

WILLIAM SAVAGE,  
IOWA PIONEER, DIARIST, AND PAINTER OF BIRDS

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[Continued from the October, 1933, number]

*October 26, 1858.* Cut out Dr. Allen's cloak and sewed on it, and packed wood.

*27th.* Finished said cloak and worked on my pants. Rain.

*28th.* Pack wood and went to Cap's and got some molasses, and went to the timber and chopped a load of wood.

*29th.* Went to Hillsboro. Took Dr. Allen's cloak. L. and R. Wells came here and changed chickens.

*30th.* Went to mill and had Bennett's team to haul a load of wood, and hunting. Rain every day this week.

*31st.* Sunday. Chopped said load of wood and went to Salem.

*November 1, 1858.* Sewed some for Dr. Siveter (30 cts.) and S. and D. and I went to Frazier's sorghum works.

*2nd.* Sam S. and I went to Dr. Shriner's and to Steadman's cutlery.

*3rd.* Sewing all day for Dr. Siveter (75 cts.).

*4th.* Went from there to Uncle William's and helped lay cellar floor with stone.

*5th.* Underpinned Uncle's house with rock, and we killed two hogs.

*6th.* John and I hunted. I kill one prairie chicken and come home. Rain all this week.

*7th.* Sunday, hunting cow bell the cow lost on the 2nd. No find. Cleaned clock.

*8th.* Hunted bell and found it in brush fence. Put clock together and husked some corn.

*9th.* Shelled corn and hunted Bennett's horses and went to mill. Tom Siveter came here. First snow fell today.

*10th.* Hunting and Tom went home in evening.

*11th.* Went to mill, got my meal and commenced making Dr. S's pants.

*12th.* Help Wells undress two sheep some dogs killed early in the morning, then helped Cap kill a fat cow, and went back to Wells's and set trap.

*13th.* Went to Wells's and hunted till noon. Came home and sewed on Dr.'s pants.

*14th.* Sunday, snow an inch deep. Foddered cow second time this fall.

*15th.* Went around Stanley's and Weaver's field to Wells's.

*16th.* Sewing on Dr.'s pants.

*17th.* Finished said pants and made a shot pouch for David Siveter out of my coon skin, and went to Wells's and to Cap's after Anna.

*18th.* Harry Brothers and I ground our axes at Gill's, cut out my vest and went hunting.

19th. Cut two coats for Jack and Jim Bennett and cut some wood. A. Bennett hauled it.

20th. Work on schoolhouse free gratis.

21st. Sunday, paint a bird I killed four weeks ago.

22nd. Shelled some corn and took it to mill. Went to McCreddie's and to Sigler's field, and to Bennett's after Anna.

23rd. P. W. Bennett and I went to creek to get some peg timber, then he and I went to making shoes for his wife and girls.

24th. At the same.

25th. One half day at the same and a half day hunting hogs and mending Mr. Loomis' coat.

26th. Husking corn for said Loomis. Took a bushel basket for pay.

27th. Rain all day. Finished said coat and kill a hog, weighed 71½.

28th. Sunday.

29th. Went to Wells's, dug up some small peach trees he gave me, then I went to mill.

30th. Chopped and split rails for self.

December 1, 1858. Cord bed. Put handle in ax, shelled corn and went to mill.

2nd. Went to Salem and took Dr.'s pants and Dave's pouch. Stayed there all night. It snowed deep.

3rd. Went to Uncle William's, ate dinner, and came home by two bridges.

4th. Chopped wood.

5th. Sunday, went to Brothers'.

6th. Help O. M. Wells kill a beef and three hogs.

7th. Very cold. Fix my shoe and get some wood.

8th. Went to Josiah Bailey's. He paid me 30 cents for cutting a coat. Came home and shelled some corn.

9th. Took corn to mill and went to chop wood for self. I cut my left foot badly on big joint of small toe.

10th. Feed and cut wood.

11th. Shot two hogs for P. W. Bennett and he packed my wood.

12th. Sunday, David Siveter came here and brought pair of pants for me to make. L. and E. Wells came and we went to the creek, they to skate.

13th. Help O. M. Wells kill six hogs, then came home and cut out Dave's pants.

14th. Making Dave's pants.

15th. Had Cap Killebrew hauling wood and rails all day. He and I settled accounts even.

16th. In morning, help P. W. Bennett fix his boots. In evening, finished said pants.

17th. Kill a pig. Work on my vest and fix my shoe. Samuel Siveter came here.

18th. I fix the wadding in Sam's coat. Put my shoe on cut foot first time.

19th. Sunday, painting on cardinal grossbeak I caught in steel trap in my field.

20th. Hunted up the cattle and then went to Conley's and bought bottle of liniment, 25 ets. From there, up on prairie hunting. Rain and snow. Kill a possum.

21st. Commenced making Walter's sled. Uncle William and cousin John came with cattle to haul me some wood. Hauled one load and broke their sled roller. Then we commenced making a new tongue and roller. Finished it in morning.

22nd. I mended boots and shoes while they hauled wood and rails.

23rd. They went home. I mended Tom's boots and Aunt Mary's shoes.

24th. Shelled corn and took it to mill. Mend one shoe and got wood.

25th. Christmas. Went to Uncle William's. Took his boots and shoes. John and I hunted and I soled two boots.

26th. Sunday, stayed at Uncle William's.

27th. Came home and split some rails at home.



Charles Aldrich (left) and William Savage  
on the premises of Mr. Savage.

"Wednesday. Hoed in cane; O. plowed it. Trap 1 brown thrush, 1 robin, and one blue jay. Mr. Ed Harlan of Keosauqua and Mr. Aldrich from Des Moines here to look at bird pictures."—William Savage Diary, July 15, 1903.

28th. Commenced building fence around feed lot, and worked in house.

29th. Went to Wells's. Leonidas and I strapped his skates. Stayed there all day. Got 5¾ lbs. tallow. Saw two wild geese fly south and turn east. Rained at night.

30th. Snowed finely. I made Walter's sled, and dog bell collar.

31st. A. C. Bennett and I went deer hunting. We each wounded a deer and lost them.

January 1, 1859. A. C. Bennett, Tom and I hunted. Killed nothing.

2nd. Sunday, Tom went home. He took Bounce dog with him. I went a piece with him.

3rd. Help A. C. Bennett kill a hog, and I shelled corn.

4th. Took corn to mill, and Anna and I killed two hogs.

5th. Cut up hogs, and fetched home my meal. Killed an opossum.

6th. Too cold to do anything but feed and make fire.

7th. The same.

8th. Work on L. Wells's wammus.<sup>1</sup>

9th. Sunday, H. Sneath and his wife here (to protracted meeting).

10th. Helped Bennett kill hogs.

11th. Killed two more hogs for Bennett and two for self.

12th. A. C. Bennett and I went to Rome with said hogs. I sold two for \$5.25.

13th. Commenced making last.

14th. Finished last and fixed one shoe and commenced the other.

15th. Finished my shoes and got up some wood.

16th. Sunday.

17th. Went to Wells's and told him about the taxes, and from thence to Weaver's. They not at home. Got up some wood and then went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

18th. Went to Salem and paid my interest all up to Dr. Siveter. Sewed some for the Dr.

19th. Sewed some and went back to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

20th. Came home and got some wood.

21st. Very cold. I shelled corn. G. and W. Watson took it to mill for me, and waited and got it ground.

22nd. Intense cold. Chopped and split eighteen rails and poles and some wood.

23rd. Sunday.

24th. Threshed my buckwheat.

25th. Cut brush and cut out Walter's pants.

26th. Mend shoes at Bennett's half the day, then cut out Walter's coat.

27th. Fixed to go to Keosauqua. Rained so hard we did not go. I tracked a mink from my field to Wells's pasture and lost it on account the light snow and rain. Then sewed on said coat.

<sup>1</sup>Wammus, an undercoat or jacket, usually with a short skirt.

28th. Went to Wells's and gave him money to pay my taxes. Then cut out Dr. Siveter's vest.

29th. Cut off brush in field.

30th. Sunday.

31st. Cut brush and went to creek bottom and set two steel traps.

February 1, 1859. Went to traps, and shelled corn and to mill. Finished Walter's coat.

2nd. Anna and I and the two boys went to Uncle William's. Left them there and I came back the same day.

3rd. Had a very bad cold. Sewed some on Dr. Siveter's vest and helped Harny Brothers kill some woods chickens.<sup>2</sup>

4th. Very cold. To trap, and stayed to Bennett's most of the time.

5th. Cold. Fed cattle and went to Bennett's.

6th. Sunday, to trap. Had a large mink in steel trap.

7th. Went to Uncle William's after Anna. Thawed and was very muddy.

8th. Stayed at Uncle William's. Snowed.

9th. Very cold, but we started and came home. Crossed at Warnerford and Carter bottom cutoff.

10th. Went to mill and got some meal. Sewed some.

11th. Sewing, and to the trap.

12th. To Bennett's, and pack wood.

13th. Sunday. Harny Brothers and wife came here.

14th. P. W. Bennett and I went to Bonaparte. I bought a sack of salt, \$1.60.

15th. To trap. Kill a possum, shell corn and went to mill.

16th. Got wood, sewed, went to trap.

17th. Finished Dr. Siveter's vest and got wood. Went to mill. Got my mail.

18th. Saw first wild geese. Went to Salem with Dr.'s vest. Heard blue birds. Stayed all night.

19th. Went to Uncle William's and stayed that night.

20th. Sunday. Came home. John S. was here.

21st. Mend John's and Thomas' boots, and went part way home with John and saw wild ducks. Anna sold mink skin, 75 cents.

22nd. Anna and I went to Sneath's. I stayed till noon, then went by creek and got my traps.

23rd. Mend my pants, split some rails south side of field, and set my traps below Sigler's mill.

24th. To trap and to Sneath's after Anna. While there it snowed so hard she could not come home. I came home.

25th. I started for Weaver's. Lem B. said he was not at home. I stayed there most of the day.

<sup>2</sup>Domestic chickens frequently take to the woods.—J. A. S. (This and subsequent notes thus initialed is by John Albert Savage, born September 17, 1858, to William, the diarist, and Anna, his wife. See *ante* for that date, ANNALS, XIX, p. 112. Any other footnotes are by E. R. Harlan, unless by neither of these, when they will be accredited to the source by name.—E. R. Harlan.)

26th. Mending my shoes.

27th. Sunday. Sneath brought Anna with his and Jim's wives on his ox sled on their way to meeting.

28th. Shell corn and took it to mill, and to trap.

March 1, 1859. Rainy. Went on prairie chicken hunting and killed one. Saw meadow larks. Went to mill and got my corn meal. Bennett and I went over the creek and got some grass.

2nd. To trap and Samuel Siveter came here and we went to mill. Then I fixed his coat.

3rd. To trap and shelled corn. H. Giberson came and told me Mayberry Killebrew was very sick. Anna and I went there. He was dead. Died about noon. I went to Hillsboro for them. We stayed all night.

4th. Came home and fed and went back and stayed all that day.

5th. Mayberry buried at the Spencer graveyard. I drove Captain's team. Roads very muddy. Cap and family went to William Morris' and we stayed at Cap's house till Sunday evening when they came home.

7th. Heavy rain. Went to creek and got my steel trap. Was afraid the creek would rise over it as it did over my two-springed ones, which are five feet under water. Put a back in Dr. Allen's cloak.

8th. Went to Sneath's for milk and to bottom and to trap. Caught a mink in deadfall.<sup>3</sup>

9th. To trap and chop some poles for rails.

10th. To trap. Shot first duck this spring. Shot prairie chicken and a fox squirrel, and chopped poles.

11th. To trap. Got wood and went to Wells's and got my receipt. Took Dr. Allen's cloak for him to take to Hillsboro.

12th. Trap caught a possum. Went to mill, and to Loomis'. Got a small basket for fixing his coat. Mrs. McCreddie paid me \$1.00 cash. Tom Savage came here. I shelled some corn and we took it to mill and got it ground.

13th. Sunday, to trap. A possum in deadfall. I shot three ducks.

14th. Trap, and went home with Thomas. Stayed all night.

15th. Went to William Deacon's to get some black, white, and red current and gooseberry slips, then back to Uncle William's and helped fix the well and put a curb on. Stayed all night.

16th. Came home and set out said slips.

17th. To trap and got my large trap by taking off one spring and letting the chain remain in creek. Rained and finally turned to snowing furiously, and a very cold wind.

18th. H. Sneath came with his cattle and took a sack of corn to mill for me. He and I ground my ax, and got our corn ground.

19th. Went to Cap's and to Wells's and to Sneath's for milk. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Sneath.

20th. Sunday.

21st. Chopping brush for H. Sneath for one bushel seed corn.

<sup>3</sup>A trap, set commonly with figure four triggers so rigged under a log that falling, it crushes the animal.

22nd. For the same, he agrees to come and plow my field after he has done his own.

23rd. The same.

24th. Husk my corn and built part of the fence on south side of the field.

25th. Also next day grubbing for Sneath as before stated.

27th. Sunday. Kill two ducks.

28th. Cut pair pants for A. C. Bennett, fixed shoes and sewed in house. Stormy.

29th. Got wood, and went to Sneath's. They not at home. Went to Gill's shop. Found Sneath there. Told him I took my sack to his house.

30th. Went again to Sneath's and picked out my seed corn. Got wood.

31st. Went to Uncle William's and from there to Salem. Stayed all night at Dr. Siveter's.

April 1, 1859. Back to Uncle William's and fixed Tom's boot, and then home.

2nd. Got wood and sewed some, and moved the stove. John Savage came and I fixed his boot and went fishing, first time this spring. Caught two suckers.

3rd. Sunday. Kill one duck.

4th. Chopping poles and shelled corn and went to mill twice.

5th. Chopped poles, and cut out a coat for Hen Hopper.

6th. Splitting rails and dykes [or stakes.—J. A. S.] for O. M. Wells, 50 cts. per day. Same next day.

8th. Lem Bennett cut brush for me to pay for Arthur's pants, and I hunted in the evening.

9th. Piled brush, and went to Hillsboro and to Wells's.

10th. Sunday. Fixed my boot.

11th. Cut out a coat for L. McGee. P. M., work for O. M. Wells chopping.

12th. For the same in the stoop and making garden fence.

13th. The same.

14th. At home. Shelled corn and went to mill. Caught a good mess of fish.

15th. Got wood and went to Wells's. Stayed there chatting till afternoon. Bought  $8\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. soap of him. Chopped south side.

16th. I went to Uncle William's. Shot one duck and one turkey going.

17th. Sunday. Came home in evening and John with me.

18th. I mended a pair of boots for Uncle William. John went duck hunting. Kill two. C. Giberson sent for Anna, his wife being sick. I work on fence.

19th. Went to Hillsboro, bought one gallon molasses, 60 cts. P. M., worked on south fence.

20th. Not well. Burnt some brush in field.

- 23rd. Cut poles and commenced making garden. Sowed parsnips, beets, carrots and lettuce.
- 24th. Sunday. Kill two ducks.
- 25th. Cut brush, work on fence, and sowed grass seed.
- 26th. Fishing, came a tremendous hail, rain, thunder and lightning storm.
- 27th. Shell corn and put it aloft.
- 28th. Work on fence. Thomas Savage came here and we went fishing.
- 29th. Rainy. Fishing.
- 30th. Finished said fence, and Tom and I went fishing with Cap.
- May 1, 1859. Sunday. Tom went home.
- 2nd. Fishing for Solomon Gill to partly pay him for making a hoe for me. Went in creek with Frazier's Co. seining. We caught thirty. Then work on fence.
- 3rd. Cut poles, shelled corn and went to mill. Caught eight fish, sold them for 10 cts.
- 4th. Went to McCreadie's, bought 7 lbs. pork. Went to Gill's with Jonathan Hoskins and got my hoe. Then worked on fence north.
- 5th. Making garden and fishing.
- 6th. Finished fence round shed yard.
- 7th. A. M. on fence. P. M., rainy, and fished.
- 8th. Sunday. We went to Carter bottom and dug flower roots, and I caught a good mess of fish.
- 9th. Fixed brush fence around pasture and work on pole fence.
- 10th. Burnt brush in yard and went to Sneath's to see how they prospered with their work. Set in there and helped plant Jim's corn and mark out Sneath's.
- 11th. Worked for Sneath.
- 12th. I carried our harrow to Sneath's for 25 cts. P. M., worked for Sneath.
- 13th. Worked for Sneath. Finished his old corn ground.
- 14th. Sneath came here with team and commenced plowing my ground.
- 15th. Sunday. Rain at night.
- 16th. Fix my boot, shelled corn and made hoe handle.
- 17th. Sneath came and tried plowing. It was too wet and we quit.
- 18th. Also 19th, plowing.
- 20th. Commenced marking out my ground.
- 21st. Finished marking out and I commenced planting.
- 22nd. Sunday. Pile preached here.
- 23rd. Sneath and I planting my corn.
- 24th. Rainy, but we finished planting my corn and went and chopped and split rails for Sneath.
- 25th. At the same.
- 26th. Rainy. Got most of my corn in the house.
- 27th. Making rails.



- 28th. Cutting and burning brush for Sneath.
- 29th. Sunday. Aunt Hannah died.
- 30th. Rain. Went to mill, got some corn ground, and caught fish. Made a bar and cut out Anna's shoes. Set out cabbage and tomato plants.
- 31st. Plant beans, dug a piece of ground and plant 14 potatoes Tom bought.
- June 1, 1859. Old cow had heifer calf, Birdie. I helped O. M. Wells plant corn.
- 2nd. Also the 3rd and 4th, Planting, hoeing and fencing for Wells.
- 5th. Sunday.
- 6th. Cut poles and went to mill.
- 7th. Picked my corn with a fork and replant. It was covered too deep. Sam Siveter just called here. Rainy.
- 8th. Forking my corn.
- 9th. Finished my corn. Fix brush fence, east P. M. cut poles.
- 10th. Work on road south of Andrew Simon's.
- 11th. Work on road.
- 12th. Sunday. Went in creek swimming first time.
- 13th. Rain. Shelled corn and went to mill and got it ground. Went to S. Gill's and had fire shovel fixed and two [h]arrow spikes, and chopped sprouts and gave him some six-weeks [seed] corn for pay.
- 14th. Had P. W. Bennett plowing my new ground. I fetched the harrow from Cap's and we harrowed and marked it out. I planted a few rows. At night came a terrible storm.
- 15th. Cut out a coat for George Stanley, mowed weeds and set out tobacco plants. I went to Cap's.
- 16th. Went to Cap's with Anna and then fixed brush fence. Cut some poles. Rainy.
- 17th. Got wood, then went to Salem. Stayed all night.
- 18th. Traded some in town and went to Uncle William's. Rainy. We boys went fishing.
- 19th. Sunday. Bought 125 sweet potato sets. Brought a coat to make for Dr. Siveter.
- 20th. Set out sweet potatoes and cut out Dr.'s coat and planted corn.
- 21st. Went to Bonaparte with Cap, sold feathers (duck and chicken) for \$2.25 and bought six yards of cottonade and thread and two pairs of shoes for \$3.00. Caught a few fish.
- 22nd. Finished planting my new piece of corn and went to mill. Caught a good mess of fish and sewed on Dr.'s coat.
- 23rd. Had Cap's mare and plowed corn.
- 24th. The same. Rainy. P. M., went to Gill's shop and got ring and plow fixed.
- 25th. Finished Dr.'s coat.
- 26th. Sunday. Went to Salem with said coat.
- 27th. Sewing for Dr. and came home in evening.
- 28th. Worked on pole fence and hoed my sorgo some.

29th. Rainy. Worked on my pants. Got all my corn in house.

30th. Hog got in field. Mend my pants and went to mill, and hoed corn.

July 1, 1859. Hoe corn and garden.

2nd. Rainy. Finished my blue pants. Thomas Savage came here.

3rd. Thomas and I went to Wells's and then to the creek.

4th. Tom fished homewards and I hoed sorgo for old Cap.

5th. Hoed my sorgo and corn.

7th. Had Cap's mare to plow corn.

8th. Plowed part of day. Not well. Anna took mare home.

9th. Went to mill with Bennett's mare. Caught some fish. Went to Wells's and to Sneath's. Got some sage to dry.

10th. Sunday. We all went down to the creek.

11th, also the 12th, hoed corn.

14th. Rainy. Hoed some and helped Bennett kill a sheep.

15th, also 16th, harvesting for Wells. Hottest days.

17th. Sunday. Hunting some.

18th. Worked for Wells  $\frac{1}{4}$  day and then hoed corn at home. A heavy storm at night blew my corn down badly.

19th. Went with Wayne Watson to cut a bee tree on Rock Creek. He had a bucket full of honey. I hunted the rest of the day.

20th, also 21st and 22nd, mowing, haying and stacking for O. M. Wells.

23rd. Haying and hoeing for O. M. Wells, all for 75 cts. per day.

24th. Sunday. H. Brothers and wife here.

25th. Haying for O. M. Wells.

26th. Went to Salem, and from there to Uncle William's after a letter from Sarah Merritt.

27th, also 28th, and half of 29th haying for Wells, other half of 29th hoeing at home.

30th. Rainy. Fix my boots and pants.

31st. Sunday.

August 1, 1859. Shelled corn, went to mill and hoed corn at home.

2nd. Hoed in my new piece of corn. Rain at night.

3rd. Thomas Lefevere died. Rain. Cut out and sewed on Dr. Siveter's pants. David Siveter came here.

4th. He and I went to Scrabble Point turkey hunting. I killed my first one this season.

5th. Cut poles.

6th. Finished hoeing my new piece of corn.

7th. Sunday. Bee hunting.

8th, also the 9th. Stacking wheat at Wells's.

10th. Stacked hay for Wells a half day, the other half cut out Leonidas' coat.

11th, also 12th, sewing on same.

13th. Finished it, and cut out vest and sewed on Rufus Wells's coat.

14th. Sunday. Bee hunting. Found two trees. One I mark W. H., the [first] I had the pleasure of marking.

15th. Mowing for Sneath.

16th. One half day for same, other half sewed, went to creek bottom, and made a bee hive.

17th. Wells, L. R. and I went and cut my bee tree. Had about 50 lbs. of honey. Hived the bees. Came home and Anna and I and the boys went to Sneath's. They stayed all night and I came home.

18th. We went to Salem with Sneath and his family. On the road going the oxen broke the fore axletree. We rigged up with a pole and went to town and he had a new one made, \$2.50. I bought a sack of flour, \$2.85; Anna, dress, \$1.12½. I came home with Sneath and Anna stayed in Salem.

19th. Sewing.

20th. Sewed on two coats and went to mill. L. Wells came and stayed all night here.

21st. Sunday. He and I went bee hunting. I found two, and he one.

22nd. We went and cut said trees. Of my first, 60 lbs.; L. Wells, 20; my next, 8. The one who found the tree had the bees.

23rd. Divided our honey, and I cut brush and made fence.

24th. Cut poles and made fence.

25th. The same. Thomas Savage came here.

26th. Tom and I went down the branch to pick grapes. Watch treed some turkeys. I went to the house, got my gun and shot one turkey and one partridge. P. M., we picked some grapes.

27th. Very rainy, so that we could not go to camp meeting.

28th. Sunday. Tom and I went to Uncle William's and from there to camp meeting. I stayed at Dr. Siveter's all night.

29th. To camp meeting. Then David Siveter took Anna and the boys to camp ground and we rode home with Cap Killebrew.

30th. In A. M. I chopped brush and in P. M. Sam'l Siveter came. He and I went to Scrabble Point and stayed all night at Mr. James's. Had supper and breakfast. Sam paid 50 cts.

31st. Then went to George Sears's. Sam brought home a cow they lent him, Sears going to Ohio next day. Afternoon I cut poles and wood and went to Cap's.

September 1, 1859. Help Cap mow and stack part of his Hungarian grass in return for his mare.

2nd. Finished Dr. Siveter's pants. Sick at night.

3rd. Not well all day.

4th. Sunday. Better. Sneath and wife here.

5th. Went to Sneath's after Anna's shoes. They not at home. I hunted some. Hogs got in my cornfield. Second time I worked on fence.

6th. Help Cap stack his hay, and he hauled one load of wood for me. I work on fence.

7th. On said fence.

8th. At the same, finish north string.

9th. Rainy. Cut out and sewed Dr. Siveter's vest.

10th. Work on fence.

*11th.* Sunday. Stopped gap in fence. Went to Uncle William's all night.

*12th.* Went to Salem, sewed there in the afternoon. At night Thomas and David Siveter and I went to Wesleyan camp meeting.

*13th.* Went back to Uncle William's, from there to Sneath's and thence home.

*14th.* Went to mill and on other side of creek hunting. David Burden came here and he and I went to Wells's and to Sneath's and to Carter bottom hunting his ox Luke.

*15th.* A. M., on fence. P. M., went to Uncle William's to tell Dave I heard of his ox at Killebrew's.

*16th.* He came home with me and it was not there then. I picked some seed corn.

*17th.* Dave went home without his ox. I mended Anna's shoes and worked on my fence.

*18th.* Sunday. Paint a bird D. B. shot, resembling a moor hen, its name unknown.

*19th.* Rainy. Mend my pants and went to Well's' and picked elderberries.

*20th.* Finished said fence and wrote a letter for Mrs. Sneath.

*21st.* Commenced cutting my corn, one shock, it was too green. Then went over to creek to see my bees. Two stands at work well and one nothing in it. Sat up all night at Sigler's with the sick.

*22nd.* Sleepy. Got wood, shot three squirrels and carried rails down to gap to make hogpen.

*23rd.* Work for Cap quarrying and hunting rock, and cut and hauled a load of wood.

*24th.* Chopped wood afternoon. Had Cap's team and hauled two loads.

*25th.* Sunday. Went to Nicholas Boley's; they not at home, came back as far as Brothers'. Stayed there till middle of afternoon and came home and wrote a letter to John R. Wetsel. Rainy all day.

*26th.* Chopped wood and bladed sorgo for Cap.

*27th.* Shelled corn, took it to mill and cut corn, four shocks.

*28th.* Cut seven shocks corn.

*29th.* Cut six shocks.

*30th.* To Wells's and to Cap's twice. One of my shoats died. Buried it, and cut three shocks.

*October 1, 1859.* Cut five shocks.

*2nd.* Sunday. Shot four quails for W. D. Sigler and two squirrels, and we went to Wells's. He paid me \$3.75 in cash. Mrs. Sigler died.

*3rd.* Anna and I went to the funeral. Anna stayed at house and I went to graveyard. I cut a few hills of corn.

*4th.* Cut pants for West Runyan, and cut five shocks of corn.

*5th.* Cut five shocks.

*6th.* A sharp frost. Hunting and shelled corn and took it to mill. Cut two shocks.

7th. Thunder shower. Put up four shocks and finished, forty-two in all. Dug sweet potatoes and went to mill.

8th. Dug Irish potatoes, then shelled beans and made hogpen. H. Sneath and Samuel Siveter came here. I went down to creek bottom to see Sam's land.

9th. Sunday. Anna and I went to Uncle William's with Cap's team, and back at night.

10th. Work for Cap making molasses.

11th. Cut up my cane and Cap hauled it. Worked for Cap and called the day even.

12th. Boiled my juice and some of Wells's.

15th. Shot one prairie chicken. Received of Cap six gallons molasses, two due me. David Siveter came here. I not well.

16th. Sunday. I sick. David went home.

17th. Not well. Bennett and I went to Cap's. He helped me carry my molasses home and I mowed south fence corners. Then came the first snow squall.

18th. Better. Went down to Sneath's to see how they were. Kill three squirrels and one prairie chicken in field.

19th. To Cap's and got said two gallons of molasses. Shell corn and take it to mill. Fix side board and put rounds in ladder and clean out cistern.

20th. Cutting up and binding my fodder. Stack it up.

21st. Went to Cap's. Paid him borrowed powder, and to Wells's. Shot one hog. Got some beets and horse-radish leaves. Wheeled some manure.

22nd. Wheeling manure.

23rd. Sunday. Went over creek twice. Got my two bee hives.

24th. Cut out a coat for old Loomis. Went to Wells's to borrow his trowel, and daub some on house.

25th. Daubing house.

26th. Wheeled one load of lime and two of sand and plastered inside of house.

27th. Shelled corn and took to mill, then cut forks and fix eaves troughs.

28th. Went to creek and got white oak bark<sup>4</sup> for John. Kill one partridge. Took Wells's trowel home, and to Cap's and got my single-tree and clevice.

29th. Went on to prairie. Kill no chickens. Then went to Sigler's mill to the sale of bridge timber. I bought 1 long bar, 11 nuts and 11 caps for 35 cts. and sold the caps for 10 cts. to John Watson.

30th. Sunday. Went to N. Boley's. Not at home, then went to Widow C. Stanley's, stayed all day, shot prairie chicken.

31st. Cleaned one clock. Got wood and carry water. P. M., chopped in woods.

<sup>4</sup>Inner bark of the white oak made an astringent tea or poultice, applied in various maladies.—J. A. S.

- November 1, 1859.* Cut wood. Kill one prairie chicken.
- 2nd.* A. C. Bennett and I hauled two loads of sand for them and one load of wood for self.
- 3rd.* Went to Uncle William's to ask John to apply for our school. Back at night.
- 4th.* Went to Captain's sale. I acted as clerk & e 36 cts. Bought big pot and taffy, \$1.00.
- 5th.* Cut out vest for Cap. Cleaned out hole. Sewed on Dr. Siveter's vest. At night I watched T. McCreddie's field.
- 6th.* Sunday. Anna and I went to Daniel Burger's on visit.
- 7th.* Not well. Went to Watson's mill. Got a bird John shot.
- 8th.* Unwell. Drew off said bird.
- 9th.* Better. Shelled corn.
- 10th.* Painted said bird. Jack Bennett took my corn to mill. At night Anna and I went to Bennett's party.
- 11th.* Sewed some and went to bed. At night came snow one inch deep.
- 12th.* Foddered cattle first time. Very cold. Carry water and did chores.
- 13th.* Sunday. At home.
- 14th.* On prairie hunting.
- 15th.* Chopped a load of wood. In P. M. A. C. Bennett hauled it for me.
- 16th.* Sewed some on Dr. Siveter's vest.
- 17th.* Finished said vest.
- 18th.* Helped P. W. Bennett tend his plasterer, Sam Pope.
- 19th.* Went to William C. Morris' and traded Lady heifer for three calves and a new ox yoke.
- 20th.* Sunday. To meeting. Jasper Boley buried.
- 21st.* James L. Davis and I took Lady to William C. Morris' and brought said three heifer calves back.
- 22nd.* Fix Dick's poker and the brush fence around calf lot, split four rails and chopped some wood.
- 23rd.* Husked and shelled some corn. Went to Job Davis' and helped him unload corn, then he hauled one load of wood for me. Went to mill and carried two boards up from creek.
- 24th.* Went as far as Sneath's. Rained. Stayed to dinner, then went to Salem. Rained very hard. Stayed at D. Shriner's all night.
- 25th.* Went to Dr. Siveter's. Dr. and I hunted some, then I sewed in house.
- 26th.* Sewed for Dr. till 2 o'clock, traded in Salem and went as far as Uncle William's and stayed all night.
- 27th.* Sunday. Kill prairie chicken and came home.
- 28th.* Cut out a coat for John Mac Davis and cut a pair of shoes for Walter.
- 29th.* Made said shoes.
- 30th.* Anna and I went on prairie to W. C. Morris' to get a bill of

Anna's wages written out legally. He advised me to write on east and get it written out there according to New York laws. Dr. Siveter came here and stayed all night.

*December 1, 1859.* Very cold. Husked and shelled corn, took it to mill and got it ground.

*2nd.* Lousy calf died. Chopped wood for self. Had Job Davis' one-horse team and hauled one load.

*3rd.* Partly cut a coat for James Carter, and helped Bennett kill two hogs. Cut out Jacob Runyan's coat.

*4th.* Sunday. Bennett and wife and Anna and I went to Jacob Davis'.

*5th.* Cut out a coat for James L. Davis.

*6th.* Work on Runyon coat and pack wood.

*7th.* The same, and cut two small sacks for W. C. Morris' boys.

*8th.* A. C. Bennett and I hauled barrel of water for them and a load of wood for self. Work on said coat.

*10th.* Finished said coat and went up to Morris' to post a stray calf that came there.

*11th.* Sunday. All went to Wells's.

*12th.* Cut out Wells's coat and sewed on it.

*13th.* At the same.

*14th.* At the same, and husked and shelled corn.

*15th.* Sent corn to Bonaparte mills by Bennett. Finished said coat and cut out R. Wells' coat.

*16th.* Sew on said coat. Eve at Bennett's party.

*17th.* Finished said coat.

*18th.* Sunday. One small steel trap missing out at Bennett's field. Chopped one load of wood and sewed some on J. Carter's coat.

*19th.* A. C. Bennett and I hauled a load of wood and I sewed.

*20th.* On said coat.

*21st.* Finished it and cut out a coat for Bennett.

*22nd.* Sewing some and chopped wood. A. C. Bennett hauled one load.

*23rd.* Help O. M. Wells kill a beef.

*24th.* Finished P. W. Bennett's coat.

*25th.* Christmas. Sunday. Anna and I went to Sneath's to dine.

*26th.* Hoop wash tub, shot a hawk, and chased a turkey.

*27th.* P. W. Bennett and I hauled two loads of wood. I commenced M. Sigler's coat.

*29th.* Finished said coat. Thomas Savage came here.

*30th.* Awful cold. Tom and I went to Bennett's and stayed all day.

*31st.* A. C. Bennett and I hauled one load of wood. I hauled up and husked fodder and cut wood at house and went home with Tom.

*January 1, 1860.* Sunday. At Uncle William's. Monday hunted some and came home.

*3rd.* Cut out M. Sigler's vest and hauled a load of ice with Bennett's team.

*4th.* Made said vest.

- 5th. Took it home and A. C. Bennett and I hauled a load of wood.
- 6th. Went to Runyon's to get two sheep. Did not get them. It rained all day. Then went to Sigler's mill and cut off my iron bar.
- 7th. Went again to I. Runyon's and brought home said sheep as pay for making his coat. Thomas S. came here and I fix John's boots.
- 9th. Monday. Went to Sneath's and brought home a pig, \$2.00 in work. Then went to B. I. Livers' and Farmer's sheep lawsuit. Livers victorious.
- 10th. Shell corn.
- 11th. Went to mill twice with Bennett's mare.
- 12th. Fix my shoes with legs.
- 13th. A. C. Bennett and I hauled a load of wood and I sewed in house.
- 14th. Help Job Davis move his stable and crib.
- 15th. Sunday. David Siveter here. He and I went hunting and he went home.
- 16th. I killed three hogs at home.
- 17th. Help O. M. Wells kill seven hogs.
- 18th. P. W. Bennett and I hauled two loads of wood for him and two for self, then he and I kill my three hogs.
- 19th. Fix corn box and put Sandy and Ann pig in pen. Cut up hogs and went to Brothers'.
- 20th. Made my wammus.
- 21st. Made my pants.
- 22nd. Sunday. Hunting. Carry home a plank I got out of the creek.
- 23rd. Husked corn. Fix my brown coat, and A. C. B.'s shoes and made broom.
- 24th. Started for Salem. Went a little beyond Wells's and it rained and I came back and split some rails.
- 25th. Went to Salem. Saw a bluebird. Traded in town. Blackman and I fix my gun.
- 26th. Snow eight inches deep. Sewed for Dr. and came home.
- 27th. Chopped wood. P. W. B. [Bennett] and I hauled one load, then I hauled one, and one load of fodder.
- 28th. Went with Job and Mack Davis on north side of creek to catch three hogs with Watch. Then Mack and I went to I. Conley's to borrow his swine. Fix bureau.
- 29th. Sunday. L. Wells here. We went to Stanley's field and to creek.
- 30th. To Stanley's field. Cut a maul stick and to creek. Set two steel traps. Made maul and fix John's and Anna's shoes.
- 31st. Intense cold. Cut out a coat for I. Conley, cut wood and fed.
- February 1, 1860. Took bar of iron to I. Conley's and got an ox staple and ring made and hook put on log chain. Went to Job Davis' and ground my ax.
- 2nd. Took staple and ring to W. C. Morris'. I killed four prairie chickens.



3rd. Dressed Birdie calf with sulphur and grease. Chopped wood, and to trap.

4th. Split some rails and trim brush in branch and hauled a load of wood, B.'s team.

5th. Sunday. L. and R. Wells and I went to the creek and got my two steel traps.

6th. Had Bennett's team and hauled three loads of wood.

7th. Bennett and I went to mill and got our grinding. I cut stove wood, and went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

8th. Went up on prairie east and to John's school and then home and carried rails to make fence by branch.

9th. Mighty cold. Mended my overcoat. Went to Sigler's after money. He not at home.

10th. Work for Sneath.

11th. The same, cutting brush, part pay for a pig.

12th. Sunday. Sneath and family here.

13th. For Sneath, making brush fence.

14th. Cut wood for self and work on fence by branch.

15th. Bennett's and I hauled three loads of wood for them and two for self.

16th. Split 51 rails for self on Dr.'s land.

17th. Split 34 rails and cut some wood.

18th. Split 24 rails and cut wood.

19th. Sunday. N. Boley and wife here, and Jacob Syphers and family here (a protracted meeting at the Rock House).

20th. Went up to I. Conley's. He not at home. I fixed my iron wedge, then put a window in south door, and split eight rails and cut wood.

21st. Split thirty-two rails and cut wood. Saw wild duck and flock of pigeons.<sup>5</sup>

22nd. Rainy. Cut stick for ax handle.

23rd. Went to creek and got some elm bark, then went to I. Conley's and got Dr. S. and my tax receipt. Went to prairie and killed eight prairie chickens.

24th. Killed one prairie chicken on fence by home. Made handle for meat ax, and went to schoolhouse. Kate had a calf, Bally. Went to Bennett's party at night.

25th. Had Bennett's team and hauled fourteen loads of wood. Marth Sneath here two nights.

26th. Sunday. I went to creek and to Bennett's.

27th. Hung up meat in pantry to smoke. One sheep had a lamb.

28th. Cut wood and split 15 rails. Bennett and I went to Job Davis' and ground my two axes.

29th. Cut wood and split 30 rails and dressed calf skin.

March 1, 1860. Split 67 rails and cut some wood.

<sup>5</sup>This was the wild pigeon, *ectopistes migratorius*.

2nd. Went to Salem and traded some. Stayed at Dr. Siveter's all night.

3rd. Sewing for Dr. Siveter all day. Went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

4th. Sunday. Came home. Found Thomas Savage here.

5th. I mended Lem Bennett's boots and Thomas' boots and went to creek. Shot a c[ommon] partridge.

6th. Rainy. Went to creek. Weather cleared off and I went to Job Davis' and helped him trim apple trees.

7th. The same.

8th. Went to Solomon Gill's shop. He made me an iron wedge, 50 cts., and seven harrow teeth, 35 cts. I blowed and struck and furnished the iron.<sup>6</sup>

9th. Mended S. Gill's shoes, 10 cts., and went on prairie to Samuel Carter's.

10th. Making 115 rails for Solomon Gill, 75 cts.

11th. Sunday. Shot my first duck this spring at Carter's bottom.

12th. Work for Henry Sneath cutting brush. Finished paying for Ann, pig.

13th. Split 55 rails, 48 of them out of a drift log on Carter Island, and carried them up the bank.

14th. Shot one prairie chicken, split 28 rails and shot two ducks.

15th. Split 40 rails and chopped wood.

16th. Shot two prairie chickens. Went to trap. Caught a fox squirrel. Grubbed up butternut roots and fixed brush fence around pasture.

17th. Shot one prairie chicken and split 69 rails.

18th. Sunday. We all went down to the creek.

19th. Made mat for Dr. T. Siveter and went to mill with Mack Davis.

20th. Cut wood and split 40 rails.

21st. Killed two ducks and grubbed.

22nd. Went to Salem, traded some and went to Dr. Siveter's and stayed all night.

23rd. Sewed some for Dr., went to Uncle William's and then home.

24th. Got my ox yoke from Job Davis's, made keys and holes in bows, and went hunting.

25th. Sunday. Anna, John and I went to Uncle William's on Bennett's mare Eliz and back at night.

26th. Cut vest and pants for Thomas McCreddie, 50 cts. Went to Job Davis'. Then grubbed for self.

27th. Yoked up Dick and Peter, and grubbed.

28th. Went to creek bottom. Kill two ducks. P. M., grafted apple trees for Job Davis. Set 28 scions.

29th. Grubbing. Grafted three trees, yellow harvest, for self by the house.

<sup>6</sup>Frontier blacksmiths often afforded the customer opportunity to operate the smith's bellows and to assist him by wielding a supplemental hammer, for doing which something was deducted from his bill, and a further deduction was allowed when he furnished his own stock.

- 30th. Commenced making garden and grub.
- 31st. A. [Anna] planted onions and I grubbed and went to creek bottom. In the evening rain and thunder.
- April 1, 1860. Sunday. Hunting in A. M. Kill a pigeon, a squirrel and two ducks. L. and R. Wells here.
- 2nd. Portrayed one of said ducks. If it is a duck, it resembles a coot. Grubbed some.
- 3rd. Put two hoops on washtub and write a letter for Mrs. Sneath and grubbed.
- 4th. Grubbing. John and Cyrus Garrettson came here. We hunted the cattle and found them, then we yoked up Dick and Peter and they took them home to put in their team to plow. Saw a wild turkey in my field.
- 5th. James Carter came here with his team and wagon and hauled rails all day and finished paying for the making of his coat.
- 6th. Went to Job Davis' after saw, and then grubbed.
- 7th. Grubbed and burned brush. P. M. kill two ducks.
- 8th. Easter Sunday. Samuel Siveter, L. and R. Wells and I shot some fish on rifle in Big Cedar. I kill one common partridge.
- 9th. Cut out vest for Walter G. Dug parsnips. Grubbed. Thomas Siveter came here.
- 10th. Made pair pants for Thomas, 75 cts.
- 11th. Cut out a coat for Solomon Gill. Helped chain half around Dr. Siveter's north 80 acres with Dr., Thomas, Samuel and David Siveter. I killed eight fish on Carter Island. Cut out a vest for S. Gill.
- 12th. Carried off my corn and J. Mack Davis commences plowing my ground. I dug garden and planted four rows of potatoes, and commenced making rail fence east side of field.
- 13th. On said fence and made John A. S. [Savage] a pair of shoes.
- 14th. Went to Bennett's, had their horses, and to Job Davis', had his wagon, then we all went to Salem. Traded some, went to Dr. Shriner's and to Dr. Siveter's, and then to Uncle William's and stayed all night.
- 15th. Sunday. Stayed there till P. M. Brought one bushel potatoes and my plow, &c., home. Thomas and John Savage came here Saturday. John went home, Thomas stayed till we came home.
- 16th. Fixed Tom's boot and cut out a coat for Thurman Elarton and grub some.
- 17th. Tom went home. I went part way with him and killed seven ducks. Sewed some on S. Gill's coat and grubbed.
- 18th, also 19th, planting corn for H. Sneath.
- 20th. Went to Croton on Des Moines River fishing with Garens and Wayne Watson, Job Davis, Benjamin Weaver and Leonidas Wells.
- 21st. Fishing.
- 22nd. Sunday. Came home. Did not catch many fish.
- 23rd. Grubbed, and P. W. Bennett and I put a new side on my harrow.

- 24th. Went to mill and grub.
- 25th. Harrowing for P. W. Bennett  $\frac{3}{4}$  day and  $\frac{1}{4}$  day for self.
- 26th. Finished harrowing my piece, then Len B. and I marked it out one way, and I grubbed.
- 27th. Planting corn for Job Davis.
- 28th. Plant for Job  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and  $\frac{1}{2}$  day J. Mack Davis and I marked out my ground the other way with Job's horses.
- 29th. Sunday. I kill one turkey. Then Job Davis, Sam Davis, William Barger, Frank Lucas and I went to Warner ford. I kill one duck and four fish.
- 30th. Job Davis helped me plant corn, and we commenced making a seine.
- May 1, 1860. Finished planting my old ground corn. Left eleven rows, south side, for sorgo, and a patch of potatoes on west side.
- 2nd. Cut brush and put around spring, and grub some and knit on sein.
- 3rd. Went to Salem and back at night.
- 4th. Also the 5th., plant corn for P. W. Bennett.
- 8th. P. W. Bennett helped me grub.
- 9th. Bennett and I grubbed and burned brush.
- 10th, also the 11th, grubbed.
- 12th. Grubbed. David Siveter and Isaac Pigeon came here.
- 13th. Sunday. We went to the creek and in the evening they went home.
- 14th. Grub, and went to Vega Post Office.<sup>7</sup>
- 15th. Grubbed.
- 16th. Burning brush and chopping poles.
- 17th. Cut poles and Lem and I hauled some roots to the house.
- 18th. Hunt horses. Lem and I hauled roots and Lem commenced plowing. H. Sneath came with his cattle and hauled six loads of rails, I with him in afternoon.
- 19th. Lem B. and I plowed on my new ground.
- 20th. Sunday. I portrayed a black-throated orchard oriole. Anna went to Wells's, then the boys, L. and R. and I went to the Carter bottom.
- 21st. Lem B. and I finished plowing my new ground, and I took Brien Mickey's plow home. Bennett went to town, then I had the horses and harrowed said new ground.
- 22nd. Cut out a coat for Jacob Syphers, then had Eliz mare and marked off said ground. Then we planted watermelons, muskmelons, sweet corn and cucumbers, and I burnt a piece of brush fence.

<sup>7</sup>This was a country post office established in 1851 near the northwest corner of Salem Township, Henry County. Joseph M. Frame was postmaster until the late 1860's when George Chapman assumed the duties. In 1877 it was removed two or three miles northwest to the northeast corner of section 35, Round Prairie Township, Jefferson County, though Mr. Chapman continued as postmaster until 1891 when he was succeeded by Abel Trueblood, and he by Nathan O. Elliott in 1895. It was discontinued in about 1900. Authorities: *U. S. Official Register*, and early Iowa maps.

23rd. Made a piece of pole fence and planted corn.

24th. Finished planting my new piece of corn and potatoes. Hilled up 44 sweet potato hills.

25th. Warned out on road to work. Lem G. Bennett worked in my place and I mended his shoes. P. W. B. [Bennett] and I went to Jonathan Hoskin's. I got 125 sweet potato plants, 25 cts., and set them out in the evening.

26th. Work on road. Thomas McCreadie paid me 90 cents.

27th. Sunday. We all went to Nicholas Boley's. P. M., I went to Job Davis' and we finished our seine.

28th. Sewing on S. Gill's coat. P. M., Thomas Savage came here. He, Anna and self went to Carter bottom gooseberrying.

29th. Thomas went home and I sewed on Gill's coat.

30th. Went to Salem. Took 14¼ lbs. butter @ 8 cts. Sewed for Dr. Siveter that day. Stayed all night.

31st. Sewed some, then went to Uncle William's and got some tomato plants. And then home, and sewed on David Siveter's pants. He brought two pairs on Wednesday.

June 1, 1860. Sewing on said pants.

2nd. Finished said pants and Sol Gill's coat. A heavy thunder storm this evening and a tremendous rain.

3rd. Sunday. Went to Salem with David's pants. Came home in P. M. Samuel came with me.

4th. Samuel went on north side of the creek. I hoed in my corn.

5th, also 6th, help Bennetts replant and hoe corn.

7th. Replant my corn, and fix brush fence, then fix boot and shoe.

8th. Cut pair of pants for Mac Davis and fix my shovel plow. Went to Carter bottom, found Bennett's horses and plowed my corn.

9th. Hunting B.'s horses till noon. Called at Sneath's and at Wells's. I went to Bennett's party.

10th. Sunday. Wells and I bee hunting, and then P. W. B. and I horse hunting. Did not find them.

11th. Lem B. and I went to Salem bridge, found the horses, then I plowed in my corn. Heavy rain at night.

12th. Shell corn, spade garden, went to mill and caught some fish, and drew a branch of skunk wood.<sup>8</sup>

13th. W. B. and I went to Carter bottom, got two horses and plowed corn.

14th. Lem and I went after the horses. I plowed corn and broke my big clevice. Went to Widow Stanley's and got Bennett's clevice and plowed more.

15th. Hunt horses, and finished plowing my corn in about an hour, and then plowed my sorgo.

16th. Hoed corn. Anna went to Hillsboro, took 13¾ lbs. butter. Bought her a pair of shoes and a pound of coffee.

<sup>8</sup>Or skunk hazel. The pungent sumac—*rhus*.

17th. Sunday. Painted ground work for two birds, and Anna and I went to Carter bottom.

18th. Hoed corn at home in A. M. and plowed corn for Bennetts in P. M.

19th. Plowed corn for Bennetts.

20th. Hoeing my corn.

21st. Shot a weasel in new field, and hoed my corn, and fixed Lem B.'s boot.

22nd. Finished hoeing my new piece of corn and hoed in old ground. Wrote a letter to J. R. Wetsel and went swimming.

23rd. Worked in old ground.

24th. Sunday. Bee hunting.

25th. Hoeing.

26th. Finished hoeing my corn and potatoes at 9 o'clock and poled beans, cut out a coat for Harrison Bub Gill, put cuffs on Sol Gill's coat, &c., and went to John Turnham's and bought  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon whiskey, 30 cts.

27th. Went east to creek picking gooseberries, and to Wells's, then cleaned out spring.

28th. Rain. Cut out my ticking pants and went to Gill's blacksmith shop and got an open ring, a link for a chain, a small hoe, and two heel wedges<sup>9</sup> and two scythes fixed, 45 cts. Went to Wells's. Rain very heavy.

29th. Went to Carter bottom and got some foxglove roots and caught some fish. Made a bee box, set out beets, and work on fence.

30th. Work on said fence. Thomas Siveter came here. Rains hard and we went swimming.

July 1, 1860. Sunday. Went as far as Sneath's with T. Siveter, and back with Sneath. I to Wells's and he to meeting, then Job Davis and the boys and I went bee hunting and swimming.

2nd. Hunting old cow. A man here to take the census, stock \$100, land \$616. Sewed on tick pants and mend my shoe. Went to creek and got a bolt of wood for shingles and fastened it to the bank. Then went to Demo' meeting.

3rd. Very hot. Had Bennett's team and borrowed A. Simon's wagon and hauled six loads of rails and wood and said bolt of wood.

4th. Rufus Wells and I celebrated this day hunting and swimming. I shot an orchard oriole, a common partridge, and a redheaded woodpecker.

5th. Work on rail fence. E. and Anna and I went on north side of creek gooseberrying.

6th. Drew orchard oriole, and work on said fence and cutting out the brush.

7th. On said fence, and cut pair of pants for Mack Davis.

8th. Sunday. Painted said oriole and went on north side of creek.

9th. Commenced harvesting. Bound wheat for Job Davis half day, other half went to mill, and fixed my pants.

10th. Went up on prairie to William Morris' and got work there

<sup>9</sup>Devised for tightening handle-rings of a scythe, or cradle snath or handle.

harvesting. Pitched hay an hour and a half, then William commenced cutting his wheat and I bound wheat. The same the 11th.

12th. Cut H. Morris' wheat.

13th. For H. and William Morris in wheat and oats.

14th. Mowing for William C. Morris. Earned of him \$5.00.

15th. Sunday. Tom Lewis and Joel Garretson came here and we went swimming.

16th. Went up on prairie. Came home and got my scythe and mowed grass  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for Arthur Frazier. Received 50 cts.

17th. Help Alexander Morris bind wheat three hours, received 25 cts., then went on to George Morris' and bound wheat for him. Did same 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st until noon, at \$1.00 per day. Earned this week \$4.75.

22nd. Sunday. At home.

23rd. Went up on prairie and mowed grass in forenoon, and in afternoon plowed corn.

24th. Plowed corn and shocked hay.

25th, also 26th, plowed corn.

27th. Plowed corn. In afternoon tore down an old fence, and hauled hay into the barn.

28th. Plowed corn in forenoon, all for W. C. Morris, 50 cts. per day. Earned this week \$2.75. In afternoon brought home a buck sheep W. C. M. gave us for taking care of his heifer, Lady.

29th. Sunday Had Bennett's horses and Simon's wagon and we all went to Uncle William's, and back at night.

30th. Rainy. Hunted and shelled corn and took it to mill and got it ground.

31st. Painted a flag for the Demo' party at Jacob Sypher's.

August 1, 1860. Went to Salem and sold 17 lbs. butter, 10 cts. in trade. Went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

2nd. Came home, dug up a turnip patch and sowed turnips.

3rd. Hunting and blackberrying. Shot at on the wing and think I killed two young turkeys, but lost both of them. Rainy.

4th. Went to Salem. Saw them raise a Lincoln pole and heard two speeches, one from Senator Harlan and one from a Wilson from Fairfield. Coming home I found an Indian ax. Great excitement about presidential election.

5th. Sunday. Rainy. L. and R. Wells here, and H. Sneath and wife here. Boys and I went to creek.

6th. Cut weeds in fence corners. After noon helped Bennetts wind up dirt out of their well.

7th. Went blackberrying, pick a milk bucket nearly full, and hunted bees.

8th. Went to Weaver's grubbing, frolic and party at night at Jack Shriner's house.

9th. Clean out well in branch, hoop a bucket, mend my pants, and go to Uncle William's.

10th. John and T. and I went to creek and got some sand, went swimming, then I built a small chimney in kitchen for Uncle William, and hunted.

11th. Took my wool to Salem, bought a molasses barrel, 75 cts., then back to Uncle W.'s and from thence home. David Siveter here and we went hunting.

12th. Sunday. David and I hunting.

13th. David and I hunting in forenoon. Kill in all two squirrels, one quail, one common partridge and one rabbit. David went home. I cut out Dr. Siveter's vest.

14th. Picked blackberries and grapes and sewed on vest.

15th. Birdie heifer got into cornfield. Dogged her out and fixed the fence, and fixed the brush fence around the pasture, and sewed on vest.

16th. Finished said vest. Anna went to Sneath's. I cut a summer coat for self. Went to Carter bottom with O. M. Wells and a cattle buyer to look at my steers. They were too small for him.

17th. Went to creek bottom picking grapes. Met Wells and chat with him, then sewed on my coat.

18th. Hunt bees and sewed some.

19th. Sunday. William F. Barger, L. and R. Wells and I went bee hunting. Anna went to Wells's. I made a mole trap and caught one in flower bed.

20th. Sewing and went to Wells's and got some of my salt.

21st. Finished my coat.

22nd. Shelled  $3\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of corn and went to Job Davis' and borrowed his wagon bed.

23rd. Went to Salem with Bennett and wife. Took Dr. Siveter's vest, and brought home my barrels and rolls. Paid \$1.00.

24th. Sent said corn to Bonaparte mills by Lem Bennett. I mended my shoes. Afternoon shot and saved my first wild turkey this season. Caught Ann pig in Bennett's cornfield and put her out.

25th. Went to M. E. camp meeting with Rufus Wells. We went to Uncle William's at night.

26th. Sunday. Rufus, Thomas, Aunt Mary and I went to camp meeting at night. R. went home and T. and I went back to Uncle William's.

27th. Thomas came home with me. We picked cherries, &c. I made bowstring.

28th. Thomas and I hunted and fished. I shot one squirrel and one turkey and we caught fourteen fish. Afternoon, Thomas Siveter here. He, Tom and I went to creek swimming.

29th. Fix brush fence, and bent broomcorn tops. Thomas Savage went home. Thomas Siveter and I went swimming. P. M., I fixed my shoes and went to creek and shot a fish, weight  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., and we swam.

30th. Grub some. T. Siveter and I went to Job Davis' and ground my ax and mattock and went to Wells's after my steelyards. Thomas went home. I fixed my pants and commenced digging hole under floor.

31st. Grub an hour or two in morning (midday too hot, nights very



cool) and dug in said hole. Picked some seed corn. Hunting. Cut up one shock of corn. In the night C. Giberson came after Anna, his wife being sick. Had a son.

*September 1, 1860.* Wrote a letter to John Wetsel. Nailed some boards overhead. Fixed fence and picked hazelnuts.

*2nd.* Sunday. Went to Simon's and to Runyon's to look for my sheep. Came home. Rufus Wells here. He and I hunted some. Beannett put my sheep in his pasture and in evening we separated them.

*3rd.* Went to Salem. Took  $9\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. butter, traded out. Came home at night.

*4th.* Cut up seven shocks of corn.

*5th.* Rainy. Gathered seed corn and hung it up. Afternoon, cut three shocks of corn.

*6th.* Very hot. Cut three shocks. Partly traded with Frazier for a colt pony. In the morning I withdrew.

*7th.* Cut four shocks.

*8th.* Cut one shock. Went to Glasgow. Demo' pole raising, two speeches.

*9th.* Sunday. Hunting. Leonidas Wells hunted. Found me at Hopper branch. Then O. M., L. and R. Wells and self went to C. Creek hunting cedar trees. I got twenty-four very small ones.

*10th.* Cut six shocks of corn.

*11th.* Cut five shocks and hunted some.

*12th.* Cut two shocks and it rained the remainder of the day.

*13th.* Cut corn; and the forks and poles, five shocks.

*14th.* Work on road nearly one half day. Finished my road tax, \$2.46—6/10, then cut half a shock of corn and it rained.

*15th.* Cut corn and the forks and poles, two and a half shocks.

*16th.* Sunday. L. Wells and I went to Cook's burned mill, and I shot one duck and one pigeon.

*17th.* Shot one pigeon and cut five shocks.

*18th.* Cut corn, five shocks. Finished cutting my corn 4th hour p. m. Forty-eight shocks in all.

*19th.* Hunting. Saw sand-hill cranes. Shot three partridges and cut up and topped broom corn and shelled off some seed. Fixed fence where Bally broke out and Dick broke his poker.

*20th.* Fixed said poker and bladed some sorgo. Afternoon cut up corn for O. M. Wells to pay up the difference between us, 21 cts.

*21st.* Grubbed some and bladed cane, and hunted.

*22nd.* Hunted old cow and went up on prairie to see about getting my cane made up. Widow C. Stanley agrees to make it for one third, I to find wood. Then went as far as Oldaere's, and then home. Fix my cap and cut a pattern of it.

*23rd.* Sunday. Wrote a letter to Mother, went to class meeting and dug our sweet potatoes.

*24th.* Went to Simon's and borrowed their wagon, unloaded it and hauled two barrels of water. P. M., bladed cane.

25th. Bladed cane. Saw wild geese going south. Finished my cane.

26th. Helped Job Davis strip his cane. At night a heavy rain.

27th. Helped Job strip cane. Cut wood and cut up cane.

28th. Bound up the rest of my blades and cut up and topped my cane.

29th. Mack Davis and I hauled my cane to Stanley's with Job's team and Simon's wagon, and then we went up on the prairie to William Morris'. I shot one quail.

30th. Sunday. Rainy. I made one shoe for John A.

October 1, 1860. Made the other shoe and commenced shelling corn. Then went and cut up and topped the rest of Job E. Davis' cane.

2nd. Job and I went and helped William Stanley repair his mill cog, the second roller, &c., gratis.

3rd. Fix my cow yard fence that Dick knocked down. Then shelled some corn. David Siveter came here with team. I went to Salem with them and David and I went hunting. Stayed at Dr.'s all night.

4th. Traded some and went to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

5th. Came home. P. M., went to Job Davis' and Mack and I hauled one load of wood up to Stanley's. I stacked my blades.

6th. Went to mill, took some corn. Cut out a coat for Lewis Sigler, then dug potatoes and Mack D and I went to Stanley's and got our molasses.

7th. Sunday. R. Wells and I went to the creek north and then home and to Wells's. L. and R. and I went to creek east.

8th. Dug potatoes and mend Thomas Siveter's pants.

9th. Dug potatoes and cut a pair of pants for John Hen Mastersen. Samuel here. I work on mending T. Siveter's coat. Helped Samuel fix his wagon to haul rock. In the night Watch treed a skunk up a jack oak by the house. About 2 o'clock I got up and struck a light but could not see where it was.

10th. Shot said skunk and finished Thomas' coat, then went to John Turnham's. I shot one common partridge, one quail and one turkey.

11th. First frost I saw this fall. Cut out and sewed on Dr. Siveter's coat and dressed skins.

12th. Sharp frost. Sewed on said coat. Kill two rabbits and one possum that Watch treed. Shot one prairie chicken on corn shock, the first this fall.

13th. Freeze. Sewing. Went to Rock House meeting. There saw William Coltrane, Bricen Mickey, and William, Josephine and Caroline Sigler taken in as M. E. members. The latter three were sprinkled. Finished said coat.

14th. Sunday. Hunting. Shot one squirrel.

15th. Fixed J. Wesley Runyon's coat.

16th. Fixed Samuel Siveter's coat and chopped wood on north side of creek. Samuel hauled one load, then worked on pair of pants for Davis Siveter.

17th. Hunt two hours, then sewed on said pants.

18th. Finished said pants. Went to Wells's and Sneath's. Borrowed 3¾ lbs. flour of Sneath.

19th. Went to Keosauqua. Delegation went in the hickory wagon with L. and R. Wells, W. E. Taylor, T. Clarke, B. Weaver, William, James and Newton Stanley, L. J. and T. Walker, L. and A. Bennett, back at night.

20th. Hunt cows and trim some brush. Went to Wells's. Picked up some crab apples and Leo and I went hunting.

21st. Sunday. Anna and I went west side of branch and picked out a spot for a house and went to Samuel Siveter's well. I sewed some on wammus and traced out my west line between Knowles and me.

22nd. Dug potatoes. Samuel Siveter came here. He and I went to Carter bottom and caught their heifer and took her to Salem. Saw the Salem men bring in a horse thief from Luray, Missouri. His name, Frank Arnold, of Salem. Stole a span of horses of William Crew. Was at his trial [preliminary] at night. He was bound over to court, \$1,000 bond.

23rd. Came home and shelled corn.

24th. O. M. Wells and I went to Bonaparte to mill with said corn and got home in the night.

25th. Hunt cows, dig out spring and cut poles and put around it, and dig potatoes. Shot one prairie chicken in field. Have to hunt cows every evening now.

26th. Rain. Finished fixing David Siveter's coat and Samuel's pants, and finished digging potatoes.

27th. Rainy. Foddered calves second time. Grubbed some. Went south of Hillsboro, shot five quails. Hunt for cows and did not find them.

28th. Sunday. Hunt cows. Found them near Samuel's well. Carried poles and made hog pen.

29th. Bennett and I went to Keosauqua to get my papers of naturalization. Judge Sloan would not issue any. Left Lem at Bratton's grove and I came home.

30th. Grub, and bury my potatoes.

31st. Grub. Went to Hillsboro. Got a letter from Smith & Co., Keosauqua.

November 1, 1860. Cut out another pair of shoes for John A. Rainy and cold.

2nd. Rainy. Made said shoes, and knit on quail net.

3rd. A.M., hunting. Kill one turkey. P.M., carry wood and fix so as to go to Salem.

4th. Sunday. Went to Uncle William's. Stayed all night.

5th. Snow. Went to Salem with my butter and eggs, \$1.07 worth. Traded it out, and 62 cents more. Went back to Uncle William's and then home.

6th. Burned brush and grubbed.

7th. Fixed my shoe and grubbed.

8th. Snow on ground. I grubbed.

9th. Grubbed. Trapped seven quails and shot one turkey that Watch treed northwest of school house.

10th. Hunt cows and grubbed some and burned brush.

11th. Sunday. To Wells's to meeting and to mill. There Meshack Sigler baptized by pouring. Sold Dick and Peter for \$32.50 to Job E. Davis.

12th. Went to Gill's, to Wells's and to Sneath's to borrow a wagon. Got Sneath's and Job Davis' horses and hauled three loads of wood. Trapped four quails.

13th. Grub and burn brush. Trapped seven quails.

14th. Went to John Turnham's after my jug. Bought one half gallon whiskey, 30 cts., one quart for Wells. Cut out a coat for A. Martin, 30cts.

15th. Shelled corn. Anna and I went to the spring to wash. I grub and burn brush.

16th. Grub and burn.

17th. Grub. Kill a rabbit and one fox squirrel.

18th. Sunday. Hunted.

19th. Went to Wells's. Sent letter to John R. Wetsel. Hooping my quail net.

20th. Grub.

21st. Grub. At night watch Sigler's field on the 20th and 21st.

22nd. Snow all day. Made last for Walter.

23rd. Cut out coats for William and Harmon Giberson. Take pay in work. Cut out pair shoes for Walter. Awfully cold. Snow two inches deep. Giberson boys brought home my small steel trap, the one I lost in Bennett's field the Sunday before Christmas last. Said they found it very near their house about that time.

24th. Sewed some on said shoes, and Mrs. Bennett and I made some shoe wax.

25th. Sunday. Hunting for sign.<sup>10</sup>

27th. Fix my gray pants. Shot one crow and one owl.

28th. Went to Job E. Davis' and to Wells's, then cut road to some wood and Mac D. and I hauled one load.

29th. Gathered corn for Job and Mac Davis.

30th. Went to Salem and bought a pair of boots, \$3.75, then to Uncle William's and stayed all night.

December 1, 1860. Came home. Carried one half bushel apples he gave me. Dr. and David Siveter here. David and I went to north side of creek. Found them hunting the lines.

2nd. Sunday. Snowed fast nearly all day. Hunted some.

3rd. Snow four inches deep. Knit on quail net and wrote a letter for Mrs. Sneath to T. L. Deacon, Liberty, Amite County, Mississippi.

<sup>10</sup>A trapper's term implying evidence of quarry, as the scratching or dusting of birds, their feathers on the ground or on shrubs, their tracks; or those of animals in the dust, snow, or mud, and the like.

26th. Made said shoes and cut out a coat for George Martin.

*4th.* I cut a coat for Frank Runyon, then cut one for Joseph and agreed to make it for \$2.00. Commenced sewing on said coat.

*5th,* also the 6th, sewing on the same.

*7th.* Finished said coat.

*8th.* Chopping wood in my timber and partly cutting a road to it.

*9th.* Sunday. Went to Uncle William's. Took two roosters and his Mo. seed corn. Snows all day.

*10th.* Came home. Brought two roosters back. J. Runyon here with Frank's coat to make. Mack Davis and I hauled three loads of wood. At 10 o'clock, eve, Samuel Richard Savage born. Had Mrs. Bennett.

*11th.* Went to Sneath's, got my steelyards. Did housework and sewed some on Frank R.'s coat.

*12th.* Mrs. Sneath here washing. Mrs. B. here. I waited on Mrs. Sneath. Eliz' Davis here.

*13th.* Cut a coat for James H. Gill and a pair of sleeves for his father, 40 cts. chd. Got Mrs. Sneath her dinner, &c. Got in clothes. I did not sew any.

*14th.* Mrs. B. and Mrs. Sneath here. She ironed said clothes. Wesley Runyon brought a forequarter of beef here, 113 lbs. at 3 cts. per lb. Went to Bennett's after barrel and saw and then cut up beef.

*15th.* I sewed some. Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Sneath here. Got dinner and washed up. Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Simon and her daughter here.

*16th.* Sunday. Quite a number of ladies here. Watch bit Mrs. Simon's arm. H. Sneath here.

*17th.* Mrs. Bennett here. I finished Frank Runyon's coat and went to Job Davis'.

*18th.* Mack and I hauled one load of wood. Rainy. Made two brooms and partly fixed a coat for Mack Davis.

*19th.* Mrs. Sneath here washing. I waited on her and finished Mack's coat, 40 cts.

*20th.* Hung out, and went to Hillsboro with Job Davis to post stray heifer (a red roan yearling). Newbold not at home. Came home. Shot seven quails. Did chores, then in evening we went up to William C. Morris' and did up the business.

*21st.* Very cold. Not very well. Went to Job's field. Shot at a turkey flying and missed it. Took out skins and cut some wood at the schoolhouse for Sneath.

*22nd.* Did chores and went to Job's field and shot six quails.

*23rd.* Sunday. Hauled some poles from clearing and made a shed for Bally. H. Sneath and wife here to dinner.

*24th.* Mend a pair of pants for Mac Davis, 20 cts., and chopped some wood for self. Snowed like fury.

*25th.* Christmas. Mack and I hauled a load of wood, then I went hunting. Kill one rabbit and two quails. Fell in with L. Wells and we hunted together. He killed one quail and I shot one quail. Snow nearly knee deep. Turkeys in my field this day.

26th. Mrs. Sneath here washing. Waited on her and shelled a sack of corn.

27th. Took said corn up to Bennett's. Then I went to Salem and sold 21 quails, 52½ cts. to J. W. Olds. Traded it out (booked). Came back at night. Kill one quail. Some of my cattle in the field and some in the sheep yard. Put them all right again.

28th. Rainy. Fix brush fence where said cattle broke in, then mended Anna's and John A.'s shoes.

29th. Chopped wood in my timber.

30th. Sunday. Mrs. Wells here, R. and Leo also.

31st. Cut out a coat for David Boley. Received 25 cts. Then Mack D. and I hauled one load of wood. I went to Bennett's and got my two sacks of meal they took to mill for me. I measured O. Perry Taylor for a coat, and chop wood and fix to go to Uncle William's.

January 1, 1861. Went to Uncle William's. Shot one common partridge. Stayed till half past ten at night and then came home.

2nd. Cut out a coat for James Boley, Jr., at I. Conley's, charged 25 cts. Also cut a coat for O. P. Taylor, charged 30 cts. Mrs. Sneath here washing. I carried some poles to sheep pen.

3rd. Made ax handle and finished a pen for sheep. Trap two quails.

4th. Chopped some wood for self and made hogs a shed. Trap one quail.

5th. Mack and I hauled one load of wood.

6th. Sunday. Hunting. Kill two squirrels. Discover the tumbler of my gun lock is fractured. Came home and cleaned the lock.

7th. Mend a pair of boots for A. C. Bennett and he agrees to haul two loads of wood for pay. I partly hung my ax.

8th. Fix a pair of pants for Mack D., 10 cents, then went to Wells's and took back their meal, 23½ lbs. Went on to H. Sneath's. He going to Mount Pleasant soon, I left my gun for him to take to be repaired. Trap one quail.

9th. A. C. Bennett and I hauled said two loads of wood, and I partly cut out my cat-fur cap.

10th. Sewing on said cap, mend mitten, &c.

11th. Kill one hog. H. Sneath came here, he helped me, then I wrote three estray notices for him.

12th. Cut up said hog, weighed 179 lbs., salted the meat, and trimmed some brush.

13th. Sunday. Went to Wells's. The boys and I went east to creek. My old sheep had a lamb.

14th. Finished my cat-skin cap and dressed some skins.

15th. Went to McCreadie's field and in a big branch set three traps for mink.

16th. To trap. Quite a heavy snow. I knit on gail net.

17th. To trap and took some of Mrs. Wells's borrowed lard home.

18th. Chopped a load of wood in timber.

19th. Went to Job's, and from there to Gill's timber. Found them there cutting logs on shares. Then Mack and I hauled two loads wood and went up to William C. Morris' and stayed all night. Received \$2.00.

20th. Sunday. Came home and to trap. Caught one mink and brought traps home.

21st. Took Mrs. Wells's lard home, and to Gill's timber and got some butternut bark and doctored sick sheep. Two quail.

22nd. Went on north side of creek, then cut some wood.

23rd. On north side of creek hunting sign, and chopped some wood, P. M., snowing, work on trap and quail net. Assessor, Mr. Davidson, here.

24th. Very cold. Fix my old coat. Dr. Siveter here.

25th. On north side of creek and set two big steel traps on the creek.

26th. To trap. Brought them home. Then Mack Davis and I went to Salem. I took 21 eggs and traded for coffee, and home at night.

27th. Sunday. Lent Leo' Wells my two big steel traps till Tuesday morning. He set them for turkeys in their field, then he and I went on creek east hunting for sign. Found plenty.

28th. A. M., chopped some wood in Dr.'s timber. P. M., commenced making a box trap.

29th. Mack and I hauled one load of wood, then went to creek east and set three traps.

30th. To trap, and fix my ticking pants.

31st. To trap, and went to school from noon to recess, and partly fixed my vest.

February 1, 1861. Helped Sol Gill make a sled. He agrees to haul wood for me for pay.

2nd. To trap, and to Sneath's, then home. Sent by Watsons for my gun at Mount Pleasant.

3rd. Sunday. Rufus Wells here. We went to Gill's shop.

4th. To trap and then to William C. Morris's court. Jonathan Anderson sued a Mr. Miller for rent. Jury's verdict, \$28.00 in favor of defendant, and plaintiff pay costs.

5th. Sent letter to John Wetsel. Chopped wood. In evening Isaac Watson brought my gun to schoolhouse. Repairing a new tumbler cost \$1.50.

6th. Mack and I hauled one load of wood. To trap, caught one possum.

7th. Fixed my mittens and shelled some corn. Very cold.

8th. To trap. Caught one possum, and then chopped some wood.

9th. Lem Bennett and I hauled two loads wood for self, and to trap. A thaw.

10th. Sunday. Rainy. A big thaw. Went to creek and got my two steel traps. Stayed at Wells's all day.

11th. Went to Sigler's mill. Creek very high, first time this year. Hunted some and came home. Fixed my boot and put my loft to rights.

12th. Went up on prairie to W. C. Morris' and to Jonathan Anderson's. Did no business with either of them. Shot two prairie chickens.

13th. Opened potato hole and got them in the cellar. Some frozen. Sorted them.

14th. Went to Job Davis'. Mack did not kill hogs. Then went to Gill's shop and got an open ring, a frow, a wedge, and my mattock fixed, 40 cts.

15th. Went to schoolhouse and carried and chopped some wood for the school. Then mended Anna's shoes.

16th. I went to Sneath's. Anna and boys went to Bennett's. I rode home with Sneath.

17th. Sunday. Went to Wells's. L. and R. and J. and Frank Runyon and I went to creek. Came home and skin a cat.

18th. Went up on prairie with Job and Mack Davis. Got one sheep of Jacob Runyon. Mack hauled it home for me. In evening it jumped out and I tracked it nearly back. Runyon put it in with theirs and I left it for a few days.

19th. Went on prairie. Kill nothing.

20th. Hauling fodder till noon. Then went to creek north.

21st. We went to Bennett's, saw Hiram Steward and Esther L. Bennett married by Mr. Williamson at 3 o'clock, 30 min. P. M.

22nd. Saw wild ducks and blue birds, first time this year. Went to creek and set three traps. Weather very mild. Joseph Frazier here. I sold one mink, 75 cts., two possums, 15 cts.

23rd. Went to Davis', then to Gill's after Mack. He and I ground my ax and mattock and his ax, then went to trap. Creek very high—covered one steel trap. Carried some roots, &c.

24th. Sunday. We all went to Wells's and stayed all day. I went to trap.

25th. Mack and I hauled one load of wood. I went to Runyon's and carried said sheep home, and to trap. Cut some brush and put in ditch by old road.

26th. Fixed brush fence around pasture. Chopped stove wood and husked corn. Preparing to go to Salem. About noon David Siveter came here, brought a fine coat and pair pants for me to make for Samuel Siveter. He went home on account of the creeks being high. I went to school, it being the last day.

27th. To trap, and sewing on said coat.

28th. William and H. Giberson came here and helped me chop brush to pay for cutting their coats.

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