed 11 pounds of timothy and 7 pounds of red clover.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Before noon, I went to Waconia to sell wheat, but I sold nothing. P.D. Anderson and Mrs. Borrow Nilson were with me. Sture, Carl, and Frank gathered sap and made syrup. After dinner, Sture and I made apple grafts. Carl gathered maple sap and Frank harrowed on the other side of the track. Axel is sick in bed. Last night it froze, so the sap is running a lot—today, we got 215 pails of sap. One of the sows farrowed a litter of seven pigs. It has been fifteen weeks since she was bred.
- 15 Today, they gathered together 140 pails of maple sap. Sture and I made more apple grafts. Carl rolled the grain fields. Mamma and the others worked in the syrup kitchen.
- 16 Today, we gathered together 120 liter pails of sap. Sture and I made apple grafts. Carl rolled. Frank and Mamma made syrup. Axel was back sick in bed, again. F. Barlow came over for raspberry bushes, poplar, and willow seedlings.
- 17 Sture and I grafted apple trees. Frank has gathered together 100 pails of sap and helped

Mamma to cook the syrup. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia for the mail. In the afternoon, he rolled the wheat on the other side of the track. B. Nilson came after apple trees.

- 18 Sture and I top-grafted apple trees and finished. We have now grafted over 400 Peerless apple grafts for O.F. Brand. Carl and Frank worked in the syrup kitchen and burned over the swamplands. We got 88 pails of sap.
- 19 Before noon, Sture and Emma went to Waconia. Carl and Frank worked in the syrup kitchen, etc. In the afternoon, the boys hauled ashes and manure away from the old hog pen and gathered some sap, etc. I have taken off the wrappings of last year's grafts and planted various small things. S. Swanberg was here today and got apple trees and raspberry bushes.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Sture and Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Frank helped to fan the wheat and then they carried home the sap spouts and dug a hole for me, and planted various things. I planted gooseberry bushes, roses, and raspberry bushes of the Cuthbert variety.
- 22 Carl hauled a load of wheat to Waconia and Sture went with to get a ride to Young America on the train. He worked for a contractor down there by the name of Bachman. Then the boys did various work in the garden and planted potatoes. I planted raspberry bushes and plum trees, etc. It has rained a little, which delayed our work.
- 23 Frank and I went to Excelsior, where we sold apple trees to P.H. Perry, and I bought strawberry plants from him. Axel and Carl repaired the fences and put out the fire in the swamps. The 14th, we finished cooking syrup. We have cooked about 69 gallons of maple syrup, this spring.
- 24 Before noon, Axel and Frank put out the fire in the swamps. Carl went to Waconia for the money for the wheat that we sold there. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. The girls and I, with Carl, set out strawberry plants. "Betty" calved today.
- 25 The boys hauled manure. I planted dewberry plants. In the afternoon, Carl, the womenfolk, and I set out strawberry plants.
- 26 Before noon, I went to Waconia with Emma, who took her music lesson there. I went to Swanberg's with grape plants. The boys hauled manure the whole day. Sture came home from Young America this evening.
- 27 **Sunday** Fridlund and Broms preached today.
- 28 Before noon, I went to Waconia for fruit trees that came in from the experiment station in Minneapolis. Broms came with me to Waconia. Then he traveled home. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys hauled manure, the whole day. Sture went to Young America, again, today.
- 29 First, I planted the strawberries, then I top-grafted using the scions that Professor Green in Minneapolis sent me. Carl and Frank hauled manure. The womenfolk sheared the sheep and Axel helped them. Enoch Broberg was here visiting.
- 30 Carl and Frank hauled manure from the old hog pen in the orchard and the cabbage beds, etc. I planted apple trees. Axel dug the holes for the trees and did various other jobs.

May

- 1 Carl plowed in the newly broken field. Axel and Frank hauled manure in the orchard and dug holes for the apple trees. I planted apple trees.
- 2 I planted apple trees. The boys hauled manure to the orchard, rolled the newly broken field, and dug holes for the apple trees, etc.
- 3 Carl and Frank marked out in the newly broken field and planted sorghum, potatoes, and sweet corn. Axel uncovered the grapevines. I planted apple trees and finished. I began to plant grapes. Yesterday we had a strong storm and thunder, but no rain. Today, it is cold weather.
- 4 **Sunday** Today, we had three or four inches of snow.
- 5 I made a frame to put on Anna's grave. Before noon, the boys dug for water in the hog pasture, but they got nothing. Carl and Frank plowed Peterman's land for corn. Axel dug for water in the large marsh in the northern forty.
- 6 Frank plowed for corn in the western side of the track. Axel and Carl finished the well in the northern marsh, repaired fences, plowed and rolled for the grafts, etc. It is cold weather and it has hailed several times.
- 7 I planted grapes. Frank plowed for corn. Axel and Carl fixed the fence, harrowed, and rolled for the corn. Axel planted potatoes. Today, we let the livestock out in the woods. Fridlund came here this evening.
- 8 Before noon, we went to Scandia to Anna Johnson's (from Minneapolis) funeral. She was Peter Nilsson's daughter and was born here in Scandia. We buried her next to her mother and brother here in Scandia. In the afternoon, I planted grapevines, etc. Axel planted potatoes. Carl rolled a field for corn and Frank went to Waconia to have "Rock" shod.
- 9 Axel and Carl marked out for corn. Frank planted corn in Peterman's field and then planted corn on the home five acres. I set out poplars and willows, etc. In the afternoon, I began to set out grafts.
- 10 I planted grafts. Frank planted corn in the southern field on the five-acre piece and finished planting the corn. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and then he went out to a farmer and got Sture's toolbox, where he has been working on building the house. Axel did various jobs. He is not well.
- 11 **Sunday** Carl went to the German Baptist Church.
- 12 I planted grafts. Sture went to Waconia before noon with a load of wheat and got the white horses shod. In the afternoon, Carl went with a load of wheat and had "Frank" shod; otherwise, the boys did various jobs. Last night, the other sow farrowed but she only had three pigs in her litter.
- 13 This morning at six o'clock, Sture, Carl, and Ida went down to Minneapolis with a load of wool, sheepskins, and butter. I set out grafts. Axel and Frank plowed by the apple trees, planted melon, hoed in the garden, etc. Frank took Emma to Waconia, where she had a tooth pulled.

- 14 First I planted grafts and finished, then I planted grape cuttings, and then I bound up the grapes. Axel and Frank plowed in the garden and planted sugar beets in the newly broken field, etc. It is cold weather. Last night, we had frost. This evening at 9:30, the boys came home.
- 15 I tied up grapes. The boys plowed, harrowed, and planted sugar beets in the garden. It is cold weather. Last night, the water froze in the tubs.
- 16 I tied up grapes. The boys repaired the fences in the southern forty and various other jobs. Last night, the mare foaled (it was a mare colt). Last night, there was quite a hard frost, and today there is a cold wind.
- 17 Before noon, I tied up the grapevines and finished, and then I did various jobs. The boys dug a well in the cranberry marsh then raked trash in the old hog yard and burned it. In the afternoon at three o'clock, it began to rain and snow. Sture worked for Barlow.
- 18 **Sunday**
- 19 Today we had a meeting in Scandia. Brother M. Fridlund became ordained as a pastor. Reverend Frank Peterson and Reverend Sanvall from Minneapolis were here and set apart M. Fridlund in the ordination service. Reverend Landlett was at the meeting and had dinner with us. In the afternoon, we did various small jobs.
- 20 Before noon, I went with P.D. Anderson to Waconia and witnessed, as he is trying to get his pension. In the afternoon, I hoed in the orchard. The boys plowed and planted squash and sugar beets, and then broke the sod of the old hog yard.
- 21 Before noon, the boys put up wires on the fence that burned down. I hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, Frank and I set up the frame on Anna's grave and fixed up the top. Carl went with Fridlund to Waconia.
- 22 Today in the morning, Axel went to Granite Falls and to attend the district meeting in Leenthrop. Fridlund went with to the district meeting, but he rode on the other train. It rained the whole day before noon. In the afternoon, Carl, Frank, and I did various jobs.
- 23 Mamma, Frank, Oskar, and I went to Chaska and sold smoked pork, bought clothes for Oskar, etc. I paid my tax and also P.D. Anderson's tax. Carl did various small jobs. The roads are bad and muddy.
- 24 Today it rained steadily the whole day. I made wooden labels and wrote the names of the apple trees on them. The boys did small jobs. Carl went to the mill with meal. Sture worked for F. Lundsten this week.
- 25 **Sunday (Pentecost)** We had no meeting today. The German Baptist Church used our meetinghouse and two of Krank's children were baptized. Fridlund is still at the meeting in Leenthrop.
- 26 We had a Farmers' Alliance meeting on the island by Waconia. Doctor Fiss from St. Paul made two political speeches. Sture, Carl, Ida, Josephine, and I were there. It was perfect weather, the whole day.
- 27 Before noon, Carl harrowed the cornfield. I hoed in the orchard. Frank and Mamma went to Excelsior and sold hens, butter, and eggs. In the afternoon, it rained. They came from

Excelsior before the rain started.

- 28 I pruned apple trees and poplars and hoed the strawberry plants. Carl and Frank trimmed the walnut trees. In the afternoon, Carl went to the mill for the grist. Today, it was warm and good growing weather. The 27th "Star" calved—she had twins.
- 29 Carl and Frank trimmed the walnut trees and poplars and then set the fence posts. I pruned the apple trees. Mamma made soap. In the afternoon, Axel came home from the district meeting in Granite Falls. Last night, we got a lot of rain. Today, I wrote a letter to Geo. Mattson in California.
- 30 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. I pruned trees. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank hauled dirt to the graveyard and repaired the stalls. Axel and I fixed up the strawberry beds and set out some plants.
- 31 I pruned apple trees, etc. The boys hoed by the raspberry bushes and in the old hog yard and then they harrowed the corn and potato fields. Mamma and Josephine went to John Nelson's for a visit. Today it is perfect growing weather.

June

1 Sunday

- 2 Today in the morning, we got a strong storm with hail that the earth washed away in the fields. The boys grubbed out by the island near Niklas's field. I pruned trees and did various other jobs. Fridlund left from here to B. Nilson's in the afternoon.
- 3 The boys grubbed out by the island. I pruned apple trees, etc. Carl, Emma, and Mamma went to Waconia and bought shoes and rubber boots. This morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated the boar, the pigs, the lambs, and a calf.
- 4 Axel and Carl grubbed. Frank planted corn as the seeded corn was picked up by the ground squirrels. I pruned trees. In the afternoon, we got a lot of rain. Today we took the livestock to the southern pasture.
- 5 Before noon, the boys planted corn and scraped away the dirt from the corn hills that were covered with the washed-out dirt from the rain, last night. I pruned apple trees. In the afternoon, we had a meeting in Scandia and there were fifteen youth who were baptized. It has been rainy almost every day.
- 6 Frank plowed up the clover field on the other side of the tracks since the clover had died out, and then he harrowed it. Axel and Carl grubbed. I pruned apple trees. Today, summer school ended. Alice Sundsten was the summer school teacher.
- 7 First the boys seeded alfalfa on the field on the other side of the track by Andrew Schraan's fence, and then they hoed the sorghum and plowed for cabbage. I pruned apple trees. Today, the assessor, Lambrecht, was here. Today it is clear and beautiful weather.
- 8 **Sunday** Today we had a baptism service in Scandia. The following of our youth were baptized: from our family, Frank and Josephine; from P.D. Anderson's family, Charley and Andrew; from Broberg's family, James, William, and Amanda; from John Nelson's family,

Henry and Inez; from Freed's family, Emma and Anna; B. Nilson's hired man, Frank Dahl, and Lundsten's hired man, Anton Dahl; from Niklas Swenson's family, Martin and Joel—altogether, fifteen people.

- 9 Carl and Frank worked on the road with the two teams. Axel did various jobs. I did nothing because I am not well. In the afternoon, Ida and Emma went with Edward and Elisabeth Johnson from Litchfield out on the island for a pleasure trip. In the afternoon, it rained a little.
- 10 Today it rained most of the whole day. We did various small jobs.
- 11 Before noon, Carl worked on the road with the horses. Axel and Frank hauled various pieces of trash from the barnyard, etc. In the afternoon, the boys hoed the sorghum. In the afternoon, it rained. I pruned trees the whole day.
- 12 The boys cultivated and hoed in the newly broken field, the sorghum, potatoes, and sugar beets, then cultivated the orchard and scraped together the manure in the barnyard. I finished pruning the trees and did other small jobs. Today, Edward and Elisabeth Johnson from Litchfield went back home.
- 13 Mamma, Emma, and Carl went to Excelsior with eggs and butter. They went to the Mix house and Emma paid for her music lessons. Frank cultivated the corn. Axel and I did various jobs.
- 14 Today it rained so much the whole day, we did nothing. I was not well, either. Sture worked steadily for Frank Lundsten.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Frank cultivated the corn. Axel and Carl cut fence poles in the woods and hoed the sorghum. As I have such hard rheumatic pains over my stomach, I was cupped again, today, so I stayed in bed the whole day.
- 17 Frank cultivated the corn. Axel and Carl hoed and then cut and sowed alfalfa. I did nothing.
- 18 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, the boys cut fence poles. Carl went to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 19 Carl and Frank broke in the southern meadow out by the track. Axel hoed the potatoes. Mamma drove Emma to John Nelson's. I did nothing. Late in the afternoon, there was quite a lot of rain. We have received too much rain.
- 20 Carl broke out by the track. Axel and Frank hoed and then cut fence poles. I hoed and did various other jobs. Before noon, it rained.
- 21 In the morning, it rained quite a lot. Carl finished the breaking of the new field by the track. In the afternoon, Carl went to Minneapolis to buy clothes for himself. Axel and Frank hoed and cultivated, etc. I worked in the shop and hoed by the grafts. Today, the census taker, Holt, from Dahlgren town, was here and recorded our names and ages.
- 22 **Sunday** We had no preacher today. Fridlund is in Grove City.
- 23 First we went after the pigs that I bought from Lundsten, then we turned the alfalfa clover. In the afternoon, it rained again. We hoed and cultivated. Carl came home from Minneapolis

around noon.

- 24 Carl went to Sam Peltz's before noon and helped to raise his barn. Axel and Frank hoed corn. The womenfolk hoed the sugar beets. I hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, we hauled in the alfalfa clover. Today we had a very hot day—90 degrees.
- 25 Today it was 94 degrees. The boys hoed the corn. The womenfolk hoed the sugar beets and I hoed in the orchard, but it is too hot, so I had to quit. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia to meet my brother-in-law, Olaf Johnson, but he did not come.
- 26 Axel and Carl hoed corn. Frank cultivated and I did nothing. I was not well in this heat.
- 27 Before noon, Carl and Mamma went to Excelsior with chickens and eggs. Frank mowed on the west side of the granary, etc. Axel cut hay along the creek. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl cut hay. Frank cultivated corn. Today it is 95 degrees.
- 28 Axel and Carl went to the Chaska market and sold the fatted heifer, "Fanny." The trip was not lucky, for when we were near Chaska, the heifer rolled the wagon by a wire fence. She was injured. We had to sell her for a lesser price. Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" and "Fanny" shod on the front feet. In the afternoon, we had another big rain.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Today we cultivated and hoed in the orchard then hauled in the hay from the creek and the home field. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia and met John Anderson's girls from Granite Falls - Frances and Christine - who came from Red Wing with B. Melius's girls.

July

- 1 Before noon, the boys cut hay around the house, etc. I hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went with the girls, Frances and Christine Anderson, out on Clearwater Lake and the island. I went to Waconia to an Alliance meeting. Axel and Frank cut the hay along the road and hoed in the orchard.
- 2 Before noon, Sture and Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Frank hoed the sorghum. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The other boys hoed, cultivated, and hauled hay, etc. I trained grapevines, etc.
- 3 Today, Frances and Christine Anderson traveled back to Granite Falls. Sture drove them to Augusta. Sture went to Carver to get medicine for me. The boys hoed and cultivated and did other various jobs. I cut blighted twigs from the apple trees, etc.
- 4 We were in Scandia and celebrated this day.
- 5 The boys cultivated, hoed, and mowed in the southern meadow. In the morning, we got rain, so we did not haul in the dry hay. I cut blight on the apple trees.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 The boys hauled in the hay from the western meadow and the southern meadow. Sture went to Waconia. I did little jobs but I am not well. Frank mowed the timothy on the other side of the track. Today it was 92 degrees.
- 8 Today, in the morning, Sture went to Granite Falls to build a granary on our land. The other boys hauled in hay from the other side of the track, mowed in the southern meadow, and

- built a bridge over the ditch and hoed. I made the ends to one of the hayracks. It is cooler today.
- 9 The boys hauled in hay and mowed and hoed the grapevines. I worked on the hayrack. Today it is just right weather.
 - 10 Before noon, Mamma and I went to John Holtmeier's funeral. P.D. Anderson and his wife rode with us. The boys hauled in hay and mowed. In the afternoon, I cut blight from the apple trees.
 - 11 Today, it is raining. Two of the boys cultivated the corn. Axel hoed. I did various jobs.
 - 12 Before noon, Carl and I went to the Waconia market and sold the cow, "Lady." Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home hay and stacked it. I cut blight from the trees. Today it is 90 degrees.
 - 13 **Sunday** Today it is over 90 degrees.
 - 14 The boys mowed the meadow by the road and a part in the western meadow and plowed in the corn and hoed the sugar beets. I hoed and cut the strawberry beds with the scythe. Mamma went to Waconia.
 - 15 The boys cut, mowed and hauled in hay. I hoed and did other various small jobs. The womenfolk hoed the strawberry beds and the sugar beets.
 - 16 The boys cut and mowed out by the island and the point. They have finished cutting. In the afternoon, they hauled hay. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, fixed up the hog house, and hoed in the orchard.
 - 17 The boys cultivated the corn and hauled in the last of the hay from the island. I did various jobs. The tailor apprentices from Mission were here for a visit this afternoon.
 - 18 The boys hoed on the new broken field and in the orchard. Carl went to Cologne with a case of raspberries that was sent to Fred Johnson in Granite Falls. I trained grapevines, etc.
 - 19 I trained grapevines, etc. The boys broke the sod by the creek in the home field. Frank and Mamma went to St. Bonifacius and bought sugar.
 - 20 **Sunday**
 - 21 The boys cut hay in the graveyard and cut around by the stalls, then they hoed in the orchard. I cut blighted branches from the apple trees. In the afternoon, it rained. Fridlund is here. He went fishing today. In the evening, Sture came home from Granite Falls and he finished building the granary on our land.
 - 22 The boys broke in the western meadow and hoed in the orchard. I hoed by the strawberries, etc.
 - 23 The boys cut and mowed alfalfa, hoed, and then hauled home the hay from the graveyard. I hoed strawberries, etc.
 - 24 Carl and Frank cultivated the sorghum and in the orchard. I hoed around the evergreens, etc.
 - 25 Carl and Frank hauled straw and put it on the quackgrass in the meadow, and then they hauled in the alfalfa. Axel is sick with boils. I cut the blight from the apple trees. Sture went to Waconia and bought twine at D. Disner for the binder.
 - 26 Today, we began to reap the wheat. They cut the bluestem in the southern field. Sture and

Axel shocked the wheat. In the afternoon, Carl worked for P.D. Anderson. I cut blight from the trees and did other jobs.

- 27 **Sunday** Hornlund and Malmsten from Minneapolis were here.
- 28 The boys reaped oats. Sture worked for Borrow Nilson. Before noon, I went to Waconia and bought more twine for the wheat. In the afternoon, I fixed up a mosquito bar frame for the chicken house. Today it is blowing hard and there is strong sunshine.
- 29 The boys reaped the wheat in the home field on the square piece and in the field by the western meadow, and began on the wheat on the other side of the track. I repaired the fence by the barn. Mrs. Youngren from Minneapolis is here for a visit. O.F. Brand also came here, this afternoon.
- 30 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the other side of the track and started in the field by the barn. I finished repairing the fence and went to Waconia for some more twine. Mrs. Youngren rode with me to Scandia. In Waconia, the thermometer read 100 degrees today.
- 31 The boys cut the rest of the wheat in the field by the barn and we finished cutting the grain this year. I made a cover for the barnyard well, etc.

August

- 1 The boys and girls hauled and stacked bluestem wheat in the southern field and hauled two loads from the home field. I finished the well cover but I am not well. The butcher from Excelsior was here for the sheep and the calf he bought.
- 2 The boys and girls stacked the wheat but the rain slowed them down this morning. I did various jobs. Sture worked for G. B. Nilson this week.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 The boys and girls stacked the wheat and oats. I cut blight from the trees. Sture is stacking wheat for Lundsten.
- 5 The boys and girls stacked the wheat and I cut blight from the apple trees.
- 6 The boys and the girls stacked the wheat. Before noon, I went to Waconia and had the mare shod. In the afternoon, I did nothing. Sture went to Waconia in the afternoon, and had "Rock" shod.
- 7 The boys and girls stacked the wheat and they have now finished this year's harvest. This year, we have stacked at home in the barnyard. Sture is threshing with A. Broberg's machine. Mamma and I went to Carver and bought peppermint oil. It is quite warm and dry. In the evening, there were heavy clouds and only a few raindrops.
- 8 Carl and Mamma went to Excelsior and sold chickens and butter. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia. Axel hoed and cut off the thistles in the southern pasture. I also hoed. Frank hauled wheat for Broberg.
- 9 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and had "Frank" and the white horse shod. In the afternoon, he mowed the weeds in the newly seeded alfalfa on the other side of the track. Axel and I hoed in the garden and the raspberry bushes. Frank hauled wheat to Broberg's for threshing.

10 **Sunday**

- 11 Before noon, Axel went to Bradhouse's and threshed. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hauled home the weedy hay from the other side of the track. Sture and Carl went to Waconia and then got themselves ready to go out on the prairies tomorrow. I did various small jobs.
- 12 Today, Carl and Henry Nelson drove up to Granite Falls with their teams to work during the harvest. It rained before noon. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hauled manure. I did various jobs. Sture went fishing.
- 13 Today, Sture traveled up to Maynard to work on the harvest. He went by train. Axel and Frank hauled manure. I cut old raspberry bushes. The heat is unbearable.
- 14 Axel and Frank hauled manure. I pruned raspberry bushes, etc. Strong heat and dry.
- 15 Axel and Frank hauled manure. I repaired the old pump and put it in the well in the western meadow. It is dry, with hot sunshine.
- 16 Frank went to the Watertown mill with meal and Mamma went up to Fridlund's for a visit. I pruned the raspberry bushes. Axel hoed. Last night we had a little rain.
- 17 **Sunday** Today we had three meetings. Fridlund, Hagstrom, and Peterson from Minneapolis preached.
- 18 Before noon, the boys plowed and scraped the water hole deeper in the northern forty. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing.
- 19 The boys hauled and put more straw on the quackgrass in the meadow. I pruned the raspberries and did other jobs.
- 20 Frank began to plow on the other side of the track. Axel removed the quack roots by the grapevines using the pick axe. I pruned the raspberry bushes, etc. Mamma went on a visit to Holmberg in Victoria.
- 21 Before noon, I went to Waconia and had a plow sharpened. Axel hoed in the orchard. Frank plowed. In the afternoon, Frank plowed; Axel and the girls fanned wheat. I pruned raspberry bushes, etc.
- 22 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Before noon, Axel and I butchered a pig that had a broken leg. In the afternoon, Axel fanned wheat and cut out the weedy edges around the fields. I pruned raspberry bushes, etc. Segerfors from Excelsior and another man were here and hunted squirrels.
- 23 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Mamma went with and sold apples to Kugler's store. At ten o'clock, it began to rain and it rained the whole day, so we did nothing.
- 24 **Sunday** Today, Fridlund preached for the last time. He will travel to Chicago and the seminary.
- 25 Before noon, Emma and I wrote letters. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and sent letters to Elliot and Chas. Hawkinson in Minneapolis, and to Dr. Fahrney in Chicago asking for Kuriko medicine and to Dr. Rosenberg for two books. Bergquist from Minneapolis came and I took him home. Frank plowed. Axel did various jobs.
- 26 Frank plowed. I pruned raspberry bushes, etc. Axel did various jobs. Americans who board

in Scandia were here to buy apples. In the evening, my folks went to Lundsten's house because we surprised him with a watch chain and an album.

- 27 Axel and Frank are at John Nelson's to thresh. I did various jobs. Mamma is at Andrew Broberg's. The 25th, we brought "Star" to Peterman's bull.
- 28 Axel and Frank threshed for John Nelson. I did various small jobs.
- 29 Frank plowed. Axel and I hoed and did various jobs.
- 30 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and sold apples. The boys pulled weeds in the potato field and wheeled them away. They also weeded the sorghum in the new field. In the afternoon, Frank mowed in the southern meadow. Axel and I hoed. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkinson from the Rose Hill Nursery came here. Mamma is at A. Broberg's overnight.
- 31 **Sunday** Today a preacher by the name of Berg from Karlshamn in Sweden spoke. He took money for a prayer house in Karlshamn.

September

- 1 Frank plowed. Axel hoed up the catnip in the barnyard and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. In the afternoon, Rosenquist, Andrew Lundsten, and Mr. Hakanson from Howard Lake were here for a visit.
- 2 Before noon, Frank plowed. Axel did various jobs. I was in and visited with the preacher Berg from Sweden and Olof Hakanson from Minneapolis. In the afternoon, the boys hauled clover hay. I did various jobs. The girls went to Waconia and sold apples.
- 3 Frank plowed. Axel dug a ditch down in the meadow by the road. I did various jobs. This afternoon, we had a hard rainstorm, so it streamed on the ground.
- 4 Frank plowed. Axel dug ditches in the meadow by the road, etc. Mamma, the girls, and I packed apples that will be sent to the State Fair. In the afternoon, Carl came home unexpectedly. Henry Nelson became sick and Carl went home with him.
- 5 This morning, Carl went back to Granite Falls. Axel drove him to Cologne along with a box of apples we are sending to Granite Falls. Frank plowed. Mamma, the girls, and I packed the last of the apples, then I wrote letters to Charles Hawkinson and to Pearce in Minneapolis regarding the apples that I sent to the fair. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to the Waconia depot with the apple boxes. They left on the train in the afternoon. Today the weather is warm.
- 6 Frank plowed, and finished plowing in the southern field. Axel and I did various other jobs. Today it is muggy weather.
- 7 **Sunday** Mrs. Anderson from Lucas, Iowa, who brought her sick husband to a Minneapolis doctor, is here visiting today, together with Emma Erickson. They stayed overnight.
- 8 Frank mowed alfalfa and clover and then the hay in the western meadow. Axel and the girls cut corn. I went to Waconia and sold apples and did other errands. It is nice weather.
- 9 Before noon, we stacked the red clover and in the afternoon, Frank and the girls hauled hay from the western meadow. I made a grain bin in the granary. Axel is sick.
- 10 Before noon, I went to Waconia. The boys and the girls cut corn. In the afternoon, the cow,

“May,” calved, but the calf was turned around with the back feet first. Andrew Schraan was here and pulled the calf from the cow, but the calf was dead. Then, the boys hauled the third crop of alfalfa in.

11 Mamma and I went to the State Fair in Minneapolis. I had previously sent down 30 varieties of apples that Hawkinson from Rose Hill entered for me. 80 plates in Lot 1- 28 varieties. They took second prize, \$20; Lot 2 took second prize, \$10; best collection of Russian apples for plate, took first prize, \$10; Antonovka took first prize, \$2; Charlamoff took first prize, \$2; Hibernial, second prize, \$1—altogether, \$45. In the evening, Mamma and I went with Hawkinson home to Rose Hill. The second night, we stayed at Bergquist’s and Horlund’s house. We traveled home on Saturday.

11 12 & 13 The boys cut corn and then threshed for Loner and Sundheim.

14 **Sunday**

15 Before noon, it rained. The boys did nothing. I wrote letters to Chas. Hawkinson at Rose Hill. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel grubbed stumps. I did various small jobs.

16 Before noon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. Axel grubbed stumps and Frank plowed. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel did various jobs. I repaired things in the granary. Miss Whitcomb was here for a visit. Today it is beautiful weather.

17 Before noon, Frank plowed. Axel and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel went to Lundsten’s and threshed. I weeded around the grain stacks. Mamma and Emma went to Waconia. Benedict and Inez Nelson came over for a visit.

18 Axel and Frank threshed for Lundsten until nine o’clock, then they threshed for Peter Anderson until noon. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing. Before noon, I butchered a wether. It was hot with rain and thunder.

19 Axel and Frank threshed for P.D. Anderson. I did various jobs. In the evening, the threshing machine came here. Broberg, Kunz, and Krautbauer are owners of the machine.

20 Today, we threshed. It rained a little but not enough to stop our work.

21 **Sunday** Palus Johnson was here and preached.

22 Today, we threshed until 9:30 o’clock. The owners went to Niklas Swenson’s and threshed for him. Axel and Frank went along. I fixed up the fence by the barnyard. Mamma and Josephine picked grapes. Ida and Emma are helping at N. Swenson’s house.

23 Axel and Frank threshed for W. Swenson until nine o’clock. Then they stripped the sorghum. I finished the fence around the barnyard. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with eight bushels of apples for Kugler’s store. I even had the mare and “Rock” shod.

24 The boys stripped and hauled home sorghum canes. Mamma and I picked apples all day and then carried them into the granary. The girls did the washing.

25 Axel and Frank stripped and hauled home the rest of the sorghum canes and finished. Before noon, I went to Kohler in Waconia with four bushels of apples. In the afternoon, the womenfolk and I packed down the apples and grapes that are to be taken to the county fair in Carver. In the evening, “Nancy” calved two calves.

26 Axel and I went to Carver and entered the apples and the grapes for the county fair. Frank

did various jobs.

- 27 Today, Mamma, Frank, Ida, Josephine, and I went to the Carver County Fair. When we drove home, we were nearly killed, but we had God's hand over us—a brewery wagon from Shakopee drove by and overturned our wagon. We received only minor bruises and scratches.
- 28 **Sunday** A. Sissell preached. Carl Swenson and Mr. Odell went with us home for dinner as well as four Americans from Long Lake. One was named Gardner.
- 29 The boys went to B. Nilson's and threshed. I did various jobs. A. Sissell is here.
- 30 Frank plowed. Before noon, I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank and I took in the sorghum seed and then I cut hay around the syrup kitchen. Axel is sick. In the evening, we had a meeting. Sissell preached. Paul Johnson even spoke.

October

- 1 Today, we began to fix things to cook syrup. We began to press the sorghum canes at one o'clock in the afternoon. It is warm and beautiful weather.
- 2 The boys and the womenfolk pressed out the sap and evaporated the syrup. I did various small jobs. It is warm and beautiful weather.
- 3 The boys and womenfolk pressed and cooked the syrup until noon time and finished. I hoed the old strawberry beds. In the afternoon, P.D. Anderson's folks made molasses here, with us. I went to Waconia with apples for Kohler's store. Frank finished plowing the barn field and the piece where the grain stacks had stood.
- 4 The boys husked the corn in the field by Peterman's land. P.D. Anderson was here and cooked his syrup and finished it. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with five bushels of apples to bring to Kohler. I went to an Alliance meeting. In the evening, a Swede and his two sons who live around Minnetonka Mills came and stayed overnight. They bought the cow, "Froken."
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn by Peterman's land. I made frames and put on mosquito bar netting for the granary windows. We took "Betty" to Peterman's bull.
- 7 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn by Peterman's land and finished it. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home corn fodder. Before noon, I hoed in the orchard. In the afternoon, I gathered moss in P.D. Anderson's swamp to use for packing the apple trees.
- 8 Frank threshed for old Peltz. Axel and I did various jobs. It rained today.
- 9 First I went to P.D. Anderson for moss that I picked from his tamarack swamp. Then I went to Waconia and got the mail. Then I went to P.D. Anderson with butter that we are sending with him to Minneapolis. In the morning, the womenfolk and Axel took up potatoes. In the afternoon, Axel went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered hogs. Frank threshed for young Peltz. In the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. Mrs. Brae and our school teacher, Miss Bardwell, were here.
- 10 The boys went to Peterman's and threshed until ten o'clock. In the afternoon, I went to

Waconia after lumber for a box to put the apples in. Today, I sent a letter to Elliott in Minneapolis asking for my prize money. I also sent letters to Sture and Carl and to Brand in Faribault.

- 11 Axel and Frank threshed for Peterman. I dug up some apple trees. In the afternoon, I hauled alfalfa over to Peterman's to get it threshed, but it began to rain, so it could not be threshed.
- 12 **Sunday** It rained off and on.
- 13 It rained the whole night and until noon. Before noon, I made a box to pack the apple trees. In the afternoon, the boys and I dug up apple trees that I am to send to Brand in Faribault.
- 14 Before noon, the boys and I dug up apple trees that are to be sent to Gibbon. In the afternoon, I worked on a crate. The boys gathered and hauled in the squash, and then we did various jobs. Today, a cold west wind is blowing.
- 15 Mamma and I went to Excelsior with a calf, eggs, and butter. The boys dug up potatoes and then went to Peterman's place in the afternoon when he threshed our alfalfa. Last night it was so cold, the water froze.
- 16 Axel went to Rietz's and threshed. Before noon, Frank and I packed apple trees that are to be sent to Gibbon for O. F. Brand in Faribault. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to the Waconia depot with a crate of apple trees. The womenfolk finished digging up the potatoes.
- 17 The boys and womenfolk hauled and stored the sugar beets. At 9:30, Axel came home from threshing at the Rietz place. I put a box and the shavings in the cellar to use for the storing of the scions and then I heeled in the bushes and trees that had come from Chas. Hawkinson. I also dug up apple trees. P.D. Anderson was here this evening, to get the ram that he had exchanged for a black lamb.
- 18 Last night it rained, so before noon, the boys fanned alfalfa clover. Emma and I wrote a letter to C. Hawkinson in Minneapolis and to Perry in Excelsior and to Secretary Liggett in Hamline. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. C.W. Gordon from Long Lake was here for Peerless apple trees. It was late for him to go home, so he stayed overnight.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 I dug up apple trees. The boys and the girls are harvesting more of the sugar beets.
- 21 The boys and the girls finished gathering in the sugar beets and then the carrots. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is beautiful weather.
- 22 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn. Before noon, I dug up apple trees. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. I took H. Schraan with me home as the cow, "Blossy," was sick and could not have the calf. When we came home, she had calved, so I drove Schraan back to Waconia.
- 23 The boys and womenfolk husked corn. First I went to Arken Sahler, who wants to buy a calf from us. I worked in the orchard. It is beautiful weather.
- 24 The boys and the girls husked corn. Before noon, I did various jobs. Arken Sahler was here for the bull calf that he bought. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia for grist. Today we took "Betty" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 25 Today it rained off and on. The boys and the womenfolk husked corn and finished. I did

various jobs; among others, I put a lock on the granary door.

26 **Sunday**

- 27 I went down to C. Luedloff's for scions for Chas. Hawkinson in Minneapolis. I bought seed potatoes from Luedloff. Axel and Frank hauled home the rest of the corn fodder and stacked it. Mrs. Ahlstrom from Minneapolis is here with us.
- 28 Frank plowed on the new broken fields in the meadow. Axel threshed for Broberg. I worked in the orchard. Mamma and Mrs. Ahlstrom went to Lundsten's.
- 29 Axel threshed for Broberg until noontime. Frank plowed in the newly broken field and finished. Then he plowed in the field by Peterman's land. I worked in the orchard. Chilly weather, today.
- 30 Frank plowed on the newly broken field in the western meadow, and then he plowed on the corn field. Axel hilled up the dirt around the apple trees. I heeled in apple trees. There is a cold, northwesterly wind.
- 31 Frank plowed the corn field and mowed in the meadows. We will use this hay to mulch the strawberry beds. Axel did various jobs. Before noon, I butchered a calf. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Last night, we had a hard frost.

November

- 1 Frank plowed on the corn fields. Axel and I worked in the orchard. Today I sent six Peerless apple trees with Bardwell's son to Gould in Excelsior. The school teacher came here today. Today it is mild and beautiful weather.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Frank plowed in the corn field. I planted apple seeds and did various small jobs. Before noon, Axel planted walnuts out in the woods. In the afternoon, Mamma and Axel went to Waconia. Last night, it froze hard, but today it is mild and beautiful weather.
- 4 Before noon, Axel, Frank, and I went to the election. We voted the Alliance ticket. In the afternoon, Frank plowed the corn field and finished. Axel worked in the orchard. I cut scions. It is beautiful weather.
- 5 Frank plowed in the orchard. Axel and I did various jobs in the orchard. Beautiful weather.
- 6 Frank plowed and harrowed on the other side of the track. Axel did various jobs in the orchard. I packed scions that are to be sent to Hawkinson in Minneapolis and to Patten in Charles City, Iowa. In the afternoon, I went to the Waconia depot and sent scions by express to Hawkinson and Patten. Cloudy and cold weather. It looks like snow.
- 7 Frank plowed in the square piece in the southern field. In the afternoon, he harrowed in the field on the other side of the track. Axel and I did various jobs. The school teacher went home this evening, with her brother. November 1st, we took "May" to B. Nilson's bull.
- 8 Ida, Axel, and I went to Carver. I got my premium for the fruit I exhibited at the fair. At 1 o'clock, it began to snow and it continued snowing the whole afternoon and evening so that on Sunday morning, we had six inches of snow.

- 9 **Sunday** In the afternoon, we went to visit P.D. Anderson.
- 10 The boys cleaned out the sheep barn and the chicken house, carried the apples from the granary to the cellar, etc. I went to Waconia and sold eight bushels of apples and did various other jobs out in the shop.
- 11 The boys hauled manure to the raspberry bushes as well as to the currant and gooseberry bushes. I put new soles on my sheepskin boots. Today it is beautiful weather but the snow is slowly melting.
- 12 Axel and Frank hauled manure. Today I began to prune the grapevines. It is beautiful weather, but the air is cold, so the snow is melting quite slowly.
- 13 Axel and Frank hauled manure. I pruned grapevines. Today it is a little warmer weather.
- 14 Before noon, Frank plowed, and Axel grubbed out the lilac bushes by the grapevines. I pruned back the grapevines. At 11 o'clock, John Harris from La Crosse came here to look at my orchard. Frank drove Harris to Waconia. Axel hilled in the grapevines and pruned back the grapevines.
- 15 I pruned back the grapevines. Axel and Frank hilled them in and covered the strawberry beds with hay. In the afternoon, Frank, with the womenfolk, went to Waconia. At two o'clock in the afternoon, Carl came home from Maynard. He had left Norberg's on Wednesday afternoon, so it took him three-and-a-half days to travel home. Today "Star" was with Peterman's bull.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Before noon, I pruned the grapes and finished. Axel and Frank hilled them in. In the afternoon, Frank harrowed and Axel hilled in the rest of the grapevines. I boxed up a part of the Peerless apple trees. In the afternoon, O.F. Brand and Mr. Holmes from Glencoe came here. It is beautiful weather.
- 18 In the morning, Holmes from Glencoe went home. Before noon, Brand and I cut scions from the Peerless and packed them in. Frank harrowed. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, I drove Brand to Waconia. Frank went with to Waconia and he went down to Minneapolis to go to school. I took home boards from Waconia for the boxes for the apple trees and I hauled home the large empty crate in which I sent the apples to Gibbon.
- 19 Before noon, Axel, Carl, and I butchered a pig. In the afternoon, Axel harrowed. I did various jobs like fixing up the hog barn. The beautiful weather continues.
- 20 Before noon, I cut up the pork from the pig we butchered yesterday. Around noontime a garden master by the name of C. Wedge came here from Albert Lea and I showed him all the varieties of trees in the orchard, then Carl drove him to Victoria. Axel harrowed today. It is beautiful weather.
- 21 I cut off the scions and did various other jobs. Axel fanned and plowed and then went for a load of water for the hogs. Carl and Mamma went to Waconia. It is beautiful weather. "Rosy" calved yesterday.
- 22 I cut scions from the plum trees for myself and for Hawkinson in Minneapolis and did various other jobs. Axel and Carl dug up white ash trees and did other jobs. Carl also went

to Waconia for a box of apples and scions that Patten in St. Charles, Iowa, sent me. Last night, the frost was hard. Today it is beautiful weather.

23 **Sunday**

24 I packed down the plum scions that will be sent to C. Hawkinson in Minneapolis and did other various jobs. Before noon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys grubbed in the large white elm and transplanted it. It is beautiful weather.

25 Today, I went to C. Luedloff's. I wanted pear roots to make grafts but he was not home so I got nothing. Axel and Carl grubbed stumps on the new broken field. Today, it is cold weather.

26 I did various jobs. Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" and "Fanny" shod, then the boys transplanted the boxelders along the road. It is beautiful but chilly weather. Mr. Bardwell was here with his daughter, Alice, this evening.

27 Today is **Thanksgiving Day** for a bountiful harvest. We had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, we did nothing. I wrote a letter to Patten in St. Charles, Iowa. It is beautiful weather but very dry. Frank came home, yesterday evening, from Minneapolis. They have no school until Monday.

28 Carl went to the Chaska mill with meal. Axel and Frank transplanted boxelders down by the road. I worked on boxes to put around Brand's apple trees and did other jobs.

29 Before noon, Carl, Oskar, and I went to Waconia and bought shoes in Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon, we did various jobs. Axel and Frank transplanted boxelders down by the road. Johnson, who was married with Emma Nilson, was here. He was up in Scandia and had a monument put on his wife's grave. Albertina Nelson is here this afternoon.

30 **Sunday**

December

1 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. He took home a box for me from Luedloff with the pear roots that I wanted. Axel covered the strawberry patch with cornstalks. In the afternoon, the boys put boxes over Brand's top-grafted apple trees. I made boxes for the two. This morning, John Johnson from Minneapolis traveled home. Frank went to Minneapolis on the north line, back to school. Hallstrom's daughter, from Leentrop, is here on a visit.

2 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Poppitz's and met Sture, who came home from Granite Falls. Arneson, Fredin, and his daughter, and Henry Anderson came with Sture to our house. I made boxes for Brand's apple trees. Axel set up the boxes on the trees.

3 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I visited with visitors. In the afternoon, Sture and the visitors went to P.D. Anderson's. I worked on Brand's boxes. Axel did various jobs. It is quite cold weather. Carl is sick with a cold.

- 4 Axel and I set up the storm windows and did other various jobs. Sture and the visitors went to P.D. Anderson's and to Waconia. In the evening, they went to Niklas Swenson's. Today it is cold and snowed a little the whole day.
- 5 Today in the morning, Arneson, Fredin, Henry, and Hallstrom's daughter from Leenthrop left from here to Red Wing. Sture drove them to St. Bonifacius. Today we did nothing, only small jobs.
- 6 Today we butchered three old hogs, two sows, and a boar. P.D. Anderson and Morton Swenson helped. It is beautiful weather.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Carl went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered. Sture hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I did various small jobs.
- 9 This morning at four o'clock, Sture and Axel traveled down to Minneapolis. They had the three old swine and a calf. Carl and I did various small jobs. Today it is mild and beautiful weather.
- 10 Before noon, Emma and I stayed in and wrote letters. Emma wrote letters to C. Wedge in Albert Lea and to Professor Green in St. Anthony Park. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Carl went to the Waconia depot and sent two boxes with apples out by express—one box to Professor Green, in St. Anthony Park, and one box to C. Wedge in Albert Lea. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Tornquist from Clear Lake preached. In the evening, at seven o'clock, Axel came home from Minneapolis. Sture stayed in Minneapolis to finish up some business transactions.
- 11 I finished the last of the boxes for Brand's apple trees and set them up on the trees. Carl and I burned brush piles, etc. Before noon, Carl was in Waconia with a load of wood. Axel is not well. Yesterday, it was mild weather. Today it is colder and windy.
- 12 Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I gathered cuttings from the Russian poplars and willows and then covered them with dirt. The boys helped me with it and then did various other jobs.
- 13 Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel took care of the livestock, etc. I waxed Brand's apple trees and part of my own trees. Charley Norman came here this afternoon.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Carl went to F. Lundsten's and butchered hogs. Axel went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I trimmed the currant bushes and went to P.D. Anderson's and cut scions from the seedling apples. It is mild weather with a strong south wind. In the evening, Sture came home from Minneapolis.
- 16 Before noon, Sture and Carl butchered a pig. Axel went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I trimmed currant bushes. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. I did nothing because of the palpitations. It is beautiful, fine weather.
- 17 Axel and Carl grubbed out large trees and stumps. I cut up and salted the pork, etc. Sture and the girls went to Waconia. Beautiful weather.
- 18 The boys were in the woods and piled up wood and did other jobs. Today it is warm and

beautiful weather. It has been like a summer day.

- 19 Before noon, the boys went in the woods and piled together stovewood. In the afternoon, Sture went to Lundsten's and butchered a steer. Carl went to Waconia and sent butter to the Minneapolis Market House. He also sent a letter and a package of scions to Professor Green in Minneapolis and also a letter to Luedloff in Carver. I did various jobs.
- 20 Before noon, the boys were in the woods and piled together stovewood. I cut up the beef I bought from F. Lundsten. In the afternoon, I went to an Alliance meeting in Waconia. Sture and Emma went out to John Nelson's. The other boys skated at P.D. Anderson's lake. Today we are having a beautiful Indian summer.
- 21 **Sunday** Arvid Hagstrom preached.
- 22 Before noon, Sture and I went to Waconia, then we did nothing. The other boys did a few odd jobs. There was a strong storm in the afternoon. Arvid Hagstrom was here this evening.
- 23 The boys did various small jobs then went to Waconia in the afternoon. I made boxes for the apple trees. It is cold and dry with a strong wind from the northwest.
- 24 The boys did only little small jobs and took care of the animals. I made boxes for the apple trees, etc. Frank came in from Minneapolis on the morning train. The school teacher, Miss Bardwell, left for home in the evening. It is dry and cold weather.
- 25 **Christmas Day** Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the evening, the youth went to visit around the Christmas tree at the meetinghouse in Scandia.
- 26 I wrote a letter to Brother C. W. Broms. The boys only took care of the animals. Mild and windy weather with some snowflakes.
- 27 Sture and I went to Chaska and Carver. I got a receipt for the dollar that they still had charged against me in Warner's store that I had already paid. Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Axel took care of the animals. A northwesterly, cold wind. In the evening, the youth went at Broberg's for an invitation.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 The boys hauled home stovewood. Sture and Mamma went to Waconia. I put some boxes on the apple trees, etc. In the evening, all the youth came in our congregation and surprised Emma with a gold ring, because she plays the organ at the meetings.
- 30 Before noon, the boys made brakes for the wagons. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went to Waconia with two loads of cordwood. Frank and Emma went to John Nelson's. I put some boxes around the apple trees. P. D. Anderson was here today and borrowed \$100 from Carl and \$50 from Axel. Today it is mild weather and almost hot.
- 31 Sture and Carl hauled three loads of cordwood to Waconia. The other boys did various small jobs. I did small jobs. It is mild and foggy weather.

January

- 1 Most of us were visiting at Per D. Anderson's house. Sture, Carl, and Emma were at home. The white cow, "Daisy," calved today. Last night we got a little snow.
- 2 Carl and Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Sture and Axel hauled home wood for the stove. I did various small jobs. We are having grand weather.
- 3 Today the boys and I did various small jobs. Carl went to Waconia and had the horses shod. N. Swenson was here and castrated a calf. Today we borrowed Peterman's boar to be with our sows. It is beautiful weather.
- 4 **Sunday** P.D. Anderson and his son-in-law, Larsson (from Minneapolis), were here today visiting in the afternoon. In the evening, our school teacher, Miss Bardwell, came back again.
- 5 Today we butchered seven hogs. P.D. Anderson helped us. This morning, Frank returned to school in Minneapolis.
- 6 At four o'clock this morning, Sture and Axel left for Minneapolis with the seven butchered hogs. Carl took care of the livestock and did the chores. I did nothing. In the evening we went to a prayer meeting in Scandia. Great weather.
- 7 Carl cared for the livestock and did the chores. I wrote a letter to Sweden and also did various other small jobs. In the evening, a little past six, Sture and Axel returned from Minneapolis. It is beautiful weather. Our folks are at a prayer meeting in Scandia.
- 8 I finished the letter to Sweden. The boys did the chores. It is very nice weather. Frank Lundsten was here to get Peterman's boar. Our sows did not breed with him.
- 9 Today we have done nothing, only Sture went fishing in the afternoon and caught two fish. I mailed the letter to Sweden to my brother, Rydell.
- 10 Today we had our annual business meeting at the church in Scandia. In the afternoon, Sture and I went an Alliance meeting in Waconia. The other boys did the chores and also went fishing. Today I sent a letter to John Pearson in Elizabethtown, New Mexico, asking him to send us the money he has collected.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 I wrote some copies of my brother Rydell's letter he sent me last year. I will send a copy to each of my sister's children here in America. Carl went to Litchfield for a wedding. Sture drove him to Watertown. Axel did the chores.
- 13 Today Mamma and I went visiting to John Nelson's house. Axel did the chores.
- 14 In the morning we did nothing. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia with Sture and a load of cordwood. Axel did the chores. Today we brought the heifer, "Star," to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 15 Today it is very cold and still we have no snow. Axel cared for the livestock and did the chores. I did various small jobs in the carpentry workshop.

- 16 I repaired a plow and did small things in the shop. Sture went to Excelsior to the Farmers' Alliance meeting. Axel did the chores. Frank came home from the school in Minneapolis because he has apparently caught a cold.
- 17 I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. Axel took care of the cattle and the horses and did the chores. Sture is still in Excelsior at the meeting.
- 18 **Sunday** Brother Landloff preached in the afternoon for us in Scandia.
- 19 In the forenoon I wrote a letter to Fridlund in Morgan Park and in the afternoon, I went to Waconia and mailed it. The boys did a few small jobs. This evening, the Borrow Nilsons were here to visit. Today we had mild weather.
- 20 I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. Axel and Frank are not well. Today we brought Peterman's boar from Lundsten's place as the black sow is wanting to breed.
- 21 I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. Sture went to Broberg's to help take up ice. The other boys are sawing wood for the stove and doing chores. In the evening the young people went to B. Nilson's house for a surprise party.
- 22 I did various small jobs in the carpenter shop. The boys did the chores.
- 23 I finished making a machine that I can use to twist hay into rope and I will use the "hayrope" to wind around the apple trees. The boys did the chores and went to Waconia to get the mail.
- 24 I did various small jobs in the shop. Sture went to F. Lundsten's and helped butcher hogs. The other boys did the chores.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 This morning Frank returned to Minneapolis to go to school. He is feeling better. In the afternoon Carl returned home from Litchfield. Today, I have begun to make apple grafts. In the forenoon, Sture and Axel butchered a calf and in the afternoon Sture went to Waconia and then to F. Lundsten's with the butchered calf. Frank Lundsten will take it to Minneapolis.
- 27 Sture and Carl each hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel is sawing wood for the stove and doing chores. I made apple grafts. In the evening, our family and Miss Bardwell, the school teacher, went to Ottinger's house to visit.
- 28 In the forenoon, Sture and Carl each hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon it snowed, so they only did the chores. I made apple grafts.
- 29 Sture and Carl each hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia and Axel sawed wood for the stove and did the chores. I made apple grafts.
- 30 Sture and Carl each hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia and these two loads were the last of the maple cordwood. I made apple grafts.
- 31 Carl went to Chaska to pay the personal property tax and then went to Carver to buy medicine. Sture went to Waconia two times and drove the school teacher to and from Waconia. She went to a School Institute meeting in Norwood. I made apple grafts.

February

- 1 **Sunday** The weather is cold, but the sleighing is good.
- 2 Today it is storming, with snow and cold. I made apple grafts. Sture filed the saws. In the afternoon, the boys sawed down an oak tree on the southern forty to use for lumber. It is getting colder.
- 3 Today it is 12 degrees below 0, with a strong northwest wind. The boys only did the chores. I made apple grafts. Today the white sow wants to breed, but we don't know if she took the boar.
- 4 Today it is just as cold. I made apple grafts. The boys did various small jobs and also did the chores. Sture went to Waconia and bought a quarter of beef from John Radde and also express-mailed butter to Minneapolis.
- 5 Sture and Carl hauled wood to Chaska using the two teams. In the forenoon I cut up the beef that we bought yesterday in Waconia and then I packed it down in the snow. In the afternoon I began to make pear tree grafts. Today is mild and good weather. Today we took the heifer "Molly" to Peterman's bull.
- 6 Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Chaska using the two teams. Axel did the chores, etc. I grafted pear trees. It is mild and sunny weather. In the evening our family went to John Nelson's house to visit.
- 7 Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Chaska using the two teams. Axel did the chores, etc. I grafted plum trees and now I have finished my grafting. F. Lundsten was here to get the boar for the second time.
- 8 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis preached for us today. In the afternoon we had a hard snowstorm.
- 9 Sture and I were in the shop and did various small repair jobs. Axel and Carl did the chores, etc.
- 10 The boys cut a couple of oak trees and hauled them to the sawmill in Waconia. I did various jobs in the shop. Today is great weather.
- 11 Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Chaska using the two teams. I did various small jobs in the shop. In the afternoon I went to Waconia. Axel did the chores.
- 12 Sture and Carl went to Chaska with both teams hauling cordwood. I was in the shop mending the plows, etc.
- 13 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Chaska and the other boys did the chores. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon we all went visiting to Bardwell's in Excelsior.
- 14 Our folks returned from Bardwell's in Excelsior a little before noon. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went to the sawmill in Waconia and hauled home the oak lumber. I went along to Waconia. It is mild weather.
- 15 **Sunday** Today it is thawing, so the sleighing is poor.
- 16 Today we had a snowstorm so we did nothing. Sture went to Waconia and bought two axes.
- 17 In the forenoon we had a strong snowstorm and in the evening it was very cold with a northwest wind. Sture and I were in the shop and did various small jobs. The others sawed wood for the stove, cared for the livestock, and did the chores.

- 18 The boys cut stovewood from the oak tops on the other side of the tracks. Mamma and I were at N. Swenson's for a party. All of the old members of our church were there.
- 19 Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Chaska using two teams and hauled bricks back with them to Swanberg's house. I did various small jobs out in the shop. Axel did the chores and in the afternoon, we had a snowstorm.
- 20 This morning it is still snowing. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home oak logs from the southern forty that we can use for gate posts. I worked in the shop and made axe handles and did other small jobs.
- 21 Axel and Carl began to cut cordwood on the north forty by the gate to Zieman's land. I did various small jobs in the shop. Sture drove the school teacher to Waconia. Today we took the heifer, "Flora," to Peterman's bull.
- 22 **Sunday** Today at 12 noon it started snowing very hard.
- 23 The boys cut cordwood on the north forty. I did various small jobs in the shop. Today we have mild weather and the snow melt is dripping from the eaves.
- 24 In the forenoon, the weather is mild and in the afternoon it is very cold. In the morning the boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon they cut cordwood. Sture went to the depot with butter to express-send to Minneapolis. I sewed myself some leather mitts.
- 25 Sture and Carl hauled cordwood to Chaska using the two teams. Axel did the chores. I did various small jobs in the shop. We have a very cold northwest wind.
- 26 The boys cut cordwood and did other various jobs. I did various small jobs in the shop. It is very cold weather.
- 27 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and had "Frank" and the mare shod and also sent three jars of butter to the Minneapolis Market House. I did various jobs in the shop. The cold is continuing.
- 28 I went to John Nelson's schoolhouse to a German meeting. Sture and Carl went to a Chaska market. Axel went to the Waconia depot and met Frank, who came home from school in Minneapolis. The cold weather is continuing.

March

- 1 **Sunday** Today we buried Frank Swenson from Minneapolis in the Scandia cemetery. He was accidentally killed by a falling timber in the forest.
- 2 This morning we butchered two hogs for our own use. One of the pigs weighed 250 pounds and the other weighed 246 pounds. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl cut cordwood. Axel is not well. Frank did chores. I did various small jobs. Two of Kjell's children from Delano were with us overnight.
- 3 Some of the boys cut cordwood. I cut up the pork and salted it. John Swenson from Minneapolis is here on a visit.
- 4 In the forenoon, Axel, Frank, and I were in Waconia and bought shoes. We had grist along for the mill. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel cut cordwood. Carl and Frank helped the womenfolk grind the sausage meat. I pitched the loose straw away from the straw stacks,

etc.

- 5 The boys cut cordwood. I made brine for the pork and did other jobs.
- 6 The boys cut cordwood. I painted the wheelbarrow and the plows and did other small jobs. The cold has become more moderate and we have some snow flurries.
- 7 The boys cut cordwood. In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and in the afternoon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Sture went to Waconia. Today we have mild weather.
- 8 **Sunday** Today we had an all-day snowstorm.
- 9 The boys hauled hay from the south barn to the north barn and hauled the haystack home. Mamma and I were at Lundsten's house for a party to celebrate J. Lundsten's birthday.
- 10 In the morning Sture, Carl, and I went to the town election. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood and I did nothing. Axel is not well.
- 11 Three of the boys cut cordwood. Axel hauled out the manure from the sheep barn to the barnyard. In the forenoon I did various jobs and in the afternoon I had heart palpitations and went to bed.
- 12 Sture went to an auction north of St. Bonifacius. The other boys cut cordwood half the day and in the afternoon they did nothing. I wrote a letter to Wingren in Chicago asking him to send the paper, *Nya VeckoPosten*, to my brother Rydell in Sweden. Carl went to Waconia and bought a draft, put it in the letter, and mailed it. In the afternoon, I did various jobs in the shop.
- 13 This morning Sture and Ida went to Minneapolis. Sture intends to buy a drill seeder. The other boys cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the shop.
- 14 The boys cut cordwood. I started to build a box for the wagon. It has been and continues to be cold.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 The boys cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and met Sture and Ida, who came back from Minneapolis. I worked on the wagon box in the shop. In the afternoon, W. Bardwell came to get the school teacher, because Dr. Brae has died. It is still very cold.
- 17 The boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. Sture and Emma went to Dr. Brae's funeral in Excelsior.
- 18 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon Sture went to Waconia with butter to send to the Market House in Minneapolis. I worked in the carpenter shop. Today the cow "Nancy" was with Peterman's bull.
- 19 The boys cut cordwood. Mamma, Sture, and I went to Freed's house to visit and buy some potatoes. It is beautiful weather.
- 20 The boys cut and hauled out cordwood from the forest. Sture is not well. I did nothing as John Nelson and his wife were here to visit. Nelson exchanged some of his Scottish Fife seed wheat for my bluestem seed wheat.
- 21 The boys hauled cordwood from the forest. Sture is not well. In the afternoon I went to the Alliance meeting in Waconia. It is mild weather.

22 **Sunday**

- 23 The boys hauled cordwood out of the forest. Ottinger and his son, George, were here this afternoon and got bluestem seed wheat. Sture is in bed. I spent time visiting with Ottinger, so I did no work.
- 24 I finished the wagon box, although I had to stop and rest for a while because of my heart. In the morning, Carl went to Waconia with letters to mail and the other boys hauled wood. In the afternoon they also hauled wood. Sture is not well. Frank and Josephine went to Lindeberger's house this afternoon for a funeral for a fourteen-year-old girl. In the evening our folks went to a party at Andrew Broberg's house.
- 25 The boys cut and hauled cordwood out of the forest. Sture is still not well. I painted the wagon box, etc., but I am not very well.
- 26 The boys cut cordwood. In the forenoon Sture helped me write letters to Professor Green in St. Anthony Park and to Latham in Excelsior. In the afternoon, Sture went and mailed the letters. I did not work as I am not well. I have a cold. Emma is also sick. I think it is the grippe [influenza] that we have.
- 27 The boys cut cordwood. Sture went to the Waconia depot with butter. I did nothing as I am not well. Today we had beautiful weather.
- 28 Axel and Frank cut wood for the stove on the north forty. Carl went to the Chaska and Carver markets. I did some painting out in the shop. Our public school is finished today. Sture went to the school in the afternoon. Emma now has the grippe sickness. Mamma and I are also bothered with it.

29 **Sunday Easter**

- 30 It stormed and rained all night. Today it is sleeting and snowing. The boys fanned seed wheat. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 31 This morning it snowed and rained. The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon they cut stovewood in the forest. I did various jobs in the shop. Today the teacher, Miss Bardwell, left us and went home.

April

- 1 The boys cut stovewood in the north forest. I did various jobs in the shop.
- 2 The boys cut stovewood in the north forest. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 3 The boys cut down some butternut trees for sap troughs and hauled home wood for the stove and also stumps from the field. I did various small jobs. It froze very hard last night.
- 4 The boys cut wood for the stove at home and also made sap troughs. Sture went to Waconia. I made a cover for the syrup trough, etc. It is beautiful weather, but the ground remains hard [frozen].

5 **Sunday**

- 6 The boys cut cordwood and made sap troughs, etc. In the afternoon they started to tap the maples. I did various jobs. Yesterday "Molly" was with the Peterman's bull for the second time.

- 7 The boys tapped the maples and gathered sap. I got things in order to cook the sap and we started to make the syrup. Today we took "Blossy" to Peterman's bull.
- 8 The boys cut wood for the stove, cooked the syrup, etc. Sture worked for F. Lundsten. They are building a new barn for W. Maetzold. I top-grafted cherry trees and plum trees. Today we had a strong storm with much wind.
- 9 Today it rained and snowed the whole day. We did only a few small jobs out in the carpenter shop.
- 10 Even today it has snowed almost the entire day, so we again did only a few small jobs. In the forenoon, Sture and Carl went to the Waconia depot with butter and brought the mail home with them.
- 11 Today it is great weather with lots of sunshine. In the afternoon Sture and I went to the Waconia market and the Alliance meeting. The other boys worked at the syrup camp. The sap is running good, so they have gathered over 100 pails. Most of the snow melted today. Yesterday I received 200 pear seedlings from Charles Hawkinson in Minneapolis.
- 12 **Sunday** The remaining snow melted today. The roads are so wet and muddy they are almost impossible to travel on.
- 13 Carl went to the Watertown market to try to sell the white horse. The other boys gathered the maple sap and cooked the syrup. In the afternoon, Sture and I made over some Peerless apple grafts that the rabbits had destroyed.
- 14 Today we began to sow the wheat. Carl sowed the large part of the south field and in the afternoon, Frank harrowed it in. Axel cut stovewood and gathered sap. I waxed the new grafts that we had to make because the rabbits destroyed the old ones, and then I made some more apple and plum grafts. Sture is building on W. Maetzold's barn. We are having beautiful weather.
- 15 Carl finished seeding the large piece of the south field, and then sowed on the field by Peterman's land. Frank harrowed in the forenoon in the garden where we will seed alfalfa clover, and in the afternoon he harrowed in the wheat. Axel gathered maple sap and made syrup. I top-grafted apple trees. Sture worked for W. Maetzold. Beautiful weather.
- 16 Carl and Frank sowed oats and wheat on the other side of the track. Axel sowed alfalfa in the garden and gathered maple sap. I top-grafted Peerless apple trees. Hubbard from Waconia was here and bought four trees. Thorpe bought seed wheat. Sture worked for Maetzold. It is windy with showers today.
- 17 Carl sowed wheat on the five-acre piece of the south field and seeded part of the field by the barn. Frank harrowed the wheat and then harrowed in and rolled the alfalfa in the garden. Axel gathered maple sap and did various other jobs. I top-grafted Peerless apple trees. Dahlstrom from Minneapolis is here. In the evening we had a meeting and Dahlstrom preached. It is beautiful weather.
- 18 Carl finished seeding the field by the barn and then sowed the piece where we had the grain stacks—that finished the seeding. Axel and Frank dug up Russian poplars that I am sending to Hawkinson at Rose Hill. I pruned and heeled them in last fall. The boys also gathered

maple sap. Dahlstrom is here. Beautiful weather with no wind.

- 19 **Sunday** Dahlstrom preached.
- 20 Frank and I packed the poplars for Hawkinson at Rose Hill. Axel and Carl gathered sap and made maple syrup. In the afternoon Carl took a load of wheat to the Victoria Station. Dahlstrom went along, as he went home to Minneapolis. It rained quite hard in the afternoon. Freed came and will stay overnight with us.
- 21 In the morning it was still raining, so we could not do any work. In the afternoon Frank and I went to the Waconia depot with three bundles of Russian poplars and sent them to Hawkinson in Minneapolis. There were 80 trees in the bundles. Axel and Carl took the spouts out of the maple trees and then repaired some fence, etc. Yesterday we finished up the last of the maple syrup. We made around 60 gallons.
- 22 Axel and Carl laid a piece of fence by the hog pasture and then set out ash trees along the road, and then they set out Cuthbert raspberry bushes. Frank helped me in the orchard. He took away and heaped up dirt around the one- and two-year-old grafts and then he dug up ash trees. I took up the heeled-in apple trees and took away the boxes around the apple trees.
- 23 Carl finished the harrowing in the barn field and then went to Victoria with a load of wheat. Axel, Frank, and I worked on various things in the orchard. We set out pear seedlings, plowed, harrowed, made grafts, fanned wheat, etc.
- 24 Carl hauled a load of wheat to Victoria. In the afternoon Carl and Frank each hauled two loads of wheat to Victoria. Axel and I set out many kinds of ornamental trees and fanned wheat.
- 25 Carl took the white horse to the Chaska market but did not sell it. Frank rolled the grain fields all day. Axel uncovered the grapevines. I set out pear and plum grafts. In the evening a book agent from the Carver settlement by the name of Edward Arveson came here and will stay over Sunday. Even a relative of mine, Andrew Johnson from Leentrop parish, came here this evening.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I set out apple grafts, etc. The boys cultivated and plowed and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, Carl rolled the field by the barn. In the afternoon, Andrew Johnson from Leentrop was here. He came from P. D. Anderson's and he went back there again and tomorrow he will return to Leentrop. On April 18th we finished the seeding. On the large piece of the south field, we sowed 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of bluestem wheat on 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres; on the field by Peterman's land, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of bluestem wheat on 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres; on the 5-acre piece of the south field, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels of Scottish Fife wheat on 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres; on the old part of the field by the barn, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels bluestem wheat on 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres; on the new part of the same field, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels bluestem on 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. On the other side of the tracks we sowed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels oats on 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ acres; on the same field 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels on 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ acre. Altogether we have sowed 37 bushels of wheat on 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of oats on 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, with a total of 34 acres.
- 28 Axel and Carl planted potatoes by the old hog pen and burned off the swamplands. Frank

helped the womenfolk with the sheep shearing. I set out apple grafts and did various other small jobs.

- 29 First thing this morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated the lambs. I set out the last of the apple grafts in the afternoon. Carl went to Waconia and had "Rock" and the mare shod. The other boys worked by the poplar trees. In the afternoon they hauled manure onto the field where corn is to be planted.
- 30 The boys hauled manure from the hog pen to the home field where corn is to be planted. I set out apple trees, etc. Today we took the mare to B. Nilson's stud and she took him also.

May

- 1 Axel and Carl hauled manure. Frank planted ornamental trees by the schoolhouse and by the church and also brought home the mail from Waconia. I set out apple trees and did various small jobs.
- 2 Axel and Frank hauled manure. Carl hauled manure for F. Lundsten. I set out the last of the apple trees. Sture is working steadily for F. Lundsten. It is cold and very dry. We need rain or snow.
- 3 **Sunday** Today the student, Linder, spoke to us for the first time.
- 4 Carl plowed the home field for corn. Axel and Frank planted poplar and willow cuttings and did various other jobs. It is very dry and cold. Last night the water froze as thick as window glass.
- 5 Carl and Frank plowed on the home field and used both teams of horses. In the afternoon, Carl and Mamma went to Waconia. Axel dug up quackgrass roots in the home field. I tied up grapevines and did various other small jobs. The weather is still cold and very dry.
- 6 First the boys dug up quackgrass roots and then they harrowed and rolled the home field. In the afternoon they plowed the newly broken part of the home field for corn, potatoes, and sugar beets. Axel planted potatoes. I finished tying up the grapevines.
- 7 The boys marked the home field for corn and also marked the newly broken field and then planted potatoes. I got things ready to make soap and then I fixed up the sheep and hog barns. P.D. Anderson came and got poplar cuttings.
- 8 The boys plowed, harrowed, and rolled the square field for corn, and Frank planted corn on the home field. I planted grape and willow cuttings, etc. In the evening a man by the name of Gregg from St. Paul came and stayed overnight. He is traveling with the Farmers' Alliance business. We took "Rose" to Peterman's bull.
- 9 Axel rolled the field. Frank planted corn on the square field and the newly broken field and now they have finished planting corn. Carl and I went to the Waconia market and then to an Alliance meeting. We chose Harris in Chanhassen to be our delegate to the convention in Cincinnati. It has been windy and hot the last few days. This morning we had thunder, but tonight it is very cold.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 P. D. Anderson, J. Lundsten, and I went to John Nelson's to visit and have a business

meeting. Frank harrowed the newly broken field in the meadow. Axel did various jobs and Carl went to Watertown and sold the white horse for \$60. We took the mare to B. Nilson's stud for the second time but she would not take him.

- 12 This morning, Carl, Frank, Mamma, and Emma went to Minneapolis with a load of wool. Axel did various jobs. I made some grafting wax and also did various other small jobs.
- 13 I did various small jobs. Axel piled the grubbed-out willow bushes. In the evening, Freed, B. Nilson, P.D. Anderson, and I went to Lundsten's house for a business meeting. Shortly after 9 o'clock our folks came home from Minneapolis.
- 14 In the forenoon, Axel, Carl, and I went to Waconia and brought home the icebox that I had bought from Kohler. In the afternoon we did various jobs.
- 15 Axel hoed in the garden and also did various other jobs. Carl worked for Lundsten. I pruned apple trees. Frank helped the womenfolk to wallpaper the rooms. Henry Anderson from Leenthrop came to us from St. Paul today.
- 16 I pruned apple trees. Frank helped the womenfolk with the wallpapering. Axel trimmed the walnut trees. Carl and Henry Anderson went to Waconia and then for a pleasure trip out on the Clearwater Lake island. The drought continues.
- 17 **Sunday (Pentecost)** Frank Peterson and his wife were here. He made a missionary speech in the evening about Africa. We took up a collection for the foreign missions.
- 18 This morning Sture and Carl went to Minneapolis to buy a riding wagon with springs and a gravestone. Henry Anderson left for home so Frank drove him to Augusta. Axel burned the willow brush piles out on the meadow, etc. I picked caterpillars off the apple trees. Rev. Linder moved to our house today.
- 19 Frank plowed on the newly broken field in the south meadow and then went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. Axel did various jobs. I picked caterpillars off the apple trees and trimmed up the evergreens. We took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull. This afternoon we had a little rain. This evening, Carl returned from Minneapolis with a three-seat wagon with springs. Sture walked the tracks into Excelsior and attended a concert.
- 20 Today we did various things. We harrowed and plowed, planted sugar beets and melons, trimmed evergreens and walnut trees, and also plowed the newly broken field in the south meadow. The weather is hot and muggy but there is no rain.
- 21 Axel and Carl built a wire trellis for the raspberry bushes. Frank went to Chaska and paid the taxes and then Carl and Frank set fence posts. Axel burned the willow brush piles on the meadow. I washed off the apple trees and picked caterpillars off the trees. Today we had the mare with the stallion for the third time, but she would not take him.
- 22 The boys made a wire fence north of the barn and also burned willow brush. I trimmed the apple trees. Hay, the butcher from Excelsior, was here and purchased two ewes and one lamb. Peter Swenson from Carver came here to tell us his wife, Kerstin, was dead, and asked to have her buried in Scandia. In the afternoon, N. Swenson and I picked out a place in the Scandia cemetery.
- 23 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank took away the fence on the north side of the barn. Carl and

Willie Swenson dug the grave for Kerstin Swenson. I pruned apple trees. In the afternoon we went to Scandia for Kerstin Swenson's funeral. We did nothing the rest of the day.

24 **Sunday**

25 The boys plowed by the barnyard and by the plum trees and then planted sugar beets and squash and broke a new strip of land north of the barn and also a piece by the plum trees. I pruned the plum trees and picked off caterpillars. In the afternoon J. Lundsten was here and wrote a letter from the congregation to the conference, so I did no work.

26 The boys hauled away the worn fence that was between Peterman's field and mine on the other side of the tracks. They also repaired the fence around the pasture. I pruned apple trees and picked off leaf-eating caterpillars. Sture is working on Lindberg's barn.

27 The boys are putting up a wire fence on the other side of the tracks between Peterman's field and mine. Niklas Swenson and I went with P.D. Anderson to Waconia to witness for him as he is trying to get a pension. After that I pruned apple trees.

28 The boys finished putting up the fence and then they grubbed the point on the island. I pruned apple trees, etc.

29 In the forenoon the boys grubbed in the meadow by Peltz's land. In the afternoon they dug a hole where we intend to have a well drilled, then cut the dry dead tops from the butternut trees. In the morning I went to Waconia and agreed with Glashan that he will drill a well for me at 95 cents a foot. In the afternoon I pruned apple trees, etc.

30 Axel, Mamma, and Josephine went to Carver and sold smoked pork, and then they traded in the stores. Carl and Frank did various jobs. Carl also went to Waconia and had the wheels of the buggy fixed. I did various small jobs.

31 **Sunday**

June

1 The boys cultivated and plowed in the garden and then they planted various things, repaired fences, etc. Carl went to Waconia and hauled home the machine for drilling the well. We moved the pump from the west meadow to the south meadow. We took "Blossy" to Peterman's bull for the second time.

2 The boys set fence posts by the upper pasture, etc. I did various other jobs. We moved the livestock to the south pasture. The 31st of May, the black sow farrowed a litter of seven pigs.

3 The boys worked on the fence by the upper pasture, etc. I did various other jobs. Emma came home from Bardwell's today. The assessor, Lambrecht, was here.

4 The boys set fence posts by the lower pasture and hauled away the stone pile. I did various jobs. Yesterday and today it is cold and cloudy but no rain. Rev. Linder left and went to the district meeting in Clear Lake.

5 Carl took grist to the Carver Mill. Frank cultivated the corn. Axel did various jobs. I worked on the icebox and then in the garden. The spring term for the school ended today.

6 The boys finished the fence by the lower pasture. Frank cultivated the corn for half the day. In the forenoon I worked on the icebox and in the afternoon Josephine and I went to

Waconia. The dry weather continues—we need lots of rain.

- 7 **Sunday** Miss Russell and a Smith from Excelsior were here.
- 8 The boys harrowed the newly broken land in the meadow, buried a calf that we found dead in the pasture, and cleared brush off the swamp near Peltz's land. I killed the caterpillars that I found on the apple trees. In the evening, a couple of Swedes who are living at the Lafayette Hotel came here and stayed overnight. They bought butter, eggs, and chickens.
- 9 Carl and Frank worked on the road. Axel grubbed in the north meadow swampland, by Peltz's land. I worked on the icebox and then picked leaf-eating caterpillars off the trees. Rev. Linder came back home from Clear Lake today.
- 10 This morning we had much-needed rain. Carl went to Waconia and had the breaking plow sharpened. In the afternoon Carl and Frank worked on the road. Axel grubbed in the north meadow. I worked on the icebox, etc. Rev. Linder moved from our house to Niklas Swenson's today.
- 11 Carl and Frank, with the horses, worked on the road. Axel grubbed in the north swampland and I pruned the grapevines and picked the caterpillars off the apple trees, etc.
- 12 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl dug the well deeper in the swamp on the other side of the tracks. Frank mowed the alfalfa. At ten o'clock Glashan's men arrived. They are going to drill a well for us. Sture helped them and he also worked on the icebox. In the afternoon we finished deepening the well on the southern forty. The well driller, Pete (from Jordan), and Frank drilled during the afternoon. I pruned grapevines and picked off leaf-eating worms.
- 13 Frank and the well driller worked on the well. Carl cultivated the corn. Axel hauled logs and stumps from the north swampland, etc. I puttied and painted the icebox and then picked worms off the apple trees.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 In the forenoon Carl went to Waconia on an errand for the well driller. Axel turned the alfalfa. In the afternoon Axel and Carl hauled in the alfalfa. The well driller and Frank worked all day on the well. I did various jobs. In the late afternoon we had a wonderful rain, but today we had warm, humid weather.
- 16 In the forenoon Axel and Carl hewed out gate posts. In the afternoon Carl cultivated the new fields. Axel fished. Frank and P. Hubbard drilled on the well. I finished the icebox and carried it down to the basement. This afternoon it rained.
- 17 Carl went to Paul Pofahl's place and helped to raise his barn. Frank and Hubbard worked on the well. Axel did various jobs. I picked worms off the apple trees. This afternoon it rained, so we did nothing.
- 18 Carl worked at Paul Pofahl's place again today, helping with the barn raising. Axel hoed on the new field and in the garden. Frank and Hubbard worked on the well. I pruned grapevines.
- 19 Mamma and I went to John Nelson's to visit. In the forenoon Axel and Carl cultivated and hoed. Frank and Peter Hubbard worked at drilling the well. In the afternoon, most of us went to Waconia to watch the soldiers in the Grand Army parade.

- 20 The boys hoed corn all day. Peter Hubbard went home to Jordan, so nothing was done with the well. In the morning I went to the Waconia mill and got some orders for wheat. In the afternoon I did various jobs. Mamma went to a party at Emma Bergquist's home and in the evening, all the young people were at Emma's house.
- 21 **Sunday** Sandell from Minneapolis preached in Scandia today.
- 22 The boys hoed corn. Around midday, the well driller came here. It was not Peter Hubbard, but his brother. I finished pruning the grapevines. Mrs. Erickson from Lincoln is here with us. Yesterday we had a heavy rain shower.
- 23 Sture and Carl each hauled two loads of wheat to the Waconia mill. The well driller is working on the well. Axel and Frank hoed the sugar beets. I made a box in which to haul live hogs to Carver.
- 24 Last night we had very heavy rain. It was still raining this morning and into the afternoon. In the afternoon they worked on the well. Carl and Frank went fishing. Axel and Ida went to Waconia and I hoed around the evergreens. Mrs. Erickson went to Scandia today.
- 25 Axel and Carl went to Carver with the white sow and sold it. Frank planted sugar beets and hoed. I also hoed. The well drillers worked on the well. Sture and Emma went to Waconia. She went to Bardwell's house in Excelsior to sew for them. Sture took the mare to B. Nilson's stud again but she refused to take him. It is very likely she is pregnant since the first time she was bred. Caroline Anderson and Alice Norman were here.
- 26 Carl cultivated the corn. Axel and I repaired the bridges in the meadow, etc. I hoed in the garden. In the afternoon, Axel, Frank, and I pulled the pump and bricks from the well on the southern forty [to reuse]. Today, Elsa's brother's daughter, Olivia Ingeman, came here for a visit. N. Swenson castrated our pigs today.
- 27 Today it has rained many times, so we have not done very much. In the morning, the boys pulled up more bricks from the well on the southern forty but they had to leave about five feet of bricks as the well threatened to collapse. In the afternoon Carl drove Olivia Ingeman to Waconia as she continued her journey home. The other boys picked potato bugs. Sture went fishing.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 The boys cut and mowed the hay in the home field and around the house and the clover in the west meadow and after, they cultivated. This morning, Mamma and I went to St. Bonifacius and bought sugar, etc. In the afternoon I hoed. Today there is very much moisture in the air and it is cold and cloudy.
- 30 Today we filled in the well on the southern forty and dug a new well in the swamp. In the afternoon I hoed by the Russian poplar cuttings.

July

- 1 This morning we finished digging the well on the south swampland and lined it with brick. In the afternoon Carl plowed in the corn. Frank plowed in the creek and by the grapes, etc. I did various small jobs. It has rained a little a couple of times today.

- 2 This morning Carl cultivated the corn. Frank turned the hay, etc. I repaired the rakes. In the afternoon, Carl and Frank, together with Mamma, raked the hay and hauled it in. I went to Waconia and had the mower repaired. Axel is not well. In the afternoon, Emma returned home from the Bardwell's house and Alice Bardwell came along with her.
- 3 The boys mowed and cut the alfalfa in the garden and then they hoed. In the afternoon Carl went to Scandia and set up tables and benches. I trimmed grapevines. In the afternoon Alice Bardwell went home. It is warm today.
- 4 Today we had a celebration in Scandia. It was very nice weather and there were many people who came out from Minneapolis.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 First we hauled in the alfalfa from the garden and then it started to rain. It rained quite hard the rest of the day.
- 7 This morning Carl went to Waconia and had the horse "Frank" shod. He had the well driller with him home. Axel and Frank broke the strip of ground by the old hog yard. In the afternoon Carl and Axel mowed and cut the hay on the west meadow. Frank worked by the well. I cut blight from the apple trees.
- 8 The boys plowed and hoed in the garden and in the sugar beets. Then they mowed out by the island. I did various jobs. Frank and the well driller worked on the well. Sture is working on Swanberg's home building.
- 9 In the forenoon Carl mowed on the other side of the track. Axel turned hay, etc. Frank worked on the well until 10 o'clock and then he raked hay. The other well driller came and took Frank's place. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the hay from the west meadow and the island. I hoed in the garden all day.
- 10 In the forenoon, Carl broke the timothy strip on the island. Axel and Frank cultivated the corn. In the afternoon, they hauled in the hay from the other side of the track. The well drillers worked on the well and I hoed in the garden.
- 11 In the forenoon, Carl broke land on the island. Axel cut hay. Frank had "Mag" shod in Waconia. The well drillers broke something on the machine early in the morning, so they went to Waconia. In the afternoon the boys mowed and cut hay. I went to the Alliance meeting in Waconia.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled in hay and also hoed in the garden, etc. The well drillers worked on the well. I hoed in the garden.
- 14 The boys plowed the corn, hauled in the hay, and hoed. I went to Maple Hill to get twine. Mamma and Mrs. Erickson went along as far as John Nelson's, where they stayed and visited. The well drillers worked on the well, but again they broke the drilling point.
- 15 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled in hay. The well drillers worked on the well. I cut weeds in the forest and by the old hog pen and pulled up thistles that have become a troublesome weed. In the afternoon a man from Minneapolis by the name of Mortenson came here. He will stay overnight.

- 16 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled in hay. The well drillers are working on the well. I did various jobs.
- 17 Today the well drillers decided it was no use to drill any deeper for water in that place as there is still no sign of water even though they are down 300 feet. They decided they would try a place along the driveway by the cabbage beds. This morning Carl dug out the hole for the new well drilling place. Axel and Frank fanned two loads of wheat and hauled it to the Waconia mill. In the afternoon, Frank helped to screw apart the pipes by the old drill hole. Axel and Carl hauled home hay from the island. I did various small jobs.
- 18 In the forenoon, Frank and Carl fanned two loads of wheat and hauled it to the Waconia mill. In the afternoon they plowed in the corn. Axel helped to pull the pipes out of the well. Yesterday and today Glashan had three men working on the well. I did various jobs.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl cut hay by the island. Frank broke sod. I went to Waconia and bought meat. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home hay, etc. We have invited all the older members in the church to come here for a farewell party in honor of Sister Anna Greta Erickson from Lake Crystal. She is leaving us early tomorrow morning to go home.
- 21 Mamma and I drove Sister Erickson and her granddaughter, Mrs. Wolf, down to Shakopee, where they took the train home to Lake Crystal. Mamma and I returned home by way of Carver. The boys mowed the alfalfa for the second time and then cultivated and hoed. In the afternoon at 4:30 the other well drillers arrived.
- 22 The boys hauled home the hay from the southwest meadow and they also stacked it. In the forenoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of wheat and had the mare shod. I cleared off brush by the old hog pasture. The well drillers worked on the well.
- 23 In the forenoon Axel, Carl, and I cut hay on the graveyard and on the schoolhouse lot. At noon we had a hard rain shower, so in the afternoon we did various other jobs. The well drillers worked on the well.
- 24 In the forenoon Mamma and Carl went to St. Bonifacius and sold chicks. Axel and Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the second crop of alfalfa. I did nothing as I am not well. Last night a book agent from Winona was here and I bought a book for \$2.25 from him. The well drillers worked on the well.
- 25 The boys hoed in the garden and grubbed out white oaks on the island to use for posts for the windmill. I cut weeds by the walnut trees and cut blight from the trees. The well drillers worked on the well. In the afternoon Pettijohn and his wife were here for a visit.
- 26 **Sunday** In the afternoon Rev. Linder preached at the Watertown Covenant Church and our young people went along and sang.
- 27 The boys hauled home the hay from the graveyard, cultivated and hoed, etc. I did various jobs. In the afternoon Emma and Mrs. Pettijohn went to Excelsior. Emma is to sew for the Morris's family.
- 28 The boys hauled straw down into the hog pasture and put it on the Canada thistles. I cut Canada thistles and other weeds. In the morning it rained. The well drillers worked on the

well.

- 29 The boys hauled old straw and put it on the Canada thistles in the hog pasture, etc. I hoed and sprayed tobacco water on the lice on the apple trees. The well drillers worked on the well.
- 30 The boys fenced around the place where we will stack the grain and did various other jobs. Frank went to the Waconia mill with the grist. I hoed and did several other things. The well drillers worked on the well. The one man's name is Henry Schepers and his partner is George Newcomb.
- 31 The boys reaped the wheat on the five-acre piece of the south field. I hoed, etc. The well drillers found water at 177 feet.

August

- 1 In the forenoon it misted. The boys did various jobs. We did not continue reaping the wheat as it is not ripe. Axel and Frank hoed and Carl went fishing and also went to Waconia. I hoed, etc. Sture is still working on Gerdson's house. The well drillers are continuing working on the well, but something went wrong, so they went back to Waconia around 3 in the afternoon.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys reaped wheat on the large part of the south field. The well drillers worked on the well. I cut weeds along the road, and on the north marsh by Peltz's land. I also helped the well drillers.
- 4 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the large part of the south field. In the afternoon they reaped the oats on the other side of the track. The well drillers worked on the well and I helped them. The smith, Nyberg, came here to visit.
- 5 In the forenoon, the boys finished reaping the oats and also the wheat on the other side of the tracks and in the afternoon they reaped wheat on the field by the barn. The well drillers, Henry Schepers and George Newcomb, set the pump into the well and finished around noon. The well is now finished and we can pump water. The well is 180 feet deep, but I will pay for 186 feet as the pump adds another 6 feet. Henry Schepers said the water is 45 feet high in the well. In the afternoon, the well drillers went home and Nyberg also left.
- 6 The boys reaped the wheat on the barn field and also where we will put the grain stacks and finished by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I cut thistles on the north forty. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to Waconia and paid Frank Glashan for the well drilling.
- 7 The boys hauled and stacked wheat. Emma and Mamma helped with the stacking. Rev. Frank Peterson and his wife from Minneapolis were here for a visit. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 8 The boys, along with Emma and Josephine, stacked wheat. Sture is stacking at Lundsten's. I did various small jobs. The temperature today is at 95 degrees and the last couple of days it has been 90 degrees. Today the cow, "Betty," calved.
- 9 **Sunday** Rev. Linder went to Watertown and preached in Peter Monson's church. Our

young people were also there and sang.

- 10 The boys and girls stacked wheat and oats. I did various jobs. Beeman from Excelsior was here to get a load of corn.
- 11 The boys and girls finished stacking the oats and then made one stack of wheat on the barn field near the hog yard. I hoed a little by the evergreens, but I am not well.
- 12 The boys and girls stacked wheat. In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia.
- 13 Today Carl went to Maynard to thresh with Arneson's threshing machine. Axel drove him to Cologne. Frank, Emma, and I stacked the last of the wheat. Brand from Faribault was here today. Sture stacked wheat for G.B. Nilson. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank cut weeds, etc.
- 14 The boys hoed the sugar beets and carrots, etc. The girls helped them hoe. I weeded in the strawberry patch and in the afternoon, Frank mowed the clover in the west meadow. We have dry weather.
- 15 In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia to get the material for the windmill tower and also the water tank. Axel hoed the whole day. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia to get the windmill. Axel and I hoed, etc.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 In the forenoon, Axel, Sture, Mamma, and I turned the clover in the west meadow and then hauled it in. In the afternoon, Axel went to Borrow Nilson's and threshed. Sture went to Gerdson's to get his tool box. Frank is at Andrew Broberg's and threshed. It is very warm.
- 18 Today Sture left for Granite Falls to thresh and work on the harvest. I drove him to Cologne. Axel threshed for G. B. Nilson and Frank threshed for Enoch Broberg. It is very warm.
- 19 First we pulled together the weedy hay from the railroad track and hauled it home. Then Axel plowed all day on the new field along the railroad track. I cut weeds on the new field in the west meadow. Frank threshed for Joseph Broberg. We had misty rain today.
- 20 Last night and until 8 o'clock this morning, we had heavy rain and it was very welcome as all the crops were drying up. Frank threshed for Joseph Broberg. Axel plowed the newly broken field and did various small jobs. I planted strawberry plants, etc. Today the cow, "Betty," is with Peterman's bull. Fogelstrom's daughters are here, visiting with us.
- 21 The boys plowed in the west meadow and dug a trench for the pipes from the well. I oiled the material for the water tank with hot linseed oil, and did various other small jobs.
- 22 The boys dug on the trench for the water pipes. I finished oiling the water tank parts, etc. Last night, the cow, "May," calved. We now have nice, cool weather.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Axel and Frank hauled manure. I hewed lumber for the well curb. In the evening our children went to Broberg's for a party.
- 25 In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. The boys hauled manure. Around noontime, President Elliot [of the horticultural society] and Professor Green came here to look at the orchard. In the afternoon, Glashan's men came and put together the water tank.

The farmhand, Olson (from Minneapolis), left here today.

- 26 The boys threshed for P. D. Anderson. I painted the water tank, etc.
- 27 The boys hauled manure. I finished painting the water tank and did various other small jobs by the well. It is quite cool at night.
- 28 The boys hauled manure. In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia to get the water pipes for the tank. Axel dug in the trench and I worked on the well curb. In the evening, it rained.
- 29 Last night we had heavy rain, so it was too wet to haul manure this morning. The boys plowed on the barn field and I hewed out posts for the windmill, and did various other small jobs. This morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated a calf.
- 30 **Sunday** Our minister, Rev. Linder, preached his farewell sermon today. We took "Betty" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 31 The boys cut and mowed hay on the other side of the track and also around the house and the garden and then they plowed some on the field by the barn. I did various jobs. Enoch Broberg was here and got a jug of maple syrup for F. Peterson in Minneapolis.

September

- 1 The boys hauled manure. In the forenoon I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I went to P. D. Anderson's and got some of his seedling apples to take with me to the State Fair.
- 2 The boys are plowing in the barn field, etc. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 3 The boys hauled manure and hauled home hay, etc. The womenfolk and I packed up apples to take to the State Fair. I wrote a letter to Hawkinson in Minneapolis. In the middle of the afternoon, two men, sent by Glashan, came here to set up the windmill. They were Glashan's brother-in-law, Hawkenpiler, and Schultz's son, Andrew.
- 4 The men worked on the windmill. In the forenoon, I went to the Waconia depot with a box of apples that I sent to the State Fair; there were 16 varieties in the box. Frank went to Zimmerman to get a machine to raise the windmill with. The boys hauled in hay and dug a hole for the windmill. In the afternoon, Gordon from Long Lake and one Smith were here and begged for apples for the State Fair.
- 5 Schultz and Hawkenpiler worked on the windmill. Axel and Frank dug the hole for the windmill and also did various other jobs. I did various small jobs, but I am not well.
- 6 **Sunday** Fogelstrom preached. He was at our house this afternoon.
- 7 Schultz and Hawkenpiler worked on the windmill. Today they raised the windmill and we helped them almost the entire day.
- 8 In the forenoon, the boys finished digging the trench and I leveled off the dirt where the water tank will stand. In the afternoon, the boys plowed on the other side of the tracks. I trimmed the raspberry bushes.
- 9 Frank, Mamma, and Emma went to Excelsior with chickens, eggs, and butter. Frank went to the State Fair in Minneapolis. Mamma and Emma stopped at Bardwell's and at Larson's on their way home. Axel plowed all day. Glashan sent two men here and they set in the last of the pipes to the water tank. Fridlund was here last night.

- 10 Axel plowed all day. I went to Waconia and had “Fanny” and “Rock” shod. Nyberg was working in the blacksmith shop. I took home the gravestone for Anna’s grave from the depot. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Sissell, Fogelstrom, Fridlund, and Olson from Chicago spoke. Frank came home from the fair in the evening and Oscar Norman was with him.
- 11 In the forenoon, Axel plowed. Frank drove Oscar Norman to Victoria and then he plowed. Frank plowed in the afternoon. Axel and the girls cut corn. I trimmed the raspberry bushes and did other small jobs. The minister, Rev. Sissell, was here for a while today.
- 12 Frank mowed and plowed in the south meadow. Axel and the girls cut corn. I trimmed the raspberry bushes. Fridlund was here for a while today.
- 13 **Sunday** Fridlund preached.
- 14 The boys and the girls hauled in the hay from the south meadow and the red clover from the north garden. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 15 In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. Frank mowed the third crop of alfalfa. Axel and the girls cut corn on the new field. In the afternoon, the boys plowed. I repaired a bar on the windmill.
- 16 The boys plowed and raked the alfalfa into rows. I cut weeds, etc.
- 17 In the forenoon, the boys plowed. In the afternoon, they hauled in the alfalfa. I finished trimming the raspberry bushes.
- 18 In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia. Axel plowed. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure. I raked together the weeds by the old hog pen, etc. Mrs. Bergquist and her daughter, Emma, were here for a visit.
- 19 The boys hauled manure and harrowed the newly broken field in the meadow. I did various jobs. This entire week we have had very warm weather with temperatures up to 95 degrees. It is also very dry—we need rain—yes, lots of rain.
- 20 **Sunday** This afternoon Schaefer and his family from Chanhassen were here for a visit.
- 21 In the forenoon, the boys plowed and in the afternoon, they hauled manure. I cut, raked, and burned weeds, etc. The strong sunshine continues.
- 22 Axel and Frank threshed at John Nelson’s. I went to Waconia to have a plow repaired. I hauled home some planks to make a cover for the water tank, etc. I also did various other jobs. It is very hot.
- 23 Axel and Frank plowed. I cut weeds and burned them and also did other small jobs. It is windy and very warm.
- 24 The boys plowed. Frank went to get the mail and also brought home ice from Broberg’s. I did various other jobs. In the evening, the weather cooled.
- 25 Axel and I went to Carver and entered apples and grapes in the county fair. Frank plowed in the afternoon.
- 26 Today, Mamma, Frank, Emma, Josephine, Oskar, and I went to the agricultural fair in Carver. Ida and Axel stayed home.
- 27 **Sunday**

- 28 In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. The boys plowed the whole day. In the afternoon I did various jobs. Last night, and even the night before, we had a heavy rainstorm and a sudden drop in temperature. We took the white cow, "Daisy," to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 29 Frank plowed the newly broken field on the island and also the home field. Axel hauled wood for the threshing machine, etc., and also plowed. I did various jobs.
- 30 In the forenoon, Frank went to Ottinger's to see about the threshing machine. Axel plowed the field on the island. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel did various other jobs. I did various jobs. Mamma and Emma went to Waconia and sold grapes to Kugler.

October

- 1 In the forenoon, Frank plowed and Axel husked corn. In the afternoon it rained and we did nothing.
- 2 In the forenoon we did various jobs and in the afternoon Axel and Frank husked corn. I hoed weeds and hauled them away.
- 3 In the forenoon I butchered a ram and Frank went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs in the afternoon. The boys fixed fences, etc., and I did various jobs. In the evening, they delivered the engine for Peterman's threshing machine. Last night we had a heavy rainstorm, so the roads are difficult to drive on.

4 Sunday

- 5 Today at 1 o'clock we started threshing and we finished the grain of the first lot (two stacks of wheat and two stacks of oat), and then we started to thresh from the second lot.
- 6 We threshed the whole forenoon and one hour after noon we were finished with the threshing here, and then we moved to Niklas Swenson's and threshed there.
- 7 Axel and Frank threshed for Niklas Swenson. I fenced by the barnyard, etc. Last night ice froze on the water and we had heavy frost.
- 8 Axel and Frank threshed at Lundsten's. I stayed inside most of the day and wrote. Emma also wrote for me. We wrote one letter to Professor Green, one to Elliot about my premiums [prizes], one to Chas. Patten, one to South Dakota, and one to a Swede by the name of Persson in Rice County.
- 9 Frank threshed for the old Peltz. Axel and the girls husked corn. Mamma dug the last of the potatoes by the old hog pasture. I repaired the hog pen and also did various other jobs. Today I sent the letter to Elliot about the prizes and a letter, together with a box of apples, to Patten in Iowa.
- 10 Axel threshed for Simon Peltz. Frank and the womenfolk husked corn. I trimmed gooseberry bushes and did other jobs. Today we have beautiful weather.

11 Sunday

- 12 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank hauled home cornstalks from the square field in the south field. In the afternoon, the boys and the girls dug potatoes. I trimmed the gooseberry bushes, etc. Today we took the cow, "Betty," to Peterman's bull for the third time.

- 13 The boys and girls dug potatoes. I trimmed the currant bushes and tied them up.
- 14 Axel and Frank threshed at Peterman's. I went to Waconia and also trimmed the currant bushes. There is a cold wind today.
- 15 Axel and Frank threshed at Peterman's. I finished trimming the currant bushes. Later I did various other small jobs.
- 16 Axel and Frank threshed at Peterman's until eleven o'clock and then Frank and the girls dug potatoes. Axel went to Broberg's and helped raise the barn. I did various jobs.
- 17 Axel and the girls dug potatoes and finished in the forenoon. In the afternoon, Axel did various jobs. Frank painted the windmill. In the forenoon, I butchered a ewe and in the afternoon I smeared the blood on the apple tree stems. For some of the trees, I used the sheep liver to smear over the stems. I did this to prevent the rabbits from gnawing off the bark.
- 18 **Sunday** The book agent, Blom, who is selling Dr. Edgren's books, is preaching for us today.
- 19 Axel and the womenfolk gathered the sugar beets. Frank painted the windmill. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Gerdsen and his wife were here to visit. In the evening, we went to Scandia and saw the panorama the book agent, Blom, is showing.
- 20 In the forenoon, Frank finished painting the windmill. I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank and I dug up apple trees, all of them Peerless, for Brand. Axel and the womenfolk harvested the sugar beets and the carrots.
- 21 Axel, Frank, and I dug up Peerless apple trees for O. F. Brand. Leach and Aldritt were here after apple trees. Even Gerdsen's son-in-law, Coleman, was here and got 9 bunches—54 trees. Beautiful weather.
- 22 Axel, Frank, and I dug up Peerless apple trees for Brand, J. Halgren, Carl Ekstrom, Gustaf Johnson, N. J. Molin, Benedict Smith, and R. E. Walsh. All were here to get Peerless apple trees. It is grand weather today.
- 23 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn on the new field. Frank went to the Waconia depot with two Peerless apple trees that I am sending to Elliot in Minneapolis. I did various jobs in the orchard.
- 24 In the forenoon, the boys hauled home cornstalks from the newly broken field. In the afternoon, the boys and the womenfolk husked corn on the home field. I did various jobs. Yesterday and today we have warm weather—about 70 degrees.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn on the home field. In the forenoon I went to Waconia with Peerless apple trees for Trumpet Swaller. In the afternoon I worked in the orchard.
- 27 The boys and the womenfolk husked corn. I dug up and planted raspberry bushes. Last night we had ice on the water pails.
- 28 In the forenoon, the boys and the womenfolk husked corn and now have finished it. In the afternoon, the boys plowed and harrowed and I worked in the orchard. We have grand

weather again today.

- 29 Frank went to Cologne with Sture's tool box, which is to be sent to Granite Falls. On his way home, Frank had the horses shod in Waconia. Axel hauled half a cord of basswood to Pettijohn's house and then did various jobs. I butchered a ewe and worked in the orchard. It is very nice weather.
- 30 In the forenoon, the boys and I dug up apple trees. In the afternoon, Axel harrowed in the barn field. Frank plowed the corn field, the square piece of the south field. I worked in the orchard. Today it is very windy.
- 31 Last night and today it is windy and cold. The boys hauled two loads of cornstalks but no more because of the stormy weather. Axel dug up the white ash trees and heeled them in. Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. He brought a bundle of apple trees home with him that came from Patten in St. Charles, Iowa. I did various jobs in the orchard.

November

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 The boys hauled home cornstalks and stacked them. They then plowed and harrowed. I did various jobs in the garden. Today the public school started. Booth is the teacher. He is boarding with us.
- 3 Axel and I heeled in apple trees, etc. Frank plowed the corn field. Today it is pretty good weather.
- 4 Frank plowed the corn stubble on the home field. Axel dug and picked up quackgrass roots out by the creek on the home field. I worked in the orchard. In the afternoon H. Gerdsen was here to get his Peerless apple trees. He also bought some trees from me. We have mild, beautiful weather.
- 5 Frank plowed and Axel dug up quackgrass roots. In the forenoon I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon I cut scions, etc.
- 6 Frank plowed on the corn field and finished. Axel dug and picked up quackgrass roots. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is great weather again.
- 7 In the forenoon, Axel and I went to Waconia market and sold the cow "Star." In the afternoon, Axel and I did various jobs in the orchard. Today I sent a package of scions to Professor Green in St. Anthony Park. Frank plowed all day on the newly broken field in the south meadow. It is mild, sunny weather.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Frank harrowed on the other side of the track. Axel dug up white elms and planted them down by the barn. I did various jobs in the orchard. Around noontime, Bardwell from Excelsior came here to get his Peerless apple trees. He left for home around 3 o'clock. It is grand weather.
- 10 Frank went to the Carver mill with grist. Axel harrowed on the other side of the track and on the new fields in the meadow. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is grand weather still today. I wrote a letter to Fridberg that I will mail in the morning.

- 11 This morning the boys hunted rabbits; they shot three. Last night we had snow—enough to cover the ground. In the afternoon, the boys bent and covered some of the raspberry bushes and also some grapevines and dug up quackgrass roots. I began to prune back the grape vines. The snow is all gone tonight.
- 12 Axel and Frank covered the water tank with boards and packed hay in between the tank and the boards. I pruned grapevines and did other small jobs. It is cloudy and cold weather.
- 13 In the forenoon I set up boxes around a few of the apple trees, etc. The boys filled the boxes with dirt and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, I pruned grapevines and the boys hilled them over with dirt. It is cold weather.
- 14 I pruned the grapes and the boys covered them. They also grubbed out a large maple by the old hog pen. It is sunny weather but the air is cold.
- 15 **Sunday** It snowed all day, so we had no meeting.
- 16 Today I went to Landlett's and I pruned back his grapevines. The boys hunted rabbits, heeled in grapes, put up storm windows, etc. Today it is very cold.
- 17 I butchered a ewe and pruned back some grapes. Frank went to Waconia in the forenoon. Axel did various jobs and in the afternoon grubbed out a maple tree. Very cold—2 degrees below 0.
- 18 In the forenoon, Frank hauled a cord of maple wood to Pettijohn's. I pruned grapes and finished. Axel did various jobs and in the afternoon the boys heeled in the grapes. We have a strong south wind. It is not quite as cold.
- 19 The boys hauled manure to the apple trees. Axel and Mamma also went to Waconia. I did various jobs. We planted a Saratoga plum tree. I sent a letter to John Harris, Professor Green, and one to Albert Lea.
- 20 Axel is at P.D. Anderson's and helping to butcher hogs. I worked some on the cover for the water tank, etc. Frank did various small jobs. I was even to Peterman's and paid him for the threshing machine and for the service of his bull. Temperatures are cold today.
- 21 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure to the apple trees. I oiled the metal parts to the cover of the water tank. In the afternoon, Axel did various jobs. Emma and Josephine went to Minneapolis. Frank drove them to the Waconia depot. Today it is warmer weather. It is thawing and the snow is melting fast. I cut scions and packed them.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure to the apple trees. I did various jobs. In the afternoon Axel went to B. Nilson's to help raise a windmill. Frank laid corn straw on the strawberries and I worked on the cover for the water tank.
- 24 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and met Emma and Josephine, who came home from Minneapolis. Axel did various jobs and in the afternoon they hauled manure to the apple trees. I worked on the cover for the water tank. In the evening, Carl came home from Granite Falls, or more correct, Maynard.
- 25 Today I finished the cover for the water tank. Axel and Frank hauled manure to the apple trees. Carl went to Waconia to pick up his trunk at the depot. In the afternoon we got a little

snow.

- 27 Axel and Frank hauled manure. I put boxes around the Peerless apple trees that we had dug but not sold this fall. Carl filled the boxes with soil. In the afternoon Emma and I wrote a letter containing an accounting slip for Brand. It is snowing a little and it is very cold. Yesterday, the 26th, was **Thanksgiving Day**. We had a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, Mamma and I were at P.D. Anderson's to visit. In the evening, the young people were at Waconia as Olof Hakanson's son gave a lecture on phrenology.
- 28 The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon I went to Waconia for an Alliance meeting. Frank was with and had the horses shod. It is very cold weather. I sent a draft to O. F. Brand in Faribault for \$65.
- 29 **Sunday** In the afternoon my brother-in-law Nils Larson's son, Israel, came here from Litchfield. His cousin, Edward Larson, from Excelsior, drove him over to our house, but Edward, himself, went right back home.
- 30 Axel and Frank hauled home cordwood from the forest. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and had the mare and "Frank" shod. I did various jobs. I even cut some plum scions. Today it is moderately cold with a south wind.

December

- 1 Carl and Frank hauled cordwood to Waconia to load a car that is to be sent to Clarksville for Fridberg. Axel and I did various small jobs. It is mild, beautiful weather.
- 2 Carl and Frank hauled wood to Waconia. Axel and I did various small jobs. Today it is mild weather. The snow is gone and the roads are muddy. Yesterday I sent scions to Harris in La Crosse from the 9 M. English Borovinka.
- 3 The three boys each hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Frank brought the teams back home while Axel and Carl loaded the wood on the car. It has rained almost all day. I did nothing today. I sent scions to O. F. Brand and a letter to John Craig in Ottawa, Canada.
- 4 Today we have a strong snowstorm and cold weather. I did various small jobs. Today Israel Larson from Litchfield went to Minneapolis and our Carl went with him. In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia with mail and brought ours home. I sent a letter to Fridberg that the wood was loaded onto the car, and to Gaylord in Nora Springs, Iowa.
- 5 The boys did various small jobs. In the forenoon Frank took the schoolteacher to Waconia. I did various small jobs. This morning at 2 o'clock, the heifer "Flora" calved. This evening, Dahlstrom from Minneapolis is here visiting.
- 6 **Sunday** Dahlstrom from Minneapolis preached today.
- 7 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank butchered a hog. I had heart palpitations, so I could not help with the butchering. In the afternoon I was up and cut up the pork. Carl came home from Minneapolis.
- 8 Carl and Frank went to Birrel Nilson's and helped butcher hogs. Axel did various jobs. I smeared the apple trees with the liver to keep the rabbits from eating the bark off the trees. Afterwards, I did various jobs. It was a mild day.

- 9 The boys hauled manure to the raspberry bushes, currant and gooseberry bushes, etc. They then cleaned the sheep barn. I smeared the apple trees with the liver to keep the rabbits away. It was a beautiful day.
- 10 Carl was at P.D. Anderson's and helped butcher hogs. Axel and Frank hauled manure, etc. I trimmed the apple trees, etc. It was mild weather.
- 11 The boys stripped the fallen trees in the woods and burned the brush. I pruned apple trees. It is still beautiful weather.
- 12 The boys cleaned up the fallen trees in the woods and burned up the twigs and brush. I pruned apple trees. Today we borrowed N. Swenson's boar for our sows. It is mild, sunny weather.
- 13 **Sunday** It rained this afternoon.
- 14 It rained all day so we did nothing. Emma and I wrote letters and a report that will be sent to the horticultural meeting in Owatonna.
- 15 Today I sent scions and the letter to John S. Harris in La Crosse and a letter to Professor Craig in Ottawa, Canada. Axel and Carl chopped stovewood in the forest. Frank went to Waconia. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is very muddy after the rain we had.
- 16 The boys chopped wood for the stove in the woods and also cut cordwood by the old hog pen. I pruned apple trees. It is very cold.
- 17 The boys are piling wood in the forest, etc. I pruned apple trees. It freezes at night but thaws during the day. The roads are so rutty and muddy they are almost impassable.
- 18 In the forenoon the boys cleared brush by the old hog pen. I pruned apple trees. In the afternoon I went to a meeting in Scandia. Johnson from Minneapolis was the speaker. Johnson is here to gather subscriptions for the school fund in Chicago.
- 19 In the forenoon, the boys cleared brush in the woods. I pruned apple trees. In the afternoon I was at Waconia and attended the Alliance meeting. Carl, Frank, and the school teacher also went to the meeting. I sent a letter to Latham in Excelsior with the report for the horticultural society's meeting. I also enclosed my and A. Broberg's membership fees. Then I sent a letter and 50 cents for *Green's Fruit Grower* and the same for *Orchard and Garden* and also for *Farm, Stock, and Home*. The roads are very rough. Rev. August Johnson visited us this morning. He is returning home this afternoon.
- 20 **Sunday** The student, Tafvelin from Chicago, preached.
- 21 The boys cleared brush in the woods and went to Waconia. I pruned apple and plum trees. This evening it is raining very hard.
- 22 The boys cut cordwood in the north woods on the other side of the road. I butchered a calf and pruned plum trees, trimmed the mulberry tree, and heeled in the cuttings. It rained very much last night and now it is cold.
- 23 The boys cut cordwood. I trimmed the plum trees and hauled away the branches I trimmed off. The ground is frozen. It is cloudy and may snow but as yet, none has come.
- 24 The boys cut cordwood. Carl went to Waconia and met Sture who came home from Maynard. He has been building a house there. I did various small jobs.

- 25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting in Scandia. The student, Tafvelin, preached. Per Anderson and his son-in-law, Larson (from Minneapolis), and their families were all here visiting. Larson is to stay over tomorrow. In the evening, our young people all went to the Christmas tree program in Waconia as the public school teacher Pettijohn had asked them to go and lead in the singing.
- 26 Today we did nothing. The Larsons from Minneapolis left here this afternoon and went to Per Anderson's house. In the evening our young people were at the Christmas tree in Scandia. Yesterday afternoon we had a snowstorm and it was badly needed, as the roads were so full of ruts that it was almost impossible to travel over them.
- 27 **Sunday** Tafvelin preached.
- 28 I went to the Alliance meeting in Waconia. We are having a beautiful snowfall. Sture and Emma took Alice Bardwell to the Waconia station. The cow, "Nancy," calved today.
- 29 I became sick and in bed with the la grippe [influenza] and it hit me very hard.
- 30 & 31 Carl went to the business meeting in Scandia in my place.

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January

- 1 [no entry]
- 2 "Pearly" was with Peterman's bull.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 This week Mamma and I were sick in bed from la grippe [influenza]. The schoolmaster, Booth, who is boarding with us, was also sick with la grippe.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 12, 13 & 14 During this week, the boys have done various jobs—sawed stovewood, chopped some cordwood, and hauled it home. On the 12th, they butchered a steer. Mamma is now up.
- 15 I am up off and on, so it is today I am writing these days down. Josephine is sick with la grippe. Today, Frank hauled a cord of maple wood to Pettijohn's house. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. It has been quite cold this week, 12 degrees below 0.
- 16 Today it is cold and snowy. The boys did various jobs. Sture went to Waconia and had the mare shod. The 30th of December, 1891, Andrew Swenson from Lake Crystal came for a visit. Carl drove him to Shakopee on the 31st.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Before noon, Carl and Frank went to Waconia with two loads of cordwood. Our pump by the windmill broke. A well digger from Waconia was here to fix it but he could not. "Molly" calved tonight. It is quite cold.
- 19 Today it is cold—27 degrees below 0. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. The other boys did small jobs and took care of the animals. I was up for most of the day. I wrote a letter to Sweden.

- 20 Today, a well digger sent by Glashan in Waconia was here to repair the pump and this time it is working. Three of the boys helped. Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I finished a letter I wrote to brother, Rydell, in Sweden and sent the same letter to the post office. I also wrote a letter to C.W. Broms in Willmar. It is not as cold today.
- 21 Today, Per Daniel and the boys butchered the old sow and two barrows. Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Today, it is mild weather.
- 22 Sture and Frank went to Carver and sold the butchered hogs. Axel and Carl hauled cordwood and did other various jobs.
- 23 The boys cut, hewed, and dovetailed the foot logs to the icehouse, etc. Frank went to Waconia.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Sture went to Frank Lundsten's and butchered hogs. The other boys cut cordwood, etc.
- 26 Sture and Carl went to an auction south of Waconia. The others cut cordwood. It is beautiful weather but we have had no snow and we need it.
- 27 Sture and Frank laid out the foot to the icehouse. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did various jobs. We took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull.
- 28 Sture and Frank worked on the icehouse. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. It is mild and beautiful weather but no snow, yet.
- 29 All three girls are at John Nelson's quilting. Sture drove the girls there. The other boys cut cordwood. Today, I have begun to graft apple trees. In the evening, the youth were at John Nelson's.
- 30 Sture and Carl went to Chaska market to buy horses and they took home a pair of horses to prove them from Hank in Chaska. Axel and Frank cut cordwood. I made grafts the whole day. It is mild weather and still no snow. The roads are muddy.
- 31 **Sunday**

February

- 1 Last night and even today, we have had a steady rain. The boys did various small jobs. I grafted apple trees.
- 2 Sture went to Waconia to see if the boards for the icehouse had come in. The other boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts. Today it is beautiful weather but after the rain, the roads are very muddy.
- 3 Before noon, Sture went to Waconia for a load of lumber. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went to Waconia with two teams and hauled home boards and sawdust. The other boys cut cordwood. I made apple grafts.
- 4 All the boys worked on the icehouse and nailed siding and set up rafters, etc. I grafted apple trees. It is beautiful weather.
- 5 Sture went to Chaska and bought a pair of horses from Philip Hank for \$275. Frank and Emma were with and went down to Carver before they came home. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I made pear and plum grafts.

- 6 Sture went to St. Bonifacius two times. The other boys cut cordwood and hauled it out. Axel went to Waconia before noon for the mail. He took along some pear scions and left them at Richter's place. In the morning, I made plum grafts and finished.
- 7 **Sunday** Last night and today it snowed six inches.
- 8 Before noon, Sture and Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Carl hauled a load of wood to Waconia. The other boys cut a little cordwood, etc. I wrote a letter to Wingren in Chicago that he send the *Nya VeckoPosten* to my brother, Rydell, in Sweden and to my sister-in-law, Elisabeth Pearson, in Portland, Oregon. Bost from Excelsior was here today.
- 9 Sture and Carl hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Frank had "Mag" shod in Waconia. Axel sawed stovewood. I did various small jobs. Today, I sent the letter to Wingren in Chicago subscribing to *Nya VeckoPosten* for my brother, Rydell, and my sister-in-law, Elisabeth Pearson, in Portland, Oregon. I also ordered *Det Heliga Kriget* and *Klasterlifvet Afslojat* for myself.
- 10 Carl hauled a load of cordwood to Pettijohn and a load to the depot. Before noon, Sture went to St. Bonifacius for some ceiling boards for the icehouse. In the afternoon, Sture and Axel went to Klatt's place for a load of sawdust. I went in the shop and did various jobs. Swanberg was here today and I mended his abdominal truss.
- 11 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of cordwood and took home a load of ice from the lake. Axel and Frank sawed ice. In the afternoon, all three boys sawed ice and hauled home one load. Sture drove a covenant pastor to Watertown. Mrs. Pettijohn and Mrs. Broberg are visiting us today.
- 12 All the boys sawed ice on Clearwater and hauled it home. I made axe handles, etc. It is cold these days and it snowed a little today.
- 13 Before noon, two of the boys went to Klatt's for a load of sawdust. The others did various jobs. In the afternoon, Sture and I went to Waconia and paid for the lumber to the icehouse. I even went to an Alliance meeting. The other boys hauled home stovewood. It is milder weather today.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Before noon, the boys were in the woods and cut four basswood logs and two elm logs to take to Waconia. I was with and scouted out the logs. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl hauled four logs to the sawmill in Waconia using two teams of horses. Axel and Frank did various jobs. It is 20 below 0.
- 16 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with two elm logs. Sture went to Waconia and got a load of sawdust. In the afternoon, he nailed the roof boards on the icehouse. Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Mamma and I went to John Nelson's for a visit.
- 17 Before noon, Carl went to Waconia with a load of basswood. Sture, Axel and Frank butchered two hogs for our own use. In the afternoon, all four boys nailed shingles on the icehouse. I made axe handles, etc.

- 18 The boys cut cordwood and hauled it home. I cut up the pork and salted it. Sture made doors for the icehouse, etc.
- 19 Sture finished and hung the icehouse doors. The other boys hauled cordwood out of the woods, went to Waconia for the mail, and ground sausage meat. I made brine for the pork and did other things.
- 20 Sture and Carl went to Carver to a Farmers' Alliance. Axel and Frank did various jobs. I made a stepladder to use in the orchard.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Before noon, the boys finished shingling the icehouse. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank hauled straw and spread it on the Canada thistles in the hog pasture and on the western end in the orchard. Sture worked on the icehouse. I filed saws.
- 23 Sture made a new tongue for his wagon. The other boys hauled cordwood out of the woods. In the afternoon, it rained, so they did nothing. I am not well, so I did nothing. Last night, "Rosy" calved.
- 24 Last night, we got a little snow but today, most of it melted away. Sture worked in the carpenter shop. The other boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to Scandia to the business meeting. Carl and Mamma went to Waconia.
- 25 Carl went to Cokato for a district meeting. Sture went to Frank Lundsten's. Axel and Frank hauled straw and cordwood out of the woods. I am not well, so I was cupped.
- 26 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Sture went to Waconia. I am in bed.
- 27 Sture and Axel went to the Chaska market and sold the large cow, "May." The schoolteacher went with. Frank did various jobs. I was in bed.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Axel and Frank hauled straw to the orchard. Sture went to an auction on Haupt's place. I did nothing. Yesterday, we got some snow.

March

- 1 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Sture and Ida went to Waconia. In the evening, Carl came home from the district meeting in Cokato. I did nothing.
- 2 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Carl greased the harnesses. Sture went on the train to Minneapolis. I did various small jobs.
- 3 Axel and Carl cut cordwood and Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Theodore Ottinger and his father came after seed wheat. I did various jobs. The weather is mild and the roads are muddy.
- 4 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. Before noon, Carl went to Waconia and met Sture. He came from Minneapolis. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl worked on the track that they are putting up for the hay fork along the length of the barn. I finished my garden stepladder and painted it.
- 5 The boys put up the hay fork in the barn that they are to pull up hay with. Mamma and I, along with Oskar, went to Birrel Nilson's house for a party because Nilson and his wife

have been married for twenty years. We returned in the evening. All the youth went to Nilson's for this. It was quite beautiful weather, today, but the roads are muddy.

- 6 **Sunday** The youth of the Hjortson family were here this afternoon for a visit.
- 7 Sture and I put the floor joist timbers into the new woodshed. Sture made a box. I did various jobs. The other boys cut cordwood. It is very beautiful weather.
- 8 Before noon, Sture, Carl, and I went to the town election. Axel and Frank cut cordwood. In the afternoon, the boys began to pick out the bricks from the old well, here, by the kitchen. Today it is very beautiful weather.
- 9 Today, we have had a strong snowstorm, the whole day. We did nothing. I painted name labels for the apple tree grafts. The snowstorm began last night.
- 10 The snowstorm continued today until noon and it is below zero. In the afternoon, the storm ended and Axel went and shoveled the snow on Leborg's hill. Sture and Carl went to Waconia and took meal to the mill. I did various small jobs.
- 11 Two of the boys cut cordwood and two hauled home the cordwood. I did various small jobs, today. It is thawing, so the snow is going away.
- 12 Sture and I went to Waconia market and sold "Rolf." Mamma and Emma went to the Pettijohn's. The other boys picked out the last of the bricks from the old kitchen well and then cut stovewood out in the north woods. The roads are quite hard to travel on. Today the snow has not melted.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 The boys hauled bricks from the well, hauled home stovewood, and chopped stovewood. I did various jobs. It is rather cold weather. "Blossy" calved last night.
- 15 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Sture and Carl went to Waconia and had the horses shod. I did nothing. The cold continues—2 below 0.
- 16 The boys did various jobs. Sture and Carl are getting ready to drive to Maynard tomorrow. Frank went to Waconia and had "Mags" shod. I did various small jobs.
- 17 Today at eight o'clock in the morning, Sture and Carl traveled to Maynard. They will try to get as far as Cokato, the first day. Axel and Frank cut wood and hauled it home. I did various jobs. The heifer, "Molly," went to Peterman's bull today. It is beautiful weather but cold.
- 18 Axel and Frank hauled manure to the large fir trees and to the trees on the eastern side of the house, then they chopped cordwood. I am working on a soap tub, etc.
- 19 The boys sawed stovewood. Frank went to Waconia for the grist. I worked on the soap tub. The cold continues.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Axel sowed timothy and alfalfa seed in the new broken field in the southern meadow and in the new broken field in the western meadow as well as on the piece of clover (timothy was four parts and alfalfa was the fifth part). He also sowed alfalfa in the road and on the clover piece, west of the shop, then he sowed clover in the western road. Frank and I did various jobs.

- 22 Last night, we got five inches of snow. The boys sawed stovewood. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to Waconia. We bought a steel harrow from Glashan. We had the mare shod on the front feet. Mamma and Emma went with us.
- 23 The boys sawed stovewood and cleaned the manure and hauled straw into the sheep barn. I put board on the floor joists, etc. It is a beautiful day.
- 24 The boys sawed and cut stovewood. I did various jobs. August Nelson was here and bought potatoes. Today it was mild weather and the snow is melting away.
- 25 The boys sawed and split stovewood. I set the soap tubs into the woodshed and did other various jobs. Today, it is warm and beautiful but quite muddy.
- 26 Axel and Frank went to the Chaska market and sold "Blossy" with her calf. I did various jobs. It was mild and beautiful weather. The roads are quite muddy, almost impassible.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Frank began to tap the maples and then did various jobs. Axel is not well so he did nothing. I made mortar and plastered around the molasses pans. Rietz came and ordered seed wheat. It is beautiful weather.
- 29 I plastered around the syrup pans, etc. Frank did various jobs. There is a strong southern wind. This evening, it started to rain.
- 30 It is rainy weather. The boys fanned seed wheat and oats, and then they sawed stovewood. I did various small jobs. Today we took the heifer, "Flora," to Peterman's bull
- 31 The boys sawed stovewood, etc. Frank went to Waconia for the grist. I did various jobs. Today, our public school ends. There is a strong southerly wind.

April

- 1 Last night we had thunder and rain; even today it has rained on and off. The boys sawed stovewood and did other various jobs. I did various small jobs. Today, there are strong southerly storms.
- 2 Even today, there are strong storms. The boys sawed and hauled stovewood. Before noon, Frank went to Waconia. I did various small jobs.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Today it has rained almost the whole day, so we only did small jobs. The boys sawed stovewood for a few hours.
- 5 Today, before noon, it snowed quite a lot. The boys cut stovewood. In the afternoon, they tapped maples. I made boxes to put around the apples trees to protect them from sunscald, etc. In the afternoon, schoolmaster Stephen Booth left from here. He boarded with us while he taught school for five months for \$10 a month.
- 6 Before noon, the boys finished tapping the maples. There are 311 trees being tapped. I filed saws. In the afternoon, I set up the evaporation pans while the boys gathered 100 pails of sap, and then we began to make syrup.
- 7 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia depot with butter and sent it to Minneapolis. Frank began to gather maple sap. Axel hauled it home, etc. Mamma cooked the syrup. I top-grafted

plum trees, etc. Rietz came after the seed wheat. Last night an apple tree agent from Young America by the name of Russell was here.

- 8 Today it is cold. The maple sap is not running. The boys cut stovewood. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat in the barn field. I did various jobs in the shop. Cold northeastern wind.
- 9 The boys sawed stovewood, etc. I did various small jobs in the shop. Last night, it froze so hard we cannot do seeding today and it is still cold.
- 10 **Sunday** Some of our folks went to the Lutheran church in Waconia.
- 11 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. They hauled home some sap. In the afternoon, Frank finished sowing wheat in the field by the barn and then harrowed part of it in. Axel cooked syrup and gathered sap. I made a box to keep oats and salt for the sheep. It is not quite as cold.
- 12 Frank harrowed in the rest of the wheat in the field by the barn and then he harrowed on the fall plowing of the southern field. Axel and the girls gathered and hauled home sap and then helped Mamma cook syrup. Before noon, I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I top-grafted plum and pear trees.
- 13 Frank sowed oats in the five-acre piece in the southern field and then harrowed it in. Axel and Mamma cooked syrup and the girls helped them for a while. I top-grafted pear and apple trees.
- 14 Frank sowed wheat on the large piece of the southern field. Axel made a fence on the northern side of the icehouse. In the afternoon, they hauled home sap and cooked syrup. I top-grafted apple trees, etc. The school teacher, Booth from Excelsior, came here today.
- 15 Frank finished harrowing the wheat on the large piece and then harrowed the square piece with the stumps and the field by Peterman's land, and then sowed wheat on the square piece. Axel worked on the fence, etc. I dug up the heeled-in apple trees and ash trees. We have had beautiful weather these days.
- 16 Frank sowed wheat out in the field on the other side of the track and harrowed a part. Axel hauled home sap and took the cornstalks off from covering the strawberries and did various jobs. Mamma cooked the syrup. Before noon, I did various jobs and in the afternoon, I walked to Waconia.
- 17 **Sunday (Easter)**
- 18 Frank finished the harrowing on the other side of the track and then he sowed wheat on the field by Peterman's land and harrowed it in, and then harrowed in the newly broken field by the island. Axel took potatoes from the cellar out in the shed by the icehouse, dug up quack-grass roots, and hauled home maple sap. I dug up more of the heeled-in apple trees. It is dry but the air is cool. Last Saturday night, the small sow farrowed. She had a litter of nine pigs, but one was dead.
- 19 Frank sowed wheat between the creek and the orchard and on the place where we had the grain stacks. He sowed the oats on the west side of the creek in the field next to Swenson's land and then harrowed the timothy in the meadows. Joel Swenson was here and rolled our grain field with his horses the whole day. Axel and I dug apple trees that are to be shipped to

Brand in Faribault and various other jobs. Mamma cooked syrup. Stephen Booth and his cousin were here today. We took "Nancy" to Peterman's bull for the second time.

- 20 Before noon, Axel harrowed in the home field. Frank worked on the fence. In the afternoon, Frank plowed in the newly broken field by the island. I packed apple trees to send to Brand. Joel Swenson was here today with his horses and rolled the grain fields. Bost came and got some apple trees and brought grapevines that are for Swanberg. Axel drove Emma to Waconia. She went to Excelsior to sew for Mrs. Morris.
- 21 Frank finished plowing by the island and harrowed it, then he sowed it in. Today, Frank finished sowing. Axel laid fences and did other various jobs. I did various small jobs. I am not well.
- 22 Last night, the mare foaled a male colt. Before noon, Axel and I went to the Waconia depot with a bundle of Peerless apple trees that I am shipping to O.F. Brand in Faribault (34 trees trees in the bundle). We went to Swanberg's house with the bundle of grapevines and then to the mill and got a load of lumber and hauled it home. Frank was home and took care of the mare and the colt. In the afternoon, Axel rolled the field on the other side of the track. Frank and I did various jobs. It is quite a bit warmer this afternoon.

The 21st of April, 1892

Field by barn bluestem wheat

Acres sowed with bushels

8 ¼ sowed with 10 ½

South of barn bluestem wheat

7 ¼ sowed with 11

By Peterman's land bluestem wheat

2 ½ sowed with 4

On the island bluestem wheat

1 ⅛ sowed with 1 ⅛

19 ⅛ sowed with 26 ½

Large piece in south field Fife wheat

8 sowed with 12

Square piece in south field Fife wheat

1 ¾ sowed with 2 ½

Home field and stack piece

2 ½ sowed with 3

12 ¼ sowed with 17 ½

Oats on a field

4 ¾ sowed with 9 ½

Oats on the home field

1 ¼ sowed with 2 ½

Total of Oats

6 acres 12 bushels

Total of Wheat

31 ¼ acres 44 bushels

- 23 Frank finished rolling the other side of the tracks and the new broken field by the island and the piece where we sowed the timothy and a part of the home field. Axel planted ash trees along the road where the boxelders used to stand, etc. I did various jobs.

24 **Sunday**

- 25 Before noon, Frank finished rolling on the home field. Axel planted ash trees in the southern field along the road. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia with willow trees for Hubbard, then he went to the sawmill for a load of lumber and hauled it home. Frank worked on the fence. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is cold weather. In the evening, it rained.
- 26 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia for a load of lumber. Just before noon, it began to rain, so we did nothing in the afternoon.
- 27 The boys planted white ash by the road, plowed the garden, plowed for the grafts, and then grubbed by the old hog pen. I planted apple trees, etc. Today we had quite a hard storm.
- 28 The boys hauled manure to the southern hill in the southern field where we are going to plant corn. I planted some apple trees and did other jobs. The storm was windy; today we had cold weather.
- 29 Ida and Josephine went to Scandia and scrubbed the meetinghouse. Frank raked and cleared around the meetinghouse and sooted the stovepipes. Axel grubbed the old hog pen, etc. I planted apple trees and did other jobs. Today it is beautiful weather but in the afternoon, it rained a little.
- 30 The boys hauled manure. I planted apple trees but in the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing.

May

- 1 **Sunday** The student, Salquist, preached for the first time in Scandia today.
- 2 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs in the orchard. Fine weather today. This morning, N. Swenson was here and treated the sow's eyes.
- 3 The boys heeled in the cuttings, etc., but it rained a part of the day, so we did nothing.
- 4 I planted apple trees. Frank plowed on the hill in the southern field. Axel planted potatoes and finished uncovering the grapevines. Andrew Broberg came and got seed potatoes.
- 5 Today, it has rained steadily as well as last night. The ground has enough moisture—if we will only get warm weather. We did nothing, so I wrote a letter to Sture and Carl in Maynard. A peddler from Excelsior by the name of Wilson was here last night. It is still raining, so he is yet here.
- 6 Before noon, the boys repaired fences in the north woods. In the afternoon, Frank plowed the corn. Axel went to the post office and then planted some trees. I did various jobs in the orchard. The peddler left here, this morning. There is a chilly western wind.
- 7 Before noon, I went to Waconia and bought a draft to pay for the lumber bill in Brainerd for our houses on the land in Maynard. Frank plowed the corn. Axel did various jobs in the orchard. It is cold weather.
- 8 **Sunday**
- 9 Today it rained the whole day. We did nothing.
- 10 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a pump and sent it to Maynard by train. In the afternoon, the boys hauled rails and fixed the fences. I set out plum grafts and did

various jobs. It is foggy.

- 11 The boys worked on the fence, etc. Frank went to Waconia. I planted grapevines. In the afternoon, I began to set out the apple grafts. In the afternoon, it was beautiful weather.
- 12 Frank, Mamma, and Ida sheared the sheep. Axel trimmed the walnut trees, etc. I planted apple trees and pear grafts. In the evening, Oscar Norman came here. He is the agent for a lightning rod company. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 13 Frank plowed in the new broken field by the barn field. I set out the last of the apple grafts. Axel did various jobs. It is cloudy and misty.
- 14 Before noon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with meal. I planted apple seedlings. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, it rained. We did nothing. The preacher, Green, is here. The night before last, the large sow farrowed.
- 15 **Sunday** Green and Salquist preached two times.
- 16 Frank plowed and harrowed in the newly broken barn field and built the corn earth [hills] in the southern field. I did various jobs in the orchard. Axel did various jobs. In the evening we had thunder and rain. Emma came home from Excelsior today.
- 17 The boys marked and planted corn on the southern hill in the southern field, etc. I worked in the orchard before noon. In the afternoon, I began to bundle up the grapes.
- 18 Before noon, the boys marked out the corn and potatoes in the new broken field. I tied up the grapevines. In the afternoon, it rained quite hard the whole afternoon.
- 19 The boys planted potatoes and corn on the new broken field in the barn field. I bundled up grapes. Today we did not have rain, but in the evening, it is raining again. We have too much rain.
- 20 Last night, it snowed all night. This morning we had five inches of snow that all melted during the day. We only did a few little jobs.
- 21 Before noon, the boys hauled old fence rails and stumps from the hog pen. I bundled up grapevines. In the afternoon, I went to the Alliance meeting in Waconia. The boys did various jobs in the garden planting. Today it was beautiful weather.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 The boys did various jobs. Axel went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. I bundled up the last of the grapevines.
- 24 This morning at five o'clock, Frank, Mamma, and Emma went down to Minneapolis. They had sheep hides, wool, butter, and eggs. Axel and I planted pine trees. Today it was quite beautiful weather.
- 25 Today, I trimmed the apple trees and the cherry trees. Axel hoed around the evergreens and in the orchard. Tonight, at ten o'clock, our folks returned home from Minneapolis.
- 26 The boys plowed and planted sugar beets south of the orchard, etc. I trimmed apple trees, etc.
- 27 Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod, then plowed the old hog pen piece for squash. Axel sooted the chimneys and other various jobs.
- 28 Today, it rained the whole day, so did nothing. Pettijohn was here.

29 **Sunday**

30 The boys made things ready to make soap, planted squash, hoed, cultivated the orchard, etc. I pruned apple trees.

31 Today, Professor Green came from St. Anthony Park here to hybridize the apple blossoms. He and his farmhand worked at it the whole day and I helped at times. Axel and Frank plowed and planted in the orchard and by the plums and did various small jobs.

June

1 The boys repaired the fence by the pasture on the other side of the track. In the morning, Professor Green and his farmhand traveled home by way of the north track. I crossed a few flowers and then pruned the apple trees, etc.

2 The boys repaired the fence on the other side of the track, harrowed the corn fields, etc. I pruned apple trees and evergreens. Mamma and Emma went to the Waconia depot with butter. It is a beautiful day.

3 The boys plowed and harrowed by the grapevines, pulled out dandelions from the strawberries, and did other small jobs. I trimmed apple trees and hybridized some apple blossoms. It is beautiful weather.

4 Before noon, we did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys and I set up the gravestone on Anna's grave.

5 **Sunday**

6 I trimmed apple trees. The boys did various jobs. We had several thundershowers today. Today, we took the livestock to the southern pasture.

7 I trimmed apple trees. Axel went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Today, we have had rain, several times. The boys sawed stovewood, in the afternoon.

8 I pruned apple trees, etc. The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Charley Norman was here with the P.D. Andersons and Hagstroms for a visit.

9 Before noon, I pruned last year's grafts. The boys cultivated the orchard. In the afternoon, we did nothing. Lambrecht was here and assessed both personal and real properties. Frank went to Waconia and met the pastor Thornquist from Clear Lake. Our district meeting begins tomorrow.

10 & 11 Our district meeting was today in Scandia.

12 **Sunday** The district meeting continues today. In the evening, we had a sudden rain with thunder and hail. These days have been muggy and hot.

13 Charley Norman, with his family, were here last night; also, the pastor Ahlstrom from Minneapolis. Frank drove them to P.D. Anderson's. Today the boys did some work, but I did nothing.

14 Today, the Willmar folks were here for a visit—Jonas Monson and his family, Nils Swenson and his family, and others. We did nothing today.

15 Today, it has rained most of the day, so we only did a few odd jobs. We have now had too much rain, so we cannot do any work outside of the house.

- 16 Even today it has rained. The boys worked on the bridge that had washed out near Peterman's pasture in between the rain.
- 17 Before noon, the boys worked on the bridge. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia. Frank went fishing. I pruned apple trees.
- 18 Before noon, the boys hoed around the grafts and hoed potatoes. In the afternoon, Frank and the girls went to Waconia to the veterans' celebration. Axel hoed. I pruned various trees and finished.
- 19 **Sunday** Rither, Swenson's son-in-law, preached in Scandia today.
- 20 First, in the morning, Niklas Swenson was here and castrated the pigs, and then the boys mowed and cut the hay in the orchard. In the afternoon came another hard rain. I did various jobs.
- 21 Frank cultivated the corn. Axel hoed around various plants. I also hoed and did various jobs. Today is beautiful weather and we need dry weather.
- 22 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Axel hoed. In the afternoon, Frank mowed alfalfa while Axel used the scythe. I did various jobs.
- 23 Before noon, the boys cultivated and turned the clover in the orchard. In the afternoon, Frank helped N. Swenson to haul home lumber from St. Bonifacius. Axel hoed, etc. I hoed and did various jobs. It is beautiful weather but to the south, there were clouds and thunder the whole day.
- 24 Before noon, Frank helped N. Swenson to haul home lumber from St. Bonifacius. Axel turned over the clover in the orchard. I did various jobs in the shop. In the afternoon, we hauled in the clover from the orchard and cocked some of the clover down below the orchard.
- 25 Before noon, Frank cultivated the corn. Axel cut with the scythe around the house. I put teeth on the sickle for the mower and sharpened them. In the afternoon, we cocked clover and hauled in one load, then finished cultivating the corn.
- 26 **Sunday** Nilson from Chicago was here this afternoon and in the meeting.
- 27 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. The boys cut hay around the house and spread the clover. In the afternoon, the boys mowed and cut in the orchard and hauled in a load of clover. I hoed and did other jobs.
- 28 First the boys cultivated in the new broken field and then we spread out the clover. In the afternoon, we hauled in the clover from below the orchard. Today it has been dry the whole day. Today we took "Rosy" to the butcher's bull from Excelsior.
- 29 Before noon, it rained. The boys fanned wheat. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys worked on the road by Fischer's. I cut hay and hoed around the poplars.
- 30 The boys worked on the road by Fischer's and Lindenberg's with the horses. The womenfolk and I turned and cocked the hay in the northern orchard and around the house, then I cut hay around the walnut trees. Professor Green from St. Anthony Park was here today and put mosquito netting over the hybridized flowers. The butcher's hired man from Excelsior came to get the bull. The bull has been here for two weeks and two days.

July

1 Before noon, the boys worked on the road with the horses. In the afternoon, they hauled a load of hay from the northern orchard, then it rained the whole afternoon. The butcher, Torman from Excelsior, came and bought five lambs.

2 It has rained almost the whole day so we did nothing. It rained even last night.

3 Sunday

4 We had a celebration in Scandia. Many were here from Minneapolis. Nils Olson from Chicago was with, but he left for home in the afternoon.

5 The boys mowed the clover in the western meadow and along the road, which they will take when they go and milk the cows, and cultivated one load of hay. The butcher from Excelsior was here and bought sheep.

6 Mamma and I went to Waconia and then to John Nelson's for a visit. The boys cultivated and then hauled in a little hay.

7 The boys mowed and cut on the other side of the track and hauled in the clover from the western meadow, etc. I did various jobs.

8 First, they mowed and cut the rest of the hay on the other side of the tracks in the other meadow, then they turned the hay in the meadow they cut yesterday, then they hauled home the timothy and alfalfa (it was three loads).

9 Today, we hauled home three loads of hay from the other side of the track in the southern meadow, cultivated the corn and hoed, and pruned grapevines, etc. John Nelson's women were here for a visit.

10 Sunday

11 The boys first hoed and cultivated the corn, then they cut with the scythes and the machine in the western meadow. In the afternoon, they hauled in hay. I trimmed the grapevines. Mrs. Mix from Excelsior was here for a visit. It is quite warm weather.

12 The boys mowed and hauled in hay. I hoed in the orchard and did other various jobs. It is quite warm weather.

13 The boys mowed, cut hay with the scythes, and hauled in the hay. I hoed and did various other jobs. Mrs. Mix from Excelsior was here overnight and she went home, in the afternoon, on the train.

14 Before noon, the boys hoed, mowed, and cut with scythes. I hoed, etc. In the afternoon, it rained. A traveler from Sibley County by the name of Beebe was here last night.

15 The boys hoed and hauled in hay. I hoed in the garden, etc. It is beautiful weather.

16 First, Frank went to Augusta and met Sture, Christine Anderson from Maynard, and a schoolteacher from Hastings. S. Booth was also with. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. We hauled in two loads of hay. In the evening, I went to a school meeting.

17 Sunday

18 First, I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod and I bought a trunk for Emma. Sture and the other folks from Maynard rode along with me as far as Broberg's house. They took a ride on the steamboat and then went and visited John Nelson's folks. Axel and Frank cut the hay

along the roads with the scythes. The traveler, Beebe, from Sibley County, who was here last week, was here again last night. This morning, we had a very hard shower with thunder. This day has been uncomfortably warm and muggy weather; it is almost impossible to breathe.

- 19 Today, in the morning, the folks from Maynard had intended to start for home, but there came a heavy rain, so they could not leave the house. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to the church and cut the hay, took away some of the dirt from around it, and pulled out the weeds in the stalls. The Maynard folks went to Broberg's and went fishing.
- 20 Today, at seven o'clock in the morning, the Maynard folks went to Cologne and then on the train home. Emma went with them. Frank drove them. In the afternoon, Axel drove Miss Taper to Victoria, where she went home to Hastings, then the boys hoed the sugar beets. I cut hay along the road the whole day. It is very hot and there is a feeling of thunder in the air.
- 21 The boys cut and mowed, hauled, and stacked hay. I cut the strawberries with the scythe and turned the hay in along the road. It is over 90 degrees out. I cannot do much, for it is too hot.
- 22 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. The boys mowed and cut the home meadow in the southern field. In the afternoon, we hauled home the hay from the western meadow and hauled in the hay from the road.
- 23 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat and had the mare shod on the front feet. Axel hoed by the corn. I cut weeds. In the afternoon, we hauled in the hay from the road.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. I went to St. Bonifacius with a keg of syrup that I am sending to Maynard. Axel cut. In the afternoon, Frank mowed the new timothy around the oak tree by the track. I did various jobs. It is quite warm weather and oppressive.
- 26 Last night and this morning, we got quite a bit of rain. Before noon, the boys fanned wheat. I cut weeds. In the afternoon, Borrow Nilson and I went to Maple Hill and bought binding twine to tie the wheat from Adam Hall. The boys fished and cultivated. In the evening and night, a pouring rain came with strong thunder and lightning.
- 27 Before noon, Frank and I cut weeds out in the woods. Axel went to Waconia for the mail. In the afternoon, I cut weeds. Axel cut along the road and on the field. Frank made gates. The ground is overflowing with water and the meadow is like a lake.
- 28 The boys and I finished the gates and we hung them between the barnyard and fields. Frank also went after the mail.
- 29 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel, Mamma, and I turned hay, etc. In the afternoon, we raked together the hay, timothy out from the oak, and hauled it in. Today we got a letter from Emma that the store in Maynard burned down. Today "Betty" calved. Today is beautiful weather.

30 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and I raked the hay out of the water by the oak. In the afternoon, the boys mowed and cut the second crop of alfalfa in the garden. I did various jobs.

31 **Sunday**

August

- 1 Mowed and cut clover. Hauled a load of hay, built a bridge by the island, etc.
- 2 Hauled in the clover from the garden, hauled in the new timothy by the island. Cut weeds down in the garden in the meadow.
- 3 The boys pulled up wild oats, and then hauled in the clover down in the garden, etc. I cut weeds down in the garden and did other jobs. Today the preachers, Salquist and Samuelson, moved to our house.
- 4 Mamma and I went to Swanberg's funeral, but we did not go to Gotaholm. The boys cut around the island and hauled home the timothy from the island.
- 5 Last night we got a huge rain with strong thunder. Before noon, the boys cut hay around the island. In the afternoon, Frank went to Minneapolis to get a hired man to help with the wheat harvest. Axel and I did various jobs.
- 6 Before noon, Axel and I went to Waconia and sold a calf. Ida was with. In the afternoon, we hauled home hay from the island. It is very warm. In the evening, Frank came home from Minneapolis with the hired man, but he fooled him and never came.
- 7 **Sunday** Samuelson preached in Scandia and Salquist preached in Watertown at the free church.
- 8 Before noon, the boys set up the reaper. I went to Waconia and hired Bergren to work for a month during the wheat harvest. In the afternoon, it rained. I am not well and even Frank is not well.
- 9 Before noon, Axel and I repaired the fence in the western meadow. Frank finished putting the reaper in order for the reaping. Today, E. Bergren began to work for a month for us. In the afternoon, they began to reap. When they had reaped a few turns on the large piece in the southern field, it began to rain, so they had to stop, then they went fishing and got a lot of fish.
- 10 Today the boys and Bergren reaped the wheat in the southern field. Today, it has not rained. I cut weeds in the garden. Salquist and Samuelson went fishing.
- 11 The boys and Bergren finished reaping the wheat on the large piece and began to reap the oats on the five-acre piece. I cut weeds and did various other jobs.
- 12 The boys and Bergren finished reaping the oats and began to reap the wheat on the square piece. I cut weeds and did various other jobs.
- 13 Last night, we got a big rain, again. Before noon, the boys and Bergren shoveled the manure away from the stack place. In the afternoon, they reaped the wheat in the home field and on the place where we stack grain.
- 14 **Sunday** Samuelson preached. In the afternoon, there was a funeral for a child of Nathaniel

Bergquist of Minneapolis.

- 15 The boys and Bergren reaped the wheat in the field by the barn. Today, the preacher Samuelson traveled from here to his home in Chicago. I cut and hoed weeds. The oppressive heat continues; it is more than 90 degrees.
- 16 The boys and Bergren reaped the wheat in the field by the barn and began a little before dark to reap the wheat on the other side of the track. The preacher Salquist went from here today to B. Nilson's to stack wheat.
- 17 The boys and Bergren reaped the wheat on the other side of the track. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 18 Before noon, I went to the Waconia depot with butter and sent it to Wilson at the St. Louis Hotel, and had "Rock" shod. The boys and Bergren cradled the wheat in the field by Peterman's land. In the afternoon, they reaped the oats in the home field in the west end along the creek. They could only reap from one side as it had fallen down.
- 19 Today, we began to stack the oats and three loads of wheat and took off the rest of the wheat by the barn field. Frank stacked. Bergren gathered up the bundles. I drove. Axel pitched up the bundles on the load and Mamma loaded them.
- 20 Today we stacked an oat stack and some wheat.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 We stacked wheat from the home field and a part from the southern field. Pernilla Morten from Minneapolis and her daughters were here for a visit.
- 23 Today, we stacked two stacks of wheat by the hog pen by the barn field. The wheat was very bad. Before noon, I went to Waconia.
- 24 They stacked wheat from the large piece in the southern field. Mamma is the *nodding crow* or the driver most of the time because I am not well. Josephine loaded the bundles on the wagon.
- 25 Before noon, they stacked a large stack of wheat from the barn field. In the afternoon, they stacked in the field by Peterman's stack of wheat on the other side of the track.
- 26 We stacked the wheat on the other side of the track. Today I am well, so I was the *nodding crow*. In the afternoon, Mamma went to Waconia.
- 27 Before noon, we stacked wheat by Peterman's stack. In the afternoon, we stacked the last of the wheat by the barn field. We have now finished the stacking, but we have not finished stacking the wheat by the island. We are unsure if we can reap there, because it is so wet. It has been a hard harvest time this year because the fields have been wet from how much rain we have had. Frank has stacked all the grain, but he is tired out from the loose, blowing straw. He has done a good job of stacking so that no rain can get through them.
- 28 **Sunday** P. Freed was here for dinner.
- 29 Last night and today, it has continued to rain. Axel and Bergren fanned wheat. Frank wrote a letter for me to Underwood in Lake City, one to Latham in Excelsior, and one to Sture in Maynard. We packed a barrel of apples to send to Brainerd.
- 30 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples that we are sending to

Maynard. Axel and Bergren threshed beans. In the afternoon, we went to Waconia and heard a political speech by Ignatius Donnelly. Today it is clear weather with a cold wind.

31 Axel went to Peterman's and threshed. Frank mowed the clover in the west meadow and then mowed and cut the hay around the house and the hog pen. I am not well. Clear and beautiful weather. Bergren threshed for Joseph Broberg for me.

September

1 Axel and Frank threshed for Sam Peltz. The womenfolk and I picked and packed apples for the State Fair. I am not well. Bergren threshed for Joseph Broberg for me.

2 Axel and Frank threshed for P.D. Anderson. Bergren threshed for Joseph Broberg before noon and in the afternoon, Bergren threshed at P.D. Anderson's. Frank came home and hauled in the clover from the west meadow. The womenfolk helped him. Frank also cocked the hay around the house. I am not well.

3 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia. I sent a box of apples by express to the State Fair (twenty varieties of apples for collection and also apples for ten plates). Axel cut hay around the house. In the afternoon, Frank and Axel mowed and cut the hay in the orchard. Bergren threshed for August Nelson on Swanberg's farm.

4 Sunday

5 Before noon, Frank mowed north of the house. Mamma and I picked apples and packed them to send to Latham in Excelsior. In the afternoon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with meal. He took along apples for Kugler and Henning, also the apple box for Latham and sent that to Excelsior. Axel cut hay. Bergren threshed at Paul Pofahl's in the afternoon.

6 The boys mowed and cut the second crop of hay on the other side of the tracks and did various other jobs. Bergren threshed at Paul Pofahl's until two o'clock in the afternoon. Today I was cupped, so I am in bed.

7 Frank plowed in the home field. Axel and Bergren sharpened fence posts. In the afternoon, they hauled in clover from the orchard.

8 Frank plowed in the home field. Axel threshed for Lindenberg. Today, in the morning, Bergren left here to go to work in Willmar to work with the threshers. Bergren has worked one month for us in the harvest time.

9 Frank plowed, etc. Axel threshed for Lindenberg for half a day. At four o'clock in the afternoon, it began to rain and continued into the night.

10 Last night, we had a mass of rain with much thunder and lightning. Frank went to Waconia and sold a calf. Josephine and Oskar were with to take portraits. In the afternoon, Frank plowed in the home field. Axel did various jobs.

11 Sunday

12 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and sold apples. The boys turned hay on the other side of the track. The womenfolk and I picked Duchess and Charlamoff apples and then the womenfolk raked together the hay around the house.

13 Before noon, Frank plowed in the home field. Axel hoed by the strawberry beds. In the

afternoon, the boys hauled in hay from the other side of the track. I repaired a barrel in which to send apples to the children in Maynard. The womenfolk packed down the apples. Today we took "Betty" to Peterman's bull.

- 14 First, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples that we are sending to the children in Maynard. The boys did various jobs today. Today, Aunt Margareta came from Litchfield and Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Austen from Excelsior for a visit; also Dr. Shepherd from Waconia and a nurseryman, Smith, from Minneapolis. Today, I was cupped so I am in bed.
- 15 Frank plowed and Axel cut corn and picked out seed corn, etc.
- 16 Before noon, Frank plowed the square piece and finished and then harrowed it. In the afternoon, Elsa's sister Margareta (from Litchfield) went to Minneapolis. Mamma and Frank drove her to Waconia. Axel cut corn. I am in bed.
- 17 Before noon, Frank plowed the other side of the track. Axel cut corn. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in the clover from down below the orchard and stacked together the clover that had been intended for seed. There was no seed in it. In the evening, Pettijohn and his wife were here. I am in bed, for the most part.
- 18 **Sunday** Today, the preacher Salquist preached for the last time here.
- 19 Frank plowed on the other side of the tracks. Axel cut corn. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia with a box of apples that I am sending to Latham in Excelsior.
- 20 Frank plowed, Axel cut corn. The womenfolk and I took down apples and carried them in.
- 21 Frank plowed before noon, and Axel went to Waconia after a bundle of fence wire. In the afternoon, the boys repaired the fence by Schraan's land. Litz and Maynard with their wives from Minnewashta were here for a visit.
- 22 Before noon, Frank plowed and Axel stripped the sorghum cane. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. Mamma and I went fishing.
- 23 The boys hauled manure. Mamma and Josephine went to Waconia and sold apples. I did various small jobs.
- 24 Axel and Frank went to the Carver County Fair. We, who were home, did various small jobs. It has been very warm this week and today, it is 85 degrees in the shade.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Before noon, Mamma and I went to Waconia. We sent butter to Tillman's in Minneapolis. Frank plowed and Axel cut sorghum canes. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in a load of hay and hauled home sorghum cane. Josephine and I picked apples.
- 27 Frank plowed and Axel cut weeds and did various other jobs. I repaired a barrel to send to Latham in Excelsior, then we picked apples.
- 28 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia and sold apples. I shipped the barrel of apples to Latham in Excelsior for an exposition in Chicago. I stayed in Waconia for a convention meeting. Axel hoed by the apple trees. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel did various jobs. Today I sent a draft for \$10.85 to Charles Hawkinson in Minneapolis for wheat. I also sent a letter to Clarence Wedge in Albert Lea.

- 29 Before noon, Frank harrowed the field on the other side of the tracks. Axel cut weeds. In the afternoon, they hauled manure. I did various small jobs. It is quite warm weather.
- 30 The boys hauled manure the whole day. Before noon, I went to the Waconia depot to meet Fred Johnson from Maynard, but he didn't come. In the afternoon, I cut weeds and picked apples. O.F. Brand's agent was here for a while today. His name is Leonard.

October

- 1 Before noon, I went to Waconia and met Fred Johnson and his wife, Ruth. The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, we did nothing. Axel and Fred Johnson went fishing.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Today, in the morning, Fred Johnson and his wife, Ruth, traveled from here to Minneapolis. Frank drove them to St. Bonifacius, and then the boys hauled manure. I cut weeds by the evergreens and hauled them away. It is beautiful weather.
- 4 Before noon, I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, I did various small jobs. The boys hauled manure the whole day. Borrow Nilson was here and borrowed our ram.
- 5 Before noon, the boys hauled manure. I packed the apples that Professor Green hybridized and also a half-bushel of Lieby apples. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel and I prepared to cook the syrup.
- 6 Before noon, I went to Waconia with apples. I sent the crossed apples to Professor Green as well as the half-bushel of Lieby apples. The boys and Mamma pressed and cooked the sorghum canes and then evaporated the sap and made syrup; it made about 16 ½ gallons sorghum syrup.
- 7 P.D. Anderson was here and pressed his sorghum syrup. Our boys hauled old rotted straw and manure. I dug up quackgrass roots down in the meadow and did various other jobs. It is cooler weather today.
- 8 The boys dug up potatoes. I dug up quackgrass roots by the gooseberry bushes, picked grapes, etc. Last night, there was much frost, but the grapes were not damaged.
- 9 **Sunday** Mrs. Larson from Excelsior and her daughter were here in Scandia for the meeting and with us until dinner.
- 10 Axel and the girls dug up potatoes and finished. At ten o'clock, Frank went to John Nelson's and threshed. I hoed around the gooseberry bushes and the currant bushes and did other various small jobs.
- 11 Before noon, I went to Waconia and sold grapes. In the afternoon, I cut hay in the meadow down by the orchard, etc. Axel has husked corn. Frank threshed for John Nelson.
- 12 Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. I cut hay in the meadow down by the orchard and trimmed gooseberry bushes. Today it is warm weather.
- 13 Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. I trimmed gooseberry bushes and did various other small jobs. It is warm weather—72 degrees.
- 14 Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. I trimmed gooseberry bushes, etc. The warmth continues.

15 Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. Before noon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. In the afternoon, I went back to Waconia and got apple seedlings that Bost had sent to me.

16 **Sunday**

17 Before noon, Frank plowed and Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. In the afternoon, the boys hauled corn fodder. I trimmed the currant bushes. By noon, we had a little rain.

18 The boys hauled corn fodder and hauled in the squash, etc. The womenfolk husked corn in the newly broken field. I did various other jobs. The heifer, "Pearly," calved, today. We took "Daisy" to Peterman's bull today. Adam Hull and the representative for our district, F. Borchert from Renville County, was here. They were out and electioneered.

19 Before noon, I went to the Waconia depot with butter for Hillman's in Minneapolis and sold apples to Eiselien. Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk husked corn and finished. In the afternoon, the boys hauled corn fodder. I did various jobs.

20 The boys and the womenfolk took in the sugar beets. Before noon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. In the afternoon, I did various jobs.

21 Before noon, the boys and the womenfolk took in the carrots and rutabagas. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel and I fixed up things in the hog barn and there we will lay the new wheat.

22 Before noon, I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. The boys broke up the swamp down by the orchard. We burned wheat in the field by the island.

23 **Sunday**

24 Before noon, Mamma and I measured up apples and picked out all the bruised apples. Frank plowed on the island. Axel did various jobs. By dinner time, Harris from La Crosse came here. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and sold apples. The boys did various jobs. Frank and Harris went to Per Daniel's and looked at the apple seedlings. It is cold weather.

25 First, I drove Harris to Waconia, then Axel and I repaired the place where we shall store the wheat. Frank plowed and harrowed on the island. Mamma went to Kate Broberg's. Last night, there was frost, a half-thumb of ice.

26 Frank plowed and Axel repaired the road that goes through the southern field. At three o'clock, Axel went to B. Nilson's and threshed. I made a grain box in the barn. Mrs. Charney from Hector was here for a visit. The dry and cold continues.

27 Before noon, Axel and Frank threshed at B. Nilson's. I packed a box with apples and sent them to Latham in Excelsior. The girls went to Waconia with the box. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel did various jobs. I finished the grain bin in the hog barn.

28 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and I repaired the straw shelter, etc. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel cleaned around the grain stacks. I did various jobs. Today we had a strong storm.

29 Frank plowed. Axel did various jobs. I worked in the orchard and did various other jobs.

30 **Sunday**

31 Frank plowed. Axel dug out quackgrass roots. I dug up apple seedlings, etc. Today, it has

drizzled.

November

- 1 Before noon, Frank plowed and Axel did various jobs. I butchered a wether. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia. Axel and Frank threshed at Lundsten's. It is cloudy and cool weather.
- 2 Axel and Frank threshed at Lundsten's. I did various jobs. At four o'clock, Peterman's threshing machine arrived here and they threshed two stacks of wheat that day.
- 3 Threshed the whole day and finished late in the evening. It was beautiful weather but just as we finished, it began to mist.
- 4 The boys threshed for Niklas Swenson. I did various small jobs. It is cold weather today.
- 5 Before noon, the boys threshed for Niklas Swenson. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel threshed for Peterman. Frank plowed. I went to Waconia. Ida and Josephine have been to N. Swenson's and prepared food during the threshing. Last night we had quite a hard freeze. In the afternoon, the cold eased up a lot.
- 6 **Sunday** I am not well.
- 7 Today, we had a snowstorm the whole day. Axel threshed at Peterman's before noon. Frank did the chores and various other jobs. He even took a wether to the Peltz's house that they had bought from us. I was in bed the whole day.
- 8 Today, Axel, Frank, and I went to the election. We voted for the People's Party ticket, but not all of the country officials. In the afternoon, Frank plowed, Axel did various jobs. It is clear and cold weather.
- 9 Axel went to Peterman's and threshed. Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and had the plow sharpened. I was in bed. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. I dug up pear seedlings and packed them down and even the apple seedlings. Today it is mild weather.
- 10 Before noon, we prepared everything to butcher hogs, then we butchered the two old sows and a pig. P.D. Anderson helped us. It is beautiful weather but it began to storm at night.
- 11 This morning, P.D. Anderson's Andrew and our Frank traveled down to Minneapolis with pork (they had P.D. Anderson's horses). Before noon, I repaired the barn door that was broken. In the afternoon, I cut up the pork from the pig. Axel plowed the whole day.
- 12 Axel plowed. I dug up plum trees and heeled in apple trees and pear trees. In the evening at seven o'clock, Frank and P.D. Anderson's Andrew came home from Minneapolis. Freed was here today and paid the interest.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 I went to the Waconia depot for paint that Fred Johnson from Maynard had sold to me. I even bought timothy seed. In the afternoon, I was in bed. The boys leveled and prepared the field on the island for timothy, then they plowed, etc.
- 15 The boys sowed timothy seed on the island and rolled it, mowed the old grass, and hauled it home for a covering of the grapevines. I was not well, so I did nothing. Today, it is mild and

beautiful weather.

- 16 Frank plowed. Axel and I dug up apple trees and grafted them in along with various other jobs. It is very hazy today with a white frost.
- 17 Today, Frank and Niklas Martin traveled up to Maynard. Axel drove them to Cologne. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, it was beautiful weather. Axel did various jobs.
- 18 Today I began to prune the grapevines, but I was not well, so I was in bed at times. Axel hauled ashes for the grapevines. It was beautiful weather but with a cold west wind.
- 19 I pruned back the grapevines. Axel put down the grapes and covered them with hay. He even did other jobs. It is beautiful weather but cold. Today, we took the apples from the granary to the cellar.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 I pruned back a few grapevines but I am not well. Axel did various jobs. Beautiful and cold weather.
- 22 I pruned back the grapevines. Axel laid them down and did various other jobs. It is clear and beautiful weather but cold, with a northern wind.
- 23 Before noon, Axel went to Pettijohn with a cord of maple wood. In the afternoon, he did various jobs. I pruned grapes but I am not well. Bergren came here in the afternoon from Maynard. Cold weather.
- 24 Today it is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We had a meeting in Scandia and we did nothing. It is a sharp, bare cold with an easterly wind.
- 25 Today, we got rain and snow together, and a strong storm the whole day. Axel and I made cuttings of poplars and willows and heeled them in. Josephine teaches her last day of school. Bergren left here today for Waconia.
- 26 Before noon, Axel and Mamma went to Waconia. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I pruned back grapevines and Axel laid them down. It is beautiful weather.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 I finished pruning back the grapevines and Axel laid them down and covered them. In the evening, our folks went to the meeting in Scandia where a visiting minister by the name of Lind preached. Today, our schoolmaster, Klammer, from Chaska, began to board with us. Yesterday and today was beautiful weather.
- 29 Before noon, I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon, I cut scions. Axel covered the strawberries and did various other jobs. Frank Lundsten's sister-in-law was here for a visit, in the evening. Today, it is mild and hazy.
- 30 I cut scions, etc. Axel did various jobs. In the evening, Carl came home from Maynard. He drove home on the road in a sulky hitched to the white horse.

December

- 1 Mamma and I went to P.D. Anderson's. Carl went to Waconia and had the mare shod. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. It is hazy and drizzles.
- 2 Axel and Carl hauled cordwood to the schoolhouse. I packed in the scions in the cellar and

planted apple seeds. Today, it is clear and beautiful weather.

3 Before noon, Axel and Carl hauled wood to the schoolhouse. In the afternoon, Carl went to St. Bonifacius with the old wood sleds, and the sulky, to send them to Maynard. Axel did various jobs. I am not well.

4 **Sunday**

5 Today, we butchered eight pigs. We had P.D. Anderson's help. It rained.

6 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing. Today it is cold weather and it is quite slippery as the rain froze last night.

7 Today at four o'clock, Axel and Carl traveled to Minneapolis. They had eight pigs for the load. I did nothing because I am not well.

8 I did nothing, I am not well. In the evening, at eight o'clock, the boys came home from Minneapolis. Between Excelsior and here, the roads were so slippery, the horses fell down. It is very cloudy, but no snow has come.

9 The boys took care of the livestock and did various small jobs. I did nothing. We now have eleven lambs. Niklas Swenson was here today and castrated them.

10 Carl went to Waconia and had the mare and "Rock" shod. Axel filed saws. I did nothing. I still am not well. It is beautiful weather and cold.

11 **Sunday** Lovisa Larson from Minneapolis was here and visited us.

12 The boys cleaned out the manure in the sheep barn and hauled straw and put it on the raspberry bushes. I did various jobs. Today it is mild and beautiful weather.

13 Carl and B. Nilson butchered hogs. Axel and I tied the hay on the tops of the raspberry bushes. This afternoon, we got a little snow.

14 Before noon, Carl and I went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure.

15 Axel and Carl hauled manure to the trees in the orchard and I spread the manure. It is beautiful weather.

16 The boys hauled manure to the apple trees and I spread the manure. It is beautiful weather.

17 The boys sawed off the windblown trees in the woods for stovewood. I repaired gloves. The weather is beautiful.

18 **Sunday**

19 Before noon, Carl went to N. Swenson's and butchered hogs. In the afternoon, we butchered a steer and N. Swenson helped us. It is clear and beautiful weather, but quite cold.

20 The boys did various jobs. I cut up the beef from the steer that we butchered yesterday, and Carl helped me. Clear and cold weather.

21 Before noon, Mamma, Axel, and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia again and had the windmill pump repaired. Carl and I went after Niklas's boar and put him with the sows.

22 Today I packed down the beef in the snow. The boys piled together stovewood in the woods and took care of the livestock, etc. The cold weather continues.

23 Carl went to Waconia before noon for the mail and in the afternoon, he went again and had

the mare shod. Axel did various jobs. I made a brine for the pork and did other various small jobs. Today is cold—8 degrees below 0.

- 24 Axel and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Carl went to the Augusta Station and met Sture, Frank, and Emma. They came from Maynard. In the afternoon, we had some snow. It is cold weather.
- 25 **Christmas Day** We went to the meeting in Scandia. The B. Nilsons and Booths, together with P.D. Anderson, were here in the afternoon for a visit. It is quite cold (12 degrees below 0).
- 26 Frank went to Pettijohn in Waconia with a load of cordwood. Carl went to Waconia and had “Mag” and “Frank” shod. Sture went to Broberg’s. Axel took care of the animals. Pofahl was here with a sow and put her with Swenson’s boar. It is 16 below 0.
- 27 Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Carl went to Norwood to ask the photographer to come to Waconia and take a portrait of our family, but he could not come. In the evening, our folks were at the Christmas tree party for the school children in Waconia. It is beautiful weather.
- 28 Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Axel and Carl went to the schoolhouse and sawed stovewood. Sture took care of the animals. I smeared the apple trees with liver to protect them from the rabbits. Today it is beautiful weather and not quite so cold.
- 29 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and Carl sawed stovewood at the schoolhouse and finished it. Sture and I made up accounts on the cost of the buildings as well as other expenses in connection with our land in Maynard. In the afternoon, I finished smearing the apple tree stems with liver.
- 30 Before noon, Carl and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel took care of the animals. I did nothing. Last night, we got three thumbs of snow, so now it is good for sleighing.
- 31 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Sture and Carl went to Chaska and the Carver market. They bought alfalfa clover seed grams. Axel took care of the livestock, etc. Brand’s son from Faribault was here and examined the Peerless apple trees. The student Nilson, Andrew Gustav, and Pettijohn and his wife are here this evening.

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January

- 1 **Sunday** The student, Swan Nilson from Chicago, was here and preached for us. In the afternoon we were invited to P.D. Anderson’s.
- 2 We went to a business meeting in Scandia. Axel hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. It is cold weather. The cow, “Molly,” calved last night.
- 3 This morning at 7 o’clock, Sture, Carl, and Ida went to Maynard. Axel drove them to Cologne. Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia and in the afternoon it snowed, so we did nothing. Today we took N. Swenson’s boar back home. The one sow took him the

22nd of December but the other sow has not taken him. It is cold weather these days.

4 Axel and Frank each hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I did nothing as I am not well. Today we have beautiful weather—not too cold.

5 Last night we had a strong storm and today it is windy and cold. The boys shoveled out the sawdust from the icehouse. I wrote a letter to Sweden, etc.

6 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia and in the afternoon, they did nothing. I finished my letter to Sweden, etc. Today it has snowed quite a bit.

7 Frank and Mamma went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I mended gloves, etc. It is beautiful weather. Today I mailed the letter to Sweden as well as one to Vingren in Chicago with a year's subscription to *Nya VeckoPosten* to be sent to Sweden.

8 **Sunday**

9 Last night we had a big storm, so the roads are drifted over and blocked. Even today it is windy and cold, so the boys could not haul wood to Waconia. The boys did various small jobs and I mended gloves.

10 Axel and Frank each hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. I mended gloves, etc. It is still very cold weather.

11 It snowed quite a bit in the forenoon and in the afternoon the boys hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I mended gloves, etc. In the afternoon, the weather was clear and sunny and not too cold.

12 Axel and Frank hauled two loads of basswood to Chaska. Mamma and I did the chores and I also did various small jobs. This morning it stormed and now it is cold.

13 In the afternoon the boys hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Last night the cow, "Flora," calved. This morning the temperature was 24 degrees below 0. I did various small jobs.

14 The boys cut wood for the stove and I sewed some fur liners for my moccasin boots. The cold is just as intense today.

15 **Sunday**

16 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank hauled two cords of elmwood to Olson in Scandia. In the afternoon, Frank and Emma went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs and I finished my fur liners for my boots. Today it is not quite as cold.

17 Today we had snow flurries. Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Pettijohn's in Waconia. Axel did the chores and I did various small jobs.

18 Axel and Frank hauled two loads of basswood to Chaska. I did various small jobs. B. Nilson was here today and also P.D. Anderson. Today it is great weather.

19 Axel and Frank hauled two loads of basswood to Chaska. I only did the chores. It snowed in the afternoon and the cold is not as intense.

20 Axel and Frank hauled straw to the apple trees in the orchard and I spread it out on the trees. We are having a mild sunny day.

21 Frank and Mamma went to Waconia and met Henry Anderson and his wife who came from

Maynard. They were newly married and on their honeymoon trip and had come from Eggleston. We did no other work today. Bost from Excelsior was here today hunting rabbits and he even got some apple scions from me.

- 22 **Sunday** Dahlstrom from Minneapolis is here and preached for us.
- 23 In the forenoon and in the evening we had meetings in Scandia and Dahlstrom preached.
- 24 This morning, Henry Anderson and his wife from Maynard left for home. Frank drove them to St. Bonifacius. In the afternoon the boys hauled straw to the orchard and I spread out the straw. Last night we got a lot of snow.
- 25 Today it has snowed. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia to get lumber to board up the icehouse. Axel did the chores, etc. I did various small jobs.
- 26 Today it is very cold. The boys did various small jobs and also did the chores. I did nothing.
- 27 The boys hauled straw to the orchard and I spread it out under the trees. It is still very cold.
- 28 In the forenoon Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank drove Emma to Waconia to take the train to Excelsior to visit the Mixes. Axel and I did various jobs.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and met Emma, who came home from Excelsior. A minister by the name of Hanson also came with them. Axel and I nailed up the boards on the inside of the icehouse and the boys and I worked on the icehouse in the afternoon. Today it is not so cold.
- 31 Today we are having a very hard snowstorm, so no one can get out to the meeting in Scandia at which Hanson was supposed to speak. We did no work other than the chores.

February

- 1 The cold is intense today—28 degrees below 0. We did nothing other than the chores. Last night “Nancy” calved.
- 2 Today we are having another strong storm. The minister, A.P. Hanson, left here and went to Clear Lake today. Frank drove him to Waconia. We did nothing except the chores.
- 3 The intense cold continues. We did a few small jobs and the chores.
- 4 In the forenoon the boys went to Waconia to get the mail, and in the afternoon they did the chores. Today we took the cow “Pearly” to Peterman’s bull. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 5 **Sunday** The cold weather has eased up a bit.
- 6 Today it is very cold again. The boys and I did various small jobs in the shop and also did the chores. Josephine and Oskar are in school.
- 7 The cold weather continues. In the afternoon Frank and Emma went to Waconia; otherwise we did no work other than the chores.
- 8 The boys cut ice on Clearwater Lake and hauled it home. I cleaned up the wheels on the old family carriage and the buggy and also oiled them with warm flaxseed oil. It was beautiful

weather until 4 o'clock, and then we got a very strong snowstorm.

9 Today it has snowed all day. We did a few small jobs. The boys hauled home a load of ice in the afternoon. Today the temperature outside is quite mild.

10 Today it is sunny and mild. The boys are sawing ice and hauling it home. I shoveled snow-trampled paths and did the chores. Also did a few small jobs.

11 The boys sawed and hauled home ice. I went to the market in Waconia and sold a calf. Josephine was with me. Today is great weather and the temperature is quite mild.

12 **Sunday**

13 In the forenoon the boys packed ice into the icehouse. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a cord of maple to Pettijohn's in Waconia and Axel did various jobs. I painted the wagon wheels, etc. Today we had great, mild weather.

14 In the forenoon it snowed. The boys cleaned out the sheep barn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia depot with butter. Axel did various jobs and I did various jobs in the shop.

15 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia to meet Frances Anderson from Maynard but she did not come. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a cord of wood to Olson in Scandia. Axel did various jobs and I did various jobs in the shop.

16 Axel and Martin Swenson began cutting cordwood for me. Frank went to Waconia and brought home Frances Anderson who came from Minneapolis. I painted the wagon wheels, etc. The temperature is milder.

17 The boys and Martin Swenson cut cordwood and I did various jobs in the shop. Today we had snow showers and the temperature is mild.

18 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank did the chores and in the afternoon he and Mamma took Frances Anderson to Waconia. I did various small jobs in the shop. It is nice weather.

19 **Sunday**

20 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank did the chores and hauled a cord of basswood to Pettijohn. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon it snowed and the temperature is mild.

21 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and took orders for pork. Today I sent scions from the 18 M Anisimovka to Wedge in Albert Lea and I sent scions of Christmas and Wolf's seedlings to C. Patten in St. Charles, Iowa, and Christmas to Underwood in Lake City. I did nothing as I am not well.

22 Today we butchered four hogs; two we will keep for our family's needs and two we will sell. P.D. Anderson helped us butcher. The weather was somewhat better.

23 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia with two of the butchered hogs. In the afternoon he hauled home green wood. I cut up the pork and salted it.

24 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank went to Scandia and helped dig a grave as John Nelson's son Henry has died. I made brine for the pork and also did various small jobs.

25 Today we went to John Nelson's house for the funeral for his son, Henry. The weather is

sunny but cold.

26 **Sunday**

27 All day, we have had a strong snowstorm from the northeast. We have had at least eight inches of snow. Today I have started to make apple grafts. The boys have ground sausage meat. Emma went home with the John Nelson's last Saturday and she was not able to come home today because of the snowstorm.

28 I was in the shop and made apple grafts. The boys ground sausage meat and did the chores. The roads are all blocked because of the strong winds and drifting snow.

March

1 The boys were out on the roads shoveling snow and hauled home wood for the stove and sawed it up, etc. August Nelson drove Emma home today. I made apple grafts. Today we had very nice weather.

2 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank did the chores and in the afternoon went to Waconia with Frances Anderson, who went to Minneapolis. I grafted apple trees. Today it is great weather.

3 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood. I grafted apple trees. It is nice but cold weather.

4 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood. I grafted apple trees. It is good weather but quite cold.

5 **Sunday**

6 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood and did the chores. I made pear grafts. It is great weather.

7 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood. I made plum grafts and finished grafting. Today we had mild weather.

8 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood. In the forenoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I did various jobs. Today we have mild weather and rain showers.

9 In the forenoon Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank hauled home green wood and in the afternoon it rained and snowed, so we didn't cut any wood. Frank went to Waconia and I did various jobs.

10 In the forenoon it rained and the thunder rolled. This afternoon Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. Frank did the chores, etc. I cleaned out the hog barn and the hen house.

11 Axel and Martin Swenson cut cordwood. This morning at 6 o'clock, Emma left to go to Maynard to change places with Ida. Frank drove Emma to Augusta. The roads are very bad. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia. I did nothing. It is thawing now, so the snow is shrinking.

12 **Sunday**

13 Today we had a strong snowstorm that lasted all day. The boys only did the chores and I did nothing.

- 14 Axel went to the election. Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon Frank went to Augusta to meet Ida, as we thought she would be coming home from Maynard, but Frank came back as he could not get through because the roads were blocked with snow. I did various jobs and shoveled snow for half the day.
- 15 In the forenoon Axel was out on the road shoveling snow. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and in the afternoon Axel did various jobs and the chores. Frank went to Augusta to meet Ida, but she did not come today. I did nothing as I am not well.
- 16 In the forenoon Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon the boys hauled and cut wood for the stove. I wrote, and did various jobs. I sent scions to Harris in Le Crescent and by mistake they were sent "express."
- 17 Today Ida came home from Maynard. She came to Augusta last night and a farmer by the name of Weaver took her to his home and today he drove her home. Axel and Frank cut cordwood and I did various small jobs.
- 18 Axel and Frank cut cordwood. In the forenoon Mamma and I went to Waconia and in the afternoon I did various jobs. It is great weather.
- 19 **Sunday** Beautiful weather.
- 20 The boys hauled home green wood. I did various small jobs in the shop. In the forenoon it was snowing and blowing, and in the afternoon it was sunny and mild!
- 21 Mamma and I made a visit to John Nelson's house. The boys cut cordwood. It is beautiful weather.
- 22 In the forenoon we had snow, and in the afternoon it rained. In the afternoon Bosell came from Delano with a minister by the name of Anderson. As it rained all afternoon, we could not have a meeting. We did no work today.
- 23 It rained all night with thunder and lightning. Today we had a great deal of rain. At 1 o'clock, Bosell and the minister left here. The boys and I mixed paint. Today we took the cow, "Nancy," to Peterman's bull.
- 24 Today we had another snowstorm. The boys fanned seed wheat. I was in the shop and painted. Our public school ended today. Klammer from Chaska has taught for four months. He boarded with us for \$10 a month.
- 25 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon the boys cut cordwood. I did various small jobs in the shop. Today our schoolmaster B. Klammer went home to Chaska.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 This morning the boys hauled hay from the south barn to the north barn and in the afternoon Frank went to Waconia with two logs for the sawmill. Axel cut cordwood. I made a rat trap. It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 28 The boys cut down a tree for the sawmill and Frank hauled it to the Waconia mill. In the afternoon, they hauled home green cordwood. I did various small jobs in the shop and also hung meat in the smokehouse.
- 29 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia depot with butter and hauled home lumber from the sawmill. In the afternoon, they hauled home green wood. I did various jobs in the shop. A

German by the name of Kelzer was here to get seed wheat.

- 30 The boys cut cordwood and hauled it home. I pruned apple trees, etc. H. Rietz was here today with five sacks of corn that he borrowed last summer. He also bought six sacks of bluestem seed wheat.
- 31 The boys cut cordwood. I pruned apple trees in the orchard. It is mild weather and has been most of the week, so most of the snow has melted.

April

- 1 The boys hauled home wood from the forest. I pruned apple trees. Mamma went to Waconia for the mail. It is still beautiful weather.
- 2 **Sunday (Easter)**
- 3 The boys cut cordwood and stovewood. I pruned the apple trees and did various other small jobs. It is nice weather, but this afternoon it stormed.
- 4 In the forenoon the boys hauled home cordwood, etc. In the afternoon they bored into the maples. I did various other jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 5 Today we began making syrup. Axel is tapping the maples. Frank is harrowing on the old cornfield and later went over the field with the seeder. I pruned apple trees and hung the pork in the smokehouse and did various other jobs. It is great weather.
- 6 Today it has rained and hailed with a very cold wind. Axel went to Waconia after the mail. We cooked down the first of the maple sap, but did nothing else because of the nasty weather.
- 7 The boys cut stovewood. This afternoon Frank went to St. Bonifacius with 10 gallons of maple syrup that we are sending to our folks in Maynard. Axel cut stovewood and I did various jobs. Today we brought Swenson's boar from Peterman's house to our other sow. We took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull for the second time. This morning there was a smoky haze in the air but this afternoon it was clear and beautiful.
- 8 In the forenoon, Frank plowed. Axel and Josephine hauled home maple sap. I put up the second evaporating pan. In the afternoon Frank sowed wheat on the old cornfield. Axel plowed and hauled home maple sap. Gerdson and his son were here to get seed wheat. I helped them to fan it. Mamma made syrup and Ida went to Waconia.
- 9 **Sunday** Today "Rosy" calved.
- 10 In the morning, Frank plowed. Axel and Josephine hauled home maple sap. In the afternoon Axel plowed and Frank sowed wheat on the square field. I cleared the apple branches out of the orchard. Mamma is making syrup. Yesterday and today the sap has run freely. They have hauled home 10 barrels of maple sap. Today it is beautiful weather. We took Swenson's boar home today.
- 11 It has rained and thundered most of the day today. We have made syrup today and that is all we have done. N. Swenson was here and castrated a lamb.
- 12 Today we had a very hard storm all day, so we could not be out and do anything. Axel went to Waconia for the mail.

- 13 Last night we had a hard freeze and today it is cold, so the ice is not melting. The boys hauled the sorghum canes and old straw from the hog pen to the apple orchard. They also hauled home the trash from the fence line between N. Swenson's land and our land.
- 14 In the forenoon the boys hauled home the old rails from the fence on the southern forty. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel cut stovewood and I spread straw around the currant bushes.
- 15 The boys sawed and chopped stovewood. Frank plowed. I did various jobs. Dahlstrom from Minneapolis came here this afternoon..
- 16 **Sunday** Dahlstrom preached for us.
- 17 In the forenoon the boys and Dahlstrom hauled home maple sap. In the afternoon Frank sowed oats on the newly plowed field. Axel hauled home maple sap. Josephine drove Dahlstrom to Waconia and he went home on the train. I made a gutter for the cistern. Last night one of the sows farrowed—she had a litter of 12 pigs (she went 16 weeks, 3 days). Today Beise brought his stallion to our mare and she took him (this was the first time). Beise is to have \$12 if the colt lives, but if the colt dies, he is to have one-half; he got \$1 down. They have hauled home 13 barrels of sap.
- 18 In the morning Frank harrowed. Axel and Josephine hauled maple sap. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat on the 5-acre field. Axel harrowed and hauled sap. They have hauled 9 barrels of sap today. Mamma is making the syrup. I uncovered the raspberry bushes and did various other jobs.
- 19 Today it rained all day and tonight it snowed, so we did nothing today.
- 20 Last night it snowed a lot and today it snowed and stormed quite hard all day. The snow is two feet deep on the level and three feet deep in some places. I have never seen so much snow come all at one time in the month of April. We did nothing except the chores.
- 21 It snowed last night and also today. We shoveled and trampled down paths and did various other jobs. The snow is soft and soggy—very wet.
- 22 Last night it froze very hard. The boys made syrup from the sap they collected last Tuesday. In the afternoon they cleared the snow from the sap troughs. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 The boys hauled home maple sap, etc. Axel went and shoveled snow by Fischer's hill. They also hauled home old rails to burn in the fire under the evaporating pans. I did various jobs. In the evening it rained.
- 25 It is cloudy weather. The snow is not melting very fast. The boys are sawing stovewood, etc. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 26 It rained and snowed, so we did nothing other than care for the animals and the chores.
- 27 We did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to the Waconia depot with butter to send to Tillman's in Minneapolis. Axel chopped wood. I worked in the shop.
- 28 The boys chopped wood for the stove, hauled maple sap, and also did various other jobs. I uncovered raspberry bushes and dug up apple trees that had been heeled in over the winter.

It is cloudy and cold.

29 Axel and I went to the Chaska market and sold the cow "Rosy" with calf. We even went to Carver. Frank harrowed. The roads are difficult and sometimes blocked with snow.

30 **Sunday**

Sowed in 1893

Scottish Fife wheat:	14 ½ bushels on 10 ¾ acre
Bluestem wheat:	23 bushels on 18 ¾ acre
Total:	37 ½ bushels on 29 ½ acre

We put Fife wheat on last year's cornfield (the five-acre piece), on the field by Peterman's land, and on the grain stack piece. We put bluestem wheat on the other side of the tracks, on the field by the barn, and on the home field.

May

- 1 Last night and during the forenoon today, it rained and snowed. The boys cut stovewood. I did various jobs in the shop. In the afternoon, Frank took the mare to Beise's stallion in Waconia. It was the second time that she took the stallion.
- 2 Today we have nice weather with a few rain showers. This morning the boys brought home the syrup troughs and in the afternoon, they repaired fence on the north forty. I did various jobs. Today the cow, "Nancy," is at Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 3 The boys harrowed and also cut wood for the stove. I packed raspberry bushes and also apple tree and currant bush cuttings that we will take to our land in Maynard.
- 4 In the forenoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with the box of plant cuttings and also a box of pork and beef to send to our land in Maynard. Axel harrowed in the afternoon and the boys sowed wheat and harrowed the barn field. I grafted plum trees.
- 5 In the forenoon the boys sowed wheat and harrowed the barn field and in the afternoon they sowed wheat and harrowed on the other side of the tracks. I planted currant bushes and worked on the hog pens. It is beautiful weather.
- 6 In the forenoon, Frank sowed wheat on the other side of the tracks. Axel dug up quackgrass roots in the home field. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat on the field by Peterman's and on the grain stack piece. Axel harrowed on the other side of the track. I planted currant and gooseberry bushes and did various other jobs. Today it was very nice weather. Today we took the cow, "Molly," to Peterman's bull.

7 **Sunday**

- 8 In the forenoon, the boys dug quackgrass roots in the home field. In the afternoon they sowed wheat on the home field and harrowed it in. They have now finished the sowing. This was finished quite late this year. I pruned the raspberry bushes and tied them up. Mamma made soap. It is grand weather.
- 9 In the morning, Frank rolled the grain fields. Axel planted raspberry bushes on the old hog

pen. In the afternoon, Axel rolled and Frank plowed for potatoes. I top-grafted apple trees. It is beautiful weather.

- 10 The boys plowed and planted potatoes and did various other jobs. I top-grafted the apple trees, etc. In the afternoon it was very warm. We took "Pearly" to Peterman's bull for the third time.
- 11 Last night we had a strong thunderstorm and lots of rain. Today Mamma and I went to a funeral. Mrs. Simon was buried. The boys planted potatoes and hauled manure to where we will plant corn.
- 12 The boys hauled manure to the corn field. I top-grafted apple trees. Today it is bad weather with a strong northwesterly wind.
- 13 The boys hauled manure and I top-grafted apple trees and did various other jobs. Joseph Smith from Minnetrista was here and purchased two of the Christmas apple trees.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 The womenfolk are shearing the sheep. Axel is helping them. Frank and I plowed by the raspberry bushes and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, Frank rolled and I did various other jobs. Today the mare was with the stallion for the third time, but she did not take him.
- 16 The boys hauled manure and I grafted apple trees, etc. The Lymans from Chanhassen were here and purchased four pear trees and two Christmas apple trees.
- 17 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure and in the afternoon they started plowing for corn. I planted apple trees.
- 18 The boys plowed for corn. I planted grapes and began to tie up the grapevines.
- 19 The boys planted and rolled for corn. In the afternoon they marked the field for corn. I tied up the grapevines. Today we had a strong rain storm. We took "Flora" to N. Swenson's bull.
- 20 The boys planted corn on the large part of the south field and marked for corn on the newly broken field by the barn. I tied up grapevines and finished. We had very strong winds today, just like yesterday.
- 21 **Sunday (Pentecost)**
- 22 Last night we had a very strong storm with thunder and rain. In the forenoon the boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon, Axel planted corn and sorghum on the newly broken field by the barn. Frank plowed for the sugar beets and I did various other jobs. Today, "Nancy" was with Peterman's bull for the third time and the mare was with the stallion for the fourth time and she took him.
- 23 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat and also had the horses shod. Axel did various jobs and in the afternoon the boys planted potatoes. I planted apple and pear grafts.
- 24 Last night we had heavy rain and today we have rain showers. In the forenoon the boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon they chopped wood for the stove. I did various jobs in the shop. It is now clear weather.
- 25 In the forenoon the boys chopped wood for the stove. I made a post for the clothes line. In

the afternoon the boys did various jobs and I planted grafts and finished. It is a beautiful, sunny day.

- 26 This morning at 6 o'clock Frank, Mamma, and Josephine went to Minneapolis. They had wool, sheepskin, butter, and eggs with them. Axel and Ida planted sugar beets and melons. I did various other jobs. Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 27 Axel planted sugar beets and also went to Waconia for the mail. I hauled the hay from the grapevines to the apple trees and then pruned the apple trees. Our people came home from Minneapolis around sundown.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Frank went to Chaska with a load of wheat and also paid the taxes. Axel and I plowed by the grapes, etc. Axel plowed by the plum trees, and I pruned the apple trees, etc.
- 30 In the forenoon Frank went to the meetinghouse and cleaned out the stovepipes, etc. Ida and the Lundstens scrubbed the meetinghouse. Axel planted various small things. In the afternoon the boys did various jobs and I trimmed apple trees. Today we have warm weather.
- 31 The boys hauled away an old fence from the southern forty and started to put up fence posts and do various other jobs. I trimmed apple trees, etc.

June

- 1 The boys repaired the old fence on the other side of the track, etc. I trimmed apple trees, etc.
- 2 The boys set fence posts between N. Swenson and us on the southern forty. I pruned apple trees. N. Swenson castrated our piglets this morning.
- 3 The boys finished the wire fence on the other side of the track between me and Swenson. I pruned apple trees and did other small jobs. Last night we had a heavy rain storm and today we have thunder and hot, muggy weather.
- 4 **Sunday** Salquist preached today. Larson from Minneapolis was here this evening.
- 5 We have rain showers. In the forenoon the boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon they cut stovewood. I pruned a few apple trees but I am not well. A tramp by the name of Jim Hill was here over Sunday, and he left here this morning.
- 6 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Mamma, Axel, and I went to a meeting in Scandia. Salquist preached. In the afternoon, the boys did various other jobs. I trimmed apple trees. I am not well.
- 7 Axel, Frank, and the horses worked on the road. I pruned trees.
- 8 In the forenoon the boys worked on the road. In the afternoon we had rain showers. The boys did various jobs. I trimmed the evergreens, willows, and poplars.
- 9 In the morning Axel and Frank worked on the road. I went to Waconia to meet Professor Sandell, but he did not come. In the afternoon Frank worked on the road using the horses and I trimmed the evergreen bushes. Axel did various jobs.
- 10 In the forenoon N. Swenson and I went to Waconia to meet Professor Sandell, but he did not come. In the afternoon I did various jobs. The boys cut the grass in the yard with the scythe.

- 11 **Sunday** Our folks had a meeting with the German Baptists.
- 12 In the forenoon Frank and the horses worked on the road. Axel spread the clover in the garden. I trimmed the two-year grafts. In the afternoon the boys cultivated the corn. I did various jobs. Today it was very warm, 90 degrees. Old man John Petterson's Anna is here in Scandia visiting today.
- 13 This morning I went to Waconia for the third time to meet Professor Sandell and today they came home with me. In the afternoon, Sandell and I went back to Waconia and rented a stove from Westral. The boys cultivated the corn and hauled in the clover from the garden.
- 14 In the morning the veterinarian Dr. Larson from Litchfield was here and castrated the colt "Dawn," and then it rained. In the afternoon Professor Sandell and I went to Waconia to get their trunks. Sandell bought various things. The boys cultivated the corn, etc.
- 15 Today, Professor Sandell and his family moved into Enoch Broberg's house in Scandia, where they will live for three months. Axel drove them to Scandia. The boys cultivated various things in between showers. I did nothing.
- 16 Mamma and I traveled to Maynard to visit our children, Sture, Carl, and Emma, and other relatives. We took the train from Cologne to Sacred Heart.
- 23 Mamma and I returned from Maynard. We took the train from Sacred Heart to Augusta. During our absence, the boys have cut and mowed the alfalfa and cultivated various things.
- 24 I was not well last night, as I caught cold while I was gone. The boys cut the hay around the house, etc. and hoed in the garden.
- 25 **Sunday** I was not well enough to go to the meeting.
- 26 The boys mowed and cut the timothy and clover on the other side of the track and cultivated the corn. I am doing nothing, I am not well.
- 27 The boys hauled home hay from the other side of the tracks and mowed the new timothy field on the island.
- 28 29 & 30 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled in the hay and cultivated the corn and hoed. I am not well. I did nothing.

July

- 1 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay, etc.
- 2 **Sunday** Rosen preached.
- 3 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay and also went to Scandia and set up benches, etc.
- 4 We celebrated in Scandia today. Professor Sandell made a speech about the significance of this day. It was the best speech I have heard on any Fourth of July.
- 5 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay, etc.
- 6 The boys cut, mowed, and cultivated, etc. I trimmed the grapes, etc. We had rain showers.
- 7 Last night and today we have had a lot of rain. It was good, as the ground was very dry. The boys fanned wheat, etc. I did nothing.
- 8 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing, I am not well.

9 **Sunday**

- 10 Today Mamma went to Litchfield to visit her sister, Elna, who is sick. Frank drove Mamma to Delano. Axel cut the second crop of alfalfa in the garden.
- 11 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay, then cultivated and hoed the sugar beets. I finished pruning the grapes and raspberry bushes. I am not well, so I cannot do very much.
- 12 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay. I did nothing, I am not well. P. Freed was here and borrowed corn.
- 13 In the forenoon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. Axel mowed and in the afternoon, the boys hauled in hay. I did nothing. It is too warm for me—92 degrees.
- 14 The boys mowed and hauled in hay. I planted strawberry plants where the old hog barn was.
- 15 The boys cut, mowed, and hauled in hay. I planted strawberries, etc. In the evening we went to a school meeting.

16 **Sunday**

- 17 The boys mowed and hauled in hay. I cut weeds and did various other small jobs. Frank even went to Waconia and had the mare shod.
- 18 Frank went to Delano and met Mamma and Emma, who came from Litchfield. Aunt Elizabeth (Mamma's sister) from Portland was also here to visit. Axel pulled up wild oats. I did various jobs. Aunt Elizabeth is not well.
- 19 The boys cultivated and hoed the corn. I cut weeds and did various other small jobs.
- 20 The boys hauled and stacked hay, etc. I cut weeds, but it is 90 degrees, so I cannot do much. In the afternoon Aunt Elizabeth left for Minneapolis and Litchfield. She is not well.
- 21 The boys cut hay along the road and did various jobs. I cut weeds, etc.
- 22 In the forenoon the boys mowed and cut the alfalfa down by the orchard. In the afternoon, Emma left for Litchfield and Maynard. Frank drove Emma to Delano. Axel pulled wild oats and I did various small jobs. It is very warm every day—up to 97 degrees in the shade.

23 **Sunday**

- 24 The boys are pulling the wild oats and hauled in the clover hay. I cut weeds, but it is too warm for me to do anything.
- 25 The boys pulled up wild oats, etc. I cut weeds and did various small jobs. F. Ottinger is here visiting. He is very frail and not well. We took "Betty" to Peterman's bull.
- 26 The boys hayed out on the island. I did various small jobs.
- 27 The boys hauled hay from the island and also cultivated. I did various small jobs.
- 28 The boys repaired the bridge out by the island. I cut weeds in the garden, etc.
- 29 The boys worked on repairing the bridge out by the island. I did nothing, I am not well.
- 30 **Sunday** Professor Sandell preached. Last night the other sow farrowed a litter of four pigs.
- 31 Today the boys started reaping the oats on the square field. They finished that and started reaping the wheat on the south hill. In the evening they went to Waconia with a calf that Radde bought. I did a few small jobs, but I am not well.

August

- 1 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the south hill and reaped the oats by the road.
- 2 The boys reaped the wheat on the five-acre piece. I hoed by the three-year-old grafts, but I am not well.
- 3 The boys reaped the wheat on the home field. I hoed by the three-year-old grafts, but I am not well.
- 4 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the home field and in the afternoon they reaped the wheat on the other side of the track. Brother-in-law Johnson, and Anna and Mrs. Norman, my sister's daughter from Kirkwood, Illinois, came today to visit us. L.A. Austin from Excelsior and his wife were also here to visit. They borrowed a cow from us for six weeks and will pay us \$1 a week.
- 5 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the other side of the track and also reaped the wheat on the field by Peterman's. In the afternoon, brother-in-law Johnson and I went fishing.
- 6 **Sunday** Professor Sandell preached.
- 7 The boys reaped the wheat on the field by the barn. I did various small jobs.
- 8 The boys started to stack the oats. Mamma, my brother-in-law Johnson, Anna Norman from Illinois, and I went over to John Nelson's house for a visit. It is 98 degrees.
- 9 Today, Johnson and Anna Norman went to Maynard—I drove them to Augusta. The boys stacked wheat and oats. Our minister, Rosen, came to our house yesterday and will stay with us for a couple of weeks.
- 10 Today we had rain showers, so the boys could not stack the wheat.
- 11 The boys stacked wheat and P.D. Anderson's Andrew helped them. In the afternoon I did various small jobs.
- 12 The boys stacked wheat and had Andrew Anderson to help them. I did various small jobs.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 The boys finished stacking the wheat before noon. In the afternoon they went to B. Nilson's and threshed. I am not well. In the evening it rained a little.
- 15 In the forenoon the boys cut and mowed hay on the other side of the tracks. In the afternoon, Axel went to Peterman's and threshed barley. Frank did various jobs. I am not well.
- 16 Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. The boys fanned wheat and mowed in the garden. I trimmed the raspberry bushes. The black heifer, "Blossy," was with Swenson's bull today.
- 17 Axel went to Simon Peltz's and threshed. Frank hauled a load of hay and did various other jobs. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 18 The boys hauled in clover from the garden and from the other side of the tracks, etc. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 19 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure out to the other side of the track. In the afternoon, all, except me, went out to the lake. They went for a ride around the lake on the steamboat. I trimmed the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 20 **Sunday** Professor Morton preached in the morning and Frank Peterson in the evening.
- 21 The boys threshed for John Nelson. Professor Morton and Rosen went for a ride on the lake. I did various small jobs.

- 22 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure. In the afternoon it rained, so we did nothing.
- 23 The boys plowed with two plows. In the evening they went to Broberg's for a surprise party. I did various jobs. It rained in the evening.
- 24 The boys plowed with two plows. I finished trimming the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 25 The boys plowed with both teams. I worked on a gate.
- 26 In the morning, the boys plowed. In the afternoon, Axel plowed and Frank went to Augusta and met Sture. I worked on the gate.
- 27 **Sunday** Frank Peterson preached in the forenoon and Professor Sandell in the evening.
- 28 The boys plowed. In the morning, Axel drove Sture to Victoria. He went down to Hastings.
- 29 The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon I went to the Waconia depot with butter and also did a few errands. In the evening our folks went to B. Nilson's for a surprise party for the student, Salquist.
- 30 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat and met Sture and his wife, who came from Hastings (they are newly married). In the afternoon the boys plowed. I painted the gate and also did other small jobs.
- 31 The boys hauled manure out to the other side of the track. I did various jobs.

September

- 1 In the morning, Sture and his wife went home to Maynard. Josephine went with them to Maynard. Axel drove them to Cologne. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure to the other side of the tracks. I worked on the gate, etc.
- 2 The boys hauled manure. In the forenoon I went to Waconia and after, I did various jobs.
- 3 **Sunday** Professor Sandell and family were here for a visit.
- 4 Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. I painted the gate, and did various jobs.
- 5 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel cut corn. I did various jobs.
- 6 Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel cut corn. In the afternoon both Frank and Axel cut corn. I drove the minister, Rosen, out to John Nelson's house. Today it was 98 degrees.
- 7 Frank mowed, etc. Axel cut corn. I did various small jobs.
- 8 The boys cut corn. Mamma and I went to Waconia. I sold grapes to the blacksmiths.
- 9 In the morning Axel and Frank went to the dentist in Waconia and had some teeth filled. In the afternoon they hauled hay. I am not well. I did nothing.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 The boys cut sorghum canes and hauled them home. They raked together the seed clover. I did various small jobs.
- 12 The boys did various jobs. I went to John Nelson's and hired help for threshing. Afterwards, I did various jobs.
- 13 The boys threshed at Peterman's. I butchered a ewe, etc.
- 14 This morning, Peterman and Simon Peltz began threshing for us. At noon, however, they broke the separator, so the threshing had to stop.

- 15 Frank plowed. Axel and I put up a gate between the road and the barnyard. It stormed all day.
- 16 Frank plowed. Axel and I did various small jobs. Gould's son from Excelsior came here for apples for the second time for the exposition in Chicago. Peter Petterson's son, Alfred (from Litchfield), who is attending school in Excelsior, came here this afternoon. It is great weather.
- 17 **Sunday** Professor E. Sandell preached.
- 18 We threshed and were finished at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. In the afternoon we threshed at old Peltz's; Frank was there. Axel put up the fence around the barnyard. Around 11 o'clock we had a heavy rainstorm. In the evening the whole congregation gathered for a surprise meeting at Professor Sandell's in Scandia.
- 19 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank threshed for P.D. Anderson. I drove Professor Sandell's things to the depot in Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank threshed at N. Swenson's.
- 20 In the forenoon Axel and Frank threshed for N. Swenson. In the afternoon, they threshed for Lundsten. I did various jobs.
- 21 Frank plowed and Axel started husking corn. In the forenoon I went to Waconia and then took home chairs and other things from Scandia. Last night we had heavy rain and thunder storm.
- 22 Axel husked corn. Frank plowed. I did various small jobs.
- 23 The boys cut hay in the garden for the fourth time. They plowed and husked corn. I did various jobs.
- 24 **Sunday** Rosen preached his farewell sermon.
- 25 The boys and Mamma husked corn. In the afternoon Frank went to Augusta and met Josephine who came home from Maynard. I did various other jobs. We had ice on the water last night.
- 26 The boys husked corn, hauled in the clover from the garden and hauled cornstalks. I did various things. The womenfolk are packing grapes that will go to Maynard.
- 27 This morning Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a box of grapes to send to the children in Maynard (102 pounds of grapes). Last Sunday, the 24th, Austin from Excelsior was here with "Betty" the cow, which he borrowed from us for seven weeks. Axel and Mamma husked corn and in the afternoon, Frank plowed and I did various small jobs.
- 28 Axel and the womenfolk husked corn. Frank plowed. I hewed out lumber for a well curb. Today we took "Betty" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 29 In the forenoon the boys hauled cornstalks. It rained all afternoon, so we could do nothing.
- 30 The boys fanned the alfalfa clover seed, etc. I worked on the well curb out in the shop. It has misted almost the whole day.

October

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 Frank plowed and the others husked corn. In the afternoon Mrs. Borrow Nilson was visiting

- us when the message came that B. Nilson had been fatally injured. He was hauling wood when the horses were frightened and Nilson fell off the load and was trampled by the horses. His whole face was crushed. Frank drove to get the doctor and stayed with them the whole night, but Nilson died at two o'clock in the morning.
- 3 Axel and Mamma husked corn. I drove Ida to B. Nilson's. In the evening Axel went to Nilson's and was there overnight. I worked on the well curb.
 - 4 In the morning I went to Waconia for a barrel of cement. Frank and Andrew Anderson are digging the grave for G.B. Nilson. In the afternoon Frank went to Nilson's again to keep watch during the night. Mamma stayed at Nilson's today.
 - 5 Today we buried George Birrel Nilson. We gathered together in the house of mourning at 12 o'clock noon. There was a large gathering of mourners and 66 carriages in the procession. There were two ministers, Lindberg from Clear Lake, and Langlutz. Just as the funeral was over, it began to rain and the rain continued all that day and the following night. Rev. Lindberg went with us home.
 - 6 Frank went to Waconia for a load of sand and in the afternoon he plowed. Axel, Mamma, and Rev. Lindberg went to Mrs. Nilson. I trimmed currant bushes after dinner.
 - 7 Frank and I set the well curb on the barnyard well. Axel and Mamma went to Mrs. Nilson.
 - 8 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.
 - 9 The boys hauled cornstalks. Mamma finished husking corn on the south field. I butchered a ewe and finished the well curb.
 - 10 In the forenoon I went with Mrs. Borrow Nilson to H. Rietz to get information as to what needs to be done in regards to Nilson's estate. In the afternoon I trimmed the currant bushes. Axel, Mamma, and Josephine dug potatoes. Frank plowed. It is beautiful weather.
 - 11 In the forenoon Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk dug potatoes and finished the barn field. I went to the Waconia depot with butter. In the afternoon it rained.
 - 12 In the forenoon the boys hauled in the squash. In the afternoon Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk finished digging potatoes. I trimmed the gooseberry bushes, etc.
 - 13 The boys and the womenfolk took in the sugar beets. In the forenoon I did various jobs and in the afternoon I went fishing, but did not catch any fish.
 - 14 In the forenoon the boys and the womenfolk hauled in the sugar beets. I went to Waconia and Broberg's. In the afternoon Axel and the womenfolk took in the carrots. Frank plowed and I did various jobs. Today it was cold, with a strong northwest wind.
 - 15 **Sunday** Last night the ice froze on the water pail as thick as window glass.
 - 16 First I went to Bylow's and asked him to press our sorghum and make the molasses. Then I worked on the hog pen. Frank plowed and Axel husked corn. Very nice weather.
 - 17 Axel and the womenfolk finished husking corn on the new field by the barn. Frank plowed, harrowed, and mowed the old grass. I planted currant cuttings and did various other jobs.
 - 18 In the forenoon, Axel went to St. Bonifacius with a 10-gallon keg of syrup and a box of walnuts and sent them to Maynard. He went home by way of Waconia and picked up the mail. Frank harrowed. In the afternoon the boys hauled home the cornstalks from the barn

field and went to Bylow's with wood for the molasses syrup cooking. I did various jobs.
We have grand weather.

- 19 Axel and Frank were at Bylow's and made 15 ½ gallons of molasses. I dug up and heeled in apple trees, etc. We have beautiful weather.
- 20 Frank plowed and harrowed. Axel and I dug up apple trees. It is very nice weather today.
- 21 In the forenoon Axel and I dug up apple trees and plum trees. Frank harrowed. In the afternoon the boys dug up quackgrass roots in the creek. It is wonderful weather. I dug up apple trees in the afternoon.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 The boys dug up quackgrass roots in the creek and then plowed and scraped the creek bed to try to even it. I dug up ash trees in Niklas's garden that I plan to plant around my house. In the morning it was hot and it thundered, and in the afternoon it was windy and cold.
- 24 The boys plowed and scraped the creek and plowed the field where we had the sugar beets, etc. Axel grubbed the dead hickory trees. I trimmed the grapes, etc. It is clear and cold weather.
- 25 Frank harrowed and Axel grubbed out dead hickory trees around the house and then hilled up dirt on the grapevines. I pruned back grapevines. This afternoon it is a little warmer.
- 26 Frank went to Waconia and hauled wood to the meetinghouse and harrowed. Axel and I heeled in apple trees, etc.
- 27 In the forenoon Frank harrowed and Axel grubbed out dead hickory trees, etc. In the afternoon Frank plowed in the garden, etc. Axel and I heeled in the ash trees that I got from Niklas. C.A. Salquist was here today. He is going to China as a missionary. I bought Spurgeon's book, *From Gethsemane to Calvary*, from him.
- 28 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia and had the mare shod. Axel dug quackgrass roots. I heeled in plum and cherry trees. It is cold.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 Axel and Frank went to Tobias Ottinger's funeral. I pruned back grapevines. Last night we had a hard freeze. We took "Blossy" to N. Swenson's bull for the second time and we took the white cow "Daisy" to the bull also.
- 31 In the forenoon I butchered a ewe and this afternoon I pruned back grapevines. The boys hauled manure and burned the swamp in the pasture.

November

- 1 In the morning Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. Axel hilled in the grapevines. I pruned back the grapevines. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. I smeared the apple trees with liver to protect them from rabbits. Today it was warm and wonderful weather—up to 70 degrees.
- 2 The boys hauled manure—I trimmed grapevines. Yesterday it was 70 degrees and last night the wind changed to the northwest and now it is very cold and we had snow flurries. I was not well, so I was in bed all morning.

- 3 The boys hauled manure to the other side of the track. I finished trimming the grapevines. We have nice weather again.
- 4 In the forenoon the boys hauled manure. In the afternoon the boys finished hilling in the grapes. I cut the grass away from the apple trees. It is great weather today also.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 The boys hauled manure. Mamma and I went to Mrs. B. Nilson. I trimmed a few grapes and showed Mrs. Nilson how she should prune back the vines. It is grand weather today again.
- 7 The boys hauled manure. I banked up earth around the apple trees. In the evening the minister, Reverend Anderson from Maple Hill, came to our house.
- 8 The boys hauled manure, banked up dirt around the water tank, and burned the meadow. I banked up dirt around the apple trees. In the evening we had a meeting in Scandia. Anderson from Maple Hill preached.
- 9 The boys hauled manure. I banked up dirt by the apple trees. It is great weather even now.
- 10 The boys hauled manure. I banked up dirt by the apple trees, etc. Great weather.
- 11 The boys hauled in earth for the stalls, etc. In the afternoon, Frank and Ida went to Waconia and had some teeth pulled. I banked up dirt by the apple trees. In the evening it rained.
- 12 **Sunday** Anderson from Maple Plain preached in Scandia.
- 13 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon the boys dug holes where I will plant apple trees in the spring. I did various jobs. There is a cold northwest wind.
- 14 The boys did various jobs. I butchered a ewe, etc. Today it is cold with a northwesterly wind.
- 15 The boys banked earth around the water tank and did other small jobs. I did various jobs. In the evening my brother-in-law Cornelius and my sister-in-law, from Litchfield, and Albert Larson and his wife, came here to visit.
- 16 In the morning Frank went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered. Axel went to Maynard. Albert Larson drove him to Augusta. In the afternoon we butchered the old sow. Anderson and his boy, Andrew, helped. Albert Larson helped also. It is great weather.
- 17 Today Andrew Anderson went to Minneapolis with a load of pork. He even took our old sow with him. Albert Larson and his wife went to Minneapolis also. It is very cold, with a northwest wind. Frank did various small jobs. I made cuttings from the Russian poplars and heeled them in. The cold has eased up a bit.
- 18 Frank went to Waconia and did various small jobs. I made cuttings and heeled them in.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Frank did various jobs. I put the packing for the grafts into the cellar. Bost was here with apple seedlings. In the evening Albert Larson and his wife came back here from Minneapolis. Today we have great weather—a real Indian summer.
- 21 Today it snowed all day. We have eight to ten inches of snow on the ground. We did nothing today.

- 22 Today at 10 o'clock, Cornelius and his wife, and Albert Larson and his wife, from Litchfield, left us to go to Carl Swenson in Gotaholm. Frank and I did various small jobs. It is clear and cold weather.
- 23 Frank went to Waconia and also did the chores. I did various small jobs. It is clear and cold weather.
- 24 Frank did the chores and hauled wood to the schoolhouse. I covered the strawberries with hay and did other various small jobs. It is clear and very cold weather.
- 25 Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood and did the chores. I did various other small jobs. There is a cold easterly wind.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Frank went to Waconia and also hauled a load of cordwood to the schoolhouse. He also did the chores. I was not well. I was in bed.
- 28 Frank finished hauling wood to the schoolhouse. I made apple grafts, etc. The cold is not as intense today.
- 29 Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and he also did the chores. I made scions, etc. Today there is a northwest wind and it is cold.
- 30 **Thanksgiving Day** It is very cold. Frank and Josephine went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon it was 10 degrees below 0. I am not well.

December

- 1 I did various small jobs in the shop. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and also did the chores. The cold continues—in Waconia it was 20 degrees below 0.
- 2 Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod and also did the chores. I did various jobs in the shop. There is a cold easterly wind.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 The boys did various small jobs. I was in the shop and packed scions to send to Albert Lea. Today the wind is from the south and the cold has eased up a bit.
- 5 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia and Axel did the chores, etc. I went with Frank; I sent the scions to Clarence Wedge in Albert Lea and also some to Wisconsin. Today it was very cold and there was a snowstorm.
- 6 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I did various other jobs and did the chores. Today the cold has eased.
- 7 Today we butchered four hogs and the old sow that had the nine pigs last summer. We had P.D. Anderson help us.
- 8 In the morning Frank and I went to Waconia and sold the other old sow and four hogs to Treichel. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Axel did the chores. It is so warm, the snow is melting.
- 9 Last night we got a lot of snow. The boys fanned wheat and in the afternoon Frank and Ida went to Waconia, and Lindgren from Clear Lake came here. I stayed inside with him.
- 10 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.

- 11 The boys cut down butternut trees and hauled them home for sap troughs. I did nothing. We got more snow today.
- 12 We butchered the confused heifer today. Niklas Swenson helped us. In the afternoon Frank went to the depot in Waconia with butter. Today the temperature was 12 below 0.
- 13 Frank went to P.D. Anderson's and helped him butcher. I cut up the beef from the heifer that we butchered yesterday. Axel did the chores and also did various small jobs. The cold is still very intense.
- 14 In the forenoon we butchered a hog and in the afternoon Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I packed down the meat from the heifer in the snow. Axel did various jobs. Today the cold has eased.
- 15 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. I cut up the pork from the hog we butchered yesterday and salted it down. I packed some of it in the snow. Axel did the chores, etc. It is mild today but icy.
- 16 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel did the chores, etc. I did nothing. The snowstorm today came from the west.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Today we had a big storm. We did various small jobs.
- 19 In the morning Frank went to Waconia after the mail. Axel helped the womenfolk to kill chickens. I packed scions and roots in the cellar. In the afternoon the boys cut down butternut trees and hauled them home for sap troughs. I smeared the apple trees with liver to shield them from the rabbits. Today it was great weather—mild and sunny.
- 20 The boys cut down butternut trees and hauled them home for sap troughs. I did various jobs. P. Freed came and returned the corn that he borrowed last summer. Today is mild and sunny.
- 21 In the morning Axel went to N. Swenson and helped to butcher hogs. Frank went to Waconia after the mail. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon the boys hauled the manure out of the sheep barn, etc. Today it has been very mild and sunshiny.
- 22 In the forenoon the boys cut down a big log and hauled it home. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia with two butternut logs. I did various small jobs. Today it is mild weather and it is thawing, so the water is dripping off the roof.
- 23 The boys cut down logs for the sawmill and for material for the sap troughs. I did nothing. Today it is still just as warm.
- 24 **Sunday** Today it rained all day and it froze in the evening. We could not go to the meeting today.
- 25 **Christmas Day** A few of us came to the meeting. In the afternoon my family visited at P.D. Anderson's home. I stayed at home.
- 26 We did nothing. Frank went to Waconia in the afternoon. Today it was good weather. There is a lot of ice on the trees from the rain we had on Christmas Eve.
- 27 Mamma, Frank, Josephine, Oskar, and I went to John Nelson's to visit. Axel and Ida were at home. We have grand weather.

- 28 Today we did nothing. It is beautiful weather. In the evening our children, together with other young people, went over to John Nelson's for a surprise party.
- 29 J. Lundsten, H. Rietz, and I went to Mrs. G.B. Nilson and made the inventory of G.B. Nilson's estate. Axel and Frank went to the schoolhouse and cut wood.
- 30 The boys cut wood at the schoolhouse. Frank went to Waconia. I did nothing. It is cloudy and cold weather.
- 31 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.

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January

- 1 In the afternoon, we went to a meeting. Lindberg preached. In the evening, Per Daniel Anderson was with us for a visit.
- 2 In the afternoon, we had our annual business meeting in Scandia. Mamma went to Mrs. Holmberg. Mrs. Holmberg is much better.
- 3 The boys cut stovewood in the woods. Frank went to Waconia for the mail. I did various small jobs.
- 4 The boys cut stovewood and hauled it home. I did various small jobs. Mrs. B. Nilson was here for a visit.
- 5 Today, we did various small jobs. Frank and Ida went to Waconia. It is cloudy weather.
- 6 The boys sawed cordwood. Axel went and shoveled snow on the Fischer's hill. I did various small jobs. Today, it is cold with a northwest wind.
- 7 **Sunday** Sandell preached.
- 8 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing. Sandell is here with us. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Waconia. It is very cold, 25 below 0.
- 9 We did various jobs. In the afternoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Sandell preached.
- 10 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat, then the boys sawed stovewood in the woods. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 11 Today, we butchered three pigs. We had P.D. Anderson's help. It is cold weather.
- 12 Before noon, the boys killed the old mare "Fanny" and buried her. In the afternoon, they did various small jobs. I did various jobs in the shop. Today it was mild and beautiful weather.
- 13 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia for a funeral—John Kugler was buried. In the afternoon, Frank went to Augusta and met Carl and Emma. They came home from Maynard. Carl Norman came with. It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 14 **Sunday** It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 15 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. It is mild weather. Today, we borrowed a boar from Bernard Kaufhold for our sows.
- 16 Axel, Carl, and Frank cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. It is mild weather.
- 17 Axel and Frank hauled manure to the other side of the tracks. Carl went fishing. I did various small jobs in the shop. The mild weather continues.

- 18 The boys cut dead hickory trees in the woods for stovewood. Carl went to Waconia for the mail. I was in the shop finishing a rabbit trap. Last night there was a hard frost, so the snowshoes go through the snow.
- 19 Before noon, Carl and Frank went to St. Bonifacius with three pigs that we butchered last week, but they could not sell them there, so they went to Waconia and sold them to Treichel. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank cut up dry hickory wood for the stovewood. I did various jobs in the shop. Mrs. B. Nilson and the Olsons were here for a visit.
- 20 Today, it is snowing. Before noon, the boys fanned wheat. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. I was in the shop and filed saws, etc., and did small jobs.
- 21 **Sunday** Quite cold.
- 22 It is quite cold weather. The boys fanned the wheat and did other small jobs. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 23 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The other boys cut stovewood. I was in the shop and made a thill for the carriage. It is quite cold and snowing.
- 24 Today it is 28 below 0. The boys fanned wheat, etc. I was in the shop doing various jobs.
- 25 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The other boys cut wood in the woods. I was in the shop and did various small jobs. Today, the cold has eased up.
- 26 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. The other boys cut wood in the woods. I was in the shop and did various small jobs.
- 27 Frank hauled two elm logs to the sawmill in Waconia and hauled home butternut boards from the saw. Axel and Carl cut wood in the woods. I did various small jobs. Today, N. Swenson came after Kaufhold's boar. We have had him for two weeks and I believe the white sow has taken him but I am not sure about it. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 28 **Sunday** It is snowing today.
- 29 Before noon, Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia and took home a load of wood from the sawmill. Axel and Carl sawed ice on Clearwater Lake. In the afternoon, Axel, Carl, and Joel Swenson sawed ice. Frank hauled home ice. I did various small jobs. Today, it is beautiful weather.
- 30 The boys sawed up ice on Clearwater Lake and hauled it home. I planed maple boards for the floors in the kitchen. It is beautiful weather.
- 31 The boys sawed up ice and hauled it home and they have finished the work. I did various small jobs in the shop. Perry from Excelsior was here today.

February

- 1 The boys did various jobs. Today I have begun to make apple grafts. Carl and Emma went to Waconia.
- 2 The boys cut stovewood in the woods and various other jobs. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I made grafts for the apple trees. It is beautiful weather.
- 3 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl and Josephine went to the teacher meeting in

Waconia. I made apple grafts. It is beautiful weather.

4 **Sunday**

5 Carl and Frank went to Shakopee with a load of maple boards and had them planed down to even thickness. Axel did various jobs. I grafted apple trees. It is beautiful weather.

6 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I grafted apple trees. Bost from Excelsior and his wife were here with apple seedlings. It is beautiful weather, yet.

7 The boys cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood and had "Rock" shod. I grafted apple trees. Beautiful and mild weather. Last night, the youth were at a surprise party for Niklas Swenson.

8 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I grafted apple trees. It is mild weather, so the water runs from the roofs.

9 The boys cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Carl went to Waconia and met Lindberg from Clear Lake. I grafted apple trees. In the evening, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Lindberg and Landlof preached. Today, "Froken" went to Peterman's bull.

10 Axel and Carl cut cordwood and stovewood. Frank went to the Waconia mill with grain. I grafted apple trees and finished. C. F. Lindberg is here with us.

11 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. We even had communion.

12 The boys cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Today I began to graft the apple trees for Hjortson. It is cold weather.

13 Before noon, the boys hauled hay from the southern barn to the northern barn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I grafted apple trees for Hjortson. It is beautiful weather.

14 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Frank hauled home wood. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. I grafted apple trees for Hjortson and finished it.

15 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. I was in the shop and did various small jobs.

16 Axel and Frank did various small jobs. Carl and Emma went to the dentist in Waconia. I did various small jobs.

17 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. I went in the shop and did various small jobs. Last night my folks went to Hjortson's for a visit. It is beautiful weather.

18 **Sunday**

19 Today it is cold—10 below 0 and it showed 14 below in Waconia. Frank and the girls went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel and Carl cut wood. I did various small jobs.

20 It is just as cold today as yesterday. The boys cut cordwood off and on. I made axe handles. Last night, the horse "Frank" died.

21 Axel and Carl cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I made axe handles, etc. The cold continues.

22 Frank hauled wood before noon. In the afternoon, they buried the horse, "Frank." I repaired

gloves. Last night, "Flora" calved. Today the cold is bearable.

- 23 Today, Carl went to Minneapolis to buy himself clothes. Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home wood. I repaired gloves, etc. It is beautiful weather.
- 24 Frank went to the Chaska market to look at horses. Axel cut down dry hickory trees in the woods. I repaired gloves. Beautiful weather. In the evening, Carl came from Minneapolis.
- 25 **Sunday**
- 26 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the afternoon, he was there with a load of wheat. Axel and Carl cut cordwood, etc. I repaired gloves, etc.
- 27 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did various small jobs. It is mild weather, so the snow is melting. Today, "Froken" went to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 28 Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I did nothing. I was not well. It is mild weather and the snow is melting.

March

- 1 Frank and Carl went down to Scott County and bought a mare from a German by the name of Christ Smith who lives three miles from Merriam Junction. The mare is four years old and she is with a foal that is to be born the 10th of May. It was agreed at the time that the German was to pay for the service of the stallion (they paid \$135 for the mare). Axel cut down hickory trees in the woods. I made strap doors to the icehouse. It is mild weather.
- 2 Frank went to Waconia and had "Mag" shod. Axel and Carl cut cordwood. I fixed the ash house. It is still mild weather.
- 3 Frank and Carl hauled home cordwood from the woods. Axel went to Waconia and met Albert Peterson from Litchfield, who is attending school in Excelsior. I put wainscoting in the ash house. Today, the snow has melted a lot.
- 4 **Sunday** Last night and today, it thundered and rained. Almost all the snow is gone.
- 5 Today, it is cold. The boys cut down dry hickory trees. I did nothing. I am not well. In the morning, Albert Peterson went back to the school in Excelsior.
- 6 Frank and Carl cut dry hickory before noon. In the afternoon, they did nothing. Axel went to Waconia for the grist. He is not well. I did various small jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 7 Today, Carl went home to Maynard. Frank drove him to the Augusta station. In the afternoon, the boys cut down dry hickory trees. Last night, we had a little snow. It is beautiful weather today.
- 8 The boys cut cordwood. I did nothing because I am not well. In the afternoon, we had a snowstorm.
- 9 The boys cut cordwood from dry maples near Peltz's land. I did various small jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 10 Frank went to Waconia to have "Rock" shod. Axel and I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, the boys sawed wood by the schoolhouse, but it began to rain so they went home.

Then it snowed quite hard, into a snowstorm. I am not well.

- 11 **Sunday** C. F. Lindberg preached before noon and after noon, I was sick. I was not to the meetings. The roads are quite bad after the melting snow.
- 12 The boys cut stovewood in the woods and hauled it home before noon. A. Fischer from the other side of Waconia came and bought seed wheat. I was in bed the whole day. I am not well.
- 13 Axel and Frank went to the election. Frank went to Waconia from the election for money for the wheat we sold yesterday. I am not well. I was in bed the whole day.
- 14 The boys butchered the two black pigs. I helped for a while, but I am not well. The pigs were eight months old. One pig weighed 212 pounds and the other weighed 177 pounds. In the afternoon, Frank went to the Waconia depot with butter to send to Minneapolis. In the evening, snow and rain came.
- 15 Before noon, the boys cut up the pork and I helped them. In the afternoon, the boys sawed stovewood. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 16 Before noon, the boys hauled home green cordwood. In the afternoon, Simon Peltz came for seed wheat. The boys fanned the wheat. I did nothing. I am not well. It is beautiful weather.
- 17 The boys hauled green cordwood and cut stovewood. I am not well, so I am in bed for the most part. Today, it is quite warm.
- 18 **Sunday** I am in bed. I am not well.
- 19 The boys fanned seed wheat and fixed up the syrup kitchen, etc. I have pain in my back, which is quite sore.
- 20 The boys fanned seed oats and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, it rained. I am still in bed.
- 21 We received a hard sorrow today. At eleven o'clock, we received news that John Lundsten had suddenly died. Our Frank went over there at once by the shortcut and then he went to Waconia for Frank Lundsten. Mamma and Emma went to Lundsten's. I was not well enough to go there. Axel went. I had to stay in bed.
- 22 Last night and during the night, it rained, snowed, and thundered, and today it is snowing. The boys did various jobs. Frank and Josephine went also to Waconia. Emma went to the Lundsten's. I was in bed but I am better and the pains are gone.
- 23 Axel went for the grist. Frank helped to dig the grave and then they did various jobs. I was in bed. C.F. Lindberg came here this evening.
- 24 Today, Johan Lundsten was buried. Mamma and I stayed at Lundsten's, as I was not able to go to Scandia.
- 25 **Sunday (Easter Sunday)** Lindberg preached. I went with to the meeting. Andrew Lundsten and Olof Hakanson were here for dinner.
- 26 The boys hauled green cordwood. I did nothing. It is and has been quite cold for several days. Yesterday, it was below zero outside.
- 27 Today, Emma went to Maynard. Frank drove her to Augusta. In the afternoon, the boys sawed wood by the schoolhouse. I did various small jobs in the shop. In the evening, it

snowed.

- 28 We now have good sleighing in the woods. The boys hauled green cordwood out of the woods. I did nothing. It is cold weather with a northwest wind.
- 29 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a sack of alfalfa seed and sent it to Maynard. In the afternoon, the boys hauled wood. I did nothing. I was in bed.
- 30 Before noon, the boys hauled home hickory wood. In the afternoon, Frank went after the grist. I did nothing. I am not well. In the evening, our boys and our school teacher, Hjortson, went to Witsack's schoolhouse for entertainment.
- 31 The boys went to the Chaska market to sell the cow, "Nancy," but they did not sell her. I did nothing.

April

1 Sunday

- 2 Before noon, Axel began to tap into the maples. Frank went to Peterman's and had corn ground for the horses. In the afternoon, Frank went with Frank Lundsten to Waconia as a witness. Axel and Josephine tapped the maples. I did various small jobs around the syrup kitchen. We are having a strong storm.
- 3 The boys are gathering sap from the maples and cooking the syrup. We have had a strong storm the whole day, so we took the horses in the woods so the sap could be carried home. I did various small jobs.
- 4 Before noon, Frank and Josephine went to Waconia. Axel and Mamma tapped maples. In the afternoon, the boys sawed stovewood. I did various small jobs. Today the sap is not flowing.
- 5 Before noon, the boys hauled home maple sap and cooked the syrup. In the afternoon, Frank began to sow wheat. He sowed on the hill in the southern field. Axel, Mamma, and Josephine hauled maple sap and cooked syrup. I did various jobs in the orchard. Today, it was clear weather and the sap ran much.
- 6 Frank sowed wheat before noon and oats in the afternoon. Axel and Mamma, with Josephine, worked in the syrup kitchen. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is beautiful weather. The sap is not running much because it is too dry.
- 7 Before noon, Frank and I went to the Waconia market and sold the cow, "Nancy," with calf. In the afternoon, Frank finished sowing the rest of the oats and then harrowed half of them. Axel sawed stovewood, etc. I worked in the orchard. The sap is very slow, today.
- 8 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. In the afternoon, it rained, so we had no meeting.
- 9 Last night, we had two inches of snow and today it has snowed at times. The boys sawed stovewood. I did nothing. Today, Mrs. Russell began our summer school. She lives with us.
- 10 The boys sawed stovewood, hauled home sap, and cooked syrup. Axel went after the mail. I did various jobs. Half of the snow is gone.
- 11 The boys hauled home maple sap, cooked syrup, and sawed stovewood. I put up a strap door also on the ash house. Today, the snow went away.

- 12 Frank sowed wheat on the large piece in the southern field and the square pieces. Axel sawed stovewood and cleaned out the sheep barn. I dug up the heeled-in apple trees, etc. The sap is very light today.
- 13 Frank harrowed in the southern field and began to sow wheat in the field by the barn. Axel sawed stovewood and dug up quackgrass roots, hauled home maple syrup, etc. I dug up the two heeled-in ash trees, hung the pork in the smokehouse, etc. John Kaufhold was here for seed wheat. Josephine went to the depot with butter and sent it to Minneapolis.
- 14 Today it has rained a little the whole day. Frank sowed wheat in the field by the barn. I planted cherry trees. Axel dug holes for me and then he did various jobs. Mamma cooked the last syrup. The schoolteacher's sister came here today.
- 15 **Sunday** It rained today.
- 16 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat and finished in the barn field. Axel sawed stovewood. I did various jobs in the orchard. The butcher from Excelsior was here and bought sheep.
- 17 Frank plowed around the grapevines and the plum trees, where we will plant timothy. Axel sawed stovewood. In the afternoon, it rained a lot and thundered. I packed the trees that are to go to Maynard.
- 18 Before noon, the boys sawed stovewood. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with apple trees and potatoes to send to Maynard, but the railroad employees had a strike, so no freight trains are moving. Frank had to bring the trees and potatoes home again. Axel sawed wood. I did various jobs. In the evening, we had a hard rain.
- 19 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and sent a bunch of apple trees to C. Wedge in Albert Lea. In the afternoon, the boys sawed stovewood. I did various small jobs. We even sent a letter to Maynard. Today it is a cool day with showers.
- 20 It is cool, cloudy weather with a northwest wind and some rain. The boys cut stovewood. I did various small jobs.
- 21 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius and asked when the trains will begin to run again; he found out they are not running yet. Axel went to Waconia for the grist. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat by the grain stack piece, harrowed in the timothy, etc. Axel did various jobs. I top-grafted apple trees, but it is too cold, so the wax froze.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Frank sowed wheat in the home field and harrowed. Axel sowed timothy seed by the grapevines and by the plum trees, and sawed stovewood. I top-grafted apple trees. Today, it is beautiful weather.
- 24 Frank sowed wheat in the field by Peterman's land and harrowed it in. First, Axel went to St. Bonifacius to find out about when the trains will go. He then cleared away the bush and burned off the grass around the icehouse. I top-grafted apple trees. Today we took "Froken" to N. Swenson's bull for the third time.
- 25 Frank rolled the home field and part of the southern field. Axel cleared and burned by the icehouse. I top-grafted apple trees.

- 26 Before noon, Frank rolled. Axel went to St. Bonifacius. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel planted white ash trees. I planted apple trees. The butcher, Elliot, from Excelsior, was here for sheep and lambs.
- 27 The womenfolk sheared the sheep and Axel helped them. Frank hauled home the sap troughs from the woods. I planted apple trees.
- 28 I planted apple trees. Axel planted white ash trees and plum trees. Frank did various jobs. N. Swenson was here and castrated a bull calf and some lambs.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I planted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. Axel went to St. Bonifacius to also inquire about the trains, but they are not moving yet.

May

- 1 Today it has rained a little the whole day. The boys and I did various jobs. Today we took "Flora" to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 2 Axel went to Cologne with a large bundle of apple trees, etc., a box of poplar cuttings, a box of pork and meat, and a 10-gallon cask of syrup and two sacks of potatoes. I planted apple trees and potatoes by the southern barn. It is beautiful weather.
- 3 I planted apple trees and finished. The boys dug holes for the trees, uncovered grapevines, and did various other jobs. Last night we had rain with thunder. Today it was beautiful weather.
- 4 I tied up grapevines. The boys planted potatoes in the straw mulch in the western orchard, plowed by the raspberry bushes, and did other jobs.
- 5 Before noon, it rained quite a lot. In the afternoon, the boys repaired the old fences on the southern forty. I tied up grapes. Today I sent a letter to Wedge in Albert Lea, a postcard to Washington, and one to the *Star* in Aberdeen.
- 6 **Sunday** The roads are so bad there were few people at the meeting.
- 7 The boys repaired the fence on the southern forty and did various other jobs. I tied up the grapevines. It is quite chilly weather.
- 8 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and sold chickens, then traveled to P.D. Anderson's on the way home and bought a pig. In the afternoon, the new mare foaled and Frank tended to her and the foal. Axel worked on the fence on the southern forty. I tied up grapevines and did other jobs.
- 9 Frank plowed the new land in the barn field. Axel grubbed on the strip where the fence was moved on the other side of the track. I did various jobs. It rained.
- 10 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a plow to repair. In the afternoon, Frank began to plow the corn on the other side of the track. Axel worked on the fence. I set out cuttings, etc. In the afternoon, I began to plant the apple grafts.
- 11 Frank plowed on the other side of the track. Axel worked on the fence. I planted grafts. Today there was a strong storm from the south.
- 12 Frank plowed the corn on the other side of the track. I planted grafts and finished before

noon. Axel has done various jobs. Today, it is warm weather.

- 13 **Sunday (Pentecost)** C.F. Lindberg preached. It is beautiful weather.
- 14 Before noon, the boys harrowed, rolled, and marked the new field for potatoes in the barn field. In the afternoon, Frank plowed the corn on the other side of the track. Axel planted potatoes. I did various small jobs. This morning, the black sow farrowed a litter of ten pigs.
- 15 Frank plowed. Axel planted corn and sorghum in the new land by the barn field. I mulched the newly-set-out apple trees. In the afternoon, we had a couple of rain showers.
- 16 Frank plowed the corn. Axel did various jobs. Today, I crossed some apple flowers: Borovinka into Wolf's seedlings, Christmas and Royal Table, and then I crossed Wolf's seedlings into Borovinka. Then I finished mulching the apple trees.
- 17 Before noon, the boys broke the strip where the fence had been on the other side of the track and finished plowing and harrowing in the afternoon. Axel harrowed and finished. Frank and I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, it was quite cold and there was a strong storm.
- 18 The boys rolled and marked out the field on the other side of the track. I trimmed the evergreens. Today, the white sow farrowed a litter of nine pigs, but two were dead. It is cold weather.
- 19 The boys planted corn on the whole piece on the other side of the track. I trimmed apple trees. It is cool weather and last night, there was a hard frost, so the apple flowers are damaged. Frank went to Waconia today.
- 20 **Sunday** Anderson from Maple Hill preached. Sundlorsf from Minnetonka Lake was here for a visit.
- 21 The boys repaired the fence on the other side of the tracks. I trimmed apple trees. It is chilly weather yet and today there was a strong storm.
- 22 The boys finished repairing the fence on the other side of the tracks and did various other jobs. Today, we let the livestock out in the southern pasture. I trimmed apple trees.
- 23 Axel and Frank went to Excelsior with a load of potatoes and butter. Frank went to Minneapolis from Excelsior to pay the taxes and buy himself some clothes. I trimmed apple trees.
- 24 I trimmed apple trees. Axel planted squash and did various small jobs. Today, it was warmer, with beautiful sunshine. In the evening, Frank came home from Minneapolis.
- 25 The boys built a fence by the upper field, etc. Frank went to Waconia and had the white horse shod. I pruned apple trees. It is dry and warm weather.
- 26 Frank worked on the fence, etc. Axel did nothing. He is not well. I trimmed trees and finished.
- 27 **Sunday** We had an American Methodist pastor who preached.
- 28 The boys worked on the fence and finished, by the pasture, mowed and cut the alfalfa down by the grapevines, and plowed the swamp piece below the alfalfa for sugar beets. I repaired the false ceiling in the hog barn.
- 29 The boys harrowed the corn field and planted sugar beets in the meadow down by the

grapevines. They even went to Waconia. They let the colt, "Don," run along. I did various small jobs. I am not well.

30 Today, the boys and I did various jobs. It is dry and cool weather. We need rain.

31 The boys worked on the road with the horses. I made a pig trough, etc. In the evening, we had a meeting. A Jewish missionary by the name of Kron preached.

June

1 Before noon, the boys worked on the road. In the afternoon, the boys hauled in the clover from the grapevines. I did various jobs.

2 Before noon, the boys worked on the road. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. I hoed the grafts and watered them.

3 Sunday

4 Before noon, the boys cut hay in the orchard. In the afternoon, Axel cut hay in the orchard. Frank went to the Waconia mill with meal. I went with to Waconia.

5 Frank hauled two loads of wheat and sold them to the mill in Waconia. Axel tended the hay in the orchard and began to paint the icehouse. I hoed by the shop, etc. It continues to be dry weather. We need rain.

6 Frank hauled two loads of wheat and sold them to the Waconia mill. Axel painted the icehouse. I did various jobs.

7 The boys cultivated in the newly broken field by the barn and painted the icehouse. Frank went to Waconia. Doctor Parker from Excelsior, also Briman and a bachelor, were here for dinner. I did nothing. I am not well.

8 Before noon, the boys hauled in clover from the orchard. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. I did various small jobs.

9 The boys mowed and cut hay around the house and hoed, etc. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, we had a little rain shower.

10 **Sunday** In the evening, the Methodist pastor, Merrick, came and stayed with us for the night.

11 Before noon, the boys painted the granary. In the afternoon, they hauled in the hay from around the house. I planed floorboards for the kitchen. The assessor, Lambrecht, was here, today and valued both our personal and real property. We got some drops of rain in the evening.

12 Frank cultivated the corn on the side of the track. I planed maple boards. It is very warm, 93 degrees. We need rain.

13 Before noon, Frank cultivated the corn. Axel painted the granary. I planed maple boards and fixed things in the hog barn. It is still hot and dry.

14 The boys painted in the old barn. Frank went to Waconia in the afternoon. I planed maple boards and did various other small jobs. The warmth and dryness continue.

15 The boys hoed the sugar beets and corn, and painted the barn. I worked in the shop. Brand from Faribault was here today.

- 16 The boys repaired the mangers in the stalls. I planed maple boards, etc.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Frank cultivated the corn and mowed the field on the other side of the track. Axel hoed and cut hay. I worked in the shop. Andrew Swenson and his wife, and Andrew Swenson from Lake Crystal, were here in the afternoon for a visit. They came from a conference in Minneapolis.
- 19 Frank cultivated the corn. Axel did various jobs. I planned maple boards, etc.
- 20 The boys hauled in hay from the other side of the track. I tore up the old floor in the kitchen, etc. Rosenquist from Wright County is here.
- 21 The boys hauled home hay from the other side of the track, etc. Frank also went to Waconia. Frank Lundsten and I laid the maple floor in the kitchen. In the evening there was a meeting in Scandia. C.F. Lindberg preached.
- 22 The boys mowed and cut the hay in the southern meadow. In the afternoon, it was too warm to work. I could not do anything. Clarence Wedge from Albert Lea came and inspected the orchard. We took "Molly" to Peterman's bull. Today in the morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated the pigs.
- 23 The boys mowed and cut, etc. I did nothing. I am not well. In the afternoon, C.F. Lindberg and his wife came here from the Lundsten's.
- 24 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
- 25 Today, we received a dispatch from Litchfield that Mamma's sister, Mrs. Ring, was dead. Mamma traveled to the funeral. Axel drove her to Delano. In the afternoon, the Lindbergs traveled from here to P.D. Anderson's. Frank and Josephine hauled hay. I planed maple boards.
- 26 The boys cultivated the corn, hauled hay, and then cut hay. I planed the maple boards. The warmth and dryness continues. It would be good if we got rain.
- 27 The boys mowed, cut, hauled in hay, and cultivated. I planed maple boards.
- 28 Today, F. Lundsten came for the second time and helped me lay the maple floors in the kitchen. The boys cut and hauled in hay. Last night, we had a strong storm. They say that Litchfield is destroyed. Mrs. Pettijohn is here.
- 29 The boys cut and hauled in hay. I worked on the floors in the kitchen.
- 30 The boys cut and hauled hay. I worked on the floors in the kitchen and finished. In the evening, Mamma came home from Litchfield.

July

- 1 **Sunday** Ahlstrom from Minneapolis and John Rosen from Chicago both preached.
- 2 The boys cut and hauled in hay. I did nothing but I went to Waconia.
- 3 The boys cut and hauled in hay. I wrote a letter to my brother-in-law, Johnson, in Litchfield. Oscar Norman from St. Paul came here today.
- 4 We had a celebration as usual in Scandia but this year there were not so many gathered here.
- 5 The boys mowed and hauled hay. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, we got a little

- rain but only for a few minutes. Mrs. Pettijohn left us and went to the Wastrel's in Waconia.
- 6 Oscar Norman traveled from here, this morning, to St. Paul. Frank drove him to Victoria. The boys mowed and hauled hay. I trimmed the grapevines, etc. Allen's son from West Union was here and tried to sell me a cream separator.
 - 7 The boys mowed and hauled hay and stacked it. I went to Waconia for a People's Party convention. We had strong sunshine today.
 - 8 **Sunday** John Rosen preached.
 - 9 The boys hauled and stacked hay. I trimmed grapevines. In the evening, the youth went to A. Broberg's to surprise John Rosen.
 - 10 Today, the railroad train dropped some coals in our meadows, so the boys had to fight fires all day and even the womenfolk. I butchered the old ram, etc. The dryness and hot sun continue. It is about 96 degrees in the shade. We need rain.
 - 11 The boys mowed the second crop of alfalfa and hauled hay. Mamma and I went to Waconia. In the evening at seven o'clock, fire broke out in the meadows and the boys had to work with the fire until past midnight.
 - 12 The boys worked with the fire in the meadow and hauled hay. They also picked wild oats. I trimmed grapevines. The sun heat continues.
 - 13 Before noon, the boys went to Waconia and had some flesh burned off on the horse, "Don." In the afternoon, they repaired the fences and let the cattle into the meadows, etc. I did nothing. I am not well. August Nelson was here for two pigs.
 - 14 The boys cut the hay in the orchard and hauled in the alfalfa clover. Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. They picked wild oats. I did various small jobs.
 - 15 **Sunday** The student Myreman preached in the morning and John Rosen in the evening. Lindberg is here.
 - 16 Josephine drove Lindberg to Waconia. The boys picked wild oats, put the reaper in order, and hauled in the clover hay from the orchard, etc. I did various small jobs.
 - 17 Before noon, the boys reaped the wheat on the square piece. In the afternoon, Frank and Josephine went to Augusta and met Christine and Frances Anderson from Maynard and Norman's daughter from Kirkwood, Illinois. Axel cradled some of the wheat to use in the reaper. I did various small jobs. The sun heat continues every day with 100° and over.
 - 18 The boys reaped wheat on the large piece in the southern field. I did nothing. It was too hot.
 - 19 Today, it was clouded over and it is misting at times. The boys finished reaping the large piece in the southern field. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia and bought twine. I did nothing.
 - 20 The boys reaped the oats on the five-acre piece but fire broke out, again, by the tracks, so we had to work on it. I did various jobs.
 - 21 The boys reaped the wheat in the field by the barn and the grain stack. I did various jobs and oiled the wagon wheels on the work wagons. In the evening, we went to the school meeting.
 - 22 **Sunday** John Rosen preached.
 - 23 The boys reaped the wheat in the home field and began to reap the field near Peterman's

- land. Today it was still calm and very warm, so it was hard to work. I did nothing.
- 24 Before noon, the boys reaped the wheat and finished near Peterman's land. In the afternoon, they stacked three loads of wheat. I mulched and watered the newly planted ash trees, etc.
 - 25 The boys and F. Lundsten and his hired man stacked out the wheat and oats. They stacked 4 ½ stacks this day. I watered the newly planted apple trees, etc. A schoolmaster from Mountain Lake by the name of Krassey was here. He will teach our school this winter and will board with us for \$10 a month.
 - 26 The boys went to F. Lundsten's and stacked wheat the whole day. I did various small jobs.
 - 27 Before noon, the boys, F. Lundsten, and the hired man finished stacking wheat and oats for us. I did nothing, it was too warm.
 - 28 Frank went to Waconia with the wagon wheels to be repaired and then he did various jobs. Axel went to N. Swenson's and stacked wheat. I did various small jobs.
 - 29 **Sunday** John Rosen preached.
 - 30 The boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank mowed the clover on the other side of the tracks. Axel cut weeds for Peterman, etc. I did nothing, it was too warm for me.
 - 31 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and Axel dug quackgrass roots in the home field. In the afternoon, they repaired fences. I hoed in the orchard, etc.

August

- 1 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and threshed. Axel and I hoed in the orchard.
- 2 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, he and Josephine went to Augusta and met the girls from Maynard. Axel and I also worked in the orchard. Today, it is cool and beautiful weather.
- 3 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, they threshed at John Nelson's. Josephine and the visiting girls went to Nelson's. I hoed in the orchard, etc.
- 4 Before noon, the boys threshed at J. Nelson's. In the afternoon, Axel threshed for Joseph Broberg. Frank and the girls went fishing. I hoed in the orchard.
- 5 **Sunday** Linder from Des Moines preached before noon and F. Peterson in the evening.
- 6 Before noon, the boys repaired fences. In the afternoon, our folks and the visiting girls went out on Clearwater Lake. I hoed in the orchard.
- 7 Today, Frances and Christine Anderson, with Norman, left here for Minneapolis. Frank drove them to Excelsior. Axel did various jobs. I hoed in the orchard. It is still too hot, so I cannot do much. In the evening, we got a little rain.
- 8 The boys hauled manure. I worked in the orchard. In the afternoon, Pastor Linder was here.
- 9 The boys hauled manure. I worked in the orchard. In the afternoon, Axel went to Per Anderson's and threshed. Frank and I did various small jobs. In the evening and night, we

- got rain that was one thumb deep on the ground.
- 10 Before noon, Axel and Frank threshed at P.D. Anderson's. Axel threshed at B. Paulson's. Frank did various jobs. I worked in the orchard. In the evening we got a little rain.
 - 11 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia and sold our white cow, "Daisy," with her calf. Axel went to P.D. Anderson's to thresh. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went fishing. The boys did various small jobs.
 - 12 **Sunday** Lindberg preached before noon and Linder in the evening. Sundlof and his wife were here for dinner.
 - 13 Before noon, the boys hauled manure. I trimmed grapevines. In the afternoon, it rained. Eric Nilson from Minneapolis was here for a while.
 - 14 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a box of apples to send to Maynard. Axel and Oskar fanned wheat. In the afternoon, they hauled manure. I did various jobs.
 - 15 Before noon, the boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and Oskar fanned wheat. I hoed by the raspberry bushes. Around noon, Pastor A. P. Hanson came here.
 - 16 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, he threshed for John Suntheim. John Nelson's youth and two girls from Minneapolis were here for a visit. In the afternoon, I did various jobs.
 - 17 The boys hauled manure and plowed, etc. I trimmed raspberry bushes, etc. It was too warm for me to work.
 - 18 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel plowed by Peterman's field. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel did various jobs. I trimmed raspberry bushes, etc. A hot sunshine.
 - 19 **Sunday** Linder preached.
 - 20 Frank plowed. Axel made a ditch in the southern meadow. In the afternoon, Axel went to Frank Lundsten's and dug a well. I trimmed raspberry bushes.
 - 21 Before noon, Frank plowed. Axel finished the ditch in the meadow. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel went fishing. I trimmed raspberry bushes.
 - 22 The boys hauled clover hay and the seed clover and repaired fences. I did nothing.
 - 23 The boys did various jobs but it is so hot and calm, one cannot work. I did nothing.
 - 24 Frank plowed in the barn field. Axel cut corn in the newly broken part of the barn field. I did nothing. I am not well.
 - 25 Before noon, Frank plowed. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia. Axel did various small jobs. I did nothing because it is too warm for me.
 - 26 **Sunday**
 - 27 Today, the boys were at N. Swenson's to thresh. In the afternoon, at five o'clock, Peterman's threshing machines arrived. They threshed two stacks in the evening. I butchered a ewe, etc. Today, the cow, "Betty," went to Peterman's bull.
 - 28 We threshed and finished threshing at twelve o'clock. The boys put up the fence around the barnyard, etc. I did nothing. It is 97 degrees outside.
 - 29 The boys cut corn on the other side of the tracks but it was not ripe, so they quit cutting. I

went to Waconia.

- 30 Frank plowed and Axel grubbed along the road down by the barn field. I put up galvanized latticework around the windmill posts.
- 31 Frank plowed. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia and had the plows repaired. Axel grubbed and I worked by the windmill. Mamma went to John Nelson's and set up a warp for rag rugs.

September

- 1 Frank plowed. Axel grubbed. I finished by the windmill. Today we have storms and it is 95 degrees outside.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Before noon, the boys cut corn on the other side of the tracks. Mamma and I took in seed corn and hauled it home. In the afternoon, the boys went to Frank Lundsten's and threshed.
- 4 Frank threshed at Peterman's. Axel cut corn. I did various small jobs.
- 5 Before noon, Frank threshed at Peterman's. In the afternoon, both boys cut corn. I went to Waconia and asked Klatt to come and do some masonry work on the cistern.
- 6 The boys cut corn, but Frank is not well. P.D. Anderson's son-in-law, Arvid Hagstrom, and his wife were here for a visit. I am not well.
- 7 Before noon, the boys cut corn and finished. In the afternoon, they stripped the sorghum canes.
- 8 Before noon, the boys went to Waconia and sold a calf. In the afternoon, they cut the sorghum canes. I am not well. C.F. Lindberg is here.
- 9 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
- 10 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. In the afternoon, the boys cut sorghum and hauled it home. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 11 Frank went to the State Fair in Minneapolis today. I went to Waconia and dug out prickly ash roots. Axel grubbed, etc. Stafford Booth came to us today.
- 12 Axel grubbed. I did various jobs.
- 13 Before noon, Mamma and I went to the funeral in Waconia of Andrew Johnson, where he was buried. We rode with the Swensons. Stafford Booth left and went to Augusta. Frank came in from Minneapolis today. Axel grubbed. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Mrs. B. Nilson's. I was even to Rietz's. Yesterday, we took the heifer "Maggie" to Peterman's bull.
- 14 Frank and I went to Waconia to the People's Party convention. Axel is not well. Mrs. J. Nelson was here and helped Mamma put up the rug warp.
- 15 Frank plowed and Axel and Josephine went to Waconia, but Axel is not well. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 16 **Sunday** Magnus Larson from Duluth preached before noon, and Arvid Hagstrom from Chicago in the evening.
- 17 Axel plowed. Frank is breaking out in boils, so he cannot work. I am not well.

- 18 Before noon, Axel plowed. Magnus Larson was here and greeted us. I did nothing. In the afternoon, Axel went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples that we are sending to the children in Maynard.
- 19 Today, we took the black cow, "Blossy," to Peterman's bull. Axel plowed. I did various jobs. Frank is not able to work on account of his boils.
- 20 Before noon, Axel plowed. Around noon time, Klatt came here to make a box by the cistern and to plaster the foundation. Axel made the mortar.
- 21 The masons finished their work at ten o'clock, then Axel and Frank fixed up and cleaned out the cistern. I made the wooden frame for the cistern box and put it up.
- 22 Last night, we had a grand rain. Axel plowed. Frank went to Waconia and had a plow sharpened. I did various little jobs.
- 23 **Sunday**
- 24 Frank plowed, Axel and the womenfolk dug up the potatoes. Bergren came here this afternoon. Christine Moody came here, yesterday, with Mrs. Johnson.
- 25 Frank plowed. Axel dug up potatoes from the garden. I did various jobs.
- 26 Frank plowed. Axel husked corn on the other side of the tracks. Bergren picked butternuts yesterday and today. I am not well. Nilson from Chicago and N. Swenson were here for a visit in the afternoon.
- 27 Frank went to Waconia and had a plow sharpened. In the afternoon, both boys husked corn.
- 28 Frank plowed. Axel grubbed. I am not well.
- 29 Today, Axel, Frank, and Josephine went to the Chaska Agricultural Fair with apples and grapes. Today, it has rained all day.
- 30 **Sunday** Nils Olson from Chicago preached. I was not well, so I was not at the meeting.

October

- 1 Before noon, Axel and Frank husked corn. In the afternoon, it rained quite a lot. I repaired the cellar door. Mamma and Josephine are over at John Nelson's house setting up the rug warp.
- 2 Last night it rained quite a lot. Frank plowed and Axel husked corn. I did various small jobs but I am not well. Mamma and Josephine came home from J. Nelson's around noon time.
- 3 Frank plowed. Axel husked corn. Today, I was cupped, so I was in bed the whole day.
- 4 Frank and Ida went to Waconia, then Frank plowed. Axel husked corn. I was in bed all the time. It has been cloudy this week and has rained at times.
- 5 Frank plowed. Axel husked corn.
- 6 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with apples. In the afternoon, both boys husked corn. I am in bed.
- 7 **Sunday** Rainy weather today.
- 8 The boys husked corn. Mrs. J. Nelson is here for Mamma's birthday. I am in bed. Today it is clear weather.

- 9 The boys husked corn. Josephine drove Mrs. Nelson home today. I am in bed.
- 10 Before noon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with meal. Mamma, Axel, and I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon, the boys hauled corn fodder. We took "Blossy" to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 11 The boys husked corn. Josephine went to Waconia and sent a letter, with money order, out to Cleveland, Ohio. I did nothing.
- 12 The boys and Mamma pressed the sorghum canes in the mill and cooked 39 gallons of syrup. I am in bed. I am not well.
- 13 Mamma and Frank went to Chaska and got premiums for the fruit that we had at the county fair and they also did some trading in Skog's store. Axel husked corn. I did nothing.
- 14 **Sunday** C. F. Lindberg preached and we even had communion.
- 15 Frank plowed the corn stubble. Axel husked corn and finished. I did a few small jobs between being in bed. In the evening, the children went to a meeting. Lindberg preached.
- 16 Before noon, the boys hauled the corn fodder. In the afternoon, Frank plowed the corn stubble. Axel and I dug up apple trees and also washed the syrup mill. In the evening, our children went to a meeting. Lindberg preached.
- 17 Before noon, Frank plowed and Axel and I grafted apple trees. In the afternoon, the boys and the womenfolk took up the sugar beets. I was in bed.
- 18 Frank plowed. Axel and the womenfolk took up the sugar beets. I was in bed. It is and has been very beautiful weather these days. Today, oil from the Droz's in Cleveland, Ohio, came.
- 19 The boys and the womenfolk took up sugar beets. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel grubbed. Today I was cupped for the second time and I was very weak from the drops I had taken.
- 20 Frank plowed and Axel grubbed. I was in bed. It has been beautiful weather.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Frank plowed. Axel grubbed. I was in bed. Luedloff was here this afternoon for scions. It is warm and beautiful weather.
- 23 Frank harrowed the barn field. Axel grubbed stumps in the field. I was in bed.
- 24 Frank harrowed and went to Waconia for a barrel of salt. Axel grubbed out the large oak in the southern field on the other side of the track. I did nothing.
- 25 Before noon, Frank and I butchered a sheep. Axel harrowed. In the afternoon, Frank harrowed. Axel grubbed. I did nothing.
- 26 Before noon, I went to Ottinger's for some scions. In the afternoon, I took in sand for the cellar to pack the scions. Frank harrowed. Axel grubbed the dead hickory trees around the house.
- 27 Before noon, the boys hauled rails and fenced around the straw stack. I smeared the stems of the apple trees with liver. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia to meet Stalberg, but he did not come. It is beautiful weather.

- 28 **Sunday** Rainy weather.
- 29 It is rainy weather. The boys did various small jobs. I was in the shop and made various small things.
- 30 Even today, it is rainy weather. The boys did various small jobs. I was, for the most part, in bed. I am not well.
- 31 The boys put blocks in the horses' stalls. I was in bed because I had taken Bonchild's oil. It is cloudy weather.

November

- 1 The boys put blocks in the horses' stalls and then they dug up boxelder trees, etc. I was, for the most, in bed. Klammer and Barker from Chaska were for here for dinner.
- 2 The boys did various jobs. I am not well. I did various small jobs.
- 3 Today, Frank traveled up to Maynard to help the boys with their work as Carl is laid up with a lame knee. He is not able to stand. Axel drove Frank to Augusta. In the afternoon, Axel pruned back grapevines. I was in bed.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 We had a business meeting in Scandia and we decided to call Lindberg to visit one time a month for the upcoming year, like he did last year. Axel pruned back the grapevines.
- 6 Axel and I went to the election and voted, then we did various jobs. It is now cold and the roads are very rough and rutty. Last Sunday, the schoolmaster Krassey came here and started to board with us.
- 7 Axel pruned back grapevines, etc. I grafted apple trees and pruned back the young grapevines.
- 8 I pruned back the grapevines because Axel had left too much. Axel hilled over the grapevines with earth, etc.
- 9 Axel went for the mail and packed up earth around the water tank. Last night, we had snow, and today it is stormy and cold. I am in bed. I am plagued with a sore back.
- 10 Axel and several other boys went to Lena Nilson's and chopped stovewood out of the grubbed-out trees. I am in bed. It is cold weather.
- 11 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. I am home. I am not well.
- 12 I pruned back grapevines. Axel covered the grapevines, etc. Today it is cold.
- 13 I did various small jobs. Axel went to Waconia before noon for the mail. In the afternoon, he covered the grapevines and finished. Today, it was beautiful weather.
- 14 Axel finished grubbing on the other side of the track. In the afternoon, he hoed the grass away from around the apple trees. Mild weather, with a strong south wind.
- 15 Axel banked up earth around a part of the apple trees and grubbed the dead hickory trees. I cut up scions in the afternoon. It is mild weather.
- 16 Before noon, Axel went after the mail, then he did various jobs. I cut scions. It is clear and cold weather.
- 17 Axel did various jobs. I cut scions and was in bed. Today, there is a southern wind and it is

not so cold.

18 **Sunday**

- 19 Axel cut poplar cuttings and grafted them and put up storm windows. I cut scions and did other various small jobs. It is cold weather.
- 20 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia. In the afternoon, he went and met Frank in Augusta as Frank returned from Maynard. I was for the most part in bed. There is a strong wind.
- 21 The boys butchered a pig and did various other jobs. I cut up the pork, etc. It is cold and stormy weather.
- 22 The boys hauled manure and did other jobs. I did nothing. Today is mild and sunny weather.
- 23 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, they hauled the old sows to Waconia and sold them to Treichel. They sold them in live weight. I am sick, so I was in bed the whole day.
- 24 The boys hauled manure. I did various small jobs. It is beautiful weather. Today we took the boar to the sows.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 Today, I sent scions to O.F. Brand in Faribault and also to C.G. Patten in Charles City, Iowa, and to Clarence Wedge in Albert Lea. Axel went to P. D. Anderson's and butchered hogs. I did various small jobs. Frank went to Waconia, etc. It is beautiful weather. The cow "Pearly" went to Swenson's bull.
- 27 Frank went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and helped saw stovewood. Axel went to Waconia. I did nothing. Clear weather and quite cold.
- 28 The boys hauled manure and did various jobs. I did various small jobs. Today it is intensely dry and cold out.
- 29 Today is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We had a meeting in Scandia with beautiful weather.
- 30 The boys hauled manure, etc. In the afternoon, I went to Mrs. B. Nilson's place and cut scions of the Bender plum. Mamma went with to visit.

December

- 1 The boys hauled manure, etc. In the afternoon, I hauled ashes to some of the apple trees. It is cloudy and we have a white frost.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys and I butchered three wethers and did various jobs. Sundlof was here for a visit. It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 4 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. I planted red cedar seed. It is Indian summer weather.
- 5 The boys hauled manure, etc. I did various small jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 6 The boys piled stovewood in the woods. I did various small jobs. Beautiful weather, but in the afternoon, it rained. In the afternoon, Charley Norman came here.
- 7 The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Frank and Charley Norman went to

- Waconia. C.F. Lindberg from Clear Lake went home with them. I packed roots for grafting and scions in the sand in the cellar.
- 8 Axel went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and piled stovewood. Frank did various jobs. I did nothing. C.F. Lindberg was here today. It was cloudy and smoky weather.
 - 9 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. We even had communion.
 - 10 The boys piled stovewood and hauled it home. I did various small jobs. It is cloudy and mild.
 - 11 The boys cut and hauled home dry hickory. At four o'clock in the afternoon, Peterman's machine saw came and we began to saw stovewood. I was in bed. I was not well.
 - 12 Peltz, Peterman, Martin Swenson, and our boys sawed stovewood and finished at 2:30 in the afternoon. I did nothing. Mild, cloudy weather.
 - 13 The boys nailed up a board wall by the straw shelter, etc. I was, for the most part, in bed. Today it is clear weather but not cold. Today, we took the boar to L. Nilson's sow.
 - 14 The boys made a feeding rack in the upper pasture and piled wood in the woods. I did nothing. It is clear and beautiful weather. In the evening, our folks and the schoolmaster, Krassey, went to Waconia and listened to a concert of a choir with the name of Hutchinson.
 - 15 The boys piled wood in the woods, etc. I did nothing. In the evening, it rained a lot.
 - 16 **Sunday** Last night, we got a little snow—three thumbs deep.
 - 17 Today, we butchered a heifer. We had N. Swenson for help. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia for medicine for the horse, "Don."
 - 18 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Axel and I cut up the meat from the heifer. In the afternoon, the boys piled wood out in the woods. I salted the meat, etc. It is beautiful and mild weather.
 - 19 Axel went to N. Swenson's and sawed wood with Peterman's machine. Frank did various jobs. I did small jobs in the shop. It is mild and beautiful weather.
 - 20 Before noon, Axel sawed the tops of the trees along the road. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel hauled home stovewood. I did nothing. It is mild weather and the snow is gone.
 - 21 The boys piled wood in the woods. I did nothing. It is beautiful weather.
 - 22 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia for the mail. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Augusta and met Sture and his wife. Axel did various jobs. I did nothing.
 - 23 **Sunday**
 - 24 Frank and Sture went to Waconia. Axel did the barnyard chores. I did nothing.
 - 25 **Christmas Day** Frank, Sture, and his wife went to Waconia. In the evening, all of our children went to Scandia. They had a Christmas tree there.
 - 26 Today, Sture and his wife traveled down to Hastings. Frank drove them to St. Bonifacius. We did nothing this day. Before noon, we got a little snow.
 - 27 The boys went to Per Daniel's for snow that we pack the meat out in; otherwise, we did nothing. Today it is quite cold—16 degrees below 0.
 - 28 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. Today the cold has eased up. Frank went to

Waconia.

- 29 The boys set up a wooden wall in the sheep barn to protect the vegetable cellar from frost. I did nothing. Today, the black cow, "Bluey," was taken to Swenson's bull.
- 30 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.
- 31 We went to a meeting in Scandia. Lindberg preached. In the evening, the youth went to N. Swenson's and ushered out the old year.

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January

- 1 **New Year's Day** We went to a meeting. Lindberg preached and lectured on the Bible's origin and antiquity.
- 2 We had our annual business meeting at the meetinghouse in Scandia.
- 3 The boys butchered the boar, etc. I did nothing.
- 4 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing.
- 5 The boys went to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 6 **Sunday** Last night we got a half-foot of snow.
- 7 Frank went to St. Bonifacius to check on the price for pork. The boys did various jobs and again, I did nothing.
- 8 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. We have very intense cold.
- 9 Today we butchered ten hogs. We had Andrew Anderson and Joel Swenson help us. Today the cold is not as bad and it is sunny.
- 10 Frank went to H. Rietz, Waconia, and St. Bonifacius to inquire on the price of pork. Axel did various small jobs. I did nothing. It is mild and beautiful weather.
- 11 Frank and Axel went to St. Bonifacius with the ten hogs that Frank sold yesterday. Today we have a strong northwest wind—the snow is blowing and it is very cold.
- 12 Frank and Oskar went to Waconia and Oskar had a tooth pulled. The others did various jobs—I did nothing. It is not as cold today.
- 13 **Sunday** Stolberg preached in Scandia today.
- 14 Axel and Mamma went to John Nelson's today and brought home their loom. I did nothing. Frank did the chores and in the afternoon it snowed.
- 15 Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel did various jobs. I did nothing.
- 16 Frank went to the Carver mill with grist. I sent along a letter and scions to send to Luedloff from the post office in Carver. Axel tended to the livestock and did the chores. I did nothing. It is beautiful weather.
- 17 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of oak wood and after, the boys did various jobs. I did nothing.
- 18 In the forenoon it snowed. The boys did various jobs. I did nothing.
- 19 Frank went to Waconia and met Sture and his wife. They came from Hastings and Minneapolis. Otherwise, the boys did nothing and I did nothing.

20 **Sunday**

21 Today we had a snowstorm. We did nothing.

22 Today, Mamma and I, along with Sture and his wife, visited at P.D. Anderson's. Frank drove us there and then went on to Waconia to get the mail and then came back to Anderson's and drove us home. It is cold but sunny weather.

23 Sture, Ada and Axel and Josephine visited with Mrs. B. Nilson. Frank cared for the animals and did the chores.

24 Today we did nothing except care for the animals. We have cold but sunny weather.

25 Today Sture and Ada went home. Frank drove them to Delano. They left here at half-past five. Axel did the chores and I began writing a letter to Sweden.

26 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. Today we have very cold weather.

27 **Sunday** It is cold weather.

28 Very cold weather. The boys did various small jobs. I worked on the letter to Sweden.

29 Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and other than that, the boys did nothing. I worked on the letter to Sweden.

30 The boys sawed up the grubbed oak in the south field, etc. I finished writing the letter to Sweden.

31 Today I mailed my letter to Sweden. The boys did various jobs. I am sick with la grippe. Mamma is not well either. Ida is feeling better and Josephine is still not fully recovered.

February

1 The boys did various jobs. I am sick.

2 Frank went to Waconia. Axel did the chores. I am sick and the others are sick and vomiting. It is very cold.

3 **Sunday**

4 The boys sawed ice on Clearwater Lake and hauled it home. P. Freed was here and paid his note that I have held for quite a few years.

5 The boys went to Waconia and also hauled home a load of ice and did the chores. I am in bed. The cold continues and is intense.

6 Last night and today we have a snowstorm. The boys tended the animals and did the chores. I was, for the most part, in bed.

7 Frank went to Waconia then did various jobs and tended to the animals. I did nothing. It is very cold.

8 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing. In the evening the boys went to a meeting and they brought Holmquist's son from Clear Lake home with them.

9 The boys did various jobs—I did nothing. It is very cold weather.

10 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. I did not go to the meeting. It is cold weather.

11 We went to the meeting. C.F. Lindberg preached. Lindberg stayed with us last night.

12 The boys sawed and hauled home ice. I went to Waconia. Today it is mild and sunny weather.

- 13 Frank went to Delano and met Charley [Carl] and Emma, who came from Litchfield. Charles Cornelius also came with them. I went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. It is beautiful weather.
- 14 The boys hauled home ice, etc. Mamma and Emma went to Luedloff's house to visit. Today I started grafting apple trees.
- 15 The boys hauled home ice and did various small jobs. I grafted apple trees. It is very nice weather.
- 16 The boys finished hauling home ice. They also did various jobs. I grafted apple trees. Nice weather.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 The boys and girls went to John Nelson's for a visit. Axel and Ida stayed home. I grafted apple trees. It is beautiful weather.
- 19 Axel and Frank hauled hay, etc. I made apple grafts. Carl went to Chaska and paid my personal property tax. Great weather.
- 20 The boys went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I made apple grafts. Still very nice weather.
- 21 Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia, etc. Axel chopped wood by the icehouse. I grafted apple trees. Beautiful, mild weather.
- 22 Frank hauled a load of mixed wood to Waconia, otherwise the boys did various jobs. I made apple grafts and plum grafts. It is beautiful weather.
- 23 Today I finished the last of the grafts and packed them in the sand. After that I cleaned up the shop, etc. Frank went to Waconia with a load of maple wood. Axel split wood for the stove. It is still beautiful weather.
- 24 **Sunday**
- 25 Today our Carl went home to Maynard and Carl Cornelius went home to Litchfield. Frank drove them to Watertown. Axel split wood for the stove, etc. I did various jobs. The snow is melting quickly, so we can no longer use the sleigh.
- 26 Today, the boys and I butchered two hogs that we will have for our own use. In the afternoon, the boys cut cordwood from trees that were blown down. It is mild weather but difficult traveling.
- 27 I cut up the pork and salted it down. The boys cut cordwood and did various other jobs. It is mild, smoky weather.
- 28 Frank helped the womenfolk to grind the sausage meat. Axel split stovewood and I did various small jobs. Mild and grand weather. The snow is almost all gone.

March

- 1 Today our schoolmaster, Krassey, left to go home. He had boarded with us and had five weeks remaining in his term, but the children did not obey him, so he quit the school. The boys cut cordwood, etc. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and I did various small jobs. Today we have cold weather.

- 2 The boys cut cordwood, etc. Frank also went to Waconia to sell a pair of raccoons they captured alive. I did various small jobs. Dry and cold weather.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 Frank did various small jobs. Axel is not well. I did small jobs in the workshop. It is dry, cold weather.
- 5 Frank started painting the paneling in the large room [living room] and also did the chores. Axel is not well. I did small jobs in the shop. We have dry, cold weather.
- 6 Frank painted the paneling in the kitchen and did the chores. Axel is still not well. I did various small jobs in the shop. The dry, cold weather is still here.
- 7 Frank painted and also went to Waconia. I did various small jobs. Axel is still not well. The dry cold weather is still with us.
- 8 Frank painted and Axel is feeling better so he did the chores. I worked in the shop and filed [sharpened] saws, etc. We continue to have dry, cold weather.
- 9 The boys went to Waconia market and sold a calf. In the afternoon they cut cordwood. I did various jobs in the shop. C.F. Lindberg is here.
- 10 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
- 11 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia and in the afternoon we did various jobs. Great weather, the cold is lessening.
- 12 Today we went to the town election and after, we did various small jobs. We have grand weather.
- 13 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. Lindberg is going home tomorrow. Today it is very cold—7 degrees below 0.
- 14 Axel cut cordwood and Frank painted. I made handles for the rakes. Still dry and cold.
- 15 Frank painted, Axel cut wood, and I did various jobs in the shop. We had a little snowfall and the cold is not as intense.
- 16 Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia and in the afternoon the boys cut cordwood and fanned wheat. I was in the shop and did various jobs. Today we have great weather. Today I sent a letter to Frank Peterson in Minneapolis with 10 cents in stamps to pay him for taking care of the interest money.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia and Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, H. Gerdson was here and I helped him to make apple grafts. It is great weather.
- 19 The boys cut cordwood. I grafted apple trees for H. Gerdson. It is great, dry weather.
- 20 Mamma and I went to Mrs. B. Nilson for a visit and I went to H. Rietz and had Mrs. B. Nilson sign as a witness to the testament between Mamma and me. In the forenoon, the boys went to Waconia and in the afternoon they did various jobs. George Ottinger was also visiting Mrs. Nilson.
- 21 The boys made sap troughs and also did various other jobs. I did a few small jobs in the shop. We have a strong south wind. It is dry, sunny weather.
- 22 The boys hauled cordwood from the forest and also made sap troughs. I did various small

jobs in the shop. We have a strong storm from the south.

23 The boys fanned seed wheat and made syrup troughs. I did small jobs in the shop. Last night we had a little rain. Emma is sick in bed with influenza and has been sick for more than a week. Today we have great weather.

24 **Sunday**

25 The boys made syrup troughs and I did various jobs. Lanlett and his wife were here to say good-bye as they are moving to Hopkins. Mrs. B. Nilson was here to get seed oats. Frank went to Rietz's to get medicine for Emma, as she is very sick. Today the cow, "Flora," was with Swenson's bull for the first time. Last night the black sow farrowed a litter of eight pigs.

26 In the forenoon, the boys made syrup troughs, etc. I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank sowed wheat on the five-acre field. Axel and I made troughs—Emma is somewhat better today. Today is beautiful weather. This evening we learned that Willie Nelson had died in Kansas City on his way home from California.

27 Mamma and I, and P.D. Anderson and his wife, went to the John Nelsons to comfort them in their grief over the loss of their son, Willie, who died in Kansas City. Frank sowed oats. Axel made sap troughs. The white sow farrowed a litter of thirteen pigs last night.

28 Frank sowed wheat—in the forenoon Axel helped dig a grave in the cemetery where Willie Nelson will be buried. I hauled in planks for the grave. In the afternoon Axel harrowed and I did various jobs. It is windy weather.

29 In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia to pick up the body of Willie Nelson. We brought the body to the graveyard and put it in the grave, but the real funeral will be on Sunday. In the afternoon, the boys sowed wheat on the other side of the tracks and harrowed it in. I made sap troughs. We have sunny, dry weather.

30 In the forenoon, the boys sowed wheat on the other side of the track and harrowed it in. In the afternoon they sowed wheat on the barn field but did not finish that. I hewed out sap troughs in between times. Frank Lundsten was here this afternoon. It is sunny and dry weather.

31 **Sunday** Today we buried Willie Nelson. We could not find a minister as Lindberg was not at home, so we had to bury him without a minister.

April

1 In the morning the boys hauled hay—in the afternoon they finished sowing wheat on the barn field and also the piece where we stack the grain, so now we have finished sowing wheat. I made sap troughs, etc.

2 Today the boys started to tap the maple trees but the sap is running slowly. Later they did various jobs and I did various small jobs also. We have dry weather.

3 The boys tapped the maple trees. In the afternoon, Frank rolled the grain fields and Axel made sap troughs. I did various small jobs. It is beautiful but dry weather.

4 The boys tapped maples, rolled fields, and did various jobs. I did various small jobs. We

- have beautiful dry weather, but we need rain. The sap is flowing very slowly.
- 5 Frank rolled the field and Axel cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and did other jobs. I cleared away the earth from the apple trees, etc. Today we have a strong south wind but no rain.
 - 6 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and Axel finished rolling the barn fields. In the afternoon the boys did various jobs and I did nothing. Cloudy weather but still no rain. The seeding of wheat and oats is now finished. We have now sown: 36 bushels Fife wheat on 27 ½ acres and 9 ½ bushels oats on 4 ¾ acres.
 - 7 **Sunday** Last night we had a little rain and some more today. "Molly" calved today.
 - 8 The boys made fence posts and cut wood for the stove, etc. I did various small jobs. Today we have very nice weather.
 - 9 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel filled in the hole in the meadow where we had the fire last fall. In the afternoon they hauled cordwood out of the forest. I did various jobs. It is grand and dry weather.
 - 10 The boys hauled the manure from the hog pen out to the home field. I did various jobs.
 - 11 Last night we had a great rain. The boys cut stovewood, etc. I did various small jobs.
 - 12 The boys cut wood for the stove, etc. I did various jobs in the garden. Great weather.
 - 13 Today Emma went to Maynard. Frank drove her to Augusta. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure and I did various jobs in the garden/orchard. Beautiful weather. Today we got two barrels of maple sap.
 - 14 **Sunday** Linder preached.
 - 15 The boys hauled manure, etc. I did various jobs in the orchard. Mamma is cooking syrup. "Star" went to N. Swenson's bull today and the mare took Bieser's stallion today for the first time.
 - 16 In the forenoon we went to a meeting in Scandia. Linder from Des Moines, Iowa, preached. Lundsten and Linder were at our house for dinner today. Frank plowed the cabbage field, etc. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure. It is beautiful weather.
 - 17 Frank plowed in the garden and planted potatoes and finished hauling manure from the hog pen. I packed boxelder and other cuttings to send to Maynard. Today we had above 70 degrees.
 - 18 In the forenoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a bundle of boxelder trees and cuttings that are to go to the boys in Maynard. Axel dug up quackroots and I dug up and planted raspberry bushes. In the afternoon, the John Nelsons were here to visit, so I did nothing. The boys hauled manure. It is warm weather.
 - 19 This morning, N. Swenson was here and castrated our lambs and piglets. The boys hauled manure. I top-grafted the plum trees and did various small jobs. It is beautiful dry weather.
 - 20 In the forenoon, the boys cultivated the raspberry bushes and then hauled home the syrup troughs from the forest. In the afternoon, they hauled manure and I top-grafted plum trees, etc. It is warm, dry weather.

- 21 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.
- 22 In the forenoon, the boys hauled manure and I did nothing. In the afternoon, the boys hauled rails and mended the fence in the forest. I went to the Waconia depot to pick up strawberry plants for Lobitz and myself. It is beautiful, dry weather.
- 23 In the forenoon, Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel planted boxelder trees and I prepared the strawberry bed. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel dug quackroots. The Swensons, who are staying with the Brobergs, were here to visit, so I did nothing.
- 24 In the forenoon, Frank and I planted strawberries. The womenfolk sheared the sheep and Axel helped them. In the afternoon, Frank planted potatoes and Axel and I did various jobs.
- 25 Frank plowed for corn on Peterman's field and Axel dug quackroots, etc. I top-grafted the apple trees and Lobitz came here to get the grapevines to plant.
- 26 Frank plowed the square field for corn. Axel uncovered the grapevines, etc. I top-grafted apple trees. Today we had a little rain shower.
- 27 Frank plowed, harrowed, and rolled the corn. I planted apple grafts and Axel helped me. Axel even planted melon seeds, etc. This afternoon we had thunderstorms and the air is cold after the thunderstorm.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Last night we had some rain. In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, he plowed and Axel did various jobs. I planted apple trees and plum grafts, etc. The mare took the stallion for the second time.
- 30 Frank plowed and Axel sooted the chimneys and then did various jobs. I planted apple trees. Around noontime, we had a wonderful rain.

May

- 1 Frank plowed and Axel did various jobs. I bound up the grapevines and also top-grafted apple trees. Today we have warm weather.
- 2 Today we have had rain showers. The boys planted potatoes and sorghum in the barn field, etc. I tied up grapevines, etc. It is cloudy and warm weather. Today Mamma has finished making soap.
- 3 The boys marked for and planted corn on Peterman's field and also planted sorghum and squash on the barn field, etc. I tied up grapevines.
- 4 Last night we had a lot of rain. In the forenoon we dug up evergreen bushes and planted a few. Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon Axel planted corn on the square field. Frank fanned wheat. I did various jobs in the garden.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel planted corn in the home field, etc. I packed evergreen bushes to send to Maynard, etc.
- 7 In the forenoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a bundle of evergreen bushes to send to Maynard. The boys there will plant them. There were 20 bushes in the bundle. Axel and I

- planted evergreen bushes. In the afternoon, the boys got things ready for a trip to Minneapolis. I set out grapevine cuttings and bound up the grapevines.
- 8 This morning, at four o'clock, Axel and Frank left for Minneapolis. They had both last year's and this year's wool and sheepskins in their load. I tied up grapevines, etc. Today it has been quite warm weather.
- 9 I finished binding up the grapevines and started pruning the apple trees. This evening at eight o'clock, Axel and Frank came back from Minneapolis.
- 10 Today it has rained a little all day, so we did no work.
- 11 In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia market and sold a calf. Axel is not well. In the afternoon, we did nothing. Today it is cloudy with a cold wind and last night we had frost.
- 12 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
- 13 In the forenoon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. Lindberg preached. In the afternoon we did various small jobs. Last night we had frost again and it is quite cold today. Today the mare took the stallion for the third time.
- 14 In the forenoon, Axel and I plowed with one horse. In the afternoon, the boys did various small jobs. I pruned trees and bushes. We had rain showers.
- 15 The boys did various jobs. I pruned trees and bushes. It is cool today.
- 16 The boys did various things today—they topped the large fir trees. I trimmed trees, etc.
- 17 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel grubbed the bushes by the fence. I trimmed apple trees. Cloudy weather.
- 18 The boys put up a wire fence in the pasture between Swenson and us. I trimmed apple trees, etc. It is chilly weather.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 The boys put up a wire fence and I trimmed apple trees. Today we took the livestock to the pasture on the other side of the track.
- 21 The boys worked on the wire fence. I trimmed apple trees. Today the weather is a little warmer.
- 22 The boys worked on the wire fence. I trimmed apple trees.
- 23 The boys worked on the wire fence. Mamma, Josephine, Oskar and I, along with Niklas Swenson, went out to Hjelm's to visit.
- 24 The boys worked on the wire fence. I trimmed apple trees. The Anderson family and Lovisa Larson from Minneapolis were here to visit.
- 25 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia and had the colt, "Dan," shod. I trimmed apple trees. In the afternoon, the boys worked on the wire fence. Today we took the cow, "Molly," to Kaufhold's bull.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 The boys fenced and also did other jobs. I trimmed trees, etc.
- 28 The boys plowed and planted sugar beets in the meadow. I am not well, so I did nothing. We had a strong storm yesterday and today.

- 29 The boys did various jobs. Frank went to Waconia; Axel hoed in the garden, etc. I am not well. In the afternoon, Frank painted the windmill.
- 30 Frank painted the windmill, etc. Josephine scrubbed the church and Axel went along and cleaned the soot from the stovepipes.
- 31 Frank finished painting the windmill. Axel put up a fence by the church. I am not well.

June

- 1 Frank painted and went to Waconia. Axel hoed in the garden. I am not well. This afternoon we had a small rain shower.
- 2 **Sunday (Pentecost)**
- 3 Axel hoed the sorghum, Frank cultivated the corn, etc. I did various small jobs. Last night we had a good rain.
- 4 Axel hoed; Frank cultivated. I am not well.
- 5 Axel is not well. Frank cultivated. I hoed around my grafts.
- 6 Axel grubbed the large tree by the corner stone between Peterman's and my land. Frank cultivated. I am not well.
- 7 Axel and Frank worked on the road with the team of horses and in the afternoon, Josephine went to Waconia and met C.F. Lindberg. I am not well.
- 8 Axel worked on the road. Frank mowed the clover below the garden. In the afternoon he cultivated the corn. I did nothing. Today, Lambrecht was here and assessed. On the 7th, Gerdson was here and counted us for the state census.
- 9 **Sunday** Today at ten o'clock we had a sudden violent downpour, so we could not go to the meeting. At three o'clock, Lindberg and I went to Scandia and only Joseph Broberg was there. It rained the whole time after.
- 10 Frank drove Lindberg to Waconia. In the afternoon, he cultivated the corn. Axel is not well.
- 11 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat and also cultivated the corn. Axel mowed in the orchard, etc. I hoed in the garden.
- 12 Today Josephine, Oskar, Mamma, and I went to John Nelson's to visit. The boys hauled in the clover from below the orchard.
- 13 The boys and I hoed the corn, etc.
- 14 The boys hoed the corn and hauled in the clover from the orchard. I hoed, etc.
Yesterday the cow "Betty" calved and today, the heifer, "Rosy."
- 15 The boys hoed the corn. Frank took grist to the mill in Waconia and also had the horses shod. I hoed, etc.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 The boys mowed and cut hay around the house and in the woods. I mowed and hoed.
- 18 The boys hoed and cultivated. Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. I hoed, etc.
- 19 The boys cultivated, hoed, and hauled in the hay from around the house. I hoed, etc.
- 20 In the forenoon, the boys cultivated and hoed. In the afternoon at five o'clock, we went to a wedding at Lundsten's house. Rev. Linder and Alice Lundsten were married by C.F.

Lindberg. We got home at midnight. Lindberg, and a Rev. Lindholm, with his wife, stayed with us overnight.

- 21 The boys did nothing. In the afternoon, they went to Waconia and watched the parade of the Grand Army. I did nothing. In the afternoon, Dartt from Owatonna, Leitz from Minnetrista, and a Sampson, came here to inspect my orchard.
- 22 The boys cultivated and hoed. I pruned the grapevines and girdled [cut rings on] the apple trees that did not bear fruit.
- 23 **Sunday** Linder preached.
- 24 Frank, Ida, and Josephine went to a picnic at Lake Minnetonka. Axel cut hay along the road and by the church. I did nothing.
- 25 Axel and I hoed the bluegrass turf away from the apple trees in the orchard. Frank hoed the melons.
- 26 In the forenoon, Frank cultivated the corn. Axel picked the wild oats. In the afternoon, the boys broke land by the raspberry bushes. I hoed the turf from the trees.
- 27 The boys did various jobs. I hoed the turf from the trees.
- 28 The boys hauled home the hay from the other side of the tracks. I pruned the grapes. In the evening, L. Linder and his wife Alice were here.
- 29 The boys cut fence rails in the woods and also cultivated the corn, etc. I hoed by the apple trees, etc. It is very dry—we need rain.
- 30 **Sunday**

July

- 1 The boys mowed and cut hay. The boys cultivated, etc. I hoed by the apple trees, etc.
- 2 The boys hauled hay and cut the hay in the calf pasture. Frank went to Waconia. I hoed, etc.
- 3 The boys mowed and cut hay and broke land in the west meadow. I hoed by the apple trees. In the evening, Oscar Norman from St. Paul came here and had a tailor by the name of Strid with him.
- 4 We went to Scandia and celebrated the 4th of July. Beautiful weather but very dry. We need rain.
- 5 The boys hauled home the hay and stacked it. I hoed by the apple trees and watered some of them. The tailor, Strid from St. Paul, returned home today. Today it is 100 degrees.
- 6 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia and sold a calf. Oscar Norman was with Frank. Axel mowed the timothy out on the island. In the afternoon, they broke land in the west meadow. I am not well.
- 7 **Sunday** The Larsons from Minneapolis visited us in the afternoon.
- 8 In the forenoon, the boys hauled hay and in the afternoon, they mowed and cut hay. Oscar Norman went home to St. Paul in the afternoon. I am not well. Last night and today it is chilly and cold.
- 9 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled hay. I cut Canada thistles in the hog pen, etc.

- 10 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled hay. I did a few small jobs but I am not well.
- 11 The boys mowed and cut by the island and also hauled hay. I hoed by my grafts and carried water to the trees, etc. It is very dry. We need rain. Almost everything is drying up.
- 12 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled hay. I am not well. The drought continues and it is very warm.
- 13 In the forenoon, the boys hauled hay. I went to Waconia and bought twine to use for the harvest. In the afternoon, the boys reaped the oats. I did nothing. It is very warm and dry.
- 14 **Sunday** In the forenoon we had a good rain. Lindberg preached. In the afternoon, Per Johan Hjelm, his wife, and the maid, Hanna Gustafson, were baptized.
- 15 The boys finished reaping the oats and then reaped wheat on the large part of the south field. I hoed in the orchard. It is very warm.
- 16 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the large piece of the south field and part of the wheat on the five-acre piece. I hoed around the grafts.
- 17 The boys finished reaping the wheat on the five-acre piece and began to reap wheat on the barn field. I hoed by the grafts.
- 18 Last night it started to rain. This morning it rained very hard and heavy and continued with some showers in the afternoon. We did no work.
- 19 The boys reaped the wheat on the field by the barn. I hoed in the orchard, etc.
- 20 The boys reaped the wheat in the field on the other side of the track. I hoed in the orchard, etc.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 The boys finished reaping the wheat in the field on the other side of the track and also the green wheat on the field by the barn. I hoed in the orchard.
- 23 In the forenoon, they hauled in the second crop of clover in the orchard. In the afternoon they started to stack the wheat. I hoed and plowed in the garden.
- 24 The boys stacked the wheat and oats and had N. Swenson's boys help. I cut weeds and hoed, etc.
- 25 The boys stacked the wheat and oats and had help from N. Swenson's boys. I hoed.
- 26 In the forenoon, our boys and Swenson's boys finished stacking the wheat, and in the afternoon our boys were at N. Swenson's stacking wheat. I hoed. It is very warm weather.
- 27 Our boys were at N. Swenson's and stacked wheat. I did various jobs. Very warm.
- 28 **Sunday** Very hot.
- 29 Our boys stacked wheat at N. Swenson's. I did various jobs.
- 30 The boys mowed the second crop of clover in the garden and plowed in the garden. I hoed.
- 31 Frank went to Broberg's and threshed. Axel did various jobs. I hoed, etc.

August

- 1 Frank threshed at Broberg's and Axel did various jobs. In the evening, Axel and the minister, Rosen, hauled in the clover hay from the orchard. I hoed, etc.

- 2 The boys did various jobs. Frank also went to Waconia. I hoed, etc.
- 3 Frank went to Minneapolis on business regarding the children's city lot. Axel hoed by the raspberry bushes, etc. I hoed a little at a time. Wyman from Hennepin, who came from Eden Prairie, was here to look over my orchard.
- 4 **Sunday** Rosen preached. Frank came home from Minneapolis in the evening.
- 5 In the afternoon, the folks from Kansas City came here for a visit. Professor Green from Minneapolis and Clarence Wedge from Albert Lea were also here. They stayed overnight. The boys did various jobs. Frank went to Waconia. The cow, "Maggy," was with Broberg's bull today.
- 6 Today the well diggers were here to repair the windmill pump. The screen was crusted over. In the afternoon, Axel threshed at Mrs. B. Nilson's and Rosen left and returned to Minneapolis.
- 7 Frank and Axel dug up the trench for the water pipes to the water tank so they could lower them. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 8 In the forenoon, the boys dug the trench to the tank deeper. In the afternoon, Axel threshed for Lindenberg. The well diggers were here and Frank worked with them. I am not well.
- 9 The well diggers and Frank worked on the well until two o'clock in the afternoon, when they went home. Frank worked on digging the trench. Axel threshed at Lindenberg's and Paul Pofahl's. I am not well.
- 10 Frank dug in the trench to the tank. Axel threshed for Paul Pofahl. In the evening, Emma came home with John Anderson's wife and her sister. They rode with a team from Montevideo and it took three days for the trip.
- 11 **Sunday** Lindberg preached. There were many people here for the service.
- 12 Axel threshed for Swartsenbauer. In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia. It is warm weather.
- 13 The boys worked on the trench to the water tank. In the evening we had a strong thunderstorm. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 14 Our folks went to John Nelson's for a visit and Frank drove them. Axel mowed the clover on the other side of the track, etc. I picked apples as half of them had blown off yesterday.
- 15 In the forenoon the boys plowed with two teams and in the afternoon they did various jobs. I went to Waconia. At dinnertime, Edward Johnson and his wife came from Kirkwood. Fred Johnson from Montevideo also came over.
- 16 The boys finished plowing the five-acre field. Today, Brand and Sandford, as well as Bost and Charles Patten from Iowa, came here to inspect my orchard. I picked them some apples. In the evening we had a little rain.
- 17 In the forenoon, the boys plowed. John Anderson from Montevideo came here. His wife met him with the team and carriage at Augusta. In the afternoon, our children and all our guests went out to the island in Clearwater Lake to see the island. They filled three row-boats.
- 18 **Sunday** There were many people at the meeting .

- 19 Axel plowed. Frank went to Waconia to get a barrel of salt and then he did various jobs. Our company from Montevideo and Kirkwood went to P.D. Anderson's lake and fished.
- 20 This morning our visitors left us. John Anderson's wife in Montevideo and her sister, as well as our Emma, drove cross country with the team and carriage. Edward Johnson and his wife from Kirkwood, Illinois, together with their two children, John Anderson and Fred Johnson from Montevideo, all took the train. Frank drove them to Augusta. In the afternoon, Axel and Frank plowed.
- 21 The boys hauled manure. I hoed by the grafts. It is dry and stormy weather.
- 22 The boys hauled manure. I did nothing. I am not well. The sunlight is intense.
- 23 The boys hauled manure. I did nothing. In the morning, Rosen came here. He had spent the night with Lillema down by Chaska.
- 24 Axel cut corn, and Frank plowed and went to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 25 **Sunday** Rosen preached. Westberg and his wife from Hennepin County were with us for dinner.
- 26 Frank plowed and Axel cut corn. In the afternoon, Rosen left here for Minneapolis on his bicycle. I trimmed the raspberry bushes in short periods. I am not well.
- 27 Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. I did nothing as I am not well. Last night we had a little rainfall.
- 28 Axel cut corn. Frank plowed. In the evening, they went to Waconia and sold the two old sows. I did nothing.
- 29 Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. I did various small jobs.
- 30 In the forenoon Axel cut corn. Frank plowed. In the afternoon they both threshed at Per Anderson's. I pruned the raspberry bushes, etc.
- 31 Frank went to old Pofahl and threshed. Axel cut corn. I am not well. Two of Charles Patten's agents were here to look over the orchard.

September

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 Axel threshed for Simon Peltz and for the old man, Peltz. Frank did various jobs. I am not well. Yesterday afternoon, Kelsey and Ahstrom from Minneapolis came here. They left here this morning.
- 3 In the morning, Frank and I went to Waconia. Frank took grist to the mill and the horses got frightened, bolted, broke the wagon, and galloped home. In the afternoon, Frank threshed for Peterman. Axel threshed there all day.
- 4 Both boys threshed for Peterman.
- 5 Axel threshed for Peterman until 9 and then the machine came to our place. They threshed until six o'clock and finished. I was sick in bed all day. In the afternoon, we sold the cow "Pearly" and her calf to M. Anderson in Minneapolis.
- 6 Axel and Frank threshed for Niklas Swenson. Mamma, Josephine, and I packed apples that are to go to the State Fair. In the afternoon, Josephine went to the depot with the apple box

- and sent it express. In the afternoon, I was sick in bed again.
- 7 In the forenoon Axel and Frank went to Waconia with the cow and the calf that we sold day before yesterday. In the afternoon, the boys fenced the pasture and did other jobs. I did nothing.
 - 8 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
 - 9 Axel went to F. Lundsten and threshed. Frank plowed. I am not well.
 - 10 Axel stripped the sorghum canes. Frank plowed and I did a few small jobs.
 - 11 In the morning, Frank plowed. Axel stripped the sorghum. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a box of apples that I am sending to C.G. Patten in Charles City, Iowa. The last few days have been very warm and today it is hot—95 degrees.
 - 12 This morning, Axel and Frank went to the State Fair in Minneapolis. They even had money with them to pay the mortgage on the children's plot of land in the city.
 - 13 In the evening, Axel and Frank returned home from the fair. Everything went well for them.
 - 14 Frank plowed and Axel cut sorghum canes.
 - 15 **Sunday**
 - 16 Mamma and I went to Chaska as I had been called to serve on the grand jury. I was excused as I am past the age required to serve. Axel went to Rietz's house for the funeral of their daughter, Mary. Frank plowed in the morning and in the afternoon the boys mowed and cut hay. It is very warm and sunny weather.
 - 17 The boys cut and hauled home sorghum canes and also mowed and cut hay. It is very warm weather.
 - 18 The boys plowed and hauled home hay, etc.
 - 19 Frank plowed and Axel threshed beans, etc.
 - 20 In the morning, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a jar of butter and a box of apples to send to the boys in Maynard. Axel plowed on the other side of the tracks and finished. In the afternoon he mended the cane mill, etc.
 - 21 Last night, we had a wonderful rain shower. In the forenoon, the boys husked corn and in the afternoon it rained.
 - 22 **Sunday** Last night and today we have had a lot of rain.
 - 23 The boys and Mamma pressed the sap from the sorghum canes and cooked the molasses syrup. P. Freed came here and inquired about the use of the cane mill. It is chilly and windy weather.
 - 24 The boys and Mamma pressed the canes and cooked the syrup and finished by noon. Freed came and picked up the cane mill in the afternoon. I am in bed most of the time. Gerdson was here this afternoon.
 - 25 The boys husked corn on Peterman's field.
 - 26 The boys husked corn, etc.
 - 27 The boys husked corn. I am not well.
 - 28 Today we had rain showers. The boys did various small jobs. This week it has been cool and good weather.

29 **Sunday**

30 The boys husked corn and hauled cornstalks. I did various small jobs. Last night, we had a heavy frost. Today we took the cow, "Betty," to N. Swenson's bull.

October

1 In the morning, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples and a 10-gallon cask of sorghum molasses to send to the boys in Maynard. Later the boys husked corn and I planted raspberry bushes. It is great weather.

2 The boys husked corn and hauled home cornstalks. Mamma and Josephine are at John Nelson's. I did various small jobs. It is great weather.

3 The boys and Mamma dug potatoes. I did various small jobs.

4 Mamma and I went to Waconia. The boys husked corn and dug potatoes.

5 Our folks husked corn. Frank is not well and I am not well either.

6 **Sunday**

7 Axel, Mamma, and Oskar husked corn. Frank and I are sick. It is cold weather.

8 Axel, Mamma, and Oskar husked corn and dug potatoes. Today I wrote a few lines to G. Mattson in California. I will write more later if my health is better.

9 Axel, Mamma, and Oskar husked corn and dug potatoes. Frank plowed. I went to Waconia in the afternoon. Last night, we had a hard frost and the water froze. Today we have a cold wind.

10 Axel and Mamma dug potatoes. Frank plowed. The black cow calved today. I am not well and was in bed all day.

11 The boys and the womenfolk dug and hauled in the sugar beets. I am in bed and I am taking the medicine "Gloria Tonic."

12 The boys and the womenfolk took in the sugar beets.

13 **Sunday** C.F. Lindberg preached.

14 The boys husked corn, plowed, and mowed in the garden

15 In the forenoon the boys husked corn. Mamma and I went to Waconia and sold apples to Sogelin. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered hogs. I heeled in raspberry bushes.

16 In the forenoon, the boys husked corn. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel and I heeled in raspberry bushes.

17 In the morning, the boys husked corn. In the afternoon, Axel and I heeled in raspberry bushes. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood.

18 Axel and I cut turf in the west orchard. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. We have had dry weather and today we have a strong storm.

19 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I harrowed and plowed in the garden and finished covering the raspberry bushes.

20 **Sunday**

21 Frank hauled two loads cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I dug up apple trees.

- 22 Frank hauled two loads cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I dug up apple trees and boxelder trees. We have dry and cold weather.
- 23 In the forenoon, the boys hauled cornstalks. I did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Axel and I heeled in apple trees and Frank plowed.
- 24 The boys hauled cornstalks, plowed, and harrowed. I pruned the grapes and heeled in the boxelder trees.
- 25 In the forenoon, the boys butchered a ewe. I went to Waconia to get the Salem apple trees I bought from an agent last summer. In the afternoon, Frank plowed and Axel harrowed. I heeled in the apple trees that I brought home today. It is very dry. We need rain.
- 26 The boys husked corn, harrowed, and grubbed in the hog pasture. I did nothing. I am not well.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 The boys made a path down by the cornstalk stack where the road to the roadway will be. They even put up a new gate by the corncrib. I did various small jobs. It is cold with snow flurries.
- 29 The boys husked corn, etc. I dug up bushes and trees and heeled them in.
- 30 The boys finished husking corn and then did various jobs. I pruned the grapes.
- 31 In the forenoon, the boys hauled cornstalks. I pruned grapes. In the afternoon, Axel harrowed and Frank plowed. I dug up apple seedlings and dewberry bushes and heeled them in, etc. Today it is not so cold.

November

- 1 In the morning, the boys packed dirt around the water tank, etc. In the afternoon, they plowed and harrowed. I pruned grapes and then smeared the stems of the apple grafts with liver to protect them from the rabbits.
- 2 The boys finished the new gate by the roadway and also made a fence between the two gates. I pruned the grapes, etc. Today, we have had warm and sunny weather.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 The boys went and borrowed a sod cutter from Pofahl and Frank drove it in the west meadow where we have broken a new field. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture. I finished pruning the grapevines. It is very nice weather but too dry.
- 5 The boys finished covering the last of the grapevines and harrowed in the west meadow, etc. I dug up and heeled in the rose bushes and brought sand into the cellar to use for packing the grafts, etc. We have a strong storm.
- 6 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture in the forenoon and in the afternoon he went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and sawed wood. I banked up dirt around the apple trees, etc. Today Mamma and Mrs. P.D. Anderson went to Maynard. Mamma went to Per Daniel's house last night. Today it is quite cold and windy.
- 7 Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia and in the afternoon he did various jobs. Axel is at Mrs. B. Nilson's place. I believe they are threshing. I banked dirt around the apple trees.

Today we had enough snow so that the ground is white.

- 8 The boys burned brush down by the barn field where they had grubbed last year. I hilled up dirt around the apple trees. It is great weather. The snow that fell yesterday has melted away today.
- 9 In the forenoon, Frank and I went to Waconia and sold a calf from the cow "Bliss." Axel grubbed. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia and had the wheels tightened on the wagon. Axel and I banked dirt around the apple trees and finished. It was beautiful weather today.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture. I put manure around the rose bushes and some other trees and then I seeded walnuts in the calf pasture. It is grand weather today. Mrs. John Nelson was here today for some seed corn.
- 12 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. In the forenoon, Axel and I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon, Axel grubbed and I trimmed the gooseberry bushes. Today was mild and grand weather. Bost was here this evening with apple seedlings.
- 13 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood. Axel grubbed and I packed apple roots in the sand in the cellar, etc. In the afternoon it rained. The boys and I did various jobs in the shop.
- 14 The boys fixed various things in the stalls and barn, and grubbed out dead hickory trees around the house. I worked on scions, etc.
- 15 The boys hauled manure to the apple trees in the orchard and I spread it out around the trees. It is grand weather.
- 16 The boys hauled manure to the apple trees and to the cabbage beds. I went to Victoria and met C.F. Lindberg. Lindberg and I went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and ate dinner and visited with the old folks, the Andrew Nilsons who live nearby. In the afternoon, Lindberg and I went to Niklas Swenson's—Mrs. Swenson is so weak that she cannot possibly live till morning.
- 17 **Sunday** This morning at five o'clock, Swenson came to us and told us that Elna, his wife, died during the night at two o'clock. We had two meetings today that Lindberg preached at. The John Nelsons and Hjelms were here for dinner.
- 18 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Josephine drove Lindberg to Waconia. Axel grubbed the dried hickory trees. I spread manure around the trees, etc.
- 19 In the forenoon, the boys did various jobs. I worked on scions. In the afternoon, Frank helped to dig the grave for Mrs. Swenson. I was along and helped choose the site for the grave. Axel did various jobs. Last night we got two inches of snow and today we have a cold north wind.
- 20 In the forenoon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia and met C.F. Lindberg. I worked on scions. It is cold and snowing a little.
- 21 This afternoon we went to the funeral of Niklas Swenson's wife, Elna. C.F. Lindberg preached the funeral sermon in the meetinghouse and John Wendt also preached, but in German. The Westbergs were even there for the funeral. They and Lindberg came to our

- house and stayed with us overnight.
- 22 The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon, Frank drove Lindberg to Waconia. Westberg left our house and went to John Wendt's. I did nothing. In the evening, Nels Swenson's children came here to visit. It is cold weather today.
 - 23 The boys hauled manure. I did various small jobs. Yesterday, Axel sowed alsike clover in the south meadow.
 - 24 **Sunday** Frank Dahl was with us for dinner.
 - 25 Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. Axel cleaned up the hickory trees that had been grubbed around the house. In the afternoon they did various jobs. I cut poplar cuttings and heeled them in. It has snowed some today.
 - 26 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel piled wood in the hog yard. I repacked the material for grafts in the cellar. In the afternoon I took a bath in the shop.
 - 27 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel piled wood in the forest. In the forenoon, I packed scions into bundles, Borovinka for Patten, Bode scions and Beata grape cuttings for Wedge in Albert Lea, and Bode scions and Beata grape cuttings for Professor Green in St. Anthony Park. They were all sent by mail today. In the afternoon, I pruned the currant bushes. Today we have beautiful weather and the cold is not as intense.
 - 28 Today is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We had a meeting in Scandia but only a very few were out. In the afternoon, P.D. Anderson and his boys visited us.
 - 29 The boys cut up the dried hickory trees on the southern forty and hauled them home. In the forenoon I trimmed the currant bushes and finished. In the afternoon I finished covering the strawberry beds. Yesterday and today we have mild weather.
 - 30 In the forenoon Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon Frank went to Augusta and met Mamma, who came home from Maynard. Axel and I did various small jobs.

December

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 Frank went to P.D. Anderson's and butchered hogs. Axel piled wood in the forest. I did nothing. Today it is cold and clear weather. In the evening, our people were at the German Baptist meeting.
- 3 The boys butchered a pig. In the afternoon, they piled wood in the forest. I did nothing.
- 4 The boys piled wood in the southern forty and hauled it home. I cut up the pork and salted it. Sunny weather but cold.
- 5 Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood. Afterwards, they hauled wood for the stove out of the forest. I did various jobs.
- 6 Mamma and I went to Rietz's and to the old Andrew Nilson's house to visit. Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood and also did various jobs.
- 7 C.F. Lindberg and I went with N. Swenson to P. Freed's house to try to settle a quarrel between N. Swenson and P. Freed. Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia and Axel did various jobs.

- 8 **Sunday** Lindberg preached.
- 9 In the forenoon, we went to a meeting. Lindberg preached. Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood and later the boys stacked wood in the forest.
- 10 In the forenoon, we butchered the black steer. N. Swenson helped us. In the afternoon, the boys brought F. Lundsten's boar to our sows. Today we had mild, great weather. Today the cow, "Bluey" was with Broberg's bull for the first time.
- 11 I cut up the beef from the steer and salted it. The boys cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and hauled it out on the field, etc.
- 12 Frank went to Waconia. Axel topped trees. In the afternoon, they did various things. I did nothing.
- 13 Today Frank went with P.D. Anderson's boys to Minneapolis to a young people's meeting. Axel did various jobs. I did small jobs in the shop.
- 14 Axel went to Waconia to get the mail and after, he did various jobs. I did various small jobs in the shop. Today I sent a package of Borovinka scions to Brand in Faribault. Today it is sunny and mild.
- 15 **Sunday**
- 16 Axel went to N. Swenson's and helped butcher hogs. Mamma went along and is also helping with the butchering. Andrew Johnson, who several years ago worked for Peter Swenson in Scandia, is visiting here today. He was with us today. I did nothing. Today we had mild weather and rain showers.
- 17 This morning, Andrew Johnson left us to visit with the Andrew Nilsons and Lundstens. Axel went to N. Swenson's and helped butcher a bull. Mamma was even there and helped with the butchering. Today Frank came home from the young people's meeting in Minneapolis. I did nothing.
- 18 The boys stacked wood in the forest. I wrote a letter to George Mattson in California. Mamma went to N. Swenson's and cleaned up after the butchering. It is beautiful weather.
- 19 I finished the letter to George Mattson in California. The boys stacked wood in the forest. Clear, grand weather. Today the boys returned F. Lundsten's boar, as on the 14th both sows took him.
- 20 The boys piled wood in the forest. I packed the meat in the snow, etc. It is clear, nice weather. Today I mailed my letter to George Mattson in California.
- 21 In the forenoon, the boys went to the Waconia mill with grist. In the afternoon they piled wood in the forest. I was in the shop and did some small jobs. It is cloudy weather. We are waiting to get snow but none has come.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Axel chopped wood in the forest. Freed came here from Mrs. B. Nilson's. Malmstrom has now left Mrs. Nilson for good. Per Daniel was also here. I did nothing. Today it was very nice weather.
- 24 The boys cut cordwood in the forest. I carved out a tongue for the old wagon, etc. It is cloudy weather.

- 25 **Christmas Day** We did not have a meeting. In the evening, the young people had a Christmas tree for the Sunday school children in the church.
- 26 Mamma and I, Frank, Josephine, Oskar, and Oscar Norman went to John Nelson's for a party.
- 27 The boys did various jobs. I made axe handles.
- 28 Frank went to Waconia and had "Mag" shod. Axel sowed clover in the meadow. I did various jobs in the shop. It is raining and at times snowing and storming.
- 29 **Sunday**
- 30 I worked on the wagon tongue. Axel cut wood for Mrs. B. Nilson. Frank did the chores. In the evening, the young people went to Hjelm's for a surprise party.
- 31 The boys cut wood in the hog yard. I did various jobs in the shop. It is clear and cold weather.

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January

- 1 We had a meeting in Scandia, both before noon and in the evening. C.F. Lindberg preached.
- 2 Before noon and in the evening, we had a meeting in Scandia. C.F. Lindberg preached.
- 3 We had our annual business meeting in Scandia. Edward Nelson was with us. In the night, he was sick, so he and Albertina left from us to look for a doctor in Minneapolis. Our Frank drove them to St. Bonifacius. On New Year's Day, Oscar Norman went home to St. Paul.
- 4 Yesterday and today, it was quite cold, with a northwestern wind. The boys did a few little jobs. Frank went to Waconia. I did small jobs in the shop.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 The boys did various jobs. They had some feed ground for the horses at Peterman's. I was in the shop and did small jobs. Yesterday, we had a little snow.
- 7 The boys cut cordwood in the calves' pasture. They had Charley Anderson help. I was in the shop and did small jobs. Today it is not so cold.
- 8 The boys and Charley Anderson cut cordwood. I did small jobs. John Nelson was here and paid me \$10 that Albertina had borrowed from me. Beautiful weather, so the snow is melting.
- 9 Axel and Charley Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and threshed. I was in the shop and did small jobs. It rained.
- 10 The boys and C. Anderson cut cordwood. I made pins for the rakes. It is thawing. Yesterday, "Flora" calved.
- 11 Before noon, Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon, it snowed. The boys did nothing. I did small jobs.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood and Frank hauled out the cordwood from the woods. I

was in the shop and did various jobs. The weather is clear and cold.

- 14 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled out the cordwood from the woods. I was in the shop and did various small jobs.
- 15 The boys and C. Anderson cut cordwood. I was in the shop and did various small jobs. Today, we had a little snow.
- 16 The boys and C. Anderson cut cordwood. I was in the shop and did various small jobs.
- 17 The boys and C. Anderson cut cordwood. I went to Waconia. I bought an express order for medicine for Mrs. Lundsten. In the evening, Sture came home. He walked from the railroad station.
- 18 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank and Sture went to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Sture and Mamma went to Waconia. I did small jobs. Beautiful weather.
- 21 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. One of the loads he hauled out from the island. Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Sture went to F. Lundsten's. I did various small jobs in the shop. It is beautiful weather. "Star" calved yesterday.
- 22 Today, Sture traveled home to Maynard. I drove him to Augusta. Axel hauled cordwood from the woods and took care of the animals. Frank is not well. It is beautiful weather.
- 23 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. I was in the shop and did various small jobs. Frank is sick. It is cloudy.
- 24 Mamma and I went to P.J. Hjelm's for a visit. Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank is sick.
- 25 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank is sick. I did small jobs in the shop.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 Axel and C. Anderson cut cordwood. Before noon, I went to St. Bonifacius and asked about the price of pork. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. Frank is sick.
- 28 We butchered eight hogs. We had Charley and Andrew Anderson, and Joel Swenson, help us. Frank is not well. Today it is sunny weather, so the snow is soft, so it is not weather in which to butcher. We were through at three o'clock.
- 29 Before noon, Axel and I went to St. Bonifacius and sold pork from seven hogs. In the afternoon, I cut up the pork from the hog we are keeping for ourselves. Axel hauled cordwood out of the woods. It is mild and sunny weather.
- 30 I salted the pork and made brine for it, etc. Axel did various jobs. Frank is not well. It is mild weather. The snow is melting.
- 31 Today the air is packed full of thick smoky haze and the snow is melting. I went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod and also ordered more of the "Gloria Tonic" medicine. It rained. Axel did various jobs. Frank is not well.

February

- 1 Before noon, Axel and I finished the partition in the icehouse. In the afternoon, Axel hauled

- cordwood from the woods. Frank is not well. It is clear weather.
- 2 **Sunday** Ahlstrom preached.
 - 3 I was in the shop and painted various small things, etc. Axel ground sausage meat, etc. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. It is cloudy and mild weather. We took "Rose" to P.D. Anderson's bull.
 - 4 Today, I have begun to graft apple trees. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to the Augusta station and met Carl. He came from Montevideo. It is nice weather.
 - 5 I made apple grafts. The boys did various jobs. It is cloudy weather. A little snow came.
 - 6 I made apple grafts. The boys did various jobs. It is beautiful weather.
 - 7 Before noon, I grafted apple trees. In the afternoon, I went to Waconia and met Pastor C. F. Lindberg. The boys sawed ice on P.D. Anderson's lake and hauled it home. Anderson's boys helped them. It is sunny weather.
 - 8 Carl and I went to the Waconia market and sold a calf. The other boys sawed and hauled home ice and finished the job. It is cold weather.
 - 9 **Sunday** C. F. Lindberg preached.
 - 10 Before noon, we went to a meeting in Scandia. C. F. Lindberg preached for the last time. He had been our part-time pastor for two years. In the afternoon, we did nothing. It is very cold with a northwest wind.
 - 11 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. The wind has lessened but it is cold.
 - 12 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. It snowed a little. Carl and Frank went to Waconia. In the evening, the youth went to Lundsten's for a surprise party.
 - 13 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs.
 - 14 The boys hauled stovewood out of the woods. I grafted apple trees. It is beautiful and cold weather.
 - 15 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. Emma came home this evening. Frank went to Augusta and met Emma. Our Charley [Carl] and Charley Anderson went to Minneapolis. They intended to visit Eggleston.
 - 16 **Sunday**
 - 17 I grafted apple trees. The boys made a pile of the finished stovewood. There was a strong storm and it snowed the whole day.
 - 18 I grafted plum trees and lilacs. The boys finished piling the stovewood, etc. Today, there is a strong storm. I finished grafting.
 - 19 I did various small jobs. The boys did various jobs. Today, it is quite cold.
 - 20 I was in the shop and did work on the axe handles. The boys did various jobs. Today it is beautiful weather and not so cold.
 - 21 I was in the shop and did various small jobs. The boys hauled stovewood in the woods. It is beautiful weather today.
 - 22 Frank and Emma went to Chaska and paid my personal property tax and then they went to Carver and sold butter. Axel cut stovewood out in the woods. I made axe handles. Today, it is mild weather. The little snow melted away.

23 **Sunday**

24 I made axe handles. The boys did various jobs. Beautiful weather.

25 The boys worked in the woods. I did nothing. Today is beautiful weather. In the evening, Carl came home from Red Wing and Eggleston.

26 I wrote a letter to George Mattson in California. Axel did various jobs. Frank is sick. Mild and beautiful weather.

27 I finished the letter to George Mattson in California. Axel did various jobs. Frank is not well. Today, "Flora" went to Anderson's bull. Yesterday, "Nancy" went to Peterman's bull.

28 I honed shaving knives, etc. Axel did various jobs. Frank is not well.

29 Axel and Carl went to the Chaska market and sold "Betty" for beef. Frank is not well. I did nothing.

March

1 **Sunday** Arnkvist from Isanti County preached. It is beautiful weather.

2 Pastor Arnkvist was here. He traveled from here on the north track. Our son, Carl, went home to Maynard today. Emma drove him to John Nelson's, then from there he and August Nelson went to Delano to get the train. The boys did various jobs. I did various small jobs in the shop.

3 The boys did various things. I repaired moccasins, etc. It is clear weather. Today we brought "Fanny" to Peterman's bull.

4 The boys cut stovewood in the woods and burned off the north marsh. I did various little jobs. Today, "Molly" calved. The girls went to Andrew Broberg's house and sewed clothes for the children.

5 Today, there was a snowstorm, so I did nothing. The ground is now white with snow.

6 The boys did various jobs. I made grafting wax, etc. In the afternoon, Jonas Ek was here and insured all of us in the Swedish Insurance Company of Carver County.

7 Frank and Emma went to Waconia. Axel cut stovewood. I did various small jobs.

8 **Sunday**

9 Before noon, the boys went to Waconia. I made an eaves trough. In the afternoon, I did various small jobs. Clear weather. We took "Froken" to P.D. Anderson's bull.

10 The boys went to the election. In the afternoon, we loaded the small corncrib on the bobsleds. Tomorrow, we are going to move it. It has snowed the whole day, so now there are eight thumbs of snow. In the evening, the youth went to John Nelson's for a surprise party.

11 Before noon, we moved the small corncrib. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood.

12 Today we did various small jobs. It is cold weather. Too little snow to use the sleighs.

13 Today we did various small jobs. It is cold weather.

14 Before noon, Frank and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, we did various jobs.

15 **Sunday**

16 Before noon, I went to P.D. Anderson's to see if I could find an oak suitable for a watering

trough. In the afternoon, I did various jobs. The boys built on an old corncrib. Today we took "Nancy" to P.D. Anderson's bull, but she was at Peterman's bull before.

17 The boys built on the corncrib. I did various small jobs in the shop. Beautiful weather.

18 The boys built on the corncrib. I did various small jobs. Mrs. Ahlstrom came to us today for a visit.

19 The boys built on the corncrib. I made a door to the smokehouse. In the afternoon, Mrs. Ahlstrom left us and went to Broberg's house. It is clear weather but cold.

20 The boys finished building on the corncrib. I did various small jobs. Strong storm, today.

21 The boys recovered the smokehouse, etc. I did various little jobs. Today there is a strong storm.

22 **Sunday**

23 Before noon, we did various jobs. In the afternoon, we had a business meeting in Scandia to call a pastor for the summer. In the afternoon, I hung up the pork in the smokehouse, etc. The boys hauled hay and straw. The Jewish peddler, Israelson, was here last night. He bought hens from us.

24 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I did various small jobs. There was a strong wind the whole day.

25 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I did various jobs. George Ottinger and Bender were here. Today it is not so cold. We had "Molly" to Peterman's bull.

26 Today, in the morning, Emma traveled to Maynard. Frank drove her to the Augusta station. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel split logs for fence posts. I did various small jobs.

27 Before noon, Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys fanned the seed wheat. I did various small jobs. In the evening, we got our first rain.

28 Today, it has rained and was quite beautiful the whole day. We did various small jobs.

29 **Sunday**

30 Frank and I went to Waconia before noon. Axel hauled wood out of the woods. In the afternoon, I mixed mortar for setting the sap evaporation pans. The boys harrowed the new broken field in the meadow and also hauled out the sap troughs. It is a beautiful day.

31 Today there was a strong snowstorm the whole day and it filled the ground with snow, a half-foot deep. We did nothing.

April

1 Last night and today, there was a snowstorm. We had over a foot of snow. The boys went to Waconia, but had to turn around by Fischer's because the road was blocked by snow. Both the freight and passenger trains are snowbound in Peterman's field. Axel went after the mail; otherwise, we did nothing.

2 Before noon, the boys opened the road and went to Waconia. In the afternoon, they hauled cordwood out of the woods. I cleaned out the hog barn and fixed what was needed on the inside. It is clear and cold. There is a northwest wind.

- 3 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing, only fixed the hot house. It is clear and cold weather.
- 4 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia after the mail. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. I repaired gloves. Beautiful weather. The snow is melting a little.
- 5 **Sunday (Easter)**
- 6 Before noon, the boys sowed timothy, red top, and alsike, in the newly broken field in the meadow. In the afternoon, they began to tap maples. I did various little jobs. It freezes hard, at night. Today, the black sow farrowed but she only had six pigs in her litter.
- 7 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius to look at bicycles. In the afternoon, they hauled cordwood. I did nothing. I am not well. It is cloudy weather. Tonight, the white sow farrowed a litter of six pigs. One sow went one day, and the other two days, past 16 weeks.
- 8 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia after the mail. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. I did nothing. Last night, we had a little snow.
- 9 Last night, we had a lot of snow, from 8 to 10 thumbs deep. Today we only did small jobs.
- 10 Today we have cloudy and hazy weather. We did little small jobs, because of the weather.
- 11 Rainy and foggy weather and thunder. We did very little.
- 12 **Sunday**
- 13 The boys tapped the maples. I got the molasses pans ready. In the afternoon, it rained and thundered. The maple ran badly.
- 14 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel tapped the maples. I uncovered the strawberry beds, etc. Today, "Molly" went to P.D. Anderson's bull for the second time.
- 15 Today, it was clear and beautiful weather. Before noon, the boys hauled home maple sap and began to cook syrup. In the afternoon, Frank began to sow wheat and Axel harrowed it in. They sowed the large piece in the southern field. I put salt and refuse iron, together with ashes, around the pear trees and some apple trees, etc.
- 16 Before noon, the boys sowed and harrowed wheat on the large piece in the southern field. In the afternoon, they sowed oats on the five-acre piece. Mamma made syrup. I dug up heeled-in apple trees. It is cloudy weather.
- 17 Today, we have had rain for most of the day, so we did nothing worth mentioning.
- 18 The boys finished seeding the oats and then they sowed wheat on the square piece and on the field west of the creek in the home field. Axel harrowed and hauled home maple syrup. I dug up raspberry bushes, trees, and gooseberry bushes. Mamma cooked syrup. We took "Star" to P.D. Anderson's bull for the second time.
- 19 **Sunday** Norlander preached.
- 20 Before noon, Frank finished sowing the home field and then he seeded wheat in the field by Peterman's land. Axel harrowed and hauled maple sap. Mamma cooked the syrup. I dug up raspberry bushes, several kinds of trees, and other bushes. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 21 Before noon, the boys sowed wheat and harrowed in wheat on the other side of the track and then on the field where we put the grain stacks. They have now finished sowing. Mamma

cooked syrup. I worked with the raspberry bushes. In the afternoon, Frank and I went to Waconia. It is chilly weather.

- 22 The boys repaired fences and hauled home maple sap, etc. I made boxes and packed down currant bushes, boxelder, and poplar cuttings to send to the boys in Maynard. Mamma cooked syrup.
- 23 Last night and before noon, it rained. We did nothing. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with the boxes and the 10-gallon syrup barrel, and sent it off to the boys in Maynard. Axel and I did various jobs.
- 24 Before noon, the boys hauled home molasses troughs. In the afternoon, they repaired the fences. I tied up raspberry bushes, etc. Beautiful weather.
- 25 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Axel rolled the field. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. I planted gooseberry bushes, etc. Towards evening, we got a lot of rain with thunder. Last night, a traveler from Scotland stayed with us who came from Wisconsin and was going to Dakota.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 I planted gooseberry bushes and dewberry bushes. Frank Lundsten and Rietz were here for apple trees. The boys did various jobs.
- 28 Today, it is cloudy weather and it rained several times. The boys did little jobs. Frank went to Ottinger's with apple trees. I packed apple trees that will go to the Red River Valley.
- 29 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with apple trees to send to Ole J. Hagen in Hendrum in Norman County, Minnesota. Axel grubbed out willows by the shop. J. Kannen and Lobitz came here for apple trees. Frank was also in Waconia. Today the stud from Excelsior was here for the first time and took the mare.
- 30 Before noon, it rained. I mended my shoes. In the afternoon, I planted apple trees. The boys uncovered the grapevines.

May

- 1 I planted apple trees. The boys planted potatoes in the garden and uncovered the rest of the grapevines. Today it was beautiful weather.
- 2 I planted apple seedlings, etc. The boys fixed the fence and did other jobs. Frank went to Waconia. Ida planted roses on Anna's grave. Today, I sent a letter to Albert Lea for some evergreens and a letter to Sampson in Excelsior for strawberry plants. It was beautiful weather.
- 3 **Sunday**
- 4 The boys hauled manure. The womenfolk sheared sheep. I planted apple grafts, etc. It was beautiful weather.
- 5 The boys hauled manure to the field where we shall plant corn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. Axel fixed the fences. I planted apple grafts and finished. Niklas Swenson was here and castrated a calf and the pigs. Mamma went to the old Andrew Nilson's for a visit. Beautiful weather.

- 6 Before noon, the boys first plowed some small plots for the garden, and then Axel dug holes for the evergreens. Frank went to Waconia and bought himself a bicycle. In the afternoon, Axel and I planted evergreen bushes. Frank did various jobs. There was a strong wind but it was beautiful weather.
- 7 Before noon, Axel and I planted evergreen and fir trees. Frank went to Waconia with milk. In the afternoon, the boys plowed using both teams in the barn field, for the corn. I tied up grapevines. It is beautiful weather, but there is a strong southern wind.
- 8 The boys plowed the field by the barn for the corn with two teams. I tied up grapevines. Beautiful weather. The wind continues.
- 9 First, the boys went to Rietz's for a load of hay. Then, they plowed and harrowed for corn. I tied up grapevines and finished. In the afternoon, we got rain.
- 10 **Sunday**
- 11 The boys plowed and harrowed for corn. I was sick.
- 12 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel rolled the corn field the whole day. I lay sick. Cloudy weather in the afternoon.
- 13 The boys plowed and planted potatoes, etc. I did nothing. Last night we got a lot of rain, so the corn planting has been delayed.
- 14 Before noon, Axel went to Waconia for the strawberry plants that had come from Excelsior. He also bought grapevines from Lobitz. In the afternoon, the boys and I set out strawberry plants. Today it was cloudy and rainy weather.
- 15 Before noon, the boys marked the field for corn. I went to Lobitz for cedar trees and took along the dozen grapevines that came from Sampson in Excelsior for him. In the afternoon, Axel planted corn while Frank planted sorghum. I planted cedar bushes. It is cool weather.
- 16 Before noon, the boys planted corn. I planted cedar bushes but it began to rain, so we had to quit. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia and Axel planted corn for a while. I planted cedar bushes and finished. It is rainy weather. I sent a postcard to Clarence Wedge that I will send the money for the evergreen bushes the first of June. At night, came a lot of rain.
- 17 **Sunday**
- 18 Before noon, Frank went to the Waconia mill with meal. In the afternoon, he plowed and harrowed the garden. Axel planted corn the whole day and finished. I killed caterpillars on the trees the whole day. There is an unusual amount of caterpillars this year.
- 19 Before noon, Frank went to the meetinghouse and sooted the stovepipes, chimneys, etc. Josephine scrubbed the floor. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel did various jobs. I trimmed trees the whole day.
- 20 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. In the afternoon, he went there with a load of wheat. He took home a new mower from Wastrel's. Axel hoed in the orchard, etc. I trimmed apple trees but was mostly in bed.
- 21 Josephine traveled to Maynard. Axel drove her to Augusta. Frank harrowed in the corn field. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of basswood to Peterman's creamery in Waconia. I

was in bed, sick.

- 22 Frank hauled two loads of basswood to Peterman's creamery in Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I trimmed apple trees at times, but was not well. I was in bed. Beautiful weather.
- 23 The boys repaired the fence and did various other jobs. I trimmed apple trees in the afternoon. Before noon, we had a good rain.
- 24 **Sunday (Pentecost day)** Our new pastor, Paulson, preached for the first time.
- 25 The boys repaired the fence, etc. I trimmed some apple trees. There was a strong storm.
- 26 Frank traveled on the north track down to Minneapolis to pay the tax of the city lots. Axel did various jobs. I trimmed some apple trees.
- 27 Before noon, Axel hauled milk to Waconia. Frank came with Axel home from Minneapolis. In the afternoon, it rained and we could do nothing. The butcher, Torman from Excelsior, bought six lambs from us.
- 28 Before noon, the boys plowed in the meadow for sugar beets, etc. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and Ida planted sugar beets. I trimmed apple trees and picked off caterpillars from the trees. It is beautiful weather. Today, I sent a money order to Clarence Wedge for the evergreen bushes.
- 29 Before noon, the boys laid fence along the east side of the field by the barn. In the afternoon, they cut hay and mowed in the orchard. I trimmed apple trees and killed caterpillars. Today the mare took the stallion for the second time.
- 30 The boys grubbed and cleared for the fence by the barn field, etc. I trimmed trees and also killed caterpillars, etc. Beautiful weather.
- 31 **Sunday** Today we had communion.

June

- 1 The boys worked on the fence and hauled clover from the orchard. I trimmed trees. I was not well.
- 2 The boys worked on the fence. I was not well.
- 3 Before noon, Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel planted corn, as the other corn was eaten by worms. In the afternoon, they cleared off brush where the fence is to be. I was in bed.
- 4 The boys worked on the fence. Last night, a Norwegian agent from Montevideo was here. He is selling Ward's medicine. The boys worked on the fence, etc. I am not well and was in bed for the most part.
- 5 The boys cultivated the whole day. I was not well. Our preacher, Paulson, came to us today to stay for two weeks.
- 6 Before noon, the boys went to Waconia and sold a calf, etc. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. The assessor, Lambrecht, was here and assessed today. I was in bed. I am not well.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Today it rained all day.
- 9 Today, in the morning, our pastor, Paulson, traveled to a conference in Cambridge. Frank

drove him to Victoria. The boys worked on the road with the horses. The Norwegian from Montevideo, who sells medicine, was here again today. I am not well.

10 Before noon, Axel hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon, he mowed and cut hay. Frank worked with the horses on the road the whole day. I am not well.

11 In the morning, Axel worked on the road. Frank cultivated the corn with Peterman's cultivator. In the afternoon, it rained. Last night, a German from Minneapolis, who sold jewelry, stayed with us. Mamma bought a pair of glasses from him. I am in bed.

12 The boys cultivated the corn and hoed the sorghum.

13 First, the boys worked with the corn, and then they hauled in alfalfa clover from the orchard. I am not well. I am in bed for the most part.

14 **Sunday**

15 Before noon, I went to Waconia and sent an order for the "Golden Tonic" medicine to Milwaukee. The boys cultivated and hoed the corn. It is warm and beautiful weather.

16 Before noon, the boys mowed around the house, etc. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel cut hay with the scythe. I am not well. It is warm and beautiful weather.

17 Before noon, Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon, the boys hoed and cultivated.

18 The boys cultivated, hoed, and hauled in hay from around the house. I am not well. Our pastor, Paulson, came home from the conference today.

19 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel hoed by the corn. I am in bed for the most part.

20 Before noon, the boys hoed and cultivated. In the afternoon, they mowed and cut hay with the scythes on the other side of the tracks. It is warm and beautiful weather. In the afternoon, Jonas Ek from Watertown was here.

21 **Sunday**

22 The boys hauled home hay from the other side of the tracks.

23 The boys hoed the corn and hauled home the rest of the hay from the other side of the tracks.

24 Axel hauled milk to Waconia. Frank went to Augusta and met Josephine. She came home from Maynard. In the afternoon, it rained.

25 The boys mowed, cut, cultivated, and hoed.

26 The boys cultivated and hoed the corn. I am not well, so I did not accomplish much. Our pastor, Paulson, went to a picnic at Lake Minnetonka.

27 Before noon, the boys mowed and cut on the island. In the afternoon, they hauled home a load of hay, but then it rained and hailed. I am not well.

28 **Sunday** Today, the Germans had a baptismal service for eleven people who were baptized.

29 The boys worked on the corn, cut hay, and hauled in the hay.

30 The boys worked on the corn, hauled hay, cut hay, etc. I am not well. Yesterday and today, it is quite warm weather.

July

- 1 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. Axel hoed the corn. In the afternoon, Frank mowed and cultivated. Axel hoed. I am not well.
- 2 The boys mowed, cut, and hauled in hay, etc.
- 3 Frank went to Waconia, and then cultivated and hoed. Axel hoed the whole day. I am not well.
- 4 We were in Scandia and celebrated the day. There were many people who came from Minneapolis. It is cool and good weather.
- 5 **Sunday** Many people at the meeting.
- 6 The boys cut and hauled in hay, and then plowed and cultivated.
- 7 The boys cut and hauled hay. Today our pastor, Paulson, left us to stay with John Nelson.
- 8 Before noon, Axel hauled milk to Waconia. Frank mowed. In the afternoon, they hauled hay and stacked it. I went to Waconia and bought "Celery Compound" medicine.
- 9 The boys mowed and hauled hay, etc.
- 10 The boys mowed and hauled hay and stacked it and finished. Anderson's wife and Eiselian's daughter from Waconia were here and picked berries.
- 11 The boys cut the orchard a second time and hauled in hay from the home meadow in the southern field. I did little jobs at times during the day. It is warm and dry weather.
- 12 **Sunday** Today it was quite warm. In the evening, it rained a little.
- 13 It rained in the morning. Frank was out fishing. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, they cut hay. I trimmed grapevines.
- 14 The boys cut and hauled in clover from the orchard, etc. I did various jobs. It is quite warm weather.
- 15 Frank went to Waconia with milk and then the boys cut and hauled hay.
- 16 & 17 The boys cut hay and hauled hay, cultivated, etc.
- 18 First they cut the alsike clover, then cultivated and hauled in the clover from the orchard.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 The boys cleared off brush in the swine pasture and broke on the piece where the Canada thistle was growing, etc. I went to Waconia.
- 21 The boys broke ground in the hog pasture and hauled hay, etc. I trimmed grapevines, etc. In the evening, Frank went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and butchered a hog.
- 22 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, he fixed the reaper. I finished trimming the grapevines.
- 23 The boys grubbed and cleared off on the island, getting it ready to break, etc. I did various small jobs.
- 24 The boys broke ground around the island, etc.
- 25 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia after repair parts for the reaper. Axel hoed the corn. In the afternoon, they broke sod by the island. I burned brush by the old hog pen, etc.
- 26 **Sunday**
- 27 In the afternoon, the boys began to reap the oats on the five-acre piece.
- 28 Before noon, they finished reaping the oats. In the afternoon, they reaped the wheat in the

home field. I did nothing; I am not well.

- 29 The boys finished reaping the home field and then began on the wheat on the large piece in the southern field. Josephine and I went to Waconia. It is very warm weather.
- 30 Before noon, the boys reaped the wheat on the large piece in the southern field. In the afternoon, they reaped on the other side of the tracks.
- 31 Before noon, they finished the reaping of the wheat on the other side of the tracks. In the afternoon, it rained a little.

August

- 1 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. Later in the day, it cleared up, so in the afternoon, they reaped the wheat in the field by Peterman's land and then the wheat on the square piece. They have now finished the reaping. I am not well. I cannot do anything.
- 2 **Sunday** Our former schoolmaster, Krassey, is here for a visit.
- 3 Frank went to Peterman's and reaped wheat. Axel moved the fence by the grain stacks. It is very warm.
- 4 In the afternoon, the boys began to stack wheat. It is warm weather.
- 5 I went to Waconia and sold four bushels of apples to Sogelin for 90 cents in trade. The boys stacked wheat. In the afternoon, they stacked oats and Swenson's boys helped.
- 6 The boys went to Niklas Swenson and stacked wheat.
- 7 The boys stacked oats and wheat and had Swenson's help. The strong sun continues every day.
- 8 Last night, we got a huge rain, so today we could not stack. Frank went to Waconia with apples. Axel went fishing.
- 9 **Sunday** It rained several times. Very warm.
- 10 In the afternoon, the boys stacked wheat. They had the Swenson boys help.
- 11 The boys stacked wheat. They had N. Swenson's boys to help. They finished by four o'clock. They went to Niklas's and stacked.
- 12 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk. Axel stacked wheat at Swenson's. In the afternoon, they both worked at Swenson's and stacked wheat.
- 13 The boys went to N. Swenson's and stacked wheat and finished it at four o'clock. Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples that we are sending to the boys in Maynard.
- 14 The German Baptists had a picnic in Scandia. All of our folks were also along. In the afternoon, Pastor Lind was here with us.
- 15 Before noon, the boys mowed the second crop of alfalfa on the other side of the tracks. In the afternoon, they were at F. Lundsten's and threshed. It is cloudy weather.
- 16 **Sunday** The Larsons from Minneapolis were here for dinner.
- 17 The boys threshed for F. Lundsten a couple of hours and then Axel threshed for Broberg. Frank plowed.
- 18 Axel threshed for Broberg until nine o'clock. Frank plowed. In the afternoon, the boys hauled home the second crop of hay from the other side of the track. Before noon, I went to

Waconia and sold four bushels of apples.

- 19 Frank plowed. Axel cut hay in the orchard and mowed the alfalfa on the island. I did various small jobs. In the evening, P.D. Anderson was here for a ram and even took a ram to Simon Peltz's place.
- 20 Frank plowed, Axel threshed for Sundheim. I cut weeds and sold two young rams to Torman in Excelsior.
- 21 Axel threshed for Lobitz. Frank hauled milk to Waconia and then cocked hay on the island. I did various small jobs. Bost was here.
- 22 Before noon, Frank plowed, Axel cut hay around the house. In the afternoon, they hauled hay. I cut the hay in the orchard. Wyman and J. R. Cummings from Hennepin were here and looked at the orchard.
- 23 **Sunday** Oberg from Minneapolis preached. The depot agent, Taylor, and his wife, Minnie (from Excelsior), were here for a visit. In the afternoon, Halvarson and his family were here from Minneapolis.
- 24 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and took orders for wheat. In the afternoon, he went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel threshed for Schwichtenberg.
- 25 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. Before noon, pastors Paulson and Oberg were here. In the afternoon, I cut weeds in the orchard.
- 26 The boys hauled manure. At eleven o'clock, Professor Green and a photographer, McIntosh, came here from Hamline to take many pictures of the apple trees in the orchard, the large white ash, and our family. In the afternoon, Mamma and I went to Waconia and sold apples.
- 27 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs.
- 28 The boys hauled manure. I cut the weeds in the orchard.
- 29 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs.
- 30 **Sunday** In the evening, a family came here from Morton by the name of Patten and a Swede by the name of Anderson. They were with us overnight. They are going to the State Fair and to the Grand Army encampment.
- 31 Frank hauled milk and a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel cut corn. I cut weeds.

September

- 1 Before noon, Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. In the afternoon, both boys cut corn. I cut weeds. In the evening, Sture came home with a man named Felds.
- 2 Today, Sture, Axel, and Frank went to the State Fair. I drove them to Waconia. In the evening, they came home from the State Fair.
- 3 Today, Sture traveled home. He went to Augusta on the bicycle. Axel and Frank cut corn. I cut weeds. Mamma and Josephine went to Waconia.
- 4 Axel and Frank cut corn. In the afternoon, it rained, so we did nothing.
- 5 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. Josephine took apples to Henning in Waconia. I did various jobs.

6 **Sunday**

- 7 Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. Today, Mrs. Bergquist from Minneapolis and Magnus Johnson's daughters from Lake Crystal were here for a visit. I did various jobs.
- 8 Frank went to Waconia with milk and two bushels of apples for Henning. In the afternoon, he went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples for the boys in Maynard. Axel cut corn. I did various jobs.
- 9 Frank plowed. Axel cut corn. I did various jobs. Today, "Maggy" went to Broberg's bull.
- 10 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, the boys cut corn. I went fishing.
- 11 Before noon, Frank plowed. In the afternoon, Frank cut clover down by the orchard. Axel cut corn. I cut hay by the fence by Niklas's land, etc.
- 12 Before noon, I went to Waconia with apples. The boys picked rocks in the southern field. In the afternoon, Frank plowed, and Axel stripped the sorghum canes. I cut weeds.
- 13 **Sunday** Today, Edward Nelson was baptized by Adolf Paulson and taken into the congregation. Arvid Hagstrom preached before noon and in the evening, H. Hjortson's son Albert, and his daughter Emma were here.
- 14 I went to Waconia for the People's Party meeting. P.D. Anderson's family was here for a visit with his wife, Charley Norman's wife Carolina, and Mrs. Hagstrom from Minneapolis. Frank plowed. Axel stripped the sorghum canes.
- 15 Before noon, it rained. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel stripped the sorghum canes. I did various small jobs.
- 16 Last night, it rained a lot and before noon today. Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel stripped sorghum. I did various jobs.
- 17 Before noon, Frank plowed. Axel cut sorghum cane. In the afternoon, they hauled in the third crop of alfalfa from the orchard. The womenfolk and I packed apples and put them in the granary and in the old corncrib.
- 18 Before noon, the boys hauled home the sorghum. I went to Waconia with apples for Eiselién. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Axel did various jobs. I and the womenfolk picked apples. Today, "Molly" went to P.D. Anderson's bull for the third time.
- 19 Frank plowed on the other side of the tracks. Axel dug potatoes. I burned brush along the fence in the home field, etc. Mamma and Josephine went to A. Broberg's and Waconia. Last night, there was frost and cold.
- 20 **Sunday** Frost on the ground.
- 21 Frank plowed on the other side of the tracks. Axel dug potatoes. I did various jobs.
- 22 I went to Cologne for a convention for the Silver Party. Frank plowed before noon. In the afternoon, he went to J. Kaufhold's and threshed. Axel dug potatoes. Cold but beautiful weather.
- 23 Frank went to J. Kaufhold's and threshed. Axel dug potatoes and finished. Not so cold, today.
- 24 Frank went to Waconia with milk. Axel and Oskar husked corn. Mamma and I went to John Nelson's for a visit. Mrs. Nelson was sick. I was sick while I was there.

- 25 Frank plowed and finished the other side of the track and began to plow in the home field. Axel and Oskar husked corn. Our Pastor Paulson was here and said good-bye.
- 26 Frank and Josephine went to the Chaska Agricultural Fair. Axel and Oskar husked corn. I did various jobs.
- 27 **Sunday** Today is the last time of Paulson's preaching here from his summer with us.
- 28 Axel and Frank went to P.D. Anderson's and threshed. Today, our Pastor Paulson went to Chicago. Mrs. B. Nilson drove him to Waconia. Brother Johnson and Andrew Johanson were here and bought apples. I am not well.
- 29 Axel threshed for S. Peltz and the old folks, the Peltzes. Frank and I butchered a ewe and did various other jobs. In the evening, Peterman's threshing machine came to us.
- 30 They threshed here and finished at 4:30 in the afternoon. The machine went to N. Swenson's place.

October

- 1 The boys threshed for Niklas Swenson. I went to Waconia with apples and then fenced around the straw stack. In the evening at eight o'clock, Emma came home from Minneapolis. She was there as a delegate to a Women's Temperance Union meeting. Warm and beautiful weather.
- 2 Today in the morning, Emma went back to Minneapolis. Josephine drove her to Victoria. There were two Arabian peddlers here in the night. They were from Armenia. Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with milk and apples for Henning. Axel threshed for Peterman.
- 3 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia and had "Rock" shod. Mamma was with. Axel threshed for Peterman. In the afternoon, Frank went to Peterman's and hauled wheat. Axel did various jobs. I did various jobs. Beautiful weather.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 The boys went to Mrs. B. Nilson's and threshed, then they hauled in the squash. I went to Waconia with apples and I did various jobs. Last night, we got a little rain.
- 6 The boys husked corn. I went to Eisilien in Waconia with apples and bought a coat and vest from him.
- 7 Before noon, the boys husked corn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Cologne with a barrel of apples that we are sending to our relatives in Montevideo. In the afternoon, Axel and Oskar husked corn. I did various jobs.
- 8 Axel and Oskar husked corn. Frank plowed in the home field. I did various jobs.
- 9 Before noon, the boys husked corn. I repaired apple barrels. In the afternoon, it rained, so I did nothing.
- 10 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. It has rained a lot today. We did little small jobs.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 The boys husked corn. C.F. Lindberg was here and preached in our meetinghouse. In the afternoon, it was beautiful weather but the roads are muddy.
- 13 The boys husked corn. I went to Waconia with apples to Eisilien and to Kunz. Josephine

- was also in Waconia and had dental work done. It was warm and beautiful weather.
- 14 The boys and womenfolk husked corn. Frank plowed a while before noon. Ida and I packed two apple barrels to send to Maynard. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with the two apple barrels to send to Maynard. There was a bundle of soap in one barrel and a woman's jacket in the other barrel. It is warm and beautiful weather.
 - 15 The boys and womenfolk took in the sugar beets. In the afternoon, I went to Sogelin in Waconia with apples and grapes for A. Johnson. Beautiful weather.
 - 16 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys and womenfolk began to cook the syrup. I was not well. I was in bed the whole day.
 - 17 The boys and womenfolk cooked syrup and finished it in the evening. In the afternoon, Frank went to Minneapolis to exchange clothes that he had bought because they were too small. Before noon, I wrote a letter to Sture that they should not be in too much of a hurry to sell their wheat. In the afternoon, I was in bed. Last night, the water froze about as thick as a window glass.
 - 18 **Sunday** In the evening, Frank came home from Minneapolis. Last night there was a hard frost.
 - 19 Frank plowed the new field by the island, etc. Axel is sick. Ida and Mamma dug up the last of the sugar beets and the carrots. I dug up apple trees.
 - 20 P.D. Anderson is here cooking syrup. Frank helped them. Axel husked corn. Fritchof Anderson even husked corn. I went to Eiselien and Kunz in Waconia with apples and even had a plow sharpened. It is quite cold weather.
 - 21 Axel husked corn and dug up boxelders and heeled them in. I dug up apple trees, etc. Frank is sick in bed. It frosted hard last night.
 - 22 The boys hauled corn fodder and stacked it. I did various jobs. Mamma went to Andrew Nilson's for a visit.
 - 23 Frank went to Waconia with milk. He even took along a ewe lamb for Rietz in exchange for a male lamb. Axel husked corn. I dug up apple trees, but I am not well. It is dry and beautiful weather.
 - 24 Before noon, the boys husked corn. In the afternoon, they plowed and harrowed. I was in bed the whole day.
 - 25 **Sunday**
 - 26 The boys husked corn, harrowed, and hauled corn fodder. I was in bed, plagued with rheumatism. It is beautiful weather and we are having an Indian summer today.
 - 27 The boys husked corn, plowed, and harrowed. I went to Eiselien in Waconia with four bushels of apples. It is stormy and sunny weather.
 - 28 Today we took "Molly" to Peterman's bull. She had been to P.D. Anderson's bull four times before. Axel husked corn. Frank plowed. I am not well. I was in bed. Last night we had thunder and lightning and a little rain.
 - 29 Today it rained all day so we did nothing.

- 30 Even today, it has rained. The boys did little small jobs. I was in bed and am not well.
- 31 Last night, we had some snow. Before noon, Mamma and Axel went to A. Fischer's boy's funeral. In the afternoon, Frank plowed, Axel husked corn, etc. I did nothing.

November

1 Sunday

- 2 Today, it rained the whole day, so the boys could not work outside. Frank went to St. Bonifacius to take orders for pork. In the evening, the youth went to Lena Nilson's for a surprise because she and Frank Persson were married in Minneapolis and came home this evening.
- 3 Before noon, the boys went to the election to choose a President and state and county officers. McKinley is the Gold Standard candidate and Bryan for the Silver bimetallism. In the afternoon, I went to the election. The boys plowed and husked corn.
- 4 Frank hauled milk to Waconia and apples to Eiseliem. Axel husked corn and finished. I did nothing. Cloudy weather and looks like snow.
- 5 The boys hauled corn fodder and plowed. In the afternoon, Axel hilled up earth around the apple trees. I cut loose the grapevines from the wire trellis. It is cloudy and looks like snow. Yesterday, "Blossy" went to Peterman's bull.
- 6 Frank plowed. Axel hilled up around the apple trees. I did nothing. We had enough snow today so the ground was white. We took "Maggy" to Broberg's bull for the second time.
- 7 Before noon, Frank plowed the corn stubble and finished. Axel went to Waconia. In the afternoon, they banked up around the water tank. I did nothing. It is snowing and raining.

8 Sunday

- 9 Today, it has snowed the whole day. Axel went to Waconia and had some teeth pulled; otherwise, nothing was done. I am suffering from neuralgia and am in bed.
- 10 Today, it has snowed quite a lot. No work was done. I am in bed.
- 11 It is now good for sleighing outside. Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Axel hauled wood to the meetinghouse. In the afternoon, the boys hauled cordwood to Waconia. It is cold. We took in the last of the apples from the granary today.
- 12 The boys hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Persson and his wife, Lena, were here today. P. J. Hjelm and his wife came after apples and seed corn. I did nothing. Mamma and Josephine visited the Lundsten's for a while. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 13 The boys hauled cordwood to Waconia with both teams. They hauled two loads each. I did nothing.
- 14 The boys hauled cordwood to Waconia with both teams. They hauled two loads each. Today it is beautiful weather but the sleighing is bad. I cut grapevines.

15 Sunday

- 16 Before noon, Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel grafted down grapes. In the afternoon, they cleaned out the manure from the sheep barn and hauled it out in the fields. I trimmed grapevines. It was beautiful and mild weather. The sleighing is done.

- 17 Before noon, I trimmed grapevines and finished, and the boys grafted the grapes and finished. In the afternoon, they did various jobs. Last night, we had a frost so hard, the roads are bad, because they were soft and muddy yesterday.
- 18 Today, at eleven o'clock, S. Peltz and Willis Peterman came here with an engine saw and they sawed our stovewood. In the afternoon, we had Andrew Anderson help us. I did nothing. It is clear and cold weather.
- 19 Today, they sawed stovewood and finished by noon. Martin Swenson and A. Anderson helped. Frank went to Waconia with the old sows. In the afternoon, the boys and Andrew Anderson split stovewood. I did nothing. It is very cold.
- 20 First, the boys butchered a barrow, and then Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon, I cut up the pork. It is cold.
- 21 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia with milk and then he hauled cordwood out of the woods. I smeared the apple tree stems with liver, etc.
- 22 **Sunday**
- 23 Frank and Mamma went to Waconia and sold a calf. Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. I hewed out posts and set them out by the privy. Today it was beautiful weather.
- 24 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood and Frank hauled it out of the woods, etc. I did nothing.
- 25 Today it rained the whole day. We did no work.
- 26 Today was **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest, according to an executive proclamation, but we had no meeting. Even today, it rained the whole day. No work was done today. Today, I sent a letter to Stock and Home informing them that their demand for money for the paper was a mistake. We also sent a postcard to Estan West.
- 27 Today there was a strong storm from the west and it was cold. No work was done. I repaired my slippers.
- 28 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and did various jobs. I did various jobs. Clear and cold weather. It is icy and slippery, so we cannot use the horses.
- 29 **Sunday** Cold weather.
- 30 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled green cordwood from the woods, etc. I did various small jobs. Quite cold weather.

December

- 1 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and hauled the green cordwood. I did various jobs. The cold continues.
- 2 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank helped some. I did various jobs. Today it was milder. "Flora" calved.
- 3 Before noon, Axel and Frank cut cordwood. In the afternoon, Andrew Anderson was with the boys and cut cordwood. I was in the shop and did various jobs. It snowed a little.
- 4 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod and then he cut cordwood. I did various small jobs in the shop. It snowed a little.

- 5 Today, Professor N.E. Hansen from Brookings, South Dakota, came here and looked at my orchard. In the afternoon, I drove him to Victoria. Frank went to N. Swenson's place and helped with the wood sawing. We took "Molly" to Peterman's bull.
- 6 **Sunday**
- 7 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 8 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I cut scions, etc. It is mild. I repaired an apple barrel.
- 9 Before noon, Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I cut scions, etc. The sleighing is done.
- 10 Today, I sent a barrel of Anisimovka apples, together with seeds from five bushels of Lieby apples and eleven kinds of scions, to Professor N. E. Hansen in Brookings, South Dakota. I also sent a bundle of scions and sixty Charlamoff apples to John P. Andrews in Faribault. Frank went to the Waconia depot with the apple barrel and sent it by freight. Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. I did various jobs. Mild and sunny weather.
- 11 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled green cordwood from the woods. I cut scions and smeared the small apple tree stems with liver. It is still warm. Niklas's boar came home to our sows.
- 12 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled milk to Waconia, etc. I did nothing. The mild weather continues. Today Axel and Andrew Anderson finished cutting the cordwood.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 The boys hauled logs from the woods. Frank also went to Waconia. I did nothing. Today we have received a little snow but it is mild weather.
- 15 Before noon, the boys hauled cordwood to Waconia with both teams. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. I did nothing. It is mild weather.
- 16 The boys hauled cordwood to Waconia with both teams. In the afternoon, they could not haul as the road was bare. I did nothing. Today, I sent a money order to the orphanage in Nebraska for \$5.30.
- 17 Before noon, the boys hauled cordwood to Peterman's in Waconia with both teams. In the afternoon, they hauled a load of cordwood to the creamery. I did nothing. Before noon, it snowed a little.
- 18 Today, Frank went up to his brothers in Maynard to decide with them to buy some property. Axel drove him to Augusta. In the afternoon, Axel went to Waconia for apple seedlings that came from A. Bost of Excelsior. I did nothing. Today it was clear and beautiful weather.
- 19 Before noon, Axel went to Peterman's creamery in Waconia with a load of elm wood. In the afternoon, he did various jobs. I did various jobs in the shop. It is cloudy with a heavy white frost. In the afternoon, we took N. Swenson's boar back to him, which we have had with our sows for a week.
- 20 **Sunday**

- 21 In the afternoon, Axel went to Peterman's creamery in Waconia with a load of wood. Mamma and Josephine went to Waconia before noon. I did various jobs.
- 22 Before noon, Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, Axel, Ida, and Josephine went to the funeral in Scandia. A child of the tinner Anderson's in Waconia was buried in Scandia. I hauled manure to the apple grafts. Bost was here this evening. I paid him for the apple seedlings. It is cloudy but beautiful weather.
- 23 Before noon, Axel went to Peterman's creamery in Waconia with a load of cordwood. Then he did various jobs. I did a little in the shop. It is beautiful weather.
- 24 Axel went to Waconia with milk, and then did various jobs. I did various jobs in the shop. In the evening, Axel and Josephine went to a Christmas party with the German Baptists.
- 25 **Christmas Day** In the afternoon, Axel and Josephine went to Scandia. I gave them a Christmas tree to take to the meetinghouse, which they decorated in the afternoon. In the evening, our folk went to the meetinghouse and celebrated with a Christmas party. Mamma and I stayed home. Beautiful weather. We took "Molly" to Peterman's bull for the third time.
- 26 We did nothing with work today. P.D. Anderson and Theodore Ottinger were here today. I signed P.D. Anderson's note for \$300 that he had borrowed from Caroline Ottinger but Per D. paid \$50 and then he gave a new note for \$250. I signed the notes for him. We took "Flora" to Peterman's bull.
- 27 **Sunday**
- 28 Today, it is mild weather, so the snow is melting quite quickly. Axel hauled home green cordwood from the woods. I smeared the apple tree stems with liver, etc.
- 29 I trimmed plum trees and hauled away the brush. Axel went to Waconia after the mail. Clear and sunny weather.
- 30 Axel and I did various jobs. It is clear and beautiful weather.
- 31 Axel did various jobs. I made shelves by the windows in the shop. The air was full of haze the whole day.

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January

- 1 Today we had our annual church business meeting with the congregation in Scandia. I went to the meeting but Axel stayed home. He did various small jobs. The weather is mild with a very smoky haze. The roads are very muddy and dirty. Today we took the cow, "Blossy," to Peterman's bull for the second time.
- 2 Last night and today we have a hard freeze, so now the roads are very rough and uneven. I wrote and sent a letter to the children's home in Nebraska. Axel went to Waconia to get the mail, etc. Today the cow, "Maggy," went to P.D. Anderson's bull. She has been with Broberg's bull two times before.
- 3 **Sunday** A minister from Minneapolis by the name of Berglund preached. It snowed the

whole day.

- 4 It snowed off and on the whole day. The Jew, Isaakson, came to get the two calves he bought last week. Axel did various jobs but I did nothing. In the afternoon, Axel went to Augusta to meet the train. He waited until seven o'clock, but no train came.
- 5 In the forenoon, Ida and I went to Waconia and I got some Virginia crabapples from Gordon's place. Andrew Anderson and Larsson from Minneapolis were here.
- 6 Today Carl came home. He had taken the train from Granite Falls to Norwood and from there to Waconia. P.D. Anderson's and Larsson's families were here for a visit. Axel hauled milk to Waconia. I did nothing.
- 7 The boys butchered a hog and had Andrew Anderson help them. Larson was also here. I did nothing. It is not so cold and it is clear and sunny.
- 8 Axel and Carl hauled logs to the sawmill in Waconia two times. I cut up and salted the pork. It is mild, clear, and grand weather.
- 9 In the forenoon, Axel and Carl hauled two logs to the Waconia sawmill in one load. I did a few small jobs. Today it is cold weather.
- 10 **Sunday** In the afternoon we visited at P.D. Anderson's.
- 11 Axel and Carl hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. I did nothing. It is cold weather.
- 12 In the morning, Carl and I went to Waconia and bought a check for \$200 and sent it to Frank in Maynard so he could pay for the farm that the boys have bought. Axel did various small jobs. Today the cow, "Molly," was brought to Peterman's bull for the fourth time.
- 13 Axel did various small jobs. Carl went to Waconia and I tied plaster on the apple trees where the rabbits had chewed the bark. It is beautiful weather.
- 14 Axel, Carl, and Charley Anderson sawed ice on their lake and hauled it home. I did various jobs. Today I sent 100 scions of Hibernial to O.F. Brand in Faribault. It is cloudy and not so cold weather.
- 15 Axel, Carl, and Andrew Anderson sawed ice and hauled it home. I did various small jobs. It is grand weather.
- 16 Carl went to Waconia. Axel packed around the ice in the icehouse. In the afternoon it snowed very much. I did nothing and I have caught a cold.
- 17 **Sunday** The snowstorm continues.
- 18 Axel and Carl went to Waconia with milk. It is very cold weather. I did nothing. In the evening the young people from our church came to our house for a surprise party for Carl.
- 19 Carl shoveled snow on the road, Axel did the chores, etc. I am in bed, I am not well. Today it is very cold.
- 20 Carl went to Waconia for the mail. Axel did various small jobs and I did a few small jobs. Today the cow, "Fanny," went to Peterman's bull for the first time.
- 21 Carl and Josephine visited at John Nelson's house. Axel did the chores, etc. I am not well and I am in bed. In the evening we had a snowstorm.
- 22 It is very cold today. The boys only did the chores and I did nothing
- 23 We took the heifer, "Bess," to Peterman's bull. It is still just as cold. Carl went to Waconia

to get the mail and no other work was done—only the chores. In the afternoon the boys took the black sow to Peterman's boar.

- 24 **Sunday** It is very cold. There were just a few people at the service.
- 25 Very cold. The boys only did the chores. I did nothing.
- 26 The cold continues—as intensely as before. The boys only did the chores. I did nothing. Today I sent scions of the Anisim apple tree to O.F. Brand in Faribault for 1 ½ cents each, for 45 cents total.
- 27 The intense cold continues. The boys only did the chores. I did a few various small jobs. Today they took home the black sow, which had been with Peterman's boar.
- 28 Today the cold has eased some. Again, the boys only did the chores. Carl went after the mail. In the afternoon Swanson and his wife, from the north side of the lake, were here for a visit.
- 29 The boys did the chores. In the afternoon Mamma and I were at the old Andrew Nilson's for a visit and also to Persson's. Carl went to Waconia and met Rev. Johnson from Clear Lake. Nice weather today.
- 30 The boys went to Waconia with milk. No other work was done. It is not as cold today.
- 31 **Sunday** Rev. Johnson from Clear Lake preached. We had communion. The Engmans from Minneapolis were with us for dinner. We had a meeting in the evening.

February

- 1 Carl drove Rev. Johnson from Clear Lake to the depot in Waconia. The boys and I did various small jobs. Mild weather.
- 2 The boys hauled a load of boards from the Waconia sawmill and also did the chores. I did various small jobs. We are having mild weather.
- 3 Carl went to Watertown and met Frank, who came from Litchfield. Axel did various jobs and I did various small jobs. It is cloudy and mild weather.
- 4 Carl and Frank went to Waconia and hauled home the last of the boards from the sawmill and also sent scions by express to Hansen in South Dakota, to Bost in Excelsior, and Sampson in Eureka. Axel did the chores, and I did various jobs. Cloudy and mild weather.
- 5 In the forenoon, the boys hauled manure from the sheep barn and in the afternoon they were out and broke in the colt. I started grafting apple trees in the afternoon. It has snowed a little the whole day.
- 6 Today Carl returned home to Maynard. Frank drove him to Cologne. Axel did various jobs and I grafted apple trees. We are having great weather.
- 7 **Sunday**
- 8 Frank went to St. Bonifacius to take orders for the butchered hogs and the boys also did various other jobs. I made apple grafts. Grand weather today
- 9 Axel and Frank drove to St. Bonifacius with the seven butchered hogs and sold them. After that they did various small jobs. I made apple grafts. It snowed in the evening.

- 10 Frank went to Waconia to get the mail. In the afternoon the boys worked with the colt. I made apple grafts. It has snowed a little the whole day.
- 11 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel did various jobs—I made apple grafts and today I finished grafting. It has snowed a little almost the whole day.
- 12 In the forenoon we set a new beam in the hog barn. In the afternoon the boys and I went to P.D. Anderson's for oak boards to make a new water trough. It is cloudy and mild weather.
- 13 Today we have a strong snowstorm, but it is not cold. The boys worked in the shop and made a new corn marker. I did nothing. We had a strong storm in the evening.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 In the forenoon Frank and I went to Waconia. In the afternoon, we piled the boards neatly in the rafters in the hog barn. It is foggy weather.
- 16 The boys set posts for a shelter for the roller alongside the corncrib and also did various other jobs. I did various small jobs. It is cloudy weather.
- 17 In the forenoon the boys and I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia. In the afternoon we had clear weather.
- 18 The boys and I did various jobs. Today it is clear and beautiful weather.
- 19 Frank and Axel went to the mill in Waconia with grist. In the afternoon they worked on the shed by the corncrib. I did various small jobs. We are having very foggy, hazy weather.
- 20 Frank painted the carriage. Axel did various jobs and I did nothing. The weather is changing. We took "Froken" to Peterman's bull.
- 21 **Sunday**
- 22 Today Mamma, Ida, Frank, Oscar, and I went to Hjelm's house to visit. Fairly nice weather.
- 23 Today it was very cold with a north wind. Frank hauled milk to Waconia and Axel did the chores, etc. I did nothing.
- 24 Very cold with a north wind. The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. The P.D. Andersons were here for a visit.
- 25 The boys did the chores and did various small jobs. I did nothing. Clear and cold weather.
- 26 Frank painted the buggy. Axel did the chores, etc. I did nothing. It is clear weather and quite cold with a north wind.
- 27 Frank went to Waconia and brought home a commode from Bernard Rauen and a jar of snuff from Kutz's Store. Axel did various jobs. I did nothing. It is still cold outside, but it seems milder in the afternoon.
- 28 **Sunday**

March

- 1 The boys did various small jobs. I worked in the shop and did various small repairs. Great weather.
- 2 Frank took feed to the Waconia mill to have it ground. Axel did the chores, etc. I worked in the shop and did various small jobs. Cloudy weather with snow almost the whole day.
- 3 The boys worked at breaking the colt and took him with them when they went to Waconia

mill to pick up the grist. Afterwards, they did various jobs and I did various small jobs in the shop. Today we have clear weather but it is cold.

- 4 We butchered a hog for our own use; it weighed 277 pounds. In the afternoon it snowed and rained.
- 5 I cut up the pork and salted it. Axel helped me for a while. Frank went to Waconia. First it snowed and then it was clear and mild.
- 6 Today we did various jobs—we made a brine for the pork, Frank painted, and in the afternoon I pruned apple trees. First it snowed and then it cleared and was warmer.
- 7 **Sunday** Today it has snowed quite heavily all day.
- 8 Our Frank and Andrew Anderson went to the court in Chaska to listen and see what court proceedings were like. Axel hauled milk to Waconia. I trimmed apple trees.
- 9 Axel and Frank went to the town election and afterward they did various jobs. I trimmed apple trees. Clear weather.
- 10 Axel went to Waconia to get the grist, etc. Frank hung wallpaper in the boys' room. I scraped off the old bark on the old trees in the orchard. It is clear and grand weather.
- 11 Today it has snowed the whole day and we have gotten more snow today than any other day this winter. Frank painted, Axel did small jobs, and I did nothing.
- 12 The boys shoveled and opened the roads from the dark snow that fell yesterday. First they went to Waconia and in the afternoon they were at Persson's house and cleared snow. I worked on the snow the whole day and so did Ida. A telegram came from Dakota that describes the snowstorm as terrible. All trains are blocked. Today we have clear weather.
- 13 The boys did various small jobs. I did nothing. Cloudy and cold weather and in the afternoon, it snowed.
- 14 **Sunday** Clear weather and cold.
- 15 The boys hauled hay from the south barn to the north barn. I worked in the shop. Very severe cold.
- 16 The boys hauled home wood for the stove, etc. I worked in the shop. In the evening a Swede by the name of Louis Sand, from Minneapolis, came here. He came from western Otter Tail County with a couple of horses that he had bought there. He stayed overnight with us.
- 17 Today it has rained the whole day. Axel hauled milk to Waconia. Frank drove to Waconia and met the Rev. A.P. Hanson. In the evening they went to a meeting. Louis Sand left here right after dinner. I worked in the shop.
- 18 The boys went to St. Bonifacius to get shingles for the meetinghouse and brought home a sack of oats that Carl sent from Maynard. I did various small jobs in the shop. Today the Dalecarlian, Erik Erickson, came here and visited us. We have not seen each other for a long time.
- 19 Last night and today it has rained. We did nothing.
- 20 The boys did various jobs—I did various small jobs in the shop. Today, we have colder weather. Today Dal Erik Erickson went home to Minneapolis.

21 **Sunday**

- 22 The boys covered the shed along the side of the corncrib. I did various small jobs. Today we have clear, beautiful weather. Today we took “Star” to Peterman’s bull.
- 23 Axel and Frank went to Scandia and shingled the church roof. I scraped off the old bark on the apple trees and also did small jobs in the shop. It is grand weather.
- 24 The boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank and Ida went to Waconia. I scraped bark off the apple trees, etc. Clear, grand weather. Frank Persson was here to get seed wheat.
- 25 Frank hauled milk to Waconia and later did various jobs. I scraped the old bark off the plum trees, etc. Clear, grand weather, but cold nights.
- 26 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs. Clear, grand weather but cold nights. Today we took the cow, “Nancy,” to Peterman’s bull.
- 27 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, August Nelson and his wife, Karin, and Albertina Nelson, were here for a visit. Clear, grand weather.
- 28 **Sunday** Clear and mild weather. A lot of snow has melted today.
- 29 The boys hauled manure and cordwood from the forest, etc. I plastered the apple trees the rabbits had damaged, etc. Mild weather. The snow is melting fast, so tomorrow we will not be able to use the sleds.
- 30 In the forenoon the boys hauled cordwood from the forest and in the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia to pick up the plow that had been repaired.
- 31 The boys did various jobs—I did various jobs in the shop. It is great weather.

April

- 1 The boys split wood for the stove, etc. I worked in the shop and did various jobs. It is cloudy weather with strong storms.
- 2 Cloudy weather—in the morning it snowed. Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel split wood. I did a few small jobs.
- 3 The boys hauled the sap troughs out to the forest. I did various small jobs. In the evening it rained. The boys split wood for the stove, etc.
- 4 **Sunday** Cloudy and raining.
- 5 The boys did various small jobs and I did a variety of jobs. I made mortar to brick in the ovens for cooking the syrup. It is cloudy weather.
- 6 Today the boys started to tap the maple trees. Frank also went to Waconia. I plastered the ovens for the syrup making. It is clear and sunny weather.
- 7 The boys finished tapping the maple trees. They have tapped 230 trees—they have hauled the maple sap and cooked syrup, etc. I finished plastering the ovens, etc. It is beautiful weather.
- 8 The boys worked at the syrup camp and split wood for the stoves. Mamma cooked syrup and I plastered the apple trees. It is beautiful weather.
- 9 The boys split stovewood and did various small jobs. The sap is not running very fast. Cloudy weather. I plastered the apple trees and did various small jobs.

10 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel worked in the syrup camp and split wood for the stoves. Last night we had a hard freeze so the sap is running freely. I took the earth away from the apple trees, etc. Today it is clear, warm weather.

11 **Sunday**

12 In the forenoon the boys worked in the syrup camp, etc. I took the hilled-up earth away from the apple trees. In the afternoon it snowed. Last night the white sow farrowed a litter of ten pigs. All are living.

13 The snow melted in the forenoon but the sap is not running as the ground is not yet thawed. The boys split stovewood and I did various jobs.

14 The boys split stovewood, grubbed trees, and hauled maple sap, etc. I took away the turf from the apple trees, etc.

15 The boys did various things, hauled maple sap, etc. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius with 10 gallons of maple syrup and sent it to the boys in Maynard. I took the hilled-up earth away from the apple trees. It is cool, sunny weather.

16 The boys did various jobs. I worked on the trees in the orchard, etc. A couple of Irish boys were here last night.

17 In the forenoon the boys hauled maple sap, etc. In the afternoon they began to sow wheat on the large part in the south field. I worked by the apple trees. Beautiful weather but stormy in the afternoon.

18 **Sunday (Easter)**

19 Last night it froze quite hard. In the forenoon, the boys did various jobs and in the afternoon, they sowed wheat. I dug up the heeled-in apple trees, etc.

20 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel hauled maple sap. In the afternoon Axel harrowed the home field. Frank sowed oats on the five-acre piece. I did various jobs in the orchard. Today they cooked syrup from 8 barrels of sap.

21 The boys hauled maple sap, sowed and harrowed in oats, and began to sow wheat on the other side of the track. I trimmed the raspberry bushes. The wind is blowing a gale. In the evening we had rain and thunder.

22 In the forenoon the ground was too wet to sow wheat. The boys did various small jobs. In the afternoon they sowed wheat on the other side of the track and on the field near Peterman's land. I trimmed the raspberry bushes. It was a strong storm today.

23 In the forenoon Frank went to the Waconia mill with corn to be ground. Mamma went along. Axel harrowed the field near Peterman's land and in the afternoon they sowed wheat on the field by the barn. I worked on the raspberry bushes. Today it was very warm. Mamma made vinegar from maple sap. The maples have finished running.

24 In the forenoon the boys sowed wheat and harrowed it in on the barn field. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia to get the ground corn and picked up the box of strawberry plants from Sampson of the Eureka Nursery. Axel harrowed; they have finished the sowing. I did a variety of jobs. It is grand weather.

25 **Sunday**

- 26 In the forenoon, Frank rolled the home field. Axel hauled home the sap troughs. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank rolled the field by the barn. Axel and I planted strawberries. Mamma and Ida are at Persson's to visit.
- 27 In the forenoon, Mamma, Ida, Axel, and I were at a funeral in Scandia for a child of Carlson, and his wife, Bertha. Frank rolled the grain fields. In the afternoon, Mamma and I, Axel, and Mrs. Lundsten went to Hjelm's to visit as Mrs. Hjelm is sick. It is clear weather but stormy.
- 28 Frank hauled milk to Waconia, etc. Axel did various jobs. I planted raspberry bushes, etc. Ida and Mary Lundsten scrubbed the church.
- 29 The boys planted potatoes, etc. I planted apple seeds, etc. Carl Seals was here to get apple trees. Clear weather but the air is cold.
- 30 The mare foaled last night. Frank hauled lumber from St. Bonifacius for Frank Lundsten. He took along a sack of seed corn to send to the boys in Maynard. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure. I did various jobs in the orchard.

May

- 1 The boys hauled manure. I did various jobs in the orchard. Cool weather and it freezes at night.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 The boys repaired fence around the north pasture. I worked in the orchard. Today we have had warm weather.
- 4 The boys hauled manure. I planted apple trees. Warm weather.
- 5 Axel helped the womenfolk to shear the sheep. Frank uncovered the grapevines, etc. I planted apple trees. We have dry and warm weather.
- 6 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel set up posts for the trellis for the grapevines. In the afternoon, they plowed and harrowed the garden. I set out apple trees. Mamma is over at Gustaf and Carrie Holmberg's house. It is dry and sunny weather.
- 7 Frank plowed for the corn. Axel planted potatoes. I tied up grapevines. It is dry and warm weather.
- 8 The boys plowed, planted, and rolled the field for the corn. I did various jobs in the orchard. In the afternoon we had a little rain and thunder. We need more rain.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 The boys harrowed and rolled the field for corn and also marked it out for the corn. I prepared the soil for the apple grafts and began to set them out. Josephine went with the P.D. Andersons to Minneapolis.
- 11 Axel planted corn and finished that. Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod. In the afternoon, Frank got ready for the trip to Minneapolis tomorrow. I set out apple grafts. It is cool and raining at times.
- 12 This morning at five o'clock Mamma and Frank left for Minneapolis with a load of wool. Axel did various jobs. I planted the last of the apple grafts and then killed leaf-eating

caterpillars on the apple trees. It is cool weather.

- 13 Axel did various jobs—I planted a number of things and then tied up the grapevines. Last night, a tramp by the name of Anderson stayed here. He was full of lice. In the evening, Frank, Mamma, and Josephine came home from Minneapolis. Mamma and Josephine took the train to Victoria. Today we had cool weather and rain showers.
- 14 The boys did various jobs. I tied up the grapevines, etc. A. Swenson came here for two evergreen bushes.
- 15 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture. In the afternoon they did various jobs and I finished tying up grapevines and then killed caterpillars on the apple trees. Today was clear, sunny weather.
- 16 **Sunday**
- 17 Axel and I planted evergreen bushes by the fence in the pasture. Frank plowed in the garden and planted squash there, etc.
- 18 First, Axel and Frank went to get road planks in Scandia and also planted an evergreen bush on Lundsten's grave in the cemetery, and then Axel and I dug up evergreens for F. Lundsten and did various other jobs. In the afternoon, the boys broke ground by the squash garden and planted it. Grand and dry weather.
- 19 The boys started to work on the road but had to stop because of the rain, but in the afternoon they worked on the road. It was great weather. I trimmed the apple trees. Last night the black sow farrowed a litter of nine pigs.
- 20 The boys worked on the road. I trimmed the apple trees. It has been cloudy weather a few days with very little rain. We need more rain.
- 21 The boys worked on the road and finished the job. Our Frank was the road boss this year. I pruned the apple trees and killed the leaf-eating caterpillars.
- 22 Today it is raining. This morning N. Swenson was here and castrated the pigs from the white sow's litter. In the afternoon, Frank plowed for the sugar beets, etc. Axel and I finished the shed for the roller, etc.
- 23 **Sunday** Our new minister, Nels Valerius, preached for us today for the first time.
- 24 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel planted sugar beets by the shop and then plowed by the grapes, etc. I pruned the apple trees, etc. Cold weather and frost at night.
- 25 The boys fixed the fence by the south pasture. I killed caterpillars and trimmed the cedar trees.
- 26 In the forenoon, the boys fixed the fence on the other side of the track, and in the afternoon Frank went to Chaska and paid the taxes. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture. Today we took the livestock to pasture on the other side of the track. I pruned the apple trees, etc. There was a strong storm from the south today.
- 27 Today Frank and I were in Scandia with other church members and took down the old fence around the graveyard as we will build a new fence, and we also trimmed all the cedar trees at the graveyard. Axel grubbed in the hog pasture.
- 28 The boys worked in the hog pasture and did various other jobs. I pruned apple trees, etc.

Rietz was here and assessed the personal property.

29 In the forenoon it rained a little. In the afternoon the boys broke land in the hog pasture, etc. I pruned the plum trees.

30 **Sunday**

31 The boys fixed the fence around the barnyard, etc. I trimmed the trees and did various jobs. We are having cold weather with frost at night.

June

1 The boys repaired the old fences. I trimmed trees, etc. In the afternoon it rained. It was a good rain.

2 Last night we had heavy rain and thunder. Today we have had rain showers but it is cold. Frank hauled milk to Waconia, etc. Axel did various jobs and also went fishing. I did a few light, small jobs.

3 The boys fixed fences. Torman from Excelsior was here and bought lambs and he stayed for dinner. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia for fence wire and salt. Axel and I did various jobs. It is cloudy.

4 The boys are setting fence posts on the south end of the barn field by the road. In the afternoon Frank and Josephine went to the graduation at the school. I did various small jobs. Cloudy weather.

5 The boys built a fence by the road and the field by the barn. In the afternoon, Frank went to Victoria for lumber for the graveyard. Axel went fishing. I did various jobs.

6 **Sunday** Cold and frost all the time. We had communion today.

7 The boys did various small jobs. I killed caterpillars and dug around the lilac bushes.

8 This morning Ida left to visit our people in Maynard. Axel drove her to Cologne. The boys did various small jobs. I worked in the garden. In the afternoon, Charles Cornelius and his wife, Bengta, his daughter and son-in-law, Nils Anderson, and the grandchildren came here from Litchfield to visit us.

9 Today it rained the whole day. We did no work.

10 In the forenoon, Frank and Nils Anderson went fishing. In the afternoon, the folks from Litchfield left for Minneapolis. Frank drove them to Victoria. Axel and I did various jobs. In the evening we had a heavy rain shower.

11 In the forenoon Frank hauled milk to Waconia and in the afternoon the boys mowed the clover in the orchard and I hoed in the garden, etc. Beautiful weather today.

12 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Oskar cultivated the corn. I hoed in the garden. Clear and great weather.

13 **Sunday** Bergstrom from Minneapolis preached for us. Today it is very warm—95 degrees in the shade.

14 First, the boys raked together the clover in the orchard, and then Frank went to Victoria and met the folks from Litchfield who returned from Minneapolis. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the clover from the orchard and I hoed in the garden. At five o'clock in the

evening, the Litchfield folks left for home. They intended to drive at night because of the intense heat during the day.

- 15 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel and Oskar cultivated the corn. I did various jobs.
- 16 Today we had rain showers. Axel went fishing. Frank made new bottoms for the mangers in the cow barn. I did various small jobs.
- 17 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon he finished the mangers in the cow barn. Axel and Oskar cultivated the corn and I did various jobs.
- 18 In the forenoon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon they mowed the clover down by the orchard. I repaired the pump by the lower well, etc.
- 19 The boys cultivated and hoed in the garden and orchard. I hoed and killed the leaf caterpillars.
- 20 **Sunday** Lawrence Linder preached in the morning and Valerius preached in the evening. Beautiful weather.
- 21 In the forenoon the boys hoed the sugar beets. In the afternoon they hauled in the clover from down by the orchard. I hoed and killed the leaf caterpillars, etc.
- 22 In the forenoon, Frank went to John Johnson's to pick up our minister, Valerius. Axel hoed and in the afternoon they hauled in the clover and hoed. I mowed, hoed, and killed leaf caterpillars.
- 23 In the forenoon, Frank hauled milk. Axel went to Schwichtenberg's place and helped raise a barn. In the afternoon, Frank mowed around the house. I killed leaf caterpillars and mowed. Grand weather.
- 24 In the forenoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. Axel and I mowed around the house. In the afternoon Axel mowed and Frank hoed the sugar beets. I did various jobs. Today the weather was cooler.
- 25 Frank worked on the fence around the graveyard. I was with in the forenoon and put posts by mine, Erickson's, and Freed's grave lots. Axel and Oskar cultivated the corn. I mowed in the afternoon. Sunny weather.
- 26 The boys hoed and hauled in the hay from around the house. I hoed by the grafts, etc. Beautiful weather.
- 27 **Sunday** It rained today. We had a meeting in the forenoon but none in the evening.
- 28 The boys cultivated, hoed, and did various jobs. I hoed, etc. Cloudy weather.
- 29 Axel hoed the corn. Frank went to Lundsten's and worked on the barn. I did various jobs. In the afternoon, I went to Augusta and met Ida. She came home from Maynard. Today we have great weather.
- 30 Frank went to F. Lundsten's and worked on the barn. Even our preacher, Valerius, worked for Lundsten. Axel hauled milk to Waconia and in the afternoon we cocked hay around the house. Linder and his wife from Fargo were here this afternoon to visit. Beautiful weather today.

July

- 1 The boys hoed the corn, etc. I did various jobs. We have very warm weather.
- 2 The boys hoed and also mowed the alfalfa on the other side of the track. I fixed things in the hog pen. In the evening we had a hard rain with strong wind.
- 3 As the Fourth is on Sunday, we celebrated the "Fourth of July" in Scandia today.
- 4 **Sunday**
- 5 The boys cultivated, hoed, and hauled in the clover from the other side of the track. I did various jobs.
- 6 The boys hoed the corn. Frank hauled milk to Waconia. I did various jobs. Cloudy, hot, and thunder in the evening, and during the night we had heavy rain, thunder, and lightning.
- 7 The boys hoed the corn. I pruned the grapes but it is so hot I had to quit. An apple agent from Sampson's nursery was here. His name is A.J. Strouts. I gave him the names of the hardiest of the Russian trees. Rev. Valerius moved from our house to N. Swenson's house today.
- 8 The boys mowed the timothy on the other side of the track and also cultivated and hoed. I trimmed grapevines. The intense heat continues.
- 9 The boys cultivated and hoed the corn, etc. I trimmed the grapes. Hot, torturous weather.
- 10 In the forenoon it rained. In the afternoon the boys cultivated, hoed, and did various jobs. I trimmed the grapes. Today we have beautiful weather.
- 11 **Sunday**
- 12 The boys hauled milk, hoed, mowed, and hauled hay, etc. I trimmed grapes and hoed.
- 13 The boys mowed and hauled hay. I cut weeds along the fences and the hog road, etc.
- 14 The boys mowed and cut hay and did various other jobs. I fixed the fence by the hog road, etc.
- 15 Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. Axel cut hay. In the afternoon they hauled hay. I did various little jobs, but it was too warm. In the afternoon I did nothing.
- 16 The boys mowed and hauled hay. I hoed the strawberries. It is warm weather.
- 17 In the forenoon Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. Axel mowed. In the afternoon they mowed and hauled hay. I hoed by the strawberries, etc.
- 18 **Sunday** In the forenoon, Valerius preached and in the evening an American by the name of McKinney preached.
- 19 Frank went to Waconia with milk and in the afternoon they hauled hay, etc. I hoed by the grafts, etc. It is nice, warm weather.
- 20 In the forenoon, the boys mowed and hauled hay. I weeded by the apple grafts. In the afternoon it rained and we did nothing.
- 21 Today it rained most of the day. The boys did various jobs. Frank went to Waconia. I wrote a letter to Mattson in California.
- 22 Frank hauled two loads of wheat to Waconia. Axel picked wild oats, etc. I did various small jobs. It is cloudy, so the hay is not drying.
- 23 The boys mowed and hauled hay. I hoed around the new strawberry plants, etc.

- 24 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon Frank went to Scandia and set up benches in the meadow as we expect a large crowd tomorrow from Minneapolis. Axel and I did various small jobs. It is cloudy weather.
- 25 **Sunday** Today there was a large excursion from Elim Church in Minneapolis to Scandia. They said there were more than 240 people here. Eric Sandell, Valerius, one by the name of Bjorkquist, and an American named McKinney preached.
- 26 The boys cut hay in the south meadow and hauled in the second crop of clover from below the orchard. I hoed by the apple grafts, etc. It was warm and grand weather.
- 27 First, Frank went to Scandia to get the lumber and various utensils that were needed for the excursion. Axel picked wild oats, and later they hauled hay and carried up the hay that was laying in the water in the meadow. I hoed by the apple grafts, etc. but the sun was too intense for me, so I didn't do much.
- 28 The boys hauled up the hay from the meadow that had been laying in the water, hauled home more hay, and stacked it. I did various small jobs.
- 29 The boys hauled home hay and stacked it, etc. I hoed by the apple grafts, etc. The warm weather continues.
- 30 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, they began to reap the oats on the five-acre piece in the south field. I hoed by the apple grafts. Warm weather.
- 31 Today we had rain showers all day. The boys plowed up the Canadian thistles. I wrote a letter to George Mattson in California.

August

- 1 **Sunday**
- 2 The boys finished reaping the oats on the five-acre piece and then reaped wheat on the home field. I cut weeds and hoed.
- 3 The boys began to reap the wheat on the large piece in the south field, but something broke on the reaper so they had to go to Waconia to get it repaired. In the afternoon it rained, so they could not reap. In the afternoon, N. Swenson and I went to visit the Andrew Nilson's old folks to console them in their trials. They are very worried over the fact that Lena Persson lost her case in the court in Chaska. Today I sent a letter to George Mattson in Clearwater, Los Angeles County, California. This was written on two full sheets of paper.
- 4 The boys reaped the wheat on the large piece in the south field and began on the wheat in the field by the barn. I did various jobs—cut with the scythe, and hoed, etc. Today we had beautiful weather.
- 5 The boys reaped the wheat on the field by the barn and on the field by Peterman's land. I cut weeds and hoed by the raspberry bushes, etc. Beautiful weather.
- 6 Today the boys finished reaping wheat on the field on the other side of the track so they have finished the reaping for this year. I cut weeds and hoed, etc. It is grand weather.
- 7 In the forenoon we had rain showers. In the afternoon the boys killed the white horse, "Mags," and buried her. I cut hay for the pigs and the milk cows.

8 **Sunday**

9 Today the boys started stacking the wheat. I hoed and cut weeds, etc.

10 The boys stacked wheat—they are hauling with only one wagon. I hoed around the raspberry bushes and cut weeds. It is very nice weather.

11 The boys hauled and stacked the wheat from the other side of the track. I hoed by the raspberry bushes and cut weeds, etc. It is warm and calm weather.

12 The boys stacked the wheat from the field by the barn. I did various jobs. It is beautiful weather.

13 The boys stacked the wheat and made one stack of oats. I pruned the raspberry bushes, etc. We had a strong south wind and it looked like rain, but it cleared up again.

14 The boys stacked wheat but in the afternoon it started to rain, so they had one load that did not get stacked. I pruned the raspberry bushes, etc.

15 **Sunday** Cloudy weather today.

16 First, the boys stacked the last load of wheat, and then they mowed and cut hay on the south meadow. I pruned raspberry bushes and cut weeds. It is beautiful weather. In the afternoon the boys started to plow on the other side of the track.

17 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. After, he plowed on the other side of the tracks. Axel went to Lindborger's and threshed. I pruned the raspberry bushes and made a cover for the apple barrel, etc.

18 The boys plowed on the other side of the tracks and also hauled a couple loads of hay. I did various jobs. Mamma and Josephine went to A. Swanson's house to visit. Last night two Jews stayed with us. They go around and peddle apples. Today we took the black year-old calf to P.D. Anderson's bull.

19 Frank plowed. Axel went to Broberg's and threshed. I pruned the raspberry bushes, etc.

20 Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples to send to the boys in Maynard, then he hauled a load of hay, and after that he plowed. Axel threshed at Broberg's. I hoed the seed strawberries.

21 In the forenoon, Axel and Frank went to F. Lundsten's and threshed. In the afternoon, they hauled hay and plowed. I did various jobs. Elliot, Professor Green from Minneapolis, Latham, and Bost from Excelsior were here to see what fruit I had in my orchard.

22 **Sunday** Valerius preached in the morning and Oberg from Minneapolis preached in the evening. Mamma went and stayed with Mrs. Holmberg overnight.

23 Frank hauled milk to Waconia and I was with. In the afternoon, Frank plowed. Josephine and I picked apples for the State Fair. Axel threshed for Broberg's.

24 Frank plowed and then mowed around the house. Josephine, Mamma, and I packed apples to send to the State Fair. In the afternoon, my brother-in-law Johnson and his son, Fred, came here from Montevideo. It is great weather.

25 Frank went to Waconia with two plows to have them sharpened. He also sent a box, by express, to the State Fair, containing 33 varieties of apples. The box is to be placed in cold storage and the letter with the list of apple varieties was mailed to the secretary, Latham. He

- is to enter the apples in the State Fair. In the afternoon, Frank plowed in the field by the barn and Axel cut hay around the house. I did various jobs. Brother-in-law Johnson and his son, Fred, went to P.D. Anderson's and fished. It was great weather.
- 26 The boys plowed, mowed, and harrowed over the Canadian thistles, etc. I did various jobs. Brother-in-law Johnson and his son, Fred, went fishing. Grand weather.
- 27 Frank went to Augusta at six o'clock in the morning and met John Anderson from Montevideo. After that we did nothing. In the afternoon, the visitors from Montevideo and I went fishing. Beautiful weather.
- 28 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon they hauled in the hay from around the house. The visitors from Montevideo fished all day. I did various jobs. Today we took the heifer, "Betty," to Peterman's bull.
- 29 **Sunday** In the evening at seven o'clock the folks from Montevideo left for home (it was brother-in-law Johnson, his son, Fred, and John Anderson). Our Frank drove them to Augusta.
- 30 The boys plowed the field by the barn with two teams. I cut weeds and did various jobs.
- 31 In the forenoon, the boys plowed the field by the barn and used two teams. In the evening it rained.

September

- 1 Last night we had a strong thunderstorm with pouring rain and hail—the ground was white. We have now had enough rain to soak the roots good. In the afternoon the boys plowed the home field. I did various jobs in the shop.
- 2 In the morning, Frank went to Persson's and threshed. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, the boys finished plowing the home field. I did various jobs in the shop. It is hazy weather.
- 3 The boys plowed the five-acre piece. I hoed around the gooseberry bushes and did various jobs. Today we have intense sunshine.
- 4 The boys hauled manure. I hoed around the gooseberry bushes, etc. Sampson from Excelsior was here. He got almost a peck of apples from the Christmas and the Anisim trees. He will send me two cherry trees in the spring and the apples will be counted off the bill for them. In the evening we had thunder and rain. Very warm weather.
- 5 **Sunday** Valerius preached in the morning and we had communion. In the evening Arvid Hagstrom from Chicago preached. It is very warm—over 90 degrees.
- 6 The boys hauled manure. I hoed, etc.
- 7 The boys hauled manure. I trimmed gooseberry bushes, etc. Valerius was here and now today has moved to John Nelson's. The hot sunshine continues.
- 8 The boys plowed the five-acre piece. I hoed, etc. It is still very hot.
- 9 They finished plowing the square field and then they hauled manure. I trimmed the currant bushes. In the afternoon, A. Swanson from the north side of the lake came for a visit.
- 10 Today it rained, so we did no work.

- 11 The boys mowed in the orchard—the third crop. I fixed the floor in the hog barn and then pruned some currant bushes. Cloudy weather all day.
- 12 **Sunday** Arvid Hagstrom preached in the morning and Valerius preached in the evening. Cloudy weather with rain showers.
- 13 Cloudy and warm weather with rain showers. The boys hauled manure, etc. I made a cover for a barrel and did other small jobs.
- 14 In the forenoon, the boys took the old sows to St. Bonifacius and sold them. After dinner, Axel and Oskar cut corn. Frank is not well. I did various small jobs. Cloudy, warm, and damp weather continues.
- 15 Axel and Oskar cut corn. Frank is not well. In the afternoon Frank went to St. Bonifacius with a barrel of apples to send to the boys in Maynard. I did various jobs. Warm and cloudy weather.
- 16 Axel and Oskar cut corn. In the afternoon the boys hauled in the hay from the orchard. I pruned currant bushes and hoed, etc. It is so cold today that the mosquitoes are not moving.
- 17 Axel and Oskar cut corn. Frank plowed by Peterman's field. I selected and brought in seed corn and then hoed. It was cool and nice weather.
- 18 First, Frank mowed the clover below the orchard, and then he went to P.D. Anderson's and threshed. Axel and Oskar finished cutting corn. I hoed, etc. Beautiful weather.
- 19 **Sunday**
- 20 In the forenoon, Frank plowed the field by Peterman's land. Axel dug potatoes. In the afternoon they hauled in the alfalfa from below the orchard. I cut weeds and hoed. Sunny and cool weather.
- 21 Frank plowed and Axel dug potatoes. I hoed by the apple trees. Warm and dry weather.
- 22 Frank plowed under the Canadian thistles. Axel and Oskar dug potatoes and finished digging them. I hoed, etc. Warm and dry weather.
- 23 In the forenoon the boys did various jobs. I hoed around the apple trees. Josephine went to Minneapolis with Per Daniel to a conference. In the afternoon, the boys husked corn.
- 24 The boys husked corn, etc. I hoed by the apple trees, etc.
- 25 Axel and Frank went to the county fair in Chaska. I hoed around the apple trees, etc. It is intense sunshine.
- 26 **Sunday** Valerius preached his farewell sermon.
- 27 The boys husked corn. I hoed around the apple trees.
- 28 The boys husked corn. Frank hauled a load of wheat to Waconia. I hoed, etc. In the evening, almost the entire congregation gathered at Broberg's for a surprise party for our preacher, Valerius. He leaves tomorrow for Chicago to go back to school.
- 29 The boys husked corn. I hoed around the apple trees.
- 30 Frank went with F. Lundsten and they shingled Ottinger's schoolhouse.

October

- 1 Axel threshed for Simon Peltz. Frank and I butchered a ewe and then we did various other

- jobs. Fridlund is here to visit. The hot sunshine continues.
- 2 This morning Peterman's threshing machine came here and they finished threshing at six o'clock in the evening. It is grand weather.
 - 3 **Sunday** Fridlund preached.
 - 4 Axel and Frank went to Niklas Swenson's and threshed. I fenced around the straw stack. It rained a little.
 - 5 The boys husked corn. I finished the fence around the straw stack and then hoed around the south grapevines.
 - 6 The boys husked corn and plowed the piece where the grain stack had been and by the island. I hoed in the garden, etc.
 - 7 The boys husked corn. Frank went to Waconia with a plow to be repaired. I hoed in the garden, etc. It is still dry and warm weather.
 - 8 The boys finished husking corn. In the afternoon Frank and Josephine scrubbed the school house. I hoed in the garden. We have a cold wind.
 - 9 In the forenoon the boys hauled home the last of the corn husks. In the afternoon Frank went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I hoed around the apple trees. Last night we had a hard frost. The water froze 1/8-inch deep and it was cold the whole day.
 - 10 **Sunday** It rained so hard we did not have a meeting.
 - 11 In the morning, Frank went to the Waconia mill with grist. In the afternoon he plowed the cornfield. Axel and Ida took up sugar beets. I hoed by the apple trees. Today I received a letter from Sweden. My brother, Rydell, died the 21st of September.
 - 12 Since I received a letter yesterday from my brother Rydell's grandson, Ivar Widéen from Laholm, Sweden, that my brother, Johannes Rydell, had died the 21st of September, 1897, today I wrote an answer to the letter from Widéen in Laholm. Frank plowed the corn field. Axel and Ida took up sugar beets.
 - 13 Frank plowed the corn field. Axel took up the carrots, etc. I did some repairs in the hog barn, etc. Beautiful weather. Today I mailed my letter to Ivar Widéen in Laholm, Sweden.
 - 14 The boys repaired the floor in the horse stalls. In the afternoon, Frank went to F. Lundsten's and helped butcher a hog. I hoed by the apple trees, etc. It is warm, beautiful weather.
 - 15 In the forenoon it rained. Frank made a stone boat. Axel harrowed on the other side of the track. In the afternoon I hoed by the apple trees. This evening and overnight we had a lot of rain.
 - 16 In the forenoon the boys harrowed with both teams. In the afternoon Axel went to get the mail and Frank harrowed. I hoed by the apple trees. Today it was great weather.
 - 17 **Sunday** Rosen preached. It is beautiful weather.
 - 18 Last night and today it has rained, almost the entire time. We did no work. In the morning, John Rosen came to visit. In the afternoon, John Rosen left here and went to John Nelson's.
 - 19 The boys harrowed with two teams. Frank also went to Waconia. I trimmed the grapes.
 - 20 Mamma and I went to Lobitz's place and pruned grapevines and then went to Andrew Swanson's and pruned grapevines. In the evening we went to John Nelson's and stayed

overnight with them. Frank harrowed and in the afternoon he husked corn for N. Swenson. Axel covered the grapes with earth, etc. Today the heifer, "Betty," was with P.D. Anderson's bull.

- 21 This morning Mamma and I left John Nelson's and went to Hjelm's place, where I pruned back his grapevines. In the evening we came home. Frank hauled milk to Waconia, etc. Axel husked corn for N. Swenson.
- 22 The boys hauled manure. I pruned grapes but I am not well, so I was in bed, lying down every once in a while. Yesterday and today it is beautiful weather.
- 23 The boys hauled manure. In the afternoon, Axel went to F. Lundsten's and hauled corn husks. Frank plowed the garden, etc. I pruned grapevines but I was often in bed, as I am not well. It is warm and great weather.
- 24 **Sunday** Beautiful weather.
- 25 The boys hauled manure. I pruned grapevines but I am not well. Warm and great weather.
- 26 In the forenoon Frank and I went to Waconia and borrowed money at the bank to pay for the land that Carl and Frank bought in Maynard, and then we bought checks for \$1,350 and sent them to Carl in Maynard. In the afternoon the boys hauled manure and I pruned grapevines. It is warm and beautiful weather.
- 27 This morning at six o'clock, Frank left for Maynard with the check to pay for the land that he and Carl bought. Axel drove Frank to Delano. I was in so much pain from the neuralgia that I could not work. It is beautiful weather.
- 28 I pruned grapevines. Axel and Oskar covered the vines with earth.
- 29 In the forenoon we finished pruning the grapevines and in the afternoon Axel and I dug up grapevines and heeled them in.
- 30 Axel hauled milk to Waconia and later he did various small jobs. I am not well. I was in bed for most of the day. It is beautiful weather but we have frost at night.
- 31 **Sunday**

November

- 1 In the forenoon, Axel and I butchered a ewe. In the afternoon we did various jobs. It was extremely nice weather.
- 2 Axel and I did various jobs.
- 3 Axel grubbed, etc. I smeared the grafts with liver to protect them from the rabbits. I also brought sawdust into the cellar and I will pack my grafts in this. Yesterday and today we have had wonderful weather.
- 4 In the forenoon Axel did various jobs and in the afternoon he went to Augusta and met Frank, who came home from Maynard. Frank had paid for the land that Carl and he bought. I did nothing. I am not well. Mamma went to Persson's and tied quilts.
- 5 In the forenoon Frank went to St. Bonifacius to get market quotations for livestock and in the afternoon he hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I did various jobs in the orchard. It is now colder weather.

- 6 In the forenoon Axel and Frank went to Waconia with milk and also had the cow, "Blossy," with them and sold her to the butcher. I wrote a letter to Valerius in Chicago. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. Axel helped Pettijohn to stack hickory wood on Zieman's land. I smeared the apple trees with liver. It is clear and cold weather now. Last night the water froze $\frac{1}{4}$ deep.
- 7 **Sunday** It is raining today.
- 8 It rained the whole night and the morning air was very damp. In the afternoon we have sunshine and warmth—a great Indian summer day. The boys made a fence by the sheep yard. I did various small jobs.
- 9 The boys finished the fence by the sheep yard. I did various jobs.
- 10 In the forenoon, Axel piled wood in S. Peltz's woods for Pettijohn. In the afternoon he did various jobs. Frank and I went to A. Bost for apple trees. It is cloudy weather. Today we took "Bessy" to P.D. Anderson's bull.
- 11 The boys hauled stones for foundation stones for the barn. In the afternoon, Frank hauled sand. Axel and I heeled in apple trees, etc. It is tolerable cold weather.
- 12 In the forenoon the boys laid out the foundation stones for the barn. I covered the strawberries. In the afternoon Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia. Axel and I finished covering the strawberries, etc.
- 13 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. Axel hauled milk to Waconia and Mamma went along to Waconia. Afterwards, Axel did various jobs. I did a variety of small jobs. It is cloudy but nice weather.
- 14 **Sunday**
- 15 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. I did various small jobs. It is chilly weather.
- 16 Frank hauled two loads of wood to Waconia. Axel set posts and repaired the fence in the home field between Niklas's and my land. I did various jobs. It is clear weather and the cold is tolerable.
- 17 In the forenoon the boys hauled cordwood to Waconia using both teams. In the afternoon, Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel and I butchered a hog. It is sunny but chilly weather.
- 18 The boys hauled four loads of wood to Waconia. I cut up the pork and also made grape cuttings from Beata grapes for Professor Green, etc. Today we had another beautiful Indian summer day.
- 19 In the forenoon Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel went to Victoria to meet Sandell from Minneapolis, but he did not come. In the afternoon the boys hauled wood to Waconia with both teams. Today I sent the Beata grape cuttings by mail to Professor Green in Minneapolis. It was a mild, sunny day. I did nothing, I am not well. In the evening at eight o'clock, Sandell came to us from Minneapolis. He came on the evening train to Victoria.
- 20 In the forenoon Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Axel hauled milk. In the

afternoon Frank hauled wood to Waconia and Axel burned off the swamp areas. I was not well. Warm, great weather.

- 21 **Sunday** Sandell preached in the morning and evening.
- 22 The boys did various jobs. Axel went to the depot in Waconia to get the grafting roots that Professor Green has sent to me, but when he brought them home, the roots were frozen hard as rocks. I repaired my wool slippers, etc. Today we took the heifer, "Bessy," to P.D. Anderson's bull for the second time. Today is sunny and cold.
- 23 The boys hauled dirt and filled in the area where we will build onto the barn. I did nothing. I am not well. It is sunny but cold weather.
- 24 The boys hauled dirt and filled up the well that is by the kitchen. I am not well. I only smeared liver on the apple grafts as protection from the rabbits.
- 25 Today is **Thanksgiving Day** for a good harvest. We did no work. Today we had our first snowfall, but it is not enough for sleighing. On the 23rd we took "Fanny" to P.D. Anderson's bull.
- 26 In the morning, Frank and Axel went to St. Bonifacius and sold two calves—they were one month old. In the afternoon the boys did various jobs. I am not well. Today we took the cow, "Flory," to John Kaufhold's bull.
- 27 The boys did various jobs. I am not well. In the afternoon it snowed. It is cold.
- 28 **Sunday**
- 29 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon they cut logs. I am not well. It is cold weather.
- 30 In the forenoon Frank and Axel went to St. Bonifacius with six hogs and sold them. In the afternoon they took two sows to Persson's boar. It has snowed the whole day. I am not well.

December

- 1 The boys cut timber in the forest, etc. It is cold weather. I am not well.
- 2 In the forenoon the boys cut timber. In the afternoon Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia and also had the horses shod. Cloudy weather. I was in bed.
- 3 Frank hauled a load of wood to Waconia. Later the boys were in the forest and cut timber, etc. I was mostly in bed. We have full winter now.
- 4 The boys cut timber in the forest for the barn, etc. Regular winter weather. I did nothing.
- 5 **Sunday**
- 6 Today Charley Norman and Lilly Johnson went to Minneapolis. Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon the boys hauled home timbers. I did nothing. Beautiful weather. Today we brought the small sow home from Persson's place.
- 7 John Lintnas was here today and clipped the horns of the cattle. Axel butchered a hog. Andrew Anderson cut cordwood for us. Frank did various jobs. Nice weather. I did various small jobs in the shop.
- 8 In the forenoon, the boys and Andrew Anderson butchered a steer. In the afternoon, Axel

and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank is not well. I did nothing. Today we had mild weather—the snow is melting.

9 Axel and Andrew Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia and then he hauled home cordwood. I did nothing. It is mild weather.

10 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank cut up the meat from the butchered steer and also did various other jobs. I was mostly in bed. Today it is colder weather.

11 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled milk to Waconia and afterwards did various other jobs. I did nothing. Cloudy weather but no snow.

12 **Sunday**

13 The boys hauled home green cordwood from the forest. I wrote to New York to order the medicine, Kava Kava. It is cloudy, but no snow yet.

14 Frank went to Waconia. Axel did various jobs. Today at eleven o'clock, Sture and Emma came home. They came on the train from Granite Falls to Norwood and then to Waconia. I did nothing.

15 This morning, Sture, Frank, and Emma went to Minneapolis. Axel drove them to Victoria. I did nothing. In the afternoon, Charles Norman came and said good-bye as he is going home to Granite Falls tomorrow.

16 Axel went after the mail and then did various jobs. In the evening at seven o'clock, Sture, Frank, and Emma came home from Minneapolis. Axel met them in Victoria. I did nothing. It is a very harsh cold.

17 Frank and Sture went to Waconia with milk. Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. It is intensely cold weather. Today we took the cow "Flory" to J. Kaufhold's bull for the second time.

18 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Cold weather.

19 **Sunday**

20 Today in the morning, Sture went home to Maynard. Frank drove him to Augusta. Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. I did nothing. Today we had great weather.

21 This morning Frank and A. Anderson butchered for Persson. Axel made some wooden mallets, etc. In the afternoon, Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank did various jobs and I did various small jobs. It is cloudy and cold weather.

22 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank did various jobs. I did a few various small jobs in the shop. Today the boys took the large sow to Peterman's boar.

23 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank went to Waconia to get the mail and also did various other jobs. I did various small jobs in the shop. It is a steady cold.

24 In the forenoon, Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank did various jobs. In the afternoon we did no work. It snowed some but not enough for sleighing.

25 **Christmas Day** We had a meeting in the forenoon. Sandell preached.

26 **Sunday** Sandell preached in Swedish in the morning and in English in the evening. Clear, great weather.

27 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank hauled milk, etc. Cloudy weather.

- 28 Axel and A. Anderson cut cordwood. Frank did various jobs. I did nothing. Today I have started taking the medicine, Kava Kava. Cloudy weather.
- 29 Axel and A. Anderson finished their job of cutting cordwood. Frank and Mamma went to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank did various jobs. I repaired my moccasins. Today we had mild weather, so it is thawing and the water is running from the eaves.
- 30 Axel and Frank cut down timbers and hauled out the green cordwood from the forest. I did various small jobs in the shop. It is grand weather.
- 31 Today it is cold and clear weather, so no snow. The boys did various small jobs and I was in the shop and did various small jobs.

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January

- 1 Before noon, we had our annual business meeting for the congregation in Scandia. In the afternoon, the whole family went to Per Anderson's for a party. Axel was home and took care of the animals. It is clear and beautiful weather.
- 2 **Sunday**
- 3 Frank went to St. Bonifacius and Waconia, and found out the price for hogs and pork. Then the boys did various jobs. I did nothing. We are hoping for snow but none has come. Today we took "Molly" to Kaufhold's bull.
- 4 The boys did various jobs. I did nothing. We have mild and clear weather, but no snow.
- 5 Frank and Axel went to St. Bonifacius and sold six hogs, and then they did various jobs. I did nothing. Mild and beautiful weather.
- 6 Before noon, the boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with butternut lumber to B. Rauen and bought a parlor sofa from Rauen. Axel was not well. I did nothing. It is calm and beautiful weather.
- 7 Frank went to Waconia with milk. In the afternoon, the boys put up a gate by the sheep yard. I did nothing. It is stormy weather, but clear with no snow.
- 8 Today I was very sick and I believe it was the Kava Kava medicine that I had taken several days ago. The boys did various jobs.
- 9 **Sunday**
- 10 & 11 The boys did various small jobs. I was in bed. I was very sick.
- 12 Frank went to Waconia and had the horses shod, and then they did various jobs. I was in bed. No snow yet.
- 13 The boys and Andrew Anderson sawed and hauled home ice from Per Anderson's lake. Beautiful weather. I did nothing.
- 14 The boys and Per Daniel's Fritchof sawed and hauled home ice. They even took the sow to F. Lundsten's boar that is at Niklas's. I did nothing. In the afternoon, Per Anderson, with Lovisa Larson, was here for a visit.
- 15 Before noon, the boys went to Waconia with milk. In the afternoon, they finished packing

the ice in the icehouse. I wrote a letter to Valerius.

- 16 **Sunday** Frank Peterson from Minneapolis and his wife were in Scandia for a visit. Peterson preached two times on Sunday.
- 17 The boys did various jobs. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wood. I did nothing. Beautiful weather and no snow. We took "Rosy" to Kaufhold's bull. Today, I mailed the letter to Walerius in Morgan Park.
- 18 The boys butchered a pig. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the evening, it snowed a little. I was in bed for the most part.
- 19 First the boys cut up the pork, and then Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood.
- 20 21 & 22 The boys did various jobs. Beautiful but dry weather. I am for the most part in bed.
- 23 **Sunday** Erik Larson from Minneapolis and Per Anderson visited us in the afternoon.
- 24 This morning, at six o'clock, Frank and Axel traveled to Delano. Axel went to Maynard. Carl and Charley Anderson were met in Delano and they traveled with Frank home. I am for the most part in bed. Beautiful weather and dry, but no snow yet. I wish it would rain or snow. I believe that my rheumatic pains would become better.
- 25 Frank and Carl went to the Chaska mill with meal. I began to graft apple trees. It is beautiful and dry weather.
- 26 Frank and Carl went to Waconia with milk and had the horses shod. I did small jobs.
- 27 The boys did various small jobs. It is beautiful weather, but no snow yet.
- 28 Frank and Carl went to Waconia and then they did various jobs. I grafted apple trees. The beautiful and dry weather continues.
- 29 The boys went to the graveyard and dug a grave for F. Persson's dead child they will bury. I grafted apple trees. The beautiful and dry weather continues. In the evening, Mamma went to the Persson's house to help them.
- 30 **Sunday**
- 31 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. Beautiful and dry weather yet continues.

February

- 1 I grafted apple trees. The boys did various jobs. Frank even went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. In the evening, there was a snowstorm.
- 2 I grafted apple trees. Frank and Carl went to Waconia with milk, and then they did various jobs. It is clear and cold. The snow is only one thumb deep.
- 3 Before noon, we had a business meeting in Scandia in order to decide whom we should call as our pastor during the summer. We decided to call Erik Walerius, and also to allow him to attend the University school in Minneapolis while serving as our pastor. We did no work, except that Frank hauled a load of cordwood to Waconia.
- 4 I grafted apple trees and finished. Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, we got a little snow with wind.
- 5 The boys hauled in wood from the woods. In the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of cordwood. I was sick and in bed the whole day.

- 6 **Sunday** I was in bed.
- 7 I did nothing. The boys hauled logs to the mill in Waconia, etc.
- 8 I did a little work in the shop. Frank and Carl hauled logs to Waconia for lumber for the barn.
- 9 I did various small jobs in the shop. Carl hauled logs to Waconia for the addition to the barn.
- 10 Today we had rain the whole day, so we could not work. In the afternoon, Emma went to Mrs. Persson to take care of her.
- 11 First Frank hauled milk to Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank and Carl went to Waconia with logs, two times. I did nothing. Cloudy weather.
- 12 Frank and Carl went to Waconia with logs for the sawmill. They took "Maggy" along and sold her in the Waconia market for \$31. In the afternoon, they hauled logs, again, to Waconia. I am for the most part in bed. It is clear and beautiful weather.
- 13 **Sunday**
- 14 Frank and Carl hauled logs to Waconia. Today it has snowed most of the day.
- 15 Before noon, Frank and Carl went to Waconia with logs and in the afternoon, Frank went to Waconia to haul lumber. In the afternoon, our Carl and Charley Anderson traveled to Freed's and they shall stay overnight. Tomorrow, they will travel up to Maynard. I did nothing. I am for the most part in bed.
- 16 Today we had a snowstorm the whole day. Josephine drove Charlotte Anderson over to Persson's house and brought Emma with her home. Frank did various jobs. I did nothing.
- 17 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I did nothing. Before noon, it snowed.
- 18 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. I did nothing. Somewhat beautiful weather.
- 19 Frank went to Waconia with milk. He took a calf along that he sold to the butcher, Sudheimer. I did nothing. Today it has snowed most of the whole day.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 Frank hauled two loads of cordwood to Waconia. In the afternoon, Axel came home from Maynard. He went by Litchfield, where he stayed over Sunday. He walked home from Delano. I did small jobs in the shop. Today "Nancy" went to Per Anderson's bull.
- 22 Before noon, Frank and Axel went to Waconia with a load of wood and they took home squared logs from the sawmill. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius for the lumber and shingles. I was in the shop and did small jobs. Today it is beautiful weather.
- 23 Today, we butchered the last two pigs. We are keeping one and the other we sold to Sudheimer in Waconia. In the afternoon, Frank took it to Waconia.
- 24 The boys cut up the pork before noon. In the afternoon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius for a load of shingles. I did nothing. Beautiful weather.
- 25 Frank went to Waconia after grist. Axel and I made brine for the pork and then I did nothing. Cold and beautiful weather.
- 26 I painted a harrow in the shop. The boys hauled green wood from the woods. Beautiful

weather.

- 27 **Sunday** Today there was a snowstorm.
28 Frank hauled milk to Waconia. I went with him. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. Beautiful weather.

March

- 1 Today there is a snowstorm. The boys and girls went to John Nelson's for a visit.
2 Today, the boys and Frank Lundsten began to build on the addition to the barn. In the evening, Frank went home with Lundsten and helped him butcher a pig.
3 The boys and Frank Lundsten worked on the addition to the barn. In the afternoon, I was in the shop and painted the other coat on the harrow. It is beautiful weather.
4 Today, we raised the addition to the barn. Frank Lundsten is here with Martin and Joel Swenson, and Andrew and Fritchof Anderson. In the evening, two men from Skåne came from Minneapolis and stayed overnight. They had gone to the west and bought horses. One was named Louis Sand.
5 The boys, Frank Lundsten, and Andrew Anderson worked on the addition to the barn. They put up the rafters and nailed the sheathing on the walls and the roof. I did nothing. It was beautiful weather.
6 **Sunday**
7 Before noon, Frank went to St. Bonifacius after shingles and lumber. In the afternoon, Axel, Frank, Emma, and Josephine went to Norman Lobitz's funeral. It was beautiful weather.
8 Today, Emma traveled from here to Maynard—she went by way of Granite Falls. Axel drove her to Augusta and then went to the election. Frank was even at the election. In the afternoon, the boys did various jobs. I set the teeth in the harrow and put some of the seed wheat out to sprout, etc. It was beautiful weather.
9 Before noon, Frank hauled milk to Waconia. Frank Lundsten and Andrew Anderson came here to shingle the barn, but it was too cold on the roof. They went home. I did nothing.
10 The boys, Frank Lundsten, and Andrew Anderson were here and shingled the barn. I did little jobs. It was beautiful weather.
11 The boys, Frank Lundsten, and Andrew Anderson shingled the barn and finished it. I did little jobs in the shop. It was beautiful weather. In the evening, Pettijohn, who taught in school this winter, had an entertainment with songs and music with the school children.
12 Last night, we got snow a thumb deep. This morning, Frank and Josephine went to a young people's conference in Minneapolis. They rode with F. Lundsten to Victoria. Axel hauled away the old shingles from the barn and did various jobs. I did little jobs in the shop.
13 **Sunday** Axel and I went to the meeting.
14 First, Axel went to Victoria and met Frank and Josephine. In the afternoon, Frank and Martin Swenson scrubbed the church. Axel did various jobs.
15 Axel and Frank sheathed the end of the addition to the barn. I made mortar in order to set the evaporation pans on the outdoor stove at the syrup kitchen. I also cleaned the stove. There

was a strong storm.

- 16 The boys nailed the boards on the barn wall and finished. They also put in part of the ceiling. I did nothing. I am not well. Even today, there is a strong storm.
- 17 The boys worked on the barn. I am not well. I was in bed.
- 18 Frank hauled milk to Scandia. In the afternoon, came a lot of snow.
- 19 Frank hauled milk to Waconia for N. Swenson. The boys also fanned the old wheat to use it for seed wheat and they hauled sap troughs out in the woods. Beautiful weather. I was in bed, for I am not well.
- 20 **Sunday**
- 21 The boys tapped the maples, plastered in the pans, and fanned the seed oats, etc. I was in bed. I am not well. We are having beautiful weather.
- 22 Today it is very cold with a northern wind. The boys worked in the shop and did various jobs. I was in bed. I am not well.
- 23 Frank went to Peterman's and helped to shingle their barn. Axel did various jobs. I was in bed. I am not well.
- 24 Frank went to Peterman's and helped to shingle the barn. Axel did various jobs. In the afternoon, Swan Swanson and his wife, Ingrid Christina, and Beata Carl Carlson were here for a visit. I was in bed. Dry and beautiful weather.
- 25 The boys hauled maple sap, cut cordwood, etc., and did various jobs. I am not well.
- 26 Frank hauled milk and then hauled sap. After, he began to sow wheat in the home field and haul sap and cook syrup. I became so sick today, they had to carry me to bed.
- 27 **Sunday** Today it snowed the whole day.
- 28 Before noon, Frank went to Waconia with a load of wheat. In the afternoon, the boys hauled manure. Sleighing is good. I am not well. I am in bed.
- 29 The boys hauled manure. I was in bed. It is clear weather but not mild weather.

Andrew Peterson died two days after this final entry, on March 31, 1898. He was 89 years old.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Ash house (woodshed): A place to store wood for the stove in the house. Ashes were kept as well. Ashes were used both in the garden to control pests, and in the soap-making process.

Barrow: A castrated pig.

Black besatting: Birch sap boiled down to a tar. It was used to paint the roof of a building to waterproof it. It was and is still used to paint the underside of a boat for the same purpose.

Brush scythe: A scythe used to cut brush.

Bushel: Bushel baskets hold the equivalent of four pecks or eight gallons of dry goods. See *peck*.

Chaff: Dust/dirt and leftover small particles from the process of threshing, flailing or any other harvesting process.

Chink: Chink or chinking refers to the small pieces of wood used to fill spaces between the larger logs of a log building. Not to be confused with daubing which is the mud that is placed between the chink and logs. See *daub*.

Chopper: A farm implement which chops things (generally grain stalks) into smaller pieces, making the stalks easier for animals to eat. The items once chopped are termed fodder or food for the animals.

Cistern: A deep hole dug manually in which water could be held for future use. A cistern was used to hold soft (rain) water as compared to water from a well which is termed ground (hard) water because of the mineral content.

Claim: A land claim is a legal declaration of desired control over a piece of land. Peterson refers to a person's claim, meaning it was where the person lived or place of residence. The Homestead Act of 1862 was active then and how settlers earned land ownership, by a residence of five years plus improvements, then "proving" their claim in court.

Clevis ring: Also called a clevis fastener. Still used today, a clevis ring is a three-piece fastener system consisting of a clevis, clevis pin, and tang. The clevis is a U-shaped piece that has holes at the end of the prongs to accept the clevis pin. The clevis ring is similar to a bolt, but is only partially threaded or unthreaded with a cross-hole for a split pin.

Club wheat: A type of hard wheat.

Cock hay: Also referred to as a hay stack or a shock (high mound) of hay. A cock or shock could be made of any grass, hay or grain stalk. See *shock*.

Cord: A cord is a measure or amount of wood. It corresponds to a well-stacked woodpile four feet high, eight feet wide and four feet deep.

Cradle: Short for cradle scythe. A cradle scythe is composed of a long handle, long curved blade and long wooden teeth (cradle) which catches the grain after it is cut. The full motion termed cradling cuts the grain, lays it on the wooden teeth, then as the worker continues moving the cradle over his/her shoulder, the grain falls into a pile. A scythe will cut the grain but will leave it where it was cut, necessitating it to be raked.

Crib: A place to store grain. In modern times, cribs are typically made of metal.

Cultivator: A piece of farm machinery used to remove weeds from between field crop rows.

Dalecarlian: Peterson uses this term to refer to a person who spoke a language spoken in Dalarna County, Sweden.

Daub: Mud/manure/straw/clay mixture used between the chinking and logs during the construction of a log building.

Depaternade meeting: A meeting designed to lobby for something.

Dovetail: The type of cut at the corners of a log building.

Drag: A farm implement pulled across a field to level it and cover the seeds.

Dressing (e.g. the sofa, the pillows): A case or covering designed to dress something up, such as a pillowcase or a cover on a sofa.

Evener: A wooden bar attached at the center of the hitch on a wagon, carriage or plow. It is hooked at either end to the traces of the horse's harness. The function of an evener is to balance the weight being pulled.

Farrow: A term used to describe a pig's giving birth or one which has newly given birth.

Flail: A flail is a tool used to beat the stalks of grain to remove the grain from the stalk. A flail is made of two pieces of wood, connected by leather and looking like a nunchuck. The process of removing grain from the stalk with a flail is called flailing.

Fro: A froe (or frow), shake axe or paling knife is a tool for cleaving wood by splitting it along the grain.

Geld: To neuter a male horse. A neutered male horse is called a gelding.

Glaze: The white putty used to glaze a window. Glazing forms a weathertight seal between the window's glass and wood.

Graft: A shoot or twig inserted into a slit on the trunk or stem of a living plant. Peterson was famous for his grafting of apple trees. The process formed a newer, better type of tree. This method was used to find and work toward a winter-hardy apple tree.

Grange: A farmers' group organized in 1867 in Minnesota, due to efforts of Oliver Kelley to bring the organization to Minnesota. This was part of a larger national organization, the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, founded in New York in 1867. The Grange sponsored social activities, community service, and political lobbying.

Grist: Grain that is ground to make flour.

Grub hoe: A basic rough, heavy hoe used to dig up soil that has not been planted prior. Primarily used in gardens or small areas.

Half-cord: An amount of wood corresponding to a well-stacked woodpile two feet high, four feet wide, and two feet deep.

Harrow: Also called a drag. A farming instrument pulled by an ox or horse across the field to break up dirt chunks and make the field more level. May be used to help cover seeds after planting.

Hay: In Peterson's early years of farming, hay or alfalfa as we know it did not exist. "Hay" was field grass that grew anywhere. Later, Wendelin Grimm would develop a winter-hardy alfalfa just a few miles from the Peterson farm. Grimm alfalfa would lead to Carver County's being called the golden buckle of the dairy belt, as the alfalfa would increase a cow's milk production.

Hoop: A washtub was made of wood with metal hoops surrounding it to keep it together. Hoops were also made and sold for barrels.

Hoop stick: The wood parts used to construct a washtub.

Korn: Peterson's use of the words corn, korn, and maize heavily illustrate his transition from Swedish to Svenglish to American. The word "korn" in Swedish is used to refer most often to rye, but generally the seed from any grain. In English, the word "corn" only refers to maize or American corn. Peterson uses korn until September 25, 1860. It is on that date that he begins spelling the word korn as corn with a "c". This change is significant as it indicates the beginning of his transition to becoming an American. Later, he uses the word maize and corn interchangeably.

La grippe: Influenza.

Last, boot: The bottom of a shoe or boot. A cobbler (shoemaker) would trace a person's foot and use this tracing to make a last, around which the shoe was built. A last is commonly, but not always, made of leather. A cobbler later had standard lasts made of metal he/she used as a form to make shoes in standard sizes.

Lathe: A woodworking instrument that rotates a wood piece so that the carpenter can make objects such as a bowl or a round leg of a table with symmetry.

Limekiln: A kiln in which limestone is burned or calcined to produce quicklime.

Lumbago: Pain in the lower back.

Manse: A Swedish word meaning a small bog or marsh. This is also the traditional word for a reverend's or pastor's house.

Mattock: An agricultural tool shaped like a pickaxe, with an axe and a chisel edge at the end of the head.

Middling: The middle part of the grain.

Orts: The small broken piece of grain left after threshing.

Peck: A measure of volume. Four pecks equal one bushel.

Pipe damper: A plate that is inserted into the pipe of a stove. A small handle outside the pipe is used to either open or close down the plate to control the airflow.

Pitch: To throw or toss.

Poll tax: A tax levied on all adults eligible to vote.

Psalmody: A single-string musical instrument.

Quackgrass: A type of weed or grass native to Europe, Asia, and the Arctic biomes. Quackgrass was commonly found along railroad banks since its seeds dropped from shipments of agricultural products. It is considered an invasive species today.

Raffia: Peterson uses the word raffia to refer to bark he removes from basswood trees to use for baskets or tying things.

Raising bee: A get-together in which a group of people would jointly raise the beams of a house, barn or other large building. "Bees" also referred to events where groups of people work together on a task, such as a quilting bee.

Rod: The rod is a surveyor's tool and unit of length exactly equal to 5-1/2 yards, 16-1/2 feet, 1/320 of a statute mile or one-fourth of a surveyor's chain (approximately 5.0292 meters). The rod is useful as a unit of length because whole-number multiples of it can form one acre of square measure. The "perfect acre" is a rectangular area of 43,560 square feet, bounded by sides of length 660 feet and 66 feet (220 yards and 22 yards) or, equivalently, 40 rods and 4 rods. An acre is therefore 160 square rods. (Wikipedia)

Roll (soil): A process used after seeds are planted. Rolling the soil presses the seed into the ground to prevent it from blowing away. The process helps with germination.

Sawbuck: Sawhorse.

Scantling: A piece of lumber with a small cross-section, used to make a building.

Scion: A young shoot or twig of a plant, especially one cut for grafting or rooting.

Scottish Fife wheat: A type of wheat.

Screen (rye): Verb: The process of removing the chaff from the grain. Noun: A screen was used to remove chaff from the grain.

Shanty: A temporary living space, generally very small and poorly made.

Shock of rye/wheat: A shock of grain is an organized pile of hay or grain. The pile is designed to allow airflow. See *cock*.

Shod (a horse): Verb. A horse is shod. After a farrier puts metal shoes on a horse, it was shod.

Slake (lime): The process of combining quicklime with water to produce calcium hydroxide.

Snath: Handle for a scythe.

Stanchion: The stall where an animal stands.

Stone boat: Peterson uses the term “sled” in the summer to refer to a stone boat. A stone boat looks like a simple low-to-the-ground sled, but is used in the summer to haul items to and from the field. It is usually pulled (dragged) by oxen.

Sulky: Noun. A type of wagon. It is dressier than a farm wagon and would be used to take people to town or visiting.

Tamarack: A type of tree. It makes cones but loses its leaves in the winter.

Thill: A shaft, especially one of a pair, used to attach a cart or carriage to the animal pulling it.

Thresh: The process of removing grain from the stalk. A thresher (threshing machine) is a larger machine that visited farms and could complete the threshing in a day or two. Oftentimes a person who owned a thresher would do custom threshing for area farms, moving from one to another over a period of a week, then moving to other areas. To hand-thresh would be referred to as flailing in reference to the tool used, a flail.

Trench (grapes): Grapes needed to be trenched in the winter to prevent them from dying. A trench would be dug and the vines laid in the trench and buried.

Varmlanders: People from the western central portion of Sweden known as Varmland.

Vestryman: The person in charge of the church parish.

Wainwright: A person who makes wagons or carts.

Walk out a line: The process of measuring out the line for a property by walking the perceived line of the property. It was a fairly accurate and very inexpensive method used to decide where a person's property line was.

Warp: A rug is constructed (woven) on a loom. The threads run either left and right (the weft) or from top to bottom (the warp).

Well curbing: The first (upper) part of the well which is lined with brick.

Well jack: Pump jack. Used to dig a well.

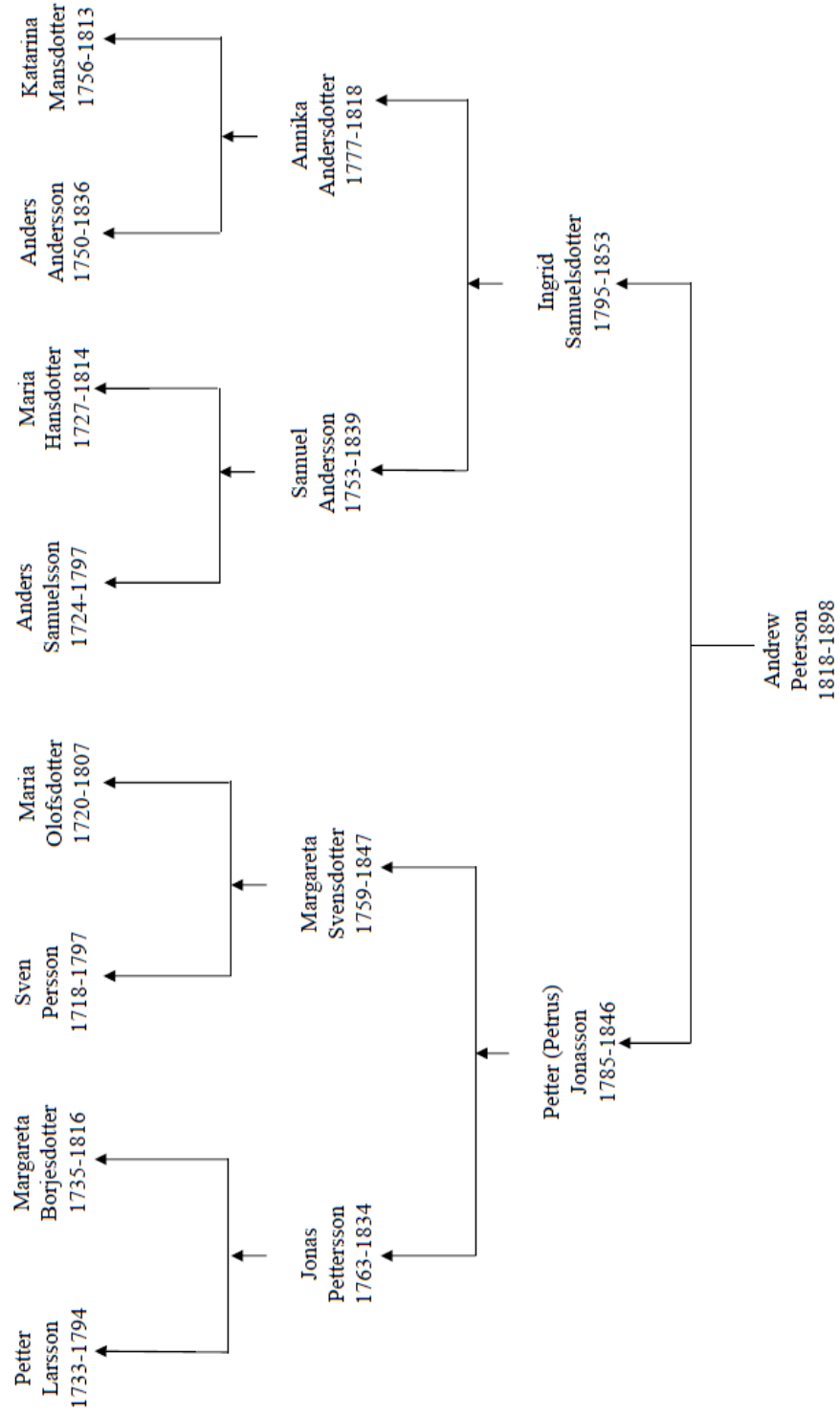
Wether: Castrated male sheep.

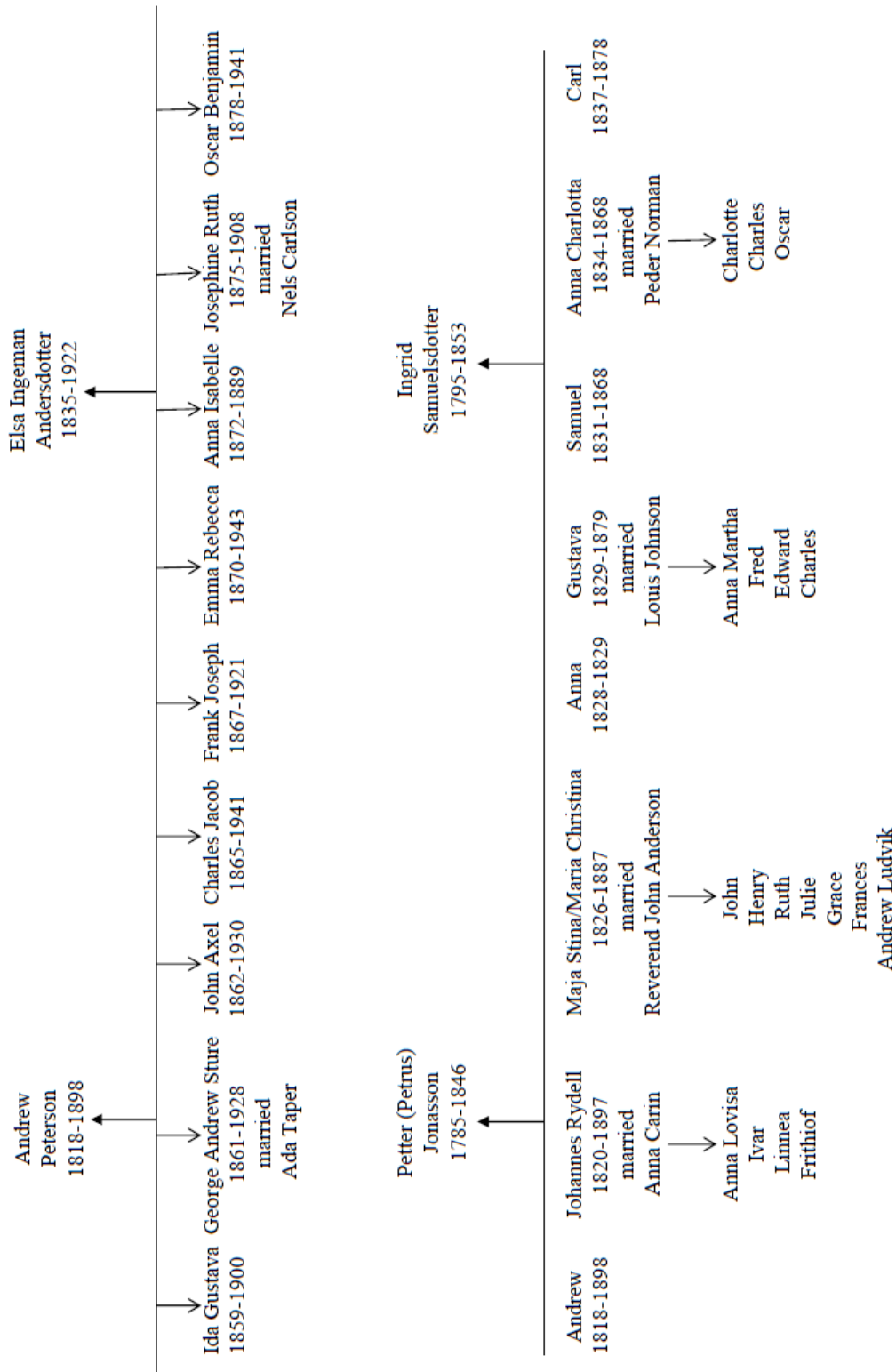
Whit Sunday: Pentecost, a Christian holy day, celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

Windlass: A type of winch used to lower buckets into and hoist them up from wells.

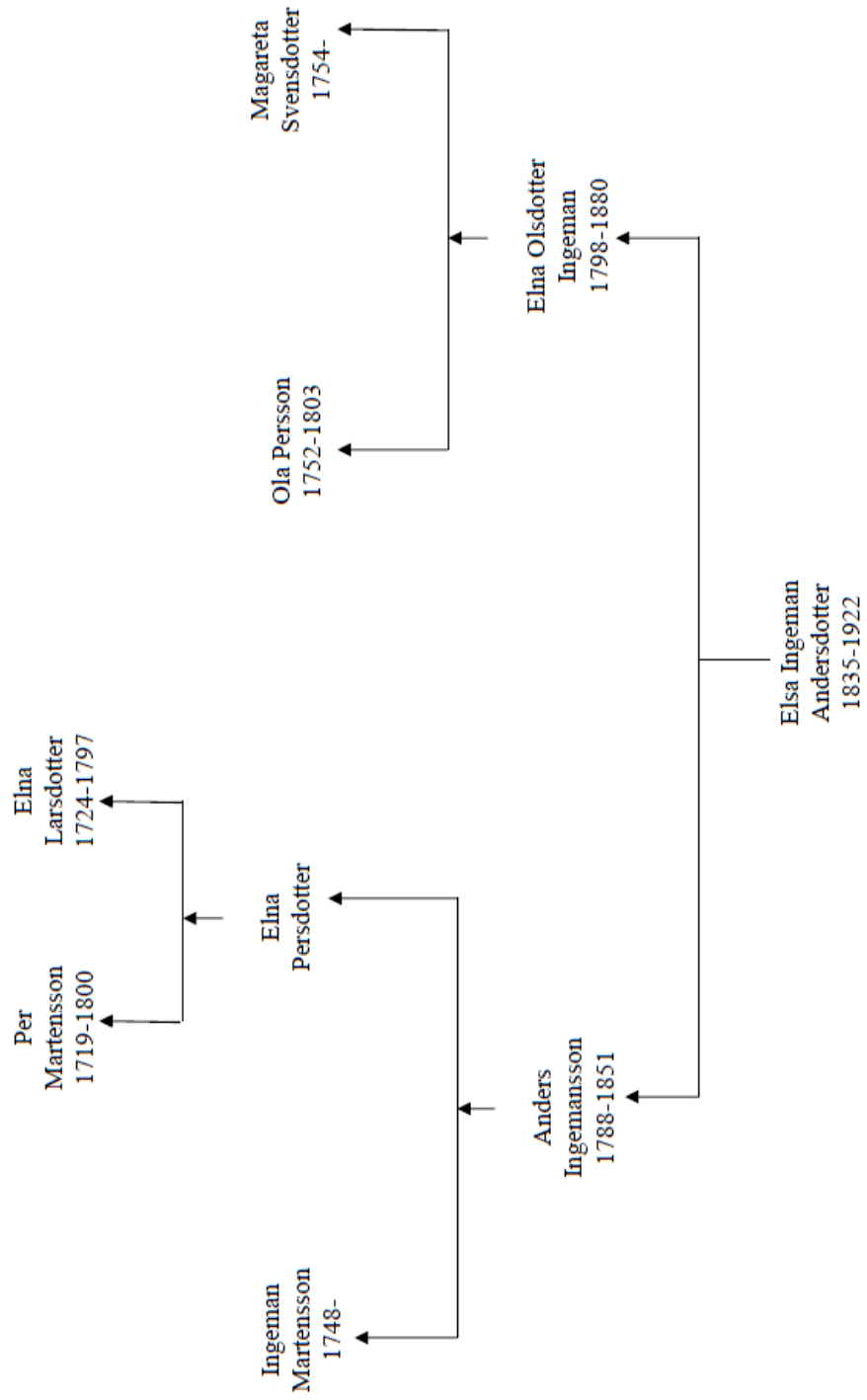
Windrow: A row of cut grain or hay, which is raked into the row so that it may dry before being collected and stored. Windrows are often turned to ensure even drying.

APPENDIX PETERSON FAMILY TREES





INGEMAN/ANDERSON FAMILY TREE



FARM SITE MAP

CURRENT SITE PLAN



Legend

- Buildings/ Features
- Property Lines
- Roads
- Trees (approximate)



Notes

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| ① Farmhouse
(restore to 1885) | ⑥ "Big" 1914 Barn | ⑩ 1874 Barn | ⑮ Barnyard Well & Well House
(requires Archaeological study) | ⑳ Proposed Area for Parking Lot |
| ② Granary | ⑥ Silo and Addition | ⑪ Fences | ⑯ Workshop | ㉑ Area for New Entry Building |
| ③ South Barn
(restore to 1885) | ⑦ Garage | ⑫ Apple Orchard | ⑰ Outbuilding | ㉒ Structures on adjacent property |
| ④ North Barn | ⑧ Early Residence | ⑬ Wagon Shed | ⑱ House Well | ㉓ House Foundation |
| ⑤ Smokehouse | ⑨ Boiling Pit | ⑭ House Privy | ⑲ Barnyard Privy
(requires Archaeological study) | ㉔ Clothes Line |

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