

## **Journals of George Veix** May to November of 1908

### **Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Exp \$5.18

Rog. Hood and son came early this morning in answer to telephone message last evening to see the damage to bridge near Caleb's and to open a way for public travel. I went over to the place with him and we fixed a crossing below the main road. After dinner wife and I went to town to transact some business with the Bank of Ottawa in the way of a loan but we got there too late and had to postpone till next week. I got \$5.00 in advance on prospective loan. Hogs dropped again today and again failed to engage them @ 5¢ per hundred.

### **Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Decoration day today.

Slankard put up our flag to the breeze this morning.

I went down to the bottom to mow some grass for horse feed. Looked over the field while down there and found much of the corn I had planted in Allie's field drowned out and getting very weedy. On my return with hay about three o'clock, I fed my horses and ate my dinner.

I got my cultivator ready and proceeded to cultivate corn south of the house. I got through with the patch I was working on.

John Lindsey came by the evening on his way home from town and said Bradley sent word that he would give me 5¢ for my hogs.

### **Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Shaved myself and got ready to attend church in the afternoon as Rev. Mr. Pugh was to preach on this date. I went to church and got there in time for the Sunday school but Mr. Pugh failed to arrive presumably on account of threatening rain. We practiced some songs to be sung on "Children's Day."

On my way home I came over the hill to see my cattle but failed to see any in the pasture near Samuel's.

The Hills ball team played Valley view at Blow school today and were defeated, ten to five in favor of Valley view.

Went to Frank Nisely's and 'phoned Wiggins to engage him my hogs for tomorrow. Engaged them at \$5.05 per hundred and advance.

### **Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Rec \$73.44

Huff and I delivered my six hogs to Wiggins today. They weighed 1440 lbs. And I got the advance in the K.C. market of 5¢ for today. I therefore got \$5.10 per hundred for them totaling \$73.44.

Squared up my account with Huff up to this date including his help for today. I also paid C.B. Voorhis \$10.24 in full of acc't. Also left my check with the Mathias' (farmer's

grocery) for John H. Payn for the sum of \$13.50, one third premium on my insurance on barn at home and house on the hill.

### **Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1908**

Hogs reported 10¢ higher yesterday.

More rain fell last night and was still raining when I woke up this morning. I hoed my sweet corn and also some of my field corn south of the house today and replanted field corn hoed over. Late this afternoon I went to chapel to practice singing for the children's day exercises. After our practice Mrs. Moody suggested I tear off the ragged wall paper in the chapel. I told her if she would agree to clean up the mess I would. She promised she would do so, and I went to work. Mr. Pearce and his son came over to help me finish up the work. The girls got a jag of muddy hay near the river. Raining again tonight. Wiggins beat me 72¢.

### **Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Exp \$10.00

Started to cultivate corn across the road from 'Thomas' this morning but it was too wet. I cultivated new ground the upper half of it. The rest was also too wet. This afternoon I cultivated some of the listed corn south of the house wherever I can find it dry enough to do so. After supper I cleaned out the barn of accumulated manure and wrote Agnes a letter in closing her my check for ten dollars. Wiggins came to bring my cows and heifers but we failed to deal. He offered only 3¢ for some and 3 ½¢ for others where the market in Kansas City quotes them as high as \$7.10 for cows.

### **Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Democratic primaries tonight, but failed to attend.

Wife and I went to town today to arrange for another \$500 loan of the Bank of Ottawa. I had to pay 7% interest on this loan. Got it for five years. This makes \$2,000 the Bank holds against me. The 1<sup>st</sup> for \$1,000 falls due Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> each year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500 " " " " March 26 " " ". The 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$500 " " " " June 6 " " " " from this date is for like amount. 10% compounded on the first if not paid when due and 8% on the other two. Paid J.Halloran \$219 of this loan in order to keep from paying him interest on the lumber bill that Glover was to have helped in paying.

### **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Salted cattle on the hill today and went to Glover's and played pitch. Returned home and got ready to go down to the bottom to see my crop prospects and found I could cultivate next day.

On my way down I stopped at the chapel and practiced some songs with children for children's day.

### **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1908**

More rain last night.

My pump got out of fix yesterday and I had to lead my horses to the creek to water them last evening so the first thing I did was to repair it this morning. I put on another piece

of leather to suction and now works all right but harder to pump. Pump repaired I hitched on to cultivator and began cultivating corn across the road from 'Thomas'. Cultivated over half of the field today.

The girls finished their hoeing in the new ground this evening.

Continuous lightening toward south but the wind is in the north tonight, so I don't look for rain tonight.

### **Tuesday June 9" 1908**

Finished cultivating by 'Thomas' this forenoon altho' it was raining gently while I was at work but did not last long and cleared off about noon. This afternoon I went down to the bottom to cultivate while Rosa dropped some corn in places where it was missing. Late as it is for replanting I believe the chances for a crop now are better than that planted earlier. I fear a drought will set in when it ceases raining.

Cora and Julia practice songs at the chapel again today for next Sunday's exercises.

Cora done a little harrowing this forenoon but broke doubletree to harrow before she finished so had to quit.

One sow missing this morning.

### **Wednesday June 10" 1908**

Helped Bingaman repair Caleb's fence this morning as some of my cows have been getting into his corn field and biting off the corn he planted in there. Cora started to harrow the new ground by Williams' but had to quit until I repaired the long doubletree to harrow. I put in my time this forenoon after finishing fence repairing in cutting stump lower so the harrow could go over them.

After dinner Julia and I went down to the bottom to cultivate corn in Allie's field while Julia dropped corn in missing places.

### **Thursday June 11" 1908**

Planted more corn this morning about two acres near Williams' and had early dinner so as to go near the river to cultivate corn in the afternoon. The girls went along. Cora to harrow the corn ahead of cultivator while the others Julia and Rosa dropped corn after the harrow and I covered it with cultivator. They got through about middle of afternoon and came on home.

As I rather expected it to rain the wind having been in the east all day, I kept the team on the go in order to finish the field. I got through just before the sun set.

Engaged Harry Britt to help us plow next day east of Silas' place. Engaged Skick to paint chapel next day on inside.

### **Friday June 12" 1908**

A heavy shower of rain fell last night and continued till late this morning. I got up rather late as I was up till after 12 owing to stopping at Chapel to practice singing for next Sunday's children's day exercises. Mighty glad I was that I finished cultivating the bottom land last evening.

After doing my chores I went to help Skick paint the chapel. Mr. Pearce helped us paint. We painted about half of the building and used up all the paint we had on hand but a

new supply awaits us in the morning as I sent for more today by Henry Wilson who happens to go to town.

### **Saturday June 13" 1908**

More rain fell last night and today. I went to the chapel to help Skick finish painting inside of chapel. We got through about noon, came on home, had our dinner, and got ready to go to town as the rain had ceased falling.

C. Huff came and we all went to town including my wife. Got Bessie's gold watch today, a \$68.00 watch and chain. Price of case \$42.00 price of chain \$7.50, price of works 16 jewel movement \$16.00. Total \$65.50 and her name inscribed in case free as also date June 21" 1908, the date of graduation.

Paid Skick \$1.25 for his work on chapel.

### **Sunday June 14" 1908**

Children's day in Sunday school came off this afternoon. I went and helped sing. Program was pretty good. Julia took an active part in several of the programs. Baseball was also played with Valley view. Our boys got beaten so I heard. Got 75¢ today for ball ground.

Big flood again and my corn and hayfield is all under water. The river overflowed last night. Wrote Bessie a letter informing her of the gold watch I got for her as a premium in her work at school. Told her of my intention of coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Monday June 15" 1908**

Owing to flooded roads the mail was not delivered today by the regular carrier. However I got my mail about noon, which came from the south and went east and was delivered by some other carrier than the one who travels this route.

I mowed weeds with scythe about the house. After dinner we all went down to the river to see crop prospects. Pleased to find but little of my corn crop under water. River subsiding when we got there. Sent plow home in wagon while I came on with mowing machine and mowed weeds in front of house.

J.W. Plake paid 70¢ per bushel for shelled corn at Elevator today. Parties to town travelled this road today.

### **Tuesday June 16" 1908**

It rained again last night and during the whole day today, a drizzly rain prevailed. I put in my time between showers to mow weeds about the yard. This afternoon I mowed brush along the fence toward Thomas'. My shoes are sopping wet as also my feet.

Still cloudy but rain has ceased at the writing now 10 o'clock but may rain again during the night. Mail came late this morning on regular route.

### **Wednesday June 17" 1908**

Finished cutting brush along the fence row all the way to Thomas' today and cut for the brother Ben. Blankenbeker gave me this forenoon in his staying so long and talking I might have done more than I did. After finishing the fence row I mowed some along the edge of corn on south side when Bill Lantis came and he too bothered me for quite a while.

He came to rent some ground for hog pasture where Supernaw used to live. I told him he could have it for ten dollars for this season.

When he left I again began to cut brush along the edge of the corn south of the orchard by the house. Wife went to town this P.M. Sent my coat and vest in to be cleaned and pressed.

#### **Thursday June 18" 1908**

Plowed a couple of patches of ground this forenoon, one for wife and one for Rosa.

After dinner I hitched on to the cultivator and began cultivating the short rows south of the spring. During my work something would break that hindered me. First it was a staple to my tug rear the hames, next a wire to my cultivator wore in two so that another was necessary and finally one singletree broke in two requiring me to make a new one before I could proceed. Got all the short rows worked over by sun down.

Thomas took one team to go to town this afternoon. Another shower of rain fell tonight but I guess it is over with for tonight.

#### **Friday June 19" 1908**

More rain fell after I went to bed last night.

I got my plow in shape this forenoon determined to do some plowing across the road from Silas' place this afternoon.

Huff came over this forenoon and I got him to help me. We started from home after two oclock and quit at half part six. It was extremely hot today. The ground in places was very wet but we went through it. I borrowed Frank Spooner's plows on our way down and we managed to plow about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre.

#### **Saturday June 20" 1908**

Wife and Cora went to town today. Sent my check for \$51.32 to Co. Treasurer. J.S. Stratton to pay my 2<sup>nd</sup> semi annual taxes.

I went down to the bottom to plow. I finished that part dry enough to plow but could do nothing in the lowland as it was too wet and water at one corner of it. I borrowed a shovel of Uncle Jim Elliott and proceeded to do some ditching to let out the water.

On my return home I went after some timothy and clover hay by Thomas' which I had mowed this morning.

#### **Sunday June 21" 1908**

Repaired fence by F. Nisely's this morning as my hogs were getting out and bothering my neighbors. When I got through with that I concluded to cultivate corn near the house as it looked so much like rain again. I worked till noon and as the clouds showed less sign of rain I did no more work today.

After dinner I went up on the hill to salt my cattle. The ball boys were there expecting to play with a visiting team from Ottawa but they failed to show up. I received 25¢ more from P.S. Herron for use of ball ground. They owe me for today's use yet however.

Strafuss called on me to help him deliver his hogs in town tomorrow.

Wrote a letter to N.J. Klink

### **Monday June 22" 1908**

Got up at quarter of four this morning in order to help Strafuss with his hogs to market. I sent Huff to town in my place as I had other work to do. I put in the forenoon in cultivating south of the house and finished by noon. Huff got back from town while we were eating dinner.

After dinner I put Huff to planting corn between the potatoe rows and to mow, rake and haul clover hay for horse feed. I went down to the bottom to plow but found it too wet and quit after going two rounds and proceeded to harrow that we had plowed last week.

Mr. Kilbuck was here today and left money for boys expenses home.

### **Tuesday June 23" 1908**

Huff and I started down to the bottom to plow but concluded it was again too wet as a heavy shower of rain fell just as we got to our destination. We went in to Britt's house on Silas' place and played pitch. When it quit raining we went to work cultivating corn as we had taken cultivators along with us when we went this morning. I quit at 11 o'clock came home and got ready to go to Haskell Institute to see Bessie get her diploma as one of the Commercial graduates and to present her with a gold watch as a reward for her diligence in having learned all she could at the Institute.

### **Wednesday June 24" 1908**

Was at Haskell and saw Bessie get her diploma tonight. Also heard Judge Benson give a lecture and witnessed last evening some excellent maneuvering of the various literary Societies of the Institute.

Miss Plake invited us to dinner at the club boarding house and had an excellent dinner.

John Britt put in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day cultivating and finished field. Huff planted some corn across the road from Britt's.

### **Thursday June 25" 1908**

Came home with Agnes and the two Kilbuck boys (Jerry and Francis). Reached Ottawa about noon—got home about four o'clock and after changing my clothes went to work repairing my hog fence as some of my shoats were out.

Huff put in his time plowing today but it was so hot he did not get to do much plowing.

Cora and Rosa met us with team to come home on from town.

Skick came over this evening and borrowed 5¢ worth of tobacco.

### **Friday June 26" 1908**

Got up quite early, had my chores all done and both teams harnessed ready to go to work before seven o'clock.

Huff and I finished our plowing across the road from Britt's and harrowed and planted the south half of the long strip. I went to plow some in Allie's field but it was too wet at the east edge as I was plowing the ground east and west.

### **Saturday June 27" 1908**

Huff and I went down to the bottom to continue our corn planting. I harrowed the round ahead of the planter while Huff did the planting. We finished the field east of Silas' place and from there we took our implements to Allie's field and re-plowed the ground the rest of the day. I harrowed all that has been plowed this evening.

Sent for tobacco by Mr. Elliott who was going to town, 25¢ worth. Also sent for ½ bushel early seed corn, 50¢ worth by Clarence Moody.

Fed my lost bit of corn this evening.

Skick returned borrowed tobacco today.

### **Sunday June 28" 1908**

Rain last night, again this afternoon and again tonight.

I went to Miller's on Mud Creek this forenoon to see about getting corn to feed on. Had the promise of a load for tomorrow but this rain may cause them to change their mine about letting any of the corn go.

Went to church this afternoon; from there I went to Elliott's after my tobacco.

### **Monday June 29" 1908**

Exp \$20.25

As it was too wet to do any cultivating in the field this morning I put in my time in the forenoon mowing weeds about the yard.

This afternoon I went to Millers' after a load of corn engaged yesterday. I got 31 bushels. The price was 65¢ per bushel = \$20.15 and I paid 10¢ for weighing at Coen's. The load therefore cost me \$20.25 the highest price and largest amount I ever paid for corn.

Borrowed Coen's grain cradle and will try it in harvesting my oats tomorrow.

### **Tuesday June 30" 1908**

Tried to cradle my oats today but they were too ripe and much of them were down so had to give it up. Sent for Huff to help me but he was engaged for the day. I took the grass scythe and mowed the oats around the out edge so that I could mow them with the machine. It was too wet machine today and tonight it is raining again. Guess I will never get through with my corn planting on Allie's place this year. Brice bothered me nearly the whole forenoon today. Bingaman came and got a large bolt for his disc cultivator this afternoon.

Cora and Julia hoed weeds in the corn today.

Loss—1 shoat, (overheat) \$6.50

### **Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Agnes mowed oats with the machine this afternoon while I and the rest of the girls (Cora, Julia, and Rosa) raked the oats out of the way as it was too muddy to permit running over them with team and machine.

Had a streak of ill luck. One of my shoats got out and I set the dogs on it and chased it from the bridge to opposite the barn along the road but it was already too far for it and

was overheat and died. Loss about \$6.50. The machine tongue also broke while Agnes was mowing.

Dude Bittenbender brought a 9 pound carp and I bought it on time. I owe him 80¢ for it. Finished cutting oats.

### **Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Exp \$16.50

Having had the misfortune to lose one of my shoats yesterday I concluded to repair fences again this morning in order to keep my hogs in. I found several places where they had been getting out.

Huff sent his boy over for his wages this morning. Sent him my check for \$6.50 due him.

Wife and Cora went to town today. Gave wife my check for \$10.00.

I cultivated corn after I had fence repairing done till noon.

As it began to rain soon after dinner my cultivating was done for the day. Rain ceased about 4 o'clock. I went to cut sprouts in corn near the Williams place east of the bridge near home till sunset.

### **Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Hoed and pulled sprouts in the new ground by Williams' till noon. After dinner the girls took my place and finished it while I cultivated corn near Thomas'.

Agnes mowed some timothy hay this evening.

Tonight wife and Agnes are making big preparations to take in the celebration tomorrow in Ottawa. Wife baking pies and Agnes is busy cleaning an old hen.

### **Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Exp \$5.00

The weather was too nice for me to celebrate elsewhere than in the field today. Moved some timothy for horse feed this morning before starting to cultivate. Wife and the girls went to town. Gave them my check for \$5.00 to celebrate with. They paid Dude Bittenbender 90¢ out of this. Bessie came today from Haskell for a few days visit. I finished my cultivating, raked the lay cut this morning and hauled it to the barn. The girls helped me in storing it in barn loft tonight.

### **Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Rec. 70¢

Looked over my field this forenoon also went up on the hill to salt the cattle. Got ready to go to church this P.M. on my way to church I tacked up one notice of School meeting and left one at Slankard's for him to tack up next day.

Went up on the hill after church and got 50¢ from the boys for use of ball ground for 2 Sundays.

Clara Spooner and little boys visited us this evening and remained overnight.

Caught my wife in a reprehensible act tonight watching someone or something but I think it was me she was watching as I had given up my bed to the visitors and I slept on the couch. She was at the head of stairway and watched from there. Found 20¢ today.

### **Monday July 6" 1908**

Agnes and I shocked my oats this forenoon but did not finish. Agnes took sick of a sudden while we were at work and she quit for the day. All right again tonight.

About 2 oclock or soon after it began to rain and my shocks are again flat on the ground as the high wind preceding the rain blew them over. I slept while it rained and when it stopped at six I took scythe and mowed thistles in the pasture south west of the house.

Clara and the little boys are still with us tonight.

Received a letter from John Kilbuck in Alaska today.

Very hot this afternoon.

### **Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Started to cut sprouts with ax in my cornfield this morning and after working over six rows of corn my old back got tired and I quit and came to the house, got double shovel plow in shape and soon after dinner I hitched Dolly to shovel plow and went to plowing corn. Agnes mowed timothy this afternoon north of the house.

Wife, Clara and little boys went to visit the sick girl at Huff's this P.M. Clara and the little boys stopped at Bingaman's and did not return. Cora and Rosa hoed weeds in corn across the road from Thomas'.

### **Wednesday July 8" 1908**

Finished cultivating the new ground about the middle afternoon today, came home and Agnes took the team and began raking the hay she mowed yesterday. I in the meantime got my cultivator in shape and when Agnes got through raking I took the team, hitched them to cultivator and cultivated more new ground near Williams'.

Bessie left this afternoon for Fort Totten, N.D. to visit Katie. Wife, Cora, and Rosa all went to town to see her off. Made out a check for \$2.00 payable to M.A. Mathias for groceries which my wife is to get while in town.

### **Thursday July 9" 1908**

Finished cultivating the new ground corn next to Williams' about 11 oclock this forenoon, came home, put up the team and went to Joe Kilbuck's to get him to help me stack my oats in the afternoon, but he was not at home. Went from there to Spooner's to get Skick, he too was gone as also Jake Shotzman and Ed Glover. Came home and got the girls to help me. Cora and Agnes hauled a load of timothy hay and stored it in the loft this forenoon.

This evening I went to get Thomas to help me finish my oats tomorrow but he said he couldn't as he had a job threshing near Ottawa tomorrow.

### **Friday July 10" 1908**

Agnes, Cora and I finished stacking the oats today.

Mr. Wiggins came along just as we were finishing up and he pitched up the last of the oats up to me on the stack. Wiggins came to see my cattle and shoats and offered \$5.25 per cwt for the shoats, \$3.00 " " for the cows, four in number, and \$3.50 per cwt for six heifers. I told him I would let him know tomorrow when I am in town late in afternoon.

I and the girls went down to the bottom to see my crop prospects after Wiggins left. Found corn needing attention very bad. Engaged John Britt to hoe the weeds out of the corn.

### **Saturday July 11" 1908**

I and the girls Cora, Julia, and Rosa went down to the bottom this forenoon. I to cultivate corn across the road from Britt's while the girls hoed some weeds out of the corn in Allie's field near the river. We worked till noon then came home as I intended going to town to engage my shoats for Monday's delivery. I engaged them to Bradley at \$5.50 and if they averaged over 150 I was to get \$5.65 and if they averaged 160 I get \$5.70 but I am guessing them at 140.

Gave my check to Henry Durst for \$5.69 for goods bought of him today.

Agnes mowed more timothy while we (wife and I) went to town.

### **Sunday July 12" 1908**

Went to Straffuss' to borrow his hog rack and wagon to haul my shoats in next day. It was at Hutton so I went there to get him to bring it to my house when he returned it. He had gone to Albrights', I followed him there but he had left there and went to Nisley's. I found him there and told him what I wanted. He brought the wagon over. I went to ball ground in the afternoon. I did not get my 25¢ for use of ground today.

Notified Glover to prepare to vacate premises most any day during the week or pay rent.

Sent word to Straffuss to help me deliver shoats tomorrow.

### **Monday July 13" 1908**

Rec. \$143.10

Delivered my shoats today 21 head, Straffuss helping me. I got only \$5.40 per cwt because they were lighter than I had guessed them. They averaged only 126 pounds each. Straffuss bought two of the young sows which Bradley claims were piggy. I got \$143.10 for the bunch.

Got 50¢ worth of medicine at Cowdery's on north side of river for Jenkins' game leg but it had not been prepared. Left the money in payment and am to get medicine during the week.

Gave check for \$16.87 to Joe Grieshaber for 22 ½ bushels of corn at 75¢ per bushel. This makes three times I sold hogs this year, and total receipts amount to \$436.54.

## **Tuesday July 14" 1908**

Cora, Julia, Rosa and I went down to the bottom this morning. I to cultivate corn and they to hoe weeds. They hoed a patch across the road from Silas' place and when they finished there they went to Allie's field and worked there. I finished cultivating my late planted corn then went to Allie's field. Broke a shank to cultivator and twisted one beam on the stumps. Brought home the cultivator as it was useless there any longer. Received two letters today from one from Bunk who desires me to loan him money till Fall. The other from C.A. Martin making application to again teach our school coming term.

## **Wednesday July 15" 1908**

Rain early this morning but soon ceased. I ground the sickle and repaired the tongue to mowing machine this forenoon. I and the girls again went down near river to work in cornfield this afternoon. I helped them in hoeing. Stop to finish hoeing tomorrow. Robt McCoonse came over this evening to have me assist him in completing his annual report as Treasurer of school District as tomorrow afternoon is the date for the annual meeting.

Britt cultivating – 1 –

## **Thursday July 16" 1908**

Went down to the river to continue our work in Allie's field again today but did not finish as expected. It was dreadfully hot today. Britt proceeded to cultivate corn with one horse and shovel plow while I and the girls continued our hoeing. This makes 2 ½ days work done by Mr. Britt and 1 ½ for his little boy. All told they have earned about \$4.25 in this field.

Agnes mowed more timothy and raked and bunched that mowed yesterday. The annual school meeting was for this date but no voters were present other than myself and L.S. Slankard who is the present Director. We postponed meeting to Aug. 20" next.

Received letter from Bessie now at Ft. Totten.

Britt – C – 8 hours.

## **Friday July 17" 1908**

Went down to the bottom again this morning to hoe corn. We got there at 9 o'clock and pegged away at the weeds as hard as we could but failed to finish as there about a dozen rows yet to hoe. Britt put in 8 hours today. C.A. Martin came to the field this evening just as I was ready to quit work. He came to learn of his prospect teaching our school again this winter. I couldn't give him any definite answer owing to our failure to do any business for the school yesterday.

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## **Saturday July 18" 1908**

Agnes, Cora, Julia and I went down to the river to finish our hoeing corn today. We got through about the middle afternoon. After finishing I went across the river and looked

over Dave White's prospects. Britt did not finish his cultivating until after six o'clock and we had to wait till then.

Wife and Rosa went to town today. Gave wife my check for \$6.00 and A.M. Smith a check for \$2.64 for repairs for Agnes' house in which Smith and family are living.

Heard Glover was to have a dance tonight, so I went over there. Dude paid me 35¢ he owed me tonight.

### **Sunday July 19" 1908**

Went up on the hill this afternoon to see ball game but there was none. This makes the second Sunday I failed to get my pay for use of ball ground.

Went to Glover's to see if Ed had the money for the broken glass on door and when I asked him if he had it he said no, and also said that the price for the glass was now paid because I had asked him for it on Sunday. I told him he would have it to pay or I would get even some other way. Glover promised to see it paid.

Notices posted on ball ground

### **Thursday July 20" 1908**

Agnes mowed more timothy today. Cora and the other girls hauled some of it. I hoed weeds in corn planted in the potatoe patch. The Agent of a book concern came with my book subscribed for ("Business Methods") today. As I had left the money with Agnes tenant A.M. Smith to pay for the book last Saturday I went over there to see that the Agent was paid, but Smith said his wife had the money with her and she was on a visit at her brother's near the river. I had to pay for the book out of my own pocketbook while Smith borrowed his money from his nephew.

Posted notices that no more ball games to be played on my grounds after this date.

Also gave Glover till tomorrow to pay for door glass.

Verbal notice to G. to vacate.

### **Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Hoed weeds again today but very little was done as other work required my immediate attention. First Agnes broke rivets loose from pitman rod to mower while she was cutting grass. I had to repair that. Later she broke the sickle bar in two. I had to get another sickle and grind it before she could proceed. Late this afternoon I went up on the hill to see Glover, to see whether or not he had got the money for payment of broken glass to door in my new house as I had given him till this morning to get it. He has not done so however, and made no effort to get it. I told him then that he would have to vacate the house by 9 o'clock next morning. He said he would not. We'll see.

G. promised to pay rent.

### **Wednesday July 22" 1908**

Got up at 4 o'clock this morning in order to be on time at Glover's (my new house) so that I could go in the house when he opened. I waited by a tree near the house till after

the sun was up before Glover got up from his bed and came out. As soon as he was safe distance from the door I went to the house and went in and immediately began taking possession of the door keys. It was 7.30 when he went to Plake's to get help to remove his things out of the building, so he said, but could get none till afternoon. He promised to remove when he got the help. I gave him till 2 P.M. but when I went back at that hour he had gone to town. Saw him this evening. Willing now to pay rent.

#### **Thursday July 23" 1908**

Exp .50

Sent sickle to town by Mr. Bingaman yesterday for repair. Edged it up in good shape this A.M. and put it in mower and the blamed thing broke again today. Agnes mowed quite a lot of the clover today. Cora and I hauled one load and stacked it on the ground near Thomas'.

Frances Gokey came along this P.M. and I got him to help me the balance of the day. He and I hauled the rest of the clover raked and bunched. As a slight shower of rain had fallen during last load hauled dampening the hay, we quit and put in rest of our time hoeing weeds in my late corn. He went home without his supper, so I paid him 50¢ for his help. Strafuss got 10¢ Lob. today.

#### **Friday July 24" 1908**

Exp 50¢

Agnes kept on with the mowing today. She lost the cap off the oil box in boxing of pitman and later all the rivets broke from pitman rod. I repaired it again and sent her back to mow as much of the clover as she could. Cora and I did the best we could in the way of hauling and stacking.

This evening I went to see if I could get Joe Kilbuck to help me haul and stack clover tomorrow. I found him at Mr. Spooner's and got his promise to help me.

Sent broken sickle to town to have it welded by Strafuss which cost me 50¢. Strafuss returned borrowed tobacco today.

#### **Saturday July 25" 1908**

Exp \$1.25

Joe Kilbuck came on time to help me stack hay this A.M. We stacked nearly all that Agnes had cut. That left in the field was too green to rake. Paid Joe \$1.25 this evening for his day's work.

Wife and Julia went to town this P.M.

In going through my cornfield this evening I found a lot of corn stalks broken down and ears of corn partly eaten. By examination I noticed hog tracks. Guess my own hogs have been hungry for roasting ears. Will have to find the place tomorrow altho' Sunday in order to prevent repetition.

### **Sunday July 26" 1908**

One of my hogs are in the habit of getting out every day so this morning went around the whole hog pasture to find the place where she get's out but failed to find it. Evidently she jumps over the fence some place as she was out again this evening when I reached home.

Fred Huff came over this morning and informed us that we were invited to his home for dinner. Wife and I went over. After dinner Huff and I went to the new ball ground on May Herron farm which Fred Simmons has prepared. No ball game was had. We pitched horse shoes at Dude Bittenbender's.

Took name of Barney's little girl for school census this P.M.

### **Monday July 27" 1908**

Exp \$18.56

Had a time this morning in getting a sow into a pen to keep her out of my cornfield where she has done much damage but the blamed old rip was out again this evening.

Put Agnes to mowing clover with Scotty and Ceilom as I intended using Dolly and Jenkins to go after more corn at Joe Greishaber's. I went after the corn but brought home only two bushels as he (Joe) was dissatisfied with his neighbor's scales he declined to weigh any more corn thereon. He wanted me to go to town with load and weigh it there but it was too late in the day for me to do so. Got new tugs and lines to harness today and flynets. Put spavin cure on Jenkins tonight.

### **Tuesday July 28" 1908**

We failed to get the sow back into the pen this A.M. so concluded to postpone the job. I waited till 2 o'clock for the telephone message from Joe Grieshaber to meet him in Ottawa at which place I was to get the corn as he claims to have lost money by weighing on his neighbor's scales. No message came however so this evening I began to feed roasting ears to my hogs which fortunately I had as I had planted some early field corn this season.

Agnes finished the best portion of clover and began this P.M. on some timothy which is now almost dry in the field, so ripe. Cora broke rake tongue while raking. I failed to finish repair this P.M.

Decker - 1 - day -

### **Wednesday July 29" 1908**

Mell Decker came on time this A.M. to help me stack my clover. As I have concluded to thresh my clover for the seed I stacked it to itself making one round stack today and still enough in the field for another such a stack. On getting roasting ears the A.M. to feed to hogs I found a lot more broken corn stalks recently made. Evidently some of my hogs had been out but none were missing when I fed them.

Agnes finished cutting the timothy today, and this P.M. began to mow weeds.

### **Thursday July 30" 1908**

Roy E. Decker came to help me stack my clover this A.M. We finished stacking both the clover and timothy then a shower of rain fell which was most welcome. After the shower we loaded on some of the weedy clover to bring home for the cows to pick over. On our way home one tire on front wheel to hay wagon came off and we had a time to get it back on the wheel and wired it on. We reached the house with it safely.

One sow was out again this evening but had no chance to do any damage. I set the dogs on her and she was glad to get back into the lot again. Paid Decker by check \$3.50 this evening.

Wife went to Huff's tonight. Sickness.

### **Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Exp \$9.95

Went to town to get my hay wagon repaired also to get a portion of my cultivator I had left there for repair. Drew out \$10.00 and paid \$4.65 for groceries, \$2.35 for repairs, \$1.50 on a debt, 50¢ for seed, shave and dinner and have 50¢ left. Yes, I got bologna also .45¢.

I went to see Justice Robbins with reference to my case with Glover and he made out a notice in duplicate one of which I delivered to Glover this evening, giving him three days notice to either pay the rent or vacate the premises. Glover was at home and after questioning him about the rent I delivered the notice and told him it must come by Monday next as I couldn't wait any longer on mere promises.

### **Saturday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Cora and I went down to the bottom with both teams. I had intended for Cora to harrow a piece of ground for turnips but the ground was so hard and dry she could do no good with harrow. I tried to cultivate it loose but that too was a failure. I hitched on to the plow and plowed the patch. It took me till late in evening to finish plowing as it was so hot during the afternoon. I did not risk the horses for fear of overheating them. When I got through plowing I harrowed the patch then sowed the seed. Sun had set when I started for home. Did not harrow the seed in for lack of time.

### **Sunday Aug 2" 1908**

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huff only one day old died some time yesterday afternoon and was buried today in the Muncie cemetery. I assisted in digging the grave. After the funeral I came home to prepare my report to the Co. Supt. of Public instruction. Got one copy ready.

### **Monday Aug 3" 1908**

Had intended to begin haying near the river today but on examining one wheel to mower I found that certain repairs were very necessary. Thought of taking machine to town but later concluded to telephone to ascertain whether or not the necessary repairs were had at the F.C. Hd'w Co and if not I knew they would have to send to K.C. for it; sure enough the very repair needed was not on hand. I ordered it for next day and after dinner went to

cultivate corn east of Silas' place. Had Dave White's cultivator to use today. Mell Decker cleaned out the well on Silas' place at my expense. I owe him \$1.00.

### **Tuesday Aug. 4" 1908**

Primary election today and as I had to go to town with my mowing machine to have it repaired I went to the place of voting and cast my ballot for those I favored, and went on to town. The repairs I ordered by 'phone yesterday cost me \$1.65 and the Blacksmith charged me 50¢ more for putting them on.

I also went before the Justice of the Peace Robbins and swore out a complaint against W.A. Glover for depriving me of benefits of house occupied by him and left papers in the hands of the Constable Peter Litch to serve tomorrow. The case comes up for hearing Saturday Aug. 8" at One o'clock.

### **Wednesday Aug. 5" 1908**

I have looked for contract between I and Glover which I had made out but was never signed as the boys John and Ed. Glover had changed their minds and refused to sign. But that contract or Lease has been misplaced and not to be found. Peter Litch came out today to serve notice on Glover and our case comes up in Judge Robbins court Saturday next.

Agnes and I went down to the bottom this P.M. I to cultivate while she mows grass. Called on Mell Decker this evening to get him to help me with his team to haul hay tomorrow P.M. Sent my report to Co. Supt. tonight.

Britt and son ½ day each, Roy & Mell ½.

### **Thursday Aug 6" 1908**

Agnes and I again went down to the bottom to work. I took the hay wagon with hay rake loaded thereon. When we got there Agnes began mowing more grass while I continued cultivating corn. I finished a little after noon as I did not care to quit when so near through.

Mell and Roy Decker came this P.M. to help me stack hay. Mell brought his team and hay wagon along. J.W. Britt and son Eddie also put in half a day helping me. Ran two wagons hauling hay. J.W. Britt done the stacking. We managed to finish one stack. Raining to beat the band tonight, the first for a long time. Late but will help a lot.

### **Friday Aug. 7" 1908**

Too wet to do anything today, in fact was raining yet till about 11 o'clock when it cleared. I went up on the hill in Plake's pasture to see a cow about to be fresh but found no calf. Birce (?) Nisely went with me. We went squirrel hunting from there but never a squirrel did we get.

On my return home I went to cut sprouts near William's place in the corn.

Tomorrow my case with Glover comes up in Robbins court and I have no lawyer engaged as yet to represent me as I do not know whether he will contest the case or not.

**Saturday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Exp \$22.90

The trial failed to come off today. The liar swore that he was not prepared and had it put off a week longer. I employed W.J. Costigan to represent me and paid him by check the sum of ten dollars. Went surety for \$50.00 (?) I drew ten dollars out of the bank and wife spent eight dollars of it for shoes Etc for the girls.

We all went to Bingaman's tonight and had ice cream.

Got back home 12 o'clock.

Mell Decker and his brother came by on their way to town this A.M. and I paid them for their work in cleaning the well on Silas' place and for haying. Gave them check for \$2.90.

R—Bobby's calf \$10.

**Sunday Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Went up on the hill in Plake's pasture this A.M. and found another black calf this season I had not expected. The cow (a bob tailed) has every indication of making a good milker.

Went to my pasture this afternoon to see the water supply for my stock, took rifle along and got four squirrel.

Wife went to Spooner's, Cora and Julia to church. Agnes and Rosa horseback riding to Huff's today.

Cora reports that Grandma Elliott required a doctor today.

Britt & son  $\frac{1}{2}$  day each=\$1 both.

**Monday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Agnes and I took a late start this morning to continue our hay making as we had to grind a sickle before starting.

John Britt and Eddie Britt helped me in my hay hauling this afternoon. Decker has been there to help this morning but had left for home before we got there as the hay was too damp to stack at the time they were there.

On reaching home this evening my wife gave me a summons from Justice Richards to appear there on the 15<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock to answer to a suit filed against me by Wm Glover for the sum of eighty dollars for hauling he claims to have done for me.

Britt & son  $\frac{3}{4}$  = 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  both

**Tuesday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1908**

It was nearly 10 o'clock when Agnes and I reached our destination and began work in the hayfield, Agnes to continue mowing while I and Mr. Britt and his son hauled and stacked hay. It was 5.30 when we quit this evening when I started for home with part of a load of hay for barn loft. We finished one stack. This makes two rick stacks this far put up. As it looked so much like rain we did not start another stack.

Frank Spooner told me this evening that he had hauled only three loads of lumber for Glover for my house and charged \$1.50 per load for the hauling—\$4.50.

### **Wednesday Aug 12" 1908**

It rained last night and as it was too wet for haying we did not go down to the bottom this forenoon.

I ground the sickle and when this was done I got my team ready, hitched them to the road scraper and proceeded to scrape out a hole north east of the barn in timothy field for stock water for milk cows. I got Cora to do the driving for me.

After dinner Agnes and I went down to the bottom, she to rake hay while I mowed more grass and weeds.

Wife went to sit up for Grandma Elliott who is very poorly and gradually sinking.

Britt & son 6 hrs each = 12 hrs.

### **Thursday Aug. 13" 1908**

After grinding the sickle Agnes and I went to the bottom to continue haying. Agnes mowed all of the time and toward evening she was obliged to quit because of the loss of a bolt on pitman rod of sickle head.

Britt and son helped me again in hauling and stacking hay. We began work at 9.40 and from 1.30 to 5.30 in the afternoon. All told we put in 6 hours work today.

I went to Elliott's at noon and got a 50 lb sack of salt which I need in salting the haystack. Another black calf was found in pasture today. One of the 3 I now have seems to be sick tonight.

Britt & son 7 ½ hrs = 15 hrs.

### **Friday Aug. 14" 1908**

Went down to bottom to continue haying. Agnes to mowing, I and the Britts to hauling and stacking hay. We began work at 9.30 this morning and finished our third stack today. We put in the balance of our time in shocking the hay that was raked and bunched as we did not care to begin a new stack and leave it open till Monday because I am obliged to go to town tomorrow to attend court. (between I and Glover)

Britt and sons put in 7 ½ hours each today.

### **Saturday Aug. 15" 1908**

By an oversight on my part I should have been in town by 9 o'clock to answer to suit filed against me for the sum of \$80 by Bill Glover. Lucky I sent the summons to my attorney W.J. Costigan immediately on receipt of it and he went before the Justice promptly at 9 o'clock and had the case continued till this afternoon as my case against the Glovers came up at one o'clock.

The case was called before Justice Robbins promptly on time. At conclusion of this case we proceeded to the other Justice's office. Postponed till Aug. 26".

Word received my son very sick in Okla. I went to him that night.

### **Sunday Aug 16" 1908**

Drew \$35 yesterday out of the bank and paid my Att'y \$10 more to represent me in Justice Richards court besides placing \$6 surity for costs.

Left depot at Ottawa at 3 o'clock last night on my way to Oklahoma to supposed bedside of my son. Reached Tulsa, Okla at 11.30 A.M. and found I had to lay over till 8.30 A.M. Monday before I could continue to Skiatook.

Got acquainted with a man by the name of McMichael who once lived in Ottawa and we two looked over the town of Tulsa to pass away time.

My meals cost me 25¢ straight and one shave also cost me the same.

### **Monday Aug. 17" 1908**

Started at 8.30 for Skiatook this A.M. and in my hurry to reach Silas got off the train too soon and had to walk five miles before reaching destination of railroad. W. Supernaw lives ten miles west of Skiatook and to reach his place was for the moment a puzzle to me as I had already lost an hour by being too hasty. I caught a ride with a farmer Mr. Morris by name and was within 2 miles of Supernaw's place. Got there about 5 o'clock and found they had gone to Baxter. The tenant said Silas was well and working 2 ½ miles up the creek from there. He took me there in spring wagon, had supper with Silas and all returned to Supernaw home.

### **Tuesday Aug. 18" 1908**

Hired one of Supernaw's tenants to take Silas and I to Skiatook this A.M. as we wished to start for home. Paid the man \$1.50 for the accommodation besides giving him and the other tenant and his two boys their dinner when we got to Skiatook with myself and Silas costing me \$1.50 more.

I wrote a card to W. Supernaw from there and one to Allie. Silas and I left for Tulsa at 2.10 P.M. got there at 4 and began looking for G.W. Hackleman the man Silas had been working for as Silas had not received his pay of \$8.47 the amount due him but we failed to find him. At 8.30 we again boarded the train for home.

Britt & son 2 days each = 4 days.

### **Wednesday Aug.19" 1908**

Reached Ottawa at 4 A.M. and no shops were yet open so we went to a livery stable across the street from stone mill and slept in the hay loft till 9 A.M. It rained soon after we laid down but had ceased when we came down to look for breakfast. Waited till 1.30 before wife showed up, as I had dispatched W.J. Costigan to phone Geo. Williams for my wife to meet us this date before we left Skiatook.

Learned today that my case against Glover had been decided in my favor.

Wife said girls wanted dresses and spent nearly \$5.00 before she got all she wanted. Britt and son finished stacking my hay.

### **Thursday Aug. 20" 1908**

As the school meeting postponed from July 16 was this date I did no work today. After dinner C. Huff and I went to school meeting. The valuation was nearly five times higher this year than that of last year which is \$112,803.00. Last year it was \$23,394.00. The levy this year was 4 mills against 12 ½ mills last year for school purposes. He left the

selection of a teacher to the patrons of the school and they voted for a female teacher, a Miss. Rose Cornell. 7 months term was decided on.

On our return Huff and I went squirrel hunting, we got four of them. Silas took a ride over the hill to salt cattle this afternoon also went after road for use tomorrow.

### **Friday Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Worked the roads today near the house. Put Silas to cutting shock corn as my early corn was dry enough to cut. Bell Caleb was here after some of her things left here the other day and she reports that the Glovers were vacating my house. This evening I sent Silas over there to lock up the house as I had the keys to the house in my possession. Mell and Roy Decker came over this afternoon for their pay in hay making. I gave them my check for \$5.50 which is 50¢ more than I thought they were entitled to. Check was made payable to James M. Decker.

### **Saturday Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Went to town today for the purpose of meeting some of the parties I wish to secure as witnesses in the coming trial and take them up to my lawyer's office to be questioned prior to subpoenaing them. A.W. and Frank Spooner were the only ones I met and had examined. I paid A.W. Spooner \$1.00 toward his fees altho' he asked it as a loan. I know he intends it to be that much of his fees in advance. Silas went up on the hill to lock up my house recently vacated by the Glovers.

Drew ten dollars out of the bank and gave check to Mathias for \$4.69 more for groceries. Paid Brandle \$1.50 toward my account.

### **Sunday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

I got ready soon after breakfast and went over to Slankard's, Bittenbender's, Britt's and on my return home came by my house on the hill recently vacated by Glover. I had expected some parties from town today so made my round trip as quick as possible returning home in time for dinner but the expected parties failed to show up. Later I heard they came and saw the house I had for rent, as it was for this purpose they were coming out. They left word for me to hold the place for them as they wanted it.

Wrote a letter to John Elliott of South Omaha, Neb today, 4<sup>th</sup> and F Street. He and family desire to rent a place for next year.

### **Monday Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Worked the roads again today. This makes two days I have worked with my team under Roger Hood. I protested against any Township work on road being done around the hill through my daughter, Agnes' place by Caleb's. But Mr. Hood promised "not to use this work as a claim for a right of way around the hill." Geo. Williams, C. Miller and Mr. Cripe heard our conversation. I had this road for private use, but the public has also traveled it owing to Township neglecting to keep the road over the hill in repair, as originally laid out.

Silas went to town to meet Bessie as she wrote that she would be there today but for some cause or other she failed to arrive in the 11.30 train from Lawrence or 6.30 from Kansas City.

Britt cash 50¢

**Tuesday Aug. 25" 1908**

As I had promised to go to town today to help my lawyer select the jurors in the coming trial and also to bring J.W. Britt for examination as to his knowledge on certain points we desired I went in by way of Slankard's in order to meet Britt. I left some papers "Teacher's contracts" with Slankard promising to return by 4 o'clock to sign contract with teacher who was to be there at that hour. Britt borrowed 50¢ of me and got drunk on it. Ab. West evidently got the stuff for him. Britt failed to give desired information so did not subpoena him. Subpoenaed Frank and A.W. Spooner and delivered them at Sr. Spooner's house where I found Frank.

Paid C.L. Robbins \$5.45 by check, costs in former suit on Attorney's advice.

**Wednesday Aug. 26" 1908**

Good rain tonight.

Started for town quite early in order to be there in time to have short conversation with my attorney before going to trial. A.W. Spooner one of my witnesses came the evening before in order to accompany us to town. Myself, wife, Silas, and Spooner all went.

The result of the trial was in my favor, so I heard. Glover had sued me for \$80.00 as balance which he claims was due him for work he and his boys did on my new house. The case was tried before five men as Jurors and nothing was awarded Glover. Paid Frank Spooner \$1.00 altho' he did not testify. In fact none of my witnesses testified because the Justice was prejudiced in favor of plaintive. The case was tried before H.A. Richards. Paid A.W. Spooner the same as Frank \$1.00.

**Thursday Aug. 27" 1908**

Repaired fence along the road east by stapling on wire where loose and on my return put a handle to corn knife. Cut corn this afternoon, Silas helping me. Silas has been indisposed and bothered with chills. Told him to lay off today but he insisted on being well enough to help me cut corn. This evening on our return to the house he vomited and went without his supper. Had intended to give him lighter work tomorrow but I guess I will let him take a trip to see Dr. Johnson at Pomona.

The girls went riding to different places this afternoon to try and get their dresses made before returning to school at Haskell.

**Friday Aug. 28" 1908**

Silas was under the weather and ate nothing more than a piece of melon during the day. I sent for Dr. Johnson who came late in the afternoon to prescribe for Silas. Doctor thought it was malarial fever. Paid him \$2.50 for his visit.

I cut some shock corn today but failed to finish my shock row because of some cattle buyers that came to bother me. They were over to see my cows and heifers in Plake's pasture. I engaged seven heifers and three small cows to them for \$262.50. Wesley Mace paid me \$62.50 on them by check and promised to pay the balance when he came for them next day. McMullen came along with Mace.

7 heifers, 3 cows sold to Mace \$262.50

Total weight of cattle 8500 lbs.

**Saturday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Rec. \$262.50 Exp. \$16.00

Finished cutting my row of shock corn that I had started the day before but owing to being bothered during the day I failed to finish.

After dinner I got ready to help Wesley N. Mace deliver the ten head of cattle at Ottawa. He came about two o'clock and it took us till sunset to reach the Santa Fe stockyards. Mace asked me if I had the \$62.50 check he gave me the day before and if so he wanted it and would make another for full amount of \$262.50 the price agreed on for the ten head of cattle. Mace had no blank checks on First Nat'l Bank so C.W. Barnett said he would pay for them. Barnett gave me check on State Bank of Ottawa for the amount.

Cora and Agnes went to town this P.M. Check for \$10.00 to each one.

**Sunday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Exp. 50¢ Rec. \$1.00

Received a letter from my Att'y (W.J. Costigan) this A.M. the letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> requesting my presence in Ottawa 10 A.M. Saturday which was yesterday. The carrier had left the letter at J.W. Plake's and they failed to send it to me immediately as for this reason I failed to see my Attorney as requested. I went to Geo. Williams' and 'phoned him the fact as above stated and told him I would be in town Monday. The letter above referred to stated that Jenks came to him and moved for a rehearing in my case with Glover before Justice Richards.

Frank Spooner and family, C.Huff and family had dinner with us today. Bought two melons of Geo. Williams this A.M. Paid him 50¢. In turn he paid me \$1.00 he owed me. Visited Yoap this eve.

**Monday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Paid out \$209.10

Went to town today to see my attorney with reference to Jenks' motion for retrial in Glover case. Skick went to town with me. I learned on reaching town that the motion for a retrial was denied Mr. Jenks so for the third time I am on top.

Mr. Kilbuck met me in town and I paid him the money I had borrowed of him together with interest thereon. In all it was \$206.00 and he went and released the mortgage he held on my cattle.

Got some ice and we had ice cream this evening. Huff and family and Rob.

**McCoonse** were here to help us cook up. Rob came to get order for 115 ½ bushels coal delivered at school house. Total \$18.48. Huff then beat us in pitch.

**Tuesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Exp \$10.00

Snapped a wagon box full of corn for hog feed this forenoon.

We had an early dinner as Silas, Agnes, Cora and Rosa were to leave for Haskell this evening. Cora and Rosa have not previously attended Haskell this being their first time there. Julia is the only one remaining at home to assist her mother. I spent ten dollars on my dear ones today and don't begrudge them a cent of it. I only hope Silas will remain at school until

he becomes of age and this won't be but a trifle over a year. He has lost one term and did no good for himself. My son, my only boy does not know that he is dearer to me than my life. I hope and pray that he may grow to be a man among men.

### **Wednesday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Started for the bottom to mow some grass this A.M. but did little mowing as my sickle broke in two which stopped further work. I looked over my corn near the river then hitched cultivator to spring wagon and came on home.

After dinner I tried to plow some ground for the purpose of sowing alfalfa thereon this Fall. I went three rounds and quit. The ground was so hard and dry my horses were almost fagged out in those three rounds.

I turned the horses loose in the lot, took my scythe and mowed weeds along the fence east of Williams'. Sent McFarland a dun letter this A.M.

### **Thursday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Wife and Julia went to town to take in the fair. They started late and returned late; as the stores were closed they were unable to do purchases.

I remained at home and cut brush near Frank Nisely's where *Brice* had cleared it once before for the timber that grew there. A shower of rain fell this afternoon which deterred me from finishing my work today.

### **Friday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Continued my brush cutting near Nisely's this morning. Huff came there while I was at work and he helped me finish the patch. After dinner we snapped nearly a boxful of corn for hog feed finishing the patch of early corn south of the house. He and I also went to hunt squirrels after getting the corn, we got two of them.

Mrs. Huff and the children came over late this afternoon. They had supper with us. Received two letters today. One from the Supt. of Haskell Inst' (H.B. Peairs) and one from Cora. I wrote Katie a letter today, inquiring as to whereabouts of Bessie.

### **Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Exp. \$23.50

Started down to bottom to mow shedding hay after guiding my sickle this morning. When I got down there I proceeded to burn the weeds Agnes had cut. Had dinner with Britt today. I started to mow but broke down before beginning. The sickle dropped to ground and broke before I could prevent it.

Came on home and got some corn to feed on over Sunday.

Paid Plake \$23.50 by check for pasture rent. Paid 50¢ too much as I figured it on reaching home.

Allie came home this evening and took us by surprise. She had been in Oklahoma for nearly two years.

6 P.M. Grandma Elliott died.

**Sunday Sept. 6" 1908**

Wife and I went to visit the Huffs today and had our dinner with them. Allie remained at home. Julia went riding with Pearl Bingaman.

Grandma Elliott died this evening at six o'clock. Report that funeral will not take place before the middle of the week because of the expected arrival of grandchildren of the deceased who are scattered over the United States.

Jim McFarland came over today and said it was just impossible for him to pay anything on the note he and his son gave for timber sold them. Not before next June he said. He outlives life insurance at that time.

**Monday Sept. 7" 1908**

Exp. \$5.35

Wife and Allie went to town today to get Allie's trunk at the Depot. Gave wife a check for \$5.00 to get groceries with and also to pay for dispatch to Katie telling her of grandma's death. I snapped a box full of corn for hog feed today. I also went to Straffuss and got a dime's worth of tobacco of him and paid him for it.

Gave J.W. Plake 25¢ this evening with the request that he apply it on a telephone message to Supt. Peairs at Haskell Institute and request him to permit my children to return home for the purpose of attending their great grandmother's funeral on Wednesday next.

No mail today "Labor Day."

**Tuesday Sept. 8" 1908**

Went down to the bottom to get mowing machine to mow off the grass in the cemetery. Went by way of cemetery to plan and locate grave of grandma Elliott. On my return to cemetery I put John Glover to mowing while I helped in digging the grave. We were till 7.30 before finishing as we had to place a cement vault in the grave for the casket.

Grandpa Kilbuck had dinner with us today.

Late in the afternoon I sent John Glover down to the bottom with machine and return with spring wagon.

I told him he might have the hay in cemetery if he hauled it off tomorrow forenoon.

**Wednesday Sept. 9" 1908**

Started a shock row through the field by Thomas' this forenoon. Went to the funeral this afternoon. Grandma Elliott's funeral.

Had a surprise this morning when I heard that Jake Krone had died this morning at 5 o'clock with heart failure. I went over to Slankard's tonight after writing a letter to Cora. It was eleven o'clock when I started and two o'clock when I got home again. Slankard wanted me to be one of the pall bearers for Jake's funeral next morning and the burial to be near Pomona.

**Thursday Sept. 10" 1908**

Exp 50¢

Wife and I attended the funeral again today, that of Jake Krone. We started from Slankard's house for the chapel where a short service was held, conducted by Rev. Pugh of

Ottawa. Started from the chapel for Pomona and got there about one o'clock. As the cemetery is about a mile west of Pomona it was two o'clock when we got back to town and went into a restaurant for our dinner. Paid 50¢ for our dinner. Saw Mr. Little on the street and I jumped him for the 25¢ worth of cigars I won from him in April last as to price of hogs at that time. He got the cigars for me. On reaching home I hitched on to lumber wagon and snapped corn for hog feed.

### **Friday Sept. 11" 1908**

Mr. C.D. Lawson wanted me to work out road tax in Greenwood Township today so I went this A.M. Got there at 9 o'clock by my time and we quit at 5. We began to work opposite of R. McCoonse's house, working south.

Last evening I received a bunch of "notices" from the Co. Superintendent to post. It appears that Frank Nisely is still trying to withdraw from the District 98 and be enrolled in Dist. 34. I didn't have time today to post them nor can I do so tomorrow.

C.W. Huff came over this evening to borrow tobacco. Let him have a dime's worth.

### **Saturday Sept. 12" 1908**

Went to work the roads again by Robt. McCoonse place under Mr. Lawson for road tax on three fortys in Greenwood Twp.—Silas', Bessie's, and Allie's.

I put in eight hours today. Yesterday I only got to put in seven hours. I got my receipt and an order for \$1.87 for overtime.

Allie and Julia got a wagon box full of corn for my feeding during the day. Thanks for having some one to depend on for help otherwise I should have had to get the corn on Sunday.

### **Sunday Sept. 13" 1908**

Remained at home till after dinner, scrubbed my head and shaved my mug. After dinner I got ready and started for Bingaman's to see Jamie Spooner but no one was at home.

I started from there to Slankards. He, too, was gone. I went to Sunday school and back to Slankard's when Sunday school was out. Found Slankard at home this time and had watermelon with him. Went from there to Lantis' and from there I went to see the water supply in my pasture south of Wand (?) place. Found but little water. Came home and wrote a letter to John Cole with reference to well drilling on my place near Samuel's.

Wrote letter to Co. Supt. Jacobus, my protest on E.F. Nisely school matter.

### **Monday Sept. 14" 1908**

Exp \$2.75

Wife, Allie, and Julia went to town to see the show today. Gave them \$2.75 for the show. I cut some shock corn this forenoon. This P.M. I went to my pasture and scraped out a long ditch in the creek bed as I noticed yesterday that my stock water was getting very low owing to dry weather. Hope for a rain soon else my cattle will have to be brought home.

Received a letter from Silas a card from Bunk and also one from Mrs. A.J. Klink.

Brought my broken plate glass home from my new house on the hill this evening, also some lumber.

## **Tuesday Sept. 15" 1908**

Worked the roads today by helping cut down the Kapp hill. I put in about 9 hours. Tonight I wrote a letter to Silas. Received a letter from Cora today. Will have to defer answering until later. Wife and Allie got a wagon box full of corn for me to feed on today.

## **Wednesday Sept. 16" 1908**

Worked the roads again today near Byers place, the old George Kapp hill. I put in probably 9 hours. I used the wheel scraper today as I also did yesterday.

Mr. Hood has told me that 35¢ per hour was the price paid for using wheel scrapers.

The little pig the girls had been caring for so much died today. We suppose it must have smothered for want of water.

## **Thursday Sept. 17" 1908**

Finished cutting the shock row of corn I had started some days ago. After dinner I went to the pasture on the hill to see water supply for my cattle. It isn't abundant but no worse than last Monday.

From there I went to see J.W. Britt in hope of securing his help in cutting corn. I went from there to the river to see my corn. I also went over the river to see the corn my tenant raised. On my return I brought a mess of turnips raised in Allie's field.

## **Friday Sept. 18" 1908**

Wife and Allie went to town today. I remained at home and snapped a heaping box full of corn for feed also cut some corn fodder.

Sent off two cards today one to Mrs. Klink, and one to Bunk.

Weather continues dry and no indication of rain. Fodder drying very fast as also pasture.

J. Britt 8 shocks .64¢

## **Saturday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1908**

John and Eddie Britt came to cut corn for me this A.M. They cut till noon and quit, having cut only 8 shocks; went home without their dinner. I was greatly disappointed in them as I needed their help today very much because last day in the week and the fodder drying very fast. I managed to finish my row by sun down.

Huff and wife came from town having rode out with Geo. Williams. They brought the sad news of Francis Gokey's death in Oklahoma from the effects of Paralasis. Further particulars not known. J. Samuel was expected with the body tonight.

## **Sunday Sept 20" 1908**

Went out a while with Leo Lantis and C. Huff to hunt squirrels. Got five while I was with them.

Late this P.M. I went to Yoap's to learn of arrangements for Francis Gokey's funeral. Yoap hadn't arrived yet with the body, but was expected to be at Ottawa at 4 o'clock.

Jake Gokey and Ell. Samuel went to town this P.M. to meet Yoap with the corpse. Wife and Allie are at Yoap's tonight to stay with Jake's wife who is in bed sick. A lot of other women are also there.

### **Monday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1908**

After writing my notes of last evening I went to Yoap's with lantern. Wife and Allie returned home with lantern. I remained all night and helped sing as is our usual custom in the wake over the dead.

I came home in the morning and done my chores and went to bed. I did not get up till 11 o'clock. Bessie having written that she would be in Ottawa this date and for me to meet her, I went to town soon after dinner while wife and Allie went to the funeral. Bessie again failed to show up. Mr. Lewis, uncle of the young widow, came to the hills today to take her home.

### **Tuesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Bessie came last night, having hired a livery rig to bring her out. We had already retired for the night and went to bed earlier than usual as we were all very sleepy. I put in my time today repairing my hog fence for fattening pen.

Hank Spooner and family came over this evening and had supper with us.

It clouded up today and lightening toward south and west, but cleared off again and no prospects of rain now. Dry as can be and pastures are scorching for want of rain. Too dry even for sowing wheat.

### **Wednesday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Bessie left today for her new position as assistant clerk for Stephen Jones in Tuba, Ariz. Wife and Allie took her to town. I gave Bessie my check for \$15.00 as she was in need of it immediately for things necessary before her departure.

I cut the big glass that arrived here for my new house all broken at the time I sent for them from the Van Line Co. of Davenport, Ia. In reducing the glass to smaller lights I got several good lights.

Went to see my water supply for my cattle on the hill, took the rifle with me and brought home two squirrels. The balance of the evening was occupied in making a new gate for my barn lot.

### **Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Separated eleven shoats and confined them in the fattening pen. Selected and hung up seed corn in my crib repaired halter Scotty had broken and hauled corn to feed on and cut sprouts in woods pasture this evening.

Noticed the male hog making vicious runs at Ceilom this afternoon but Ceilom usually moved out of the hog's way. This evening Ceilom did not come up to the gate when I opened it so I went to him to investigate and found a gash nearly two inches long on his leg and so sore he could not bear his weight on that leg. The hog must have tushed him.

### **Friday Sept. 25" 1908**

Some of the shoats got out this morning but got all but one back into the fattening pen again. Ceilom is so lame today he was unable to go about but stood at same place the whole day. I doctored him with turpentine and lard, later an agent for the "Iowa Stockfood Co" came to collect a \$5.00 note they held against me which was long past due. I declined to pay the note when due because the remedy failed to do the work according to the written guarantee I held against the company and signed by their Agent at time of my purchase which the note was given. I settled with the Agent for \$1.25 and got my note back.

Cut sprouts in woods pasture east of the bridge. Bro't cattle home from the hill. No water there.

### **Saturday Sept. 26" 1908**

Left Ceilom in front yard overnight thinking he would eat grass last night. This morning he was at same place but I notice he had been lying down during the night. He does not eat anything and drank very little water. Fear blood poison may set in.

Rained this afternoon and a cold one at that, so I took Ceilom in the barn to be in the dry and applied medicine on the cut.

Cut sprouts again today until late in the afternoon when I hitched on to the wagon and snapped corn to feed on over Sunday. Julia helped me. Shut male hog up in a small pen this evening for fear he may hurt another horse. He was after Scotty today.

### **Sunday Sept. 27 1908**

Rain yesterday evening and last night made it cold today. Clyde Britt came over and I applied a dose of Fleming's cure for Fistula on the mare he rode over.

Ceilom seems to be a little better this evening. Bingaman and family as also Huff and family were over to visit us this evening.

### **Monday Sept. 28" 1908**

Frost fell last night in lowlands although none was noticed here. I proceeded to cut up the corn near Geo. Williams this morning and it took me the whole day to cut and shock the patch which made only twenty one shocks. As I had no time to spare to snap a load of corn for feed, wife and Allie got it for me. I was very much pleased they did so because I felt tired by the time I got through cutting corn. Expect a big frost tonight.

Ceilom seems to be much better this evening. Allie got a card from Bessie stating she got to Flagstaff Friday P.M. Received a letter from Katie and Amelia.

### **Tuesday Sept 29" 1908**

Tied my corn shocks with twine today. Some had been scattered so bad by the winds that much time was occupied in setting them up again before tying them. I finished late in the afternoon then husked four rows of corn to feed on later.

Thomas' have an increase in their family today: a daughter.

Ceilom while apparently no worse is falling away in flesh very rapidly and does not have much appetite for anything.

Bingaman sent word to me this evening that my pigs were destroying his corn, so informed by Lantis. This means that my pigs must be confined into closer quarters, and more extra work.

### **Wednesday Sept. 30" 1908**

Husked two rows of corn then came to the house for the team and wagon to haul corn for feeding purposes. By the time I got back to the house with the corn it was dinner time.

After dinner I went down to the bottom to mow shedding hay and second crop grass. I noticed the frost had killed all my late planted corn across the road from Britt's.

Buena Spooner again asked for additional pay for Frank which she claims is still owing to Frank as witness fees at the time I and Glover had our case before Justice Richards. I explained to her that I didn't owe Frank anything because I won the suit and the costs were on Glover.

#### **Thursday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Went down to the bottom to continue mowing my second crop grass. I finished about 5.30 then hitched on to the rake and began to rake and bunch all that was dry. I worked till sun down before starting for home.

Ceilom has been up for over 24 hours without lying down. His leg seems to be healing but he does not bear any weight on it as yet.

#### **Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Found my hay wagon hounds broken and spliced together by a piece of leather. Joe Kilbuck had evidently done the splicing as he was the last one to use the wagon. I took an old piece from my other old wagon and repaired my hay wagon.

As it was so near noon I did not start for the hay field till after dinner. After dinner I went down to the hay field, raked and bunched balance of the hay left day before. I then put on a few shocks of it on the wagon and came on home as it was too windy to put on a full load.

Let Ceilom down tonight, his legs are swollen from long standing.

#### **Saturday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Exp \$5.00

As I had to go to Strafuss' to borrow his buggy so that wife might go to town I did not start for the hay field till late. I raked several shocks into one and had Britt to shock it up for hauling later when it settled. Britt and little boy put in probably two hours in shocking the 117 piles I had made. On my way home I learned that uncle Jim Elliott fell backward off the wagon and broke his thigh bone on right leg in the fall. I helped carry him to the house and assisted Dr. Johnson to right the injury to patient.

Report came that Ruth Kilbuck was in Ottawa today and she was waiting the arrival of her parents John and Edith from Alaska on the evening train. Gave wife check for \$5.00. Brought machine and rake home.

#### **Sunday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Remained at home all day. Wife and I had to snap some corn to feed on over Sunday this morning. Scrubbed my head and shaved myself.

C.Huff and Ed. Glover had dinner with us today.

Samuel and wife and the widow of Francis Gokey had supper with us this evening.

Doctored Britt's mare today for Fistula. Ceilom seems to be a trifle better.

Wrote 3 letters, one to Cora, one to Katie, and one to cousin Mrs. Klink.

#### **Monday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1908**

A shower of rain fell this forenoon just enough to lay the dust. I husked a box full of corn for feeding purposes. After dinner I hitched up the team and hauled it. Allie and I then drove some cattle to the pasture on the hill: one of them came back tonight.

I stopped Bingaman as he went by this evening and got him to help me let Ceilom down to rest his limbs as he has been on his feet for 30 hours. Bingaman had supper with us. Ceilom seems to be some better.

### **Tuesday Oct 6" 1908**

I went down to Britt's after my oil jug as I had forgotten it down there when I came with machine. I also took a bucket along to get vinegar at Elliott's and visit Mr. Elliott. Vinegar was not sour enough for my purpose so I exchanged it for something more sour at Plakes and also got turpentine and chloraform to make linament for Ceilom who does not improve as much as he should. I and the women folks got him up on his feet again this morning.

After dinner Allie and I went up on the hill to water cattle on Yoap's pasture. As they had to go under a bridge to get to water and very muddy under the bridge I saw it would not do; so brought cattle home again. John & Edith came last night.

### **Wednesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Cut, sharpened and hauled and scattered 53 pole posts secured from poles at woodpile.

I also snapped two rows of corn to feed on. Drizzly rain this evening.

Wrote a letter to Agnes inclosing my check for \$10.00. Tonight I go to sit up for Mr. Elliott.

### **Thursday Oct. 8" 1908**

Came home early from Elliott's where I went last night to sit up for uncle Jim.

After doing my chores and eating my breakfast I retired to bed as I had not slept a wink during the night. I told the folks I wanted only two hours sleep but they did not wake me up and I slept till noon.

After dinner I went to the field and husked six rows of corn, came to the house for the teams and hauled it to feed on. Skick went along and helped me pick up the corn.

All the women folks went to visit Huffs tonight.

### **Friday Oct. 9" 1908**

Cut my thumb accidentally while trimming my pigs and I can hardly write now on account of it. Skick helped me this morning to trim the pigs, 10 in number and two yet to trim. Britt sent his Fistulous mare over for another treatment this morning.

Found Ceilom in bad plight this morning and Allie thought him dead. He was down and against the side of the barn in such a position he couldn't move. We pulled him away with ropes and later got him on his feet again. Much better today.

Mr. Hull got a load of pole wood of me today on tick due me 75¢ payable Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> next.

Set 15 posts this afternoon to enclose clover field for pasture. Had to dig the post holes, the ground is so dry.

### **Saturday Oct. 10" 1908**

Set a few posts this A..M. Altho' I got up early this morning I did not get to do but little this forenoon.

Brice came and bothered me quite a bit. I almost finished setting posts this afternoon. Allie and Julia got some corn for me to feed on this afternoon enough to last over Sunday.

I exercised Ceilom by leading him twice around the barn this morning. He seems to be slowly on the mend.

Huff and family came over this evening. I made Huff a proposition with reference to moving to my new house and for him to dig a well in return but he gave me no satisfactory answer.

### **Sunday Oct. 11" 1908**

Remained at home till late this afternoon. Went to church at 3 P.M. to hear Rev. McAdams.

Ceilom got down again and we worked till one o'clock trying to get him on a wing but finally had to give it up as he would not help himself.

### **Monday Oct. 12" 1908**

Sent for Dr. Wolf early this A.M. to doctor Ceilom as Ceilom seems not to be improving as I had expected. Doctor claims the tendons on front part of leg have been severed and that the horse will never again have the proper use of that leg. He and Geo. Williams helped me get Ceilom on a swing.

I went to town this P.M. to get wire for my pasture fence.

Wrote a letter to Silas tonight.

Commissioner Loman was over to solicit my support for re-election on the Republican ticket. I also solicited his support for a bridge across the river south of Richter.

### **Tuesday Oct. 13" 1908**

The Glover boys caught me in bed this morning as they came over before I got out of bed. I had sent word to them to settle for timber sold them last winter on Silas' place which they still owe for. They said they had no time to handle it and backed out taking it.

Wife, Allie and I husked corn this forenoon. They hauled it this afternoon while I went to work on my pasture fence enclosing the clover field.

Ceilom still on the swing and seems to be better as he ate more today than usual since he got hurt. Bought some bran for him yesterday and mixing corn with it for his feed.

### **Wednesday Oct. 14" 1908**

Received another batch of notices from Co. Supt. Jacobus to post. Notices bearing on E.F. Nisely's petition for a transfer from school Dist. 98 to that of 34. Wrote my Att'y tonight for advice as I am opposing the transfer.

Ceilom got himself down off the swing this A.M. and we worked till nearly noon to get him up again.

Didn't get to finish my fence again today. Very windy today.

### **Thursday Oct. 15" 1908**

Finished my fence along the north line of clover field and around the hay stacks this forenoon. Wife and Allie husked six rows of corn. We turned all the cattle in on to the clover this morning and at noon bro't them home again to avoid their bloating on green clover.

Ben Blankenkemper came over and bothered me most of the afternoon. All I did was to haul the corn the women husked this morning.

Ceilom is still on the swing and don't seem to be improving.

C.Huff came over and got both clocks to running again. Wind continues high all day and tonight.

### **Friday Oct. 16" 1908**

Drove cattle to the clover field and stopped open places in the hedge along the road as also along the line between.

Linden and I and also cut a path to the branch so cattle could get to water.

After dinner I began to stretch some barbed wire along paces where hedge was missing and made one wire gate. With the exception of one more gate to make I will be through with that part of the work.

Received a letter from Silas today. Hous (?) was here for dinner. Heard that Rufus came to the Hills again today and was with his wife. Skick came over tonight.

### **Saturday Oct. 17" 1908**

Exp 50¢

Smith, my tenant on Agnes' place came over this morning and bothered me till almost noon. After dinner Skick and I went to place watering trough in the pasture, this accomplished we proceeded to put up a wire-gate which finishes my work on enclosing the clover field for pasturing purposes.

Having this job off our hands we proceeded to snap three rows of corn to feed on over Sunday.

Reached the house after sun set and found Ceilom down and out of the swing, poor pony had overbalanced backward and fell out of his swing. After we have had our supper we went to turn him over and gave him more bedding. Paid Skick 50¢ for his afternoon's work.

### **Sunday Oct. 18" 1908**

Soon after breakfast we went to work to get Ceilom on his feet again. Several failures were the result before we finally got him up and I was wet with perspiration.

Huff and his family came over as I finished arranging the swing.

After dinner wife and Mrs. Huff went to church. I took a shave, changed my clothes and Mr. Huff and I went to Joe Kilbuck's. I took the rifle along and we killed two squirrels before we got quarter of a mile from the house, brought them to the house and again proceeded on our way. Joe was at home alone. Played pitch for a while with him.

### **Monday Oct. 19" 1908**

Exp \$3.60

Husked corn this forenoon. Allie helped me. Frank Nisely came to the field to see if I had posted the second batch of notices sent me by the Co. Superintendent with reference to transfer from Dist. #98 to Dist. #34. I told him I had not, as I had no time to spare for it. He promised to post them himself and I told him to get them at the house and told him where to find them. No one happened to be at the house so he didn't get them.

At noon I told wife to give them to him in case he called again for them. He never showed up any more for them.

Went to Pomona soon after dinner and bred Dolly to Swayzie's black horse, got groceries and a wetting on my way home as it began to rain while I was in Pomona. Saw Jamie Spooner at his grandpa's on my return, as also his brother Jeanie. Spent 3.60 in Pomona.

### **Tuesday Oct. 20" 1908**

I went to fix my watering trough this A.M. soon after I had breakfast and it took me nearly half the day to do so. F. Nisely came and got the notices to post while I was gone, but he is too late as it is because they should have been posted yesterday so as to make the 20 days required by law, as the case comes up on the 9" of Nov.

W. Hopkins, wife, and daughter came over to see the place I am to rent them (my new house on the hill) and I got wife to go with them with the door key so they could see inside of the house as I was too busy, just starting to harvest my potatoe crop. I plowed out two rows with lister and by the time Allie and I picked them up it began to rain so we had to quit.

### **Wednesday Oct 21" 1908**

Took cattle up on the hill again today, fourteen head. The rest I kept at home. Pasture is good upon the hill but there was no water. Now that rain has fallen yesterday, last night, part of today and raining tonight there should be plenty of water to last till pasture plays out for the season.

Cut some brush across the road from Williams' for a short time this afternoon. Frank Nisely posted the notices this morning.

### **Thursday Oct. 22" 1908**

Started to husk corn this A.M. but had to quit before noon as it began to rain. On reaching the house found we had visitors. Mrs. John Kilbuck and daughter Ruth were here, brought over from Plake's where they had been visiting by Jason Spooner. They remained overnight with us. I had to haul the corn I had husked this morning through the rain. It is still raining tonight. Hogs are all in the mud tonight, tho' I gave them some hay for bedding but it won't do them much good.

Martin Strafuss came over to buy my male hog. Sold him for \$10.00.

Rufus Caleb went after the girls and brought them home from school.

Unpleasant is no work for it today, it is simply nasty weather.

### **Friday Oct. 23" 1908**

Woke up to find the ground covered with snow and was still falling. As Edith and John Kilbuck desired to visit Mr. Caleb I took them there soon after breakfast and from there I went to the school house with Julia. My feet were wet and I thought were frozen by the time I reached home again. Had to take off my shoes and warm my feet. Rain and snow fell the whole day and still raining tonight. Did nothing more than to cut some stove wood, drain the hog pens of water, and gave the hogs some dry bedding.

Rufus Caleb came over to shave himself with my razor. No milk tonight. Calves with cows.

### **Saturday Oct. 24" 1908**

Snow and rain continued to fall during the day and is still raining tonight. I did nothing more than the chores until after dinner when I had to brave the storm and haul feed for the cattle and fodder with corn, as I needed the corn to feed on for tonight. I had loaded on three shocks and got stalled in the field as the wagon went down into the mud to the hubs. Unloaded about one shock and managed to pull out with remainder.

C. Huff came over about noon and I put him to butchering one pig. Later he husked the fodder while I cut up the pig.

Hogs are belly deep in mud in the pens. Drained the pens as best I could and gave them more dry bedding tonight.

### **Sunday Oct. 25" 1908**

Snow had about disappeared this morning but it was still drizzling and kept so during the day. The clouds are dark to the north and northwest tonight.

Toward noon I hauled out the fodder and fed it to the cattle then went and hauled after dinner, as I had fed all the corn this morning that Huff had husked last evening.

Ceilom seems to have better appetite and whinnies for his feed now altho' he is still on the swing. Gave the hogs more dry hay to sleep on this evening.

### **Monday Oct. 26" 1908**

Rec. \$11.70 Blowed it in.

After feeding stock I got ready to go to town as the Township Board met today. I wanted to see them while in session in order to get my pay for road work done some time ago. I got \$11.70 and spent \$5.00 of it for arctics for all of us at home. Balance in groceries, etc.

I wrote a letter to Bessie tonight, the first I had written her since her departure for Tuba, Arizona.

No snow nor rain fell today, although still threatening tonight. Slightly colder with wind in the northwest.

### **Tuesday Oct 27" 1908**

I have been bothered most of the day by various parties so that I have not been able to do but very little. Slankard, Hopkins, Brice Nisley came this forenoon. After dinner my tenant A.W. Smith came and borrowed my black horse. This evening Mr. Hopkins and son Frank came over to further discuss proposed lease on my upland near Yoap's.

I plastered two stove pipe holes to flue. Hauled two shocks of fodder and husked them also fed cattle, was all I did today.

Leo Strafuss came by with a lot of heifers purchased at Kansas City.

### **Wednesday Oct. 28" 1908**

Fed cattle and repaired harness this forenoon. Hopkins and son came over and bothered me the rest of the time in the forenoon. We finally agreed on the terms of lease on my upland farm near Yoap's. Lease papers to be signed tomorrow.

Wife, Allie, and I went down to the bottom to pull turnips this P.M. Brought a full load home and still have two or three loads yet to get.

Wrote a long letter to J.W. Supernaw tonight. Fine day today. Big frost last night and I guess one tonight.

### **Thursday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Fed cattle then hauled three shocks of fodder and husked it. Then separated hogs in fattening pen. Then cut stove wood. Then went after ax handle timber and hewed out one handle.

Tonight Hopkins and son Frank came over to make out our agreement. After completing two copies we had to postpone signing them, as neither of them can write their own name and I wouldn't write it for them because I am an interested party to agreement. Rented my new house to Joe Kilbuck for tomorrow night for a dance. Price agreed on was \$2.50.

### **Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1908**

Fed cattle and hauled three more shocks of fodder and husked same.

After dinner I started to dig more potatoes. Got out only two rows.

After supper I went to school house, a meeting having been called for this date to consider what action if any is to be taken with reference to Frank Nisley's effort to be transferred into school district #34. It was decided that a committee of five be selected to represent the District before Co. Sup't on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov. next. Committee consisted of John Plake, Rob. McCoonse, A. Moody, CH Bingaman and myself. No dance. A failure.

### **Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Halloween night. Don't know till morning if any pranks have been played on me or not.

I hauled a load of fodder for cattle also another for tomorrow and husked it.

Plowed out four rows of potatoes, Allie and Julia picked them up while I went to husk more corn.

Received a letter from Bank today. Huff and family came over tonight to visit.

Ceilom still on the swing, almost two weeks now since I put him up. Don't know whether he is any better or not. He still bears but little weight on the injured leg.

### **Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908**

Fed cattle and hauled another load for next day's feeding. As it began to rain and Huff having come over, we put in our time in forenoon, he to making arrows and I to shaving out an ax handle, and played pitch till dinner. After dinner we went to Joe Kilbuck's and remained later than we had intended.

### **Monday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908**

Husked corn and fed cattle and cleaned out my barn. It was too wet to do much of anything else.

### **Tuesday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908**

Election day today, Bryan and Taft as opposing candidates for the presidency of the U.S.

Fed cattle and topped turnips this forenoon. After dinner Hopkins and son (Frank) came over to sign up our lease papers. Lizzie signing their names for them, as neither of the men folks could write. I forgot to have them to sign a note for \$20.00 the amount they had agreed to pay me for rent of house from Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> till M'ch 1<sup>st</sup> when our lease begins.

Wife and Allie went to town to send a box to Cora at Haskell. I went to cast my vote for Bryan. Went to town tonight to hear returns of election, came home 2 A.M.

### **Wednesday Nov. 4" 1908**

Got up late this morning. Taft is elected, so reported. Nothing definite was learned last night but indications were in favor of Taft.

Fed cattle and hauled four shocks from near Williams' the last in that patch, and husked it.

Tonight I went over to Bingamans as one of the five committee appointed last Friday to discuss the matter with the other members of Committee on the Nicely matter in his effort to be transferred from school Dist. #98 to that of Dist. #34. J.W. Plake and R. McCoonse were the only two others present, Bingaman was still in town since he went yesterday. Plake is to consult Co. Atty on the matter this week.

### **Thursday Nov. 5" 1908**

Did nothing more than my feeding this forenoon. After dinner I proceeded to list out more potatoes. Wife and Allie helped me pick them up. Late this P.M. I went up on the hill to see Hopkins who has began to move his effects to my place. I got their note for \$20 properly signed.

Wiggins came and offered me \$5.40 per hundred for my hogs this evening. We failed to trade because I wanted \$5.50 and he declined to give it.

### **Friday Nov. 6" 1908**

Got Skick to husk corn for me today while I got out the rest of my potatoes. We finished the last of them in time for me to get the corn Skick had husked.

Went to the school house tonight to have a talk on Thanksgiving hunt and also organize for Literary. Talked also on organizing a brass band but no one seem to be interested in that line. Committee on hunt were myself, R. McCoonse, F. Spooner, W. Lantis, J. Shotzman. Officers in Literary, Pres. R. McCoonse, Vice Pres. J. Blacksten, Secty & Tr. Miss Mary Moody, S'g't at Arms, Geo. Veix, Janitor, C. Huff. Program com. were myself, Mrs. Bingaman, A. Spooner, & Mrs. Slankard.

### **Saturday Nov. 7" 1908**

Altho' I did not engage my hogs to any one I concluded to take in 12 head today, trusting to luck to get Wiggins to give me the price he offered me last Thursday. I phoned to him several times this morning but failed to connect for some cause or other, so I took them in anyway. Leo Strafuss helped me with a load. Wiggins took advantage of the situation as it was near sun down when we reached the stockyards and he offered me only \$5.25 for my hogs. I had to take it as there were no other buyers at the yards this late in the day. Hogs weighed 2800 and bro't me \$147.00. Loaned Huff \$10.00.

### **Sunday Nov. 8" 1908**

Had to haul two loads of fodder this forenoon. One load for today and one load for tomorrow's feeding as I must get around early to help Plake haul off his hogs to Ottawa tomorrow.

After dinner I went up on the hill to trim some of the doors to the new house so they will close easier. From there I went to Britt's to get a piece of timber for a gun stalk. I got a piece of wild cherry from my wood pile, brought it home and shaped it out.

Found five little wackies in a nest this morning, being the litter of one of our young sows I had intended to sell.

Cole is to begin drilling my well tomorrow on the hill place.

### **Monday Nov. 9" 1908**

Went to Plake's early this morning with my team to help him deliver his hogs in Santa Fe stockyards as he intended to ship them tonight. Got hogs unloaded in yards after one o'clock. Plake gave us dinner and then he, Bingaman and I went to Co. Sup't's office as the duly appointed committee to represent our school district to fight the transfer of Frank Nisely from Dist. #98 to that of Dist. #34. Frank was not present at the hearing, his brother-in-law Carl Koenig and Frank's father spoke in his behalf. The Co. Supt. reserved decision for today.

Engaged my 3 heifers and one cow to Chas. Barnett for \$140. One red 3 year, 1 Rone 2, one roan 3, one cow.

### **Tuesday Nov. 10" 1908**

Received a letter from Supt. Edson Watson of Nadeau, Kan. desiring addresses of certain parties but failed to give me their names. According to letter received these parties had arrived at 18 years of age (Indians) and money is due them from the Government. I answered, submitting certain names and addresses of each.

Hauled two loads of fodder and a load of hay this A.M.

After dinner I went up on the hill to haul water for the drillers who are sinking a hold for water near my new house. From there I went down to the bottom to husk some corn to feed on. I gave Eddie Britt 10¢ to help me. We husked about 10 bushels. Rained a little today. Clear tonight.

### **Wednesday Nov. 11" 1908**

Mr. C.W. Barnett came after the cattle sold him last Monday and gave me his check for \$140.00. As I was lame in the back I did not think myself capable to assist him in delivering them to the stockyards in Ottawa so I got Leo Strafuss to help him in my place, promising to help him back later.

After dinner I went up on the hill to haul more water for the well diggers but they were not at work today. After hauling water I went down to the bottom to husk a little more corn.

Hous (?) came over today to get money due to Skick for corn husking a portion of a day last week. I gave him 50¢ promising to pay him the balance (25¢) Friday night. Found 7 more wackies tonight.

### **Thursday Nov. 12" 1908**

My old back bothered me considerable today. At times I could hardly straighten myself. All I did was to feed cattle and transfer Ceilom from the hall-way to inside of barn. I turned him loose while changing his swing as it is getting too cold for him in the hall-way of the barn. After dinner I went down to the bottom to get some shedding hay for my little wackies nest and also to use in storing away our potatoes. On my return I went after a load

of fodder for tomorrow's feeding. Ceilom was able to walk about today, but I put him on the swing again tonight so as to be sure he doesn't get down again. Will keep this up until I know he can help himself.

Wrote a letter to Cordray in answer to one received today.

### **Friday Nov. 13" 1908**

Cold today so did not go up on the hill to haul water for well-drillers as I did not expect them to be at work. I went down to the bottom after a load of hay to feed cattle. It snowed some late this P.M. but did not cover the ground when it again cleared off.

Tonight we went to hear a lecture interspersed with grafaphone songs sung by Esquimos at our school house given by John Kilbuck. Admission was 10¢ each for grown people, children free.

### **Saturday Nov. 14" 1908**

Hal. Greene came over quite early this A.M. and bought four steers (yearlings) of me for \$80. It was too cold for me to go to town today altho' we were out of meat and I didn't feel able to handle a pig on account of my lame back were I to butcher.

I went down to the bottom after some corn and fodder. I got 8 sacks full of corn that Ed. Britt had husked and brought home 3 shocks of fodder for feeding in the morning.

One little wackie was dead in the nest today.

Cattle sold this year \$482.50.

### **Sunday Nov. 15" 1908**

Fed cattle the fodder on the wagon then went up on the hill and hauled some water for well drillers and brought one barrel home as I intend to use it to scald a pig in tomorrow.

Britt sent his mare over for treatment this P.M.

Whittled on my gun stalk for my shotgun in order to have it on the gun by Thanksgiving.

We all went to church tonight to hear John Kilbuck for last time as he and Ruth return to Alaska tomorrow. John as Superintendent of schools there and Ruth as teacher.

Wrote Cora a letter on our return tonight and inclosed my check for ten dollars.

### **Monday Nov. 16" 1908**

Huff came over this A.M. to help me butcher a pig. We got through before noon. I then went after a load of fodder and fed the cattle.

While we were eating dinner Hal Greene came over for the steers I sold him last week. I helped him home with them and got my check for \$80.00 for the 4 yearlings.

On my return I went after another load of fodder for next day's feeding. Cleaned out the stable and changed Ceilom's swing. After supper I cut the pig up ready for salting.

Forgot to mail my letter to Cora this A.M. Thomas happened to come by on his way to town and I sent it by him to mail.

### **Tuesday Nov. 17" 1908**

John and Ruth Kilbuck started from Ottawa for Alaska today.

After feeding cattle I went down to the bottom to get some corn Ed Britt had husked. I got nine sacks full today.

After dinner wife and I went to town. I drew \$20.00 out of the bank and gave \$10.00 to wife. Received a letter from the Co. Sup't informing me that he had decided the matter in favor of Dist #98 and against Nisely in his effort to transfer to Dist. #34 heard before Co. Supt. Nov. 9" last.

Left my gun locks with Biederman for repair today, charging me \$1.00. To be called and paid for Saturday.

### **Wednesday Nov. 18" 1908**

Went to haul more water for my well drillers this forenoon and also brought a load of corn Ed. Britt had husked.

The drillers finished this evening, having gone down 130 feet. The well cost me \$65.00 thus far.

Hauled two loads fodder this P.M. one load I fed to cattle.

Tonight I went to Committee meeting at Frank Spooner's to formulate rules for hunting contest to come off Thanksgiving Day.

Wrote a letter to Silas on my return and sent him a copy of rules we prepared.

### **Thursday Nov. 19" 1908**

I had to help the well drillers move to next job today so did nothing more than that till after 3 o'clock. They went to Ben Blankenkemper's place.

My well on the hill measures 138 ½ feet in depth. I gave O.N. Cole my check for \$73.40 in full of account for the work.

Wife, Allie and I went down to the bottom after more turnips. We brought home about ten bushels. Harry Britt husked some corn for me on Allie's place. In looking over the field where he had already husked over I found much left we husked.

Stopped at the house and told him he must get all of it or quit. Corn at 60¢ is too precious to leave on the stalk.

### **Friday Nov. 20" 1908**

After hauling and feeding fodder to cattle this morning we all started to go down to the bottom, I to help first in hauling logs for Britt's stable and bring home a load of corn, while wife and Allie gathered and topped turnips.

After hauling the logs for Britt I went to load up the corn Harry Britt had husked. I got probably 225 bushels. Wife and Allie didn't quite get all the turnips gathered.

Tonight we went to the literary, but no program was had as no one seemed to be prepared. There will be quite a program two weeks hence.

### **Saturday Nov. 21" 1908**

As I had to haul fodder to feed on I did not go to town till after dinner. Wife and Julia went to town with Huff and Mrs. Huff soon after breakfast as Mr. Huff came by on his way to town. Gave wife my check for \$5.00 to buy Julia a coat.

I went to town soon after dinner. Drew \$5.00 out of Bank and gave \$1.00 more of it to wife. Gave my check for \$225.00 toward the purchase of a pump for my drilled well on the hill. I still owe \$10.00 more on this pump which is to be brought out and put into the well (including the casing) by Elder & Co.

Went to school house to organize hunting party for Thanksgiving. Paid in \$1.20 for myself and Silas.

### **Sunday Nov. 22" 1908**

As my gun lock has been repaired I have been working the whole day on my gun stalk but failed to finish it.

I and Skick were selected to be the purchasing committee for the oyster supper Thanksgiving night, so will have no hand in the hunting match which I should have liked very much to participate in. Guess it doesn't matter whether I get my gun in shape or not except that Silas might use it in place of the one I engaged in town for that day.

28 men and boys, 14 on each side comprise the participants. Each paid in .60¢, Total \$16.80 as the sum paid in. Simmonds was elected Treasurer. Frank Pool and Wm Lantis are the Captains.

### **Monday Nov. 23" 1908**

Went up on the hill with team and wagon with some lumber to fix a platform over my drilled well before the parties from Elder's stove in Ottawa arrived with the pump I purchased last Saturday. Allie went with me as we intended to return with a load of turnips from near the river. I sent Allie on while I worked on the platform. The parties had not arrived when I left, having finished my work.

Allie had the wagon loaded when I arrived there.

After dinner I went back to see if the pump had been put in the well, but they never came. I put in the glass on the door and went to nailing on patent lath.

Rain today and still at it tonight.

### **Tuesday Nov. 24" 1908**

Owing to my lame back did nothing more than doing the chores this A.M. The rest of the day rather than lie down I whittled on the gun stalk.

Skick came over and had dinner with us. After dinner I got him to haul two loads of fodder, one load he fed to cattle, the other left on the wagon for tomorrow.

Received a letter from Agnes informing me that they would be home tomorrow for Thanksgiving vacation at home.

Huff came over for a short visit this P.M. They moved to the Patterson farm yesterday.

### **Wednesday Nov. 25" 1908**

Went to town soon after feeding my cattle to meet Silas, Agnes, Cora, Rosa, and Jesse Supernaw who are to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Tonight we went to the school house to complete final arrangements for the Thanksgiving hunt and oyster supper same evening. Four more names were entered on the list of membership in the hunt, making 16 on each side or 32 in all.

Frank Grinnell and family came this evening to visit Mr. I. Caleb during Thanksgiving. Frank also became one of the hunters.

### **Thursday Nov. 26" 1908**

Thanksgiving Day today. A grand hunt, and my side again got defeated. I and A.W. Spooner were committee on purchases and we had to go to town after the oysters etc 3 gal. Oysters, a box of crackers, 20 stalks of celery, a bottle of mustard, 14 lb ham which alone cost \$2.59, the oysters costing \$6.00, the crackers \$1.26, the celery 60¢, buns 5 dozen costing 40¢.

All told the committee expended \$12.64 for the supper. A lot of minor articles not herein mentioned were also purchased. H. Bittenbender made the highest individual score. Supper finished late tonight. The Treasurer announced to report Saturday night.

### **Friday Nov. 27" 1908**

I had to return the rented articles back to town again today. Jason went to town with me and also gave me my dinner at the restaurant.

Put Silas and Jesse Supernaw to husking some corn but they lacked nine rows of finishing the patch.

Wife and Cora went to Huff's on a visit but Cora did not remain long and came on home alone. Cora and Agnes are both indisposed tonight and neither ate any supper.

A drizzly rain has set in tonight.

### **Saturday Nov. 28" 1908**

Cora got very sick during the night and acted very much like a crazy person. I went to Slankard's and 'phoned for the Doctor, who came at once. He pronounced her malady as an acute Nephritis. This was during Friday night when I sent for the Doctor. Cora was no better up to noon today, but about one o'clock she was some better.

Agnes, Rosa, and Jesse Supernaw returned to Haskell at 2 o'clock from home. Jason took them to town. I detained Silas to help us in my work till Cora was much better. Because I had to sit up and give medicines all night. Dr. Johnson came again tonight. Cora still on the mend.

### **Sunday Nov. 29" 1908**

Cora much better, but Silas has a bad cough I don't like to hear. He and Jason hauled hay and fed the cattle. Finished repairing my shotgun this P.M.

### **Monday Nov. 30" 1908**

Cora much better today.

After feeding cattle Silas and I went up on the hill to get a barrel at my other place. When we arrived there the Elder outfit with the pump had just arrived, to put the pump in the drilled well. I helped them and saw everything done right.

On our return home we brought some wood for fuel. My pump handle got out of repair, and I worked at that the balance of the evening.

North wind and colder tonight.

