

# Journals of George Veix

June 9, 1909 to Dec. 18, 1909

B & son 1 day each 4 ½

## **Wednesday June 9" 1909**

As it had rained again last night I did not get to cultivate corn as was my intention. I went to help on Ag's house instead. Mr. Bruce had brought his oldest boy along to help in shingling.

Silas went to town for more lumber.

## **Thursday June 10" 1909**

I started to cultivate this morning and went one round when the Kilbuck boys Jerry and Francis came over and told me that grandpa was worse and sent word he wanted to see me. I unhitched and went over to see him. He told me he had given up hope of recovery and made request for me to see to various details of his funeral later and told me the color of casket to get for his remains. On my way home I telephoned Dr. Johnson to visit grandpa. Bruce worked along. I cultivated this P.M. Silas worked near river.

## **Friday June 11" 1909**

I got back from sitting up for grandpa Kilbuck this morning in time for my breakfast. I did not get to read any while I was there because I was kept busy waiting on him and in giving him medicine every 15 minutes. Mr. Pearce sat up with me and he was the time keeper.

Altho' very sleepy I did not go to sleep after eating my breakfast but took my hoe and proceeded to hoe weeds in my corn till it began to rain again. Sent dispatch and check through Pearce to John Kilbuck.

Silas went to plant corn near river but rain stopped him.

## **Saturday June 12" 1909**

We cultivated across the road from the barn this forenoon with both teams altho' the ground was rather wet from last night's rain.

Silas went down to the bottom to finish planting all he had plowed and reports breaking the tongue to corn planter on last round.

This P.M. N.B. Hurr came over and reported Kilbuck's death at 1 o'clock this P.M. I went to Williams' and 'phoned to Chenoweth to come out and embalm the body as I was expecting his sons John and Joe to come. I went to see the work done. On reaching home I heard Cora & Ag' were in town but too late to go after them.

## **Sunday June 13" 1909**

Went to church to hear Mr. Bruce this forenoon.

This afternoon I went to hear Rev. B.F. Pugh. After the service I had a talk with him with reference to preaching the funeral service of W.H. Kilbuck.

Went to sit up tonight and to get copy of record of Mr. Kilbuck's birth. I went over horseback and remained till two o'clock. While there Joe Kilbuck came and I decided to have the funeral on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as it was for Joe's benefit that I delayed the funeral as long as I did.

Funeral expenses \$92.00 exclusive of B – 6 ½ days  
Telegram \$3.19

**Monday June 14” 1909**

Nick and I went to town today to get the casket. The expenses for funeral were as follows: embalming \$15.00, Casket \$55.00, Herse \$10.00, Shroud \$12.00, Telegram to John \$3.19=\$95.19.

Mr. Bruce worked along on the house today.

On reaching home from town we all went over to sit up for the last time. Higgins and Glover dressed the body and laid it in the casket. I returned home at 3 o'clock.

Silas plowed corn while I went to town.

**Tuesday June 15” 1909**

I overslept myself and Allie woke me up nearly noon today.

After dinner I went up on the hill to see to the grave digging and invite those at work to come to my house for their dinner. I never was so surprised to find only Joe Kilbuck and Silas at work. Bingaman had been there but had gone home for dinner. Joe and Silas left there for dinner while I worked alone. W. and C. Lantis came later to help. Bingaman and Skick came still later. It rained while we were at work and the procession having arrived had to wait in the rain as we had not yet finished when they came.

B – 7 ½ days –

**Wednesday June 16” 1909**

Mr. Bruce came to work again today. I had to cultivate corn so did not help him. Silas went down to the bottom to continue plowing.

Wrote a letter to one I.J. Peckinpaugh of Ottawa in answer to his “ad” in the Republic as wanting to rent a place.

B – 8 ½ days check \$10.00

**Thursday June 17” 1909**

I cultivated corn again today across the road from where Thomas used to live. I quit early because Ceilom was about tuckered out. Silas went down to the bottom to plow and brought home a load of hay. Mr. Bruce again worked along today. Gave him a check for ten dollars this evening.

Hot day today, cool this evening and some signs of rain.

Silas got his \$84. check from the Government today.

B – 9 ½ days (illegible symbol) – or 4 ½

**Friday June 18” 1909**

Kept me hustling today to finish cultivating but I got through just as it began to rain. Bruce worked again today on Ag's house.

Silas went to plow again down to the bottom.

B – 5 ½ bal.

### **Saturday June 19” 1909**

I went down to the bottom to repair my corn planter by putting on another tongue to it as Silas had broken the one that was on. It took me all forenoon to fix it up ready for use.

After dinner I proceeded to harrow the field east of Silas’ place. I got through at 4 oclock then went to planting more corn. I finished planting all that was plowed just as the sun set.

Silas went to town today to cash his check.

Mr. Bruce worked on the house again today.

### **Sunday June 20” 1909**

Went up on the hill to salt cattle this morning, on my return I mowed some timothy to give to the horses then proceeded to clean out my stable of accumulated manure.

After dinner wife and I went to see the ball game between the Chippawa and the Island team east of Tussing place which is over half way to Ottawa. The Island team defeated our boys. The score was 14 to 11.

C. Huff and family came over this evening and had supper with us as did Jason Spooner. Silas and Jason went to Greenwood to church tonight.

### **Monday June 21” 1909**

Started with disc cultivator to cultivate corn on Allie’s place near the river.

Silas cultivated corn across the road from the barn, got through then went to Homewood.

Received a letter from John H. Kilbuck of Douglas, Alaska, also one from Cora who seems to be very anxious to come home from Haskell.

### **Tuesday June 22” 1909**

Sent Silas to town to pay my taxes and get some corn to feed horses on. I went down to the bottom to cultivate. As it had rained last night and the ground was hard and cloddy yesterday I thought it would not be too wet to work. I went three of four rounds when it began to threaten another rain so I unhitched and started to come home. It rained hard soon after leaving the field and I got the soaking of my life.

Paid taxes \$72.92. Paid Bruce for work \$9.75.

### **Wednesday June 23” 1909**

Sent Silas to town today after a load of lumber. Smith also went and brought out a load.

I put in my time hoeing the corn near Williams’.

Wife went to town in Silas’ rig today.

B & son 1 day each.

**Thursday June 24" 1909**

Mr. Bruce went by this A.M. on his way to work on Ag's house so the girls say, I did not see him.

Silas went down to the bottom to plow while I continued my hoeing and cutting sprouts near Williams'. I finished that field today and went to the other at south end of the forty to cut more over there.

Dude Bittenbender brought some fish over today. The women folk got nine pounds. As I did not have the money, I owe him 90¢ for the fish.

B & son 2<sup>nd</sup> day each

**Friday June 25" 1909**

Mr. Bruce and son worked on the house again today.

Silas and I went down to the bottom with both teams. He mowed the ball ground this forenoon.

After dinner I put him to plowing in Allie's field for millet. I put in my time today cultivating.

Julia went this P.M. to stay a week with Mrs. Kunard while Mr. Kunard goes to harvest his wheat in or near Gardener.

B – 3<sup>rd</sup> day alone –

**Saturday June 26" 1909**

Mr. Bruce worked along today.

Silas went down to the bottom to rake up the hay he cut on ball field today taking Ceilom, Maud, and the hay wagon.

I went to town to get my girls who were expected home from Haskell for vacation. Cora and Rose came. Agnes did not come. I also got some lumber, doors, etc. for Ag's house. Paid Halloren \$23 for 4 doors and 8 pair and a half of windows. Got more cement, lock and hinges.

I borrowed \$50 at the bank to continue the work on the building on 6 months time.

**Sunday June 27" 1909**

Brice Nisley and I went up on the hill to salt my cattle and from there we went to Samuels and had our dinner there.

Silas, Cora and Julia went to Sunday school. Fred Simmons, wife, and Tilda Herron, C. Huff and family all came over this evening 100# ice for the purpose of making ice cream. They left here about 11 o'clock as it had quit raining.

Leo Gokey and family came to Samuels' for a visit this A.M. having just arrived from Oklahoma.

B. 4" day alone –

**Monday June 28" 1909**

Rain again last night and this morning knocked us out in our farm work. I had intended finishing cultivating and for Silas to finish plowing this forenoon and for us to both put in our time this P.M. sowing millet. I wrote a long letter to J.H. Kilbuck of Alaska today, my complete report of his father's fatal illness, death and burial.

Silas and Jason Spooner went bumming this P.M. Allie and Cora went fishing. I mowed timothy with scythe and later mowed weeds along the fence this afternoon. Mr. Bruce put in another day on the Ag. house.

**Tuesday June 29" 1909**

It was too wet to cultivate so I sent Silas after a box full of corn over at C. Miller's. He got 15 bushels even and the price is 70¢ per bushel, costing me \$10.50.

I cut weeds and brush along the fence row south.

Late this evening I concluded to hive a small swarm of bees that settled on a peach tree early yesterday morning. They had already quite a piece of honey comb started on the limb of the tree.

Silas went down to bottom after mower and plowed some while there.

Emeline and Tilda came with fish and got butter for the fish.

**Wednesday June 30" 1909**

Silas and I went down to the bottom to sow millet and cultivate corn. I finished the field with the disc cultivator then hitched on to the tongueless cultivator to go over the corn again but went only a few rounds. Between times I sowed millet as fast as Silas had the ground harrowed.

Sent Chris Miller my check for \$10.50 for 15 bushels of corn Silas got of him yesterday.

**Thursday July 1" 1909**

As it was too wet to cultivate corn this A.M. I concluded to go to town after the windows for Ag's house but for some reason or other they had not as yet reached the Freight depot at Ottawa.

I got tin doors and windows costing me \$1.50. I also got more lumber and mouldings for fancy work.

Silas went to bottom to finish harrowing and then proceeded to cultivate corn. I cultivated corn late this afternoon. It rained here yesterday but none near the river where we were at work.

Received a letter from Mrs. A.J. Klink.

B. 5" day alone.

**Friday July 2" 1909**

Mr. Bruce again put in a day at work on Ag's house.

Silas went to cultivate corn near the river and finished Allie's field. It was extremely hot today and Silas reports that Dolly was too warm, that her nose bled. She always has nose bleed when she gets too hot.

I cultivated corn today with Maud and Ceilom; finished the patch west of the orchard and began on the patch across the road from the barn.

B. 6<sup>th</sup> day. Cash \$10.00

### **Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

Cultivated corn today. Silas went to town with Jason this morning driving Jason's horse to Silas' rig as I was working Ceilom and Maud to cultivator.

Wife and Julia went to town with the other team. I did not finish my work because Ceilom was about to give out it being so hot today. Rained this evening just as I quit work.

Mr. Bruce put in another day on Ag's house today and asked for ten dollars which I paid him. This makes close to fifty dollars I have paid him.

### **Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1909**

I filled out notices for the school meeting called for the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month then posted them as I would not have the time to spare to do so tomorrow as it required at least ten days notice. Got home at noon then copied the school census and went to Thomas' to get date of birth etc. of Thomas' girls of school age.

Came by Hopkins' and got his on the census.

Tomorrow the celebration of Independence Day takes place in Ottawa and the women folks are getting ready to attend.

### **Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Big time in Ottawa I guess since almost the whole neighborhood went to the celebration except us. I did my celebrating in the cornfield and believe the scream of the eagle was more cheering than had we went to town.

I quit early on account of headache, it was so hot altho' the wind was blowing some where I worked.

Silas went to town and the only one from my family. Allie, Julia and Rose went to Patterson's to get some ice tonight. They want ice cream.

### **Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Sent Silas to finish cultivating corn across the road from his place this A.M. while I went to assist Slankard at his harvest. I shocked wheat for him and came home thoroughly wet as I got caught in the rain on my way home. Silas finished cultivating then proceeded to haul stone for Ag's place.

It is raining hard tonight with constant thunder and lightning.

### **Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1909**

The heaviest rain and most continuous one fell last night. 'Phone report has it that this rain is to cause the greatest flood yet than any previous one had. Huff and family have moved out of the lowland on Patterson place for fear of the flood. S.S. Coen had three horses to drown last night. A portion of stone work on both walls of bridge east of

my house washed away last night. I did nothing more than to get a fresh cow (Jersey) home from the hill and hive a swarm of bees.

Silas went to town after the windows for Ag's house. Expect to see the whole bottom flooded by tomorrow as the river is rising.

#### **Thursday July 8" 1909**

The greatest flood I ever saw. The whole bottom land from the foot of the Kapp farm and as far as eye can see toward Ottawa was all under water. It is reported to be 18 inches higher than it was four years ago. Patterson's wheat all washed away except about 24 shocks. Nearly all of Slankard's wheat I had helped to shock two days before being washed away. All of my crop on the bottom is submerged under water. No crop there this year.

I put in my time at stone work on Ag's house, a foundation for the flue and completing the wall up to top of joist on some.

#### **Friday July 9" 1909**

I went to town after three more pairs of windows which I had failed to order for Ag's house. I got only one and a half pair of the size previously ordered and will have to wait till the others arrive from K.C. I found my finances at the Bank about exhausted. Only ten dollars more and I am at end of rope as there is nothing I can sell to replenish my account and prospects poor, my corn on the bottom land being all destroyed by flood.

#### **Saturday July 10" 1909**

The flood had receded sufficiently for Huff and family to go down to their place to clean up the filth out of their house. I took them down there in the wagon and brought them back again with us.

The rain last night has caused the river to rise again and it is reported to be as high and will be higher yet than ever.

Huff had left all his chickens outside and are drowned by this time as he was unable to reach the house this evening about 7 P.M. Great damage has been done by flood. Patterson along will lose \$3000.00.

#### **Sunday July 11" 1909**

Remained at home all day today. Huff had started before sun up for the river in hope of being able to reach the house and save some of the chickens. He managed to wade to the house and saved all but two of his chickens. The river is reported to be still on the rise.

The boys practiced ball game today, but it was too hot to last long. The women folks went in wagon to see the river this P.M. Huff and family are still with us. R. Cobb and family had supper with us this evening.

Wrote to Cordray and Mrs. A.J. Klink.

#### **Monday July 12" 1909**

Mr. Bruce came to work on Ag's house again today. I got him to tear off the mouldings over the doors and windows and fix them over again as he had put them on upside down in those he put on before. This evening he announced that he had to put up

his hay and took his tools home with him. I then went to Bittenbenders and got Alf and son to finish the job. I worked at the wall today.

Silas cut some timothy this P.M.

Received a card from Mrs. C.L. Steinfort today, the first she has written me since they left.

Bittenbender and son ½ day each.

### **Tuesday July 13" 1909**

Alf and Dude began to work on Ag's house this P.M. Bought 11 lbs fish of Dude this A.M. Paid him 50¢, I still owe him 60¢ balance. I worked at the stone wall today and did not finish my job.

Silas hauled two loads of timothy to the barn today.

Huff and family went home today.

Wrote Mrs. Steinfort a reply tonight.

Bittenbender and son ½ day each.

### **Wednesday July 14" 1909**

Rain again last night and wet part of a load of hay that Silas and I did not get to put into the loft last night. My back ached so much today I did nothing more than to write a letter to Mrs. Steinfort in answer to her card.

About 2 o'clock I started to Smith's and painted the new doors for Ag's house.

Bittenbender and son put in ½ day each on the house this P.M.

Silas went to cut more timothy this P.M.

Spit tobacco juice into a pig's ear to cure ear ache tonight.

B & son 1 day each

### **Thursday July 15" 1909**

I went to lay more stone on the wall on Ag's house but had to quit at noon as I had to attend the Annual school meeting this afternoon. Alf and Dude put in a whole days work today on the house. They had dinner with me today.

Went to school meeting and was again elected Clerk. No one else seems to want my job.

Director Slankard got angry at remark made by some one and resigned as Director.

Amos Moody was elected to fill Slankard's unexpired term of one year.

B & son 1 day each

### **Friday July 16" 1909**

Bittenbenders were at work when I went over to continue my work on the wall. I finished the upper part today but still have two sides to chink up under the joist. I gave a second coat of paint to two doors also a priming coat to basement windows on the outside. Silas went to town after lumber today.

Wife, Allie, Julia and Silas all went to Dude Bittenbender's dance tonight. Cora, Bud and I remained at home. I wrote Katie a letter tonight asking her for a loan if she could spare it.

B & son 1 day each 4" day  
**Saturday July 17" 1909**

I went over and finished my job on chinking and daubing the stone wall on Ag's house then I proceeded to paint the door and window frames on the out side. Bittenbender put in another days work on the house today. They will finish by noon Monday I think.

Silas, C. Donohoe and Jason Spooner hauled what timothy was cut and put one load in the loft and left one load on the wagon which I had to place in loft this evening as they had all left for town soon after dinner.

Guess they took in the show at air dome tonight.

**Sunday July 18" 1909**

Remained at home till after dinner then went to see the ball game and from there I went to Mrs. Kilbuck's as I had a letter for her from Nic. On my return I came by Hopkins and through the fields and found he had failed to live up to his part of our agreement. Corn very poorly tended, and clearing not yet completed.

Wife and Allie went visiting today. Frank Spooner and family had dinner with us today.

B & son 1 day each 5" day  
**Monday July 19" 1909**

Silas began to mow the rest of the timothy this A.M. as it is almost too ripe already to make good feed. I told him to cut it as quick as possible, we will risk it being rained on. I repaired sickle, ground it sharp then proceeded to mow weeds with scythe along the raspberry rows. Later I began on my report to Co. Supt. by copying the school census etc.

Bittenbenders put in another day on Ag's house and still failed to finish as the flooring fell short of covering all the floor space. Bingaman and Len Smith borrowed by pulley blocks today.

Rose bud is sick today. Legs swollen, they say.

**Tuesday July 20" 1909**

Mowed weeds in raspberry patch and between rows of grape vines this forenoon and started to mow off also the strawberry patch but did not finish. Cora raked and bunched timothy hay cut yesterday. Silas mowed some more this afternoon. Fred Huff and I hauled one load this P.M. and stored it in barn loft.

Received a card from some female relatives in Newark N.J. today. Anna by name. Anna Marie Veix is the way she signs her name. Wrote more on my report to Co. Supt. this P.M.

**Wednesday July 21" 1909**

Hauled one load of hay to the barn this forenoon and had to repair wagon as the hound to the rear axle had broken. It took me till noon to make a new one and put it on. We hauled three loads to barn in the afternoon.

Jason came and helped us as he and Silas were going to see the show in town tonight.

I felt miserable tonight on account of excessive perspiration. I went to bed without supper.

#### **Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909**

Finished hauling and stacking what timothy we had cut down. We hauled six loads to the stack, Silas, Cora and I.

Mrs. Corness (?) came over to sign up the contract to teach our school this winter. I made out the contract and told her to get the other members to sign with her. In my hurry to fix up the contract I failed to mention in one of the papers that she was to do her own Janitor work.

Sent Silas to Elliotts to buy two bushels corn to feed to horses. I borrowed \$1.50 of him to pay for it.

#### **Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

Silas cut clover today.

I completed my report papers on school matters in our district this forenoon. After dinner I mowed over my strawberry patch and having finished I went to see how Cora was progressing with her work in raking the clover cut in forenoon.

I went to Strafuss from the field as I am out of tobacco but he was not at home. I waited till after sunset and came on home without the tobacco as he had not got home.

#### **Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Silas finished mowing all the clover this forenoon. Cora, Julia, and I hauled a few loads and stacked it this forenoon. This afternoon I put Cora to raking while Silas, Julia and I continued hauling and stacking. We got all but about three loads of it in the stack.

Wife had to catch a ride today as she desired to go to town. She got a ride with Mr. Caleb.

I got a pound of tobacco from L. Strafuss this A.M. on tick. Received a letter from Spt. Peairs about Fred Huff and Kilbuck boys.

#### **Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Rained most of the day.

Late this evening I went to Thomas' to get a story paper, "Good Stories," from Mrs. Thomas.

We had supper this evening without any bread and wife had went to town yesterday knowing as she no doubt did that there was no flour yet she did not get any. Nor did they make any effort to borrow any from any neighbors. I was angry enough to have done violence to my wife but controlled myself. She knowing I was too busy haying to spare the time to go to town and yet she failed to get any breadstuff.

Borrowed \$100. due Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1910

#### **Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Received a letter this A.M. from John Satterlee of Keshena, Wis. telling me of Sarah Whitdeer's death on evening of 21<sup>st</sup>.

I went to town after more lumber and also some flour as the folks again had no bread for breakfast this A.M. I would not eat anything at the table, I waited till I got in town and had a big meal at the restaurant.

Silas went to Homewood and got a sack of flour for dinner and I got 100 lbs. more.

I borrowed \$50 more at the Bank today. This makes \$100 I borrowed on an individual note of my own on six months time.

### **Tuesday July 27" 1909**

I started to pull weeds from my raspberry plants this A.M. but my back soon got tired. I had to stoop over as the ground was too wet to get down on my knees. I changed off to mowing weeds and brush in the pasture west of the house and kept it up the rest of the day.

Dude Bittenbender and family came over this evening. Dude came for his wages due him for work on Ag's house. I paid \$7.50 check payment in full to date. I also paid him 40¢ cash for balance due him on fish I bought of him some time ago.

Rain yesterday P.M. and more rain this P.M.

Paid Roy Bruce \$2.00 today.

### **Wednesday July 28" 1909**

Cut brush the whole day.

Young Bruce came over this A.M. and asked for \$4.00. As I owed young Bruce two dollars for work on the house and his father also claiming \$2.00 for one days worth since I settled with him, I told young Bruce (his name is Roy) that I would pay him his two dollars but would not pay his father as I thought his father had received all that was justly due him. I then made out a check for \$2.00 payable to his father for Roy Bruce.

Received a letter from Mrs. Steinforth today.

C.A. Martin had dinner with us today.

### **Thursday July 29" 1909**

I kept on with my brush cutting today but did not cut quite as much today because it was so ducedly hot.

Silas raked and bunched the clover we failed to put up last Saturday and then came home with the rake and began to rake the trash I had cut into the ditch. He also burnt some of it.

Lightening again tonight. Fear it may rain again before we stack the clover which previously was let in win(d)rows but now in bunches.

### **Friday July 30" 1909**

As it had been raining again last night I did not get to stack my clover again. I put in my time cutting brush again.

Silas went to help Strafuss this afternoon.

I got a letter from Katie today which was registered and it contained her paycheck for the sum of sixty dollars. I had previously written her for additional help for funds to partly complete Ag's house but even this sum will not be sufficient to do it.

### **Saturday July 31” 1909**

Silas went to work for Strafuss again the A.M. starting rather late as it had rained again last night. My hay got wet again. I went to spread it out again this P.M. and also cut more brush at odd spells as the day was extremely hot.

Wife and Allie went to town today to meet Agnes who returns home from Haskell to spend a short vacation.

Silas came and reports \$2.25 richer for his 1 ½ days work for Strafuss.

Received a letter today from the “Kansas Giant” (Oscar Krause) brother of Mrs. Robt. McCoonse.

### **Sunday Aug. 1” 1909**

Remained at home till after dinner. Went to salt my cattle after dinner. A few boys came to play ball today but there was nothing doing for want of a crowd.

Dude Bittenbender had some melons for sale on the grounds. C. Huff killed some fish today by spearing them. The river is up. He sent over 13 lbs. dressed fish.

Wrote to Mrs. Strafuss tonight. My nose glasses came unsoldered this evening after making this report.

### **Monday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909**

Cut brush till nearly noon.

Brice Nisely came over and had dinner with us.

After dinner Silas and I went to stack the clover that had repeatedly been getting rained on since last Saturday a week ago at time it was cut. There was two big loads of it. Put all on top of one of the stacks.

Card received today from Wm. Hopkins stating he wished to rent a pasture for his stock and wants me to pay for it. What cheek.

Silas mowed weeds with mower while I cut more brush this evening.

### **Tuesday Aug. 3” 1909**

Bittenbender and son came over this A.M. for their pay for work done on Ag’s house. I paid each by check. Alf put in 8 days at \$2.00 per day and Dude put in 7 days at \$1.50 per day. Total for both was \$26.50.

I went to town after brick for flue and bro’t home 350. While in town I went to see the Co. Commissioners relative to fencing ¼ mile of land along the section line west of the house but they declined to do so. Mr. Hood was there and he brought up the Caleb hill road. I proposed to sell for \$100.00 but finally came down to \$75.00. They agreed to come out to see the hill tomorrow. I regret my offer.

### **Wednesday Aug. 4” 1909**

Rained again last night. I did not deliver the brick to Ag’s place till this P.M. as it was too slippery for my team.

The Co. Commissioners were out this A.M. to see the hill by Caleb’s but did not decide as to what they will do at this time.

Silas started to mow weeds but soon had to quit as the machine got out of running order. It took us the rest of the evening to find where the trouble was.

Repaired pump today and now works like a charm.

Wife went on a bum today and did not return home till after night as usual.

#### **Thursday Aug. 5" 1909**

It rained again last night and was still raining when I woke up. We all got up late and had a late breakfast.

Slankard came over about noon and had dinner with us. Later Amos Moody came over but remained only a short time.

I started with team to the bottom intending to go over the river to take some paint over with me and help John Plough repaint the inside walls to Allie's house but he had evidently given up my coming as he did not respond to my call to row me over.

Bro't cultivator home on return.

Cash for Brick etc \$4.80

#### **Friday Aug. 6" 1909**

Went to town today to get more brick for the flue in Ag's house. I got 200 more, making 550 all told costing 80¢ per hundred. Paid in all \$4.40. I also got 3 thimbles and caps for the stovepipe to go into flue, these cost 40¢ making \$4.80 cash paid out. I also bought some patent lath to use in the partitions. Halloren didn't have the doors I wanted so he ordered them from Kansas City.

Silas mowed weeds about the yard while I was gone.

Saw Mr. Hood today and he reports the Co. Commissioners have refused to do anything in proposed road around Caleb hill.

#### **Saturday Aug. 7" 1909**

Sent a card to Anna M. Veix of Newark, N.J. this A.M. in reply to one received last week. Don't know who she is as I had never heard from her before, but I guess she is a cousin of mine.

I delivered brick etc. to Ag's place this A.M. and on my return proceeded to cut more brush in the pasture while Agnes raked it to the ditch. How I did sweat while at work today.

Sent Silas to deliver three packages of water paint to J. Plough who occupies Allie's place over the river. He went to town from there. Allie owes me \$1.20 for the three packages.

#### **Sunday Aug. 8" 1909.**

I remained at home nearly the whole day except the time spent in going up on the hill to salt cattle. Chippawa and the Island team played ball today, the score was 10 to 11 in favor of Chippawa.

Slankard came over today to get my signature to a note for \$40. payable in six months at State Bank of Ottawa. This note is a renewal of one previously indorsed.

Samuel and wife, Irwin Spooner and wife, and Jason Spooner had supper with us this evening.

Wrote a letter to Katie and inclosed my note for \$60, borrowed of her to use in building Ag's house. Note matures in 2 years from July 27".

½ cord quarried and hauled

**Monday Aug. 9" 1909**

I went to quarry more stone on Plake's place today to build retaining walls on Ag's place at the north east and south west corners of her house.

Silas hauled the stone. He delivered four half loads as I did not wish to strain my team by hauling full loads.

I went to see Will Burgoon this evening to get him to build the flue but he had went to town to work.

After supper tonight I went to Slankards and 'phoned to Pomona for Pennington to come out to build the flue but he too was engaged. Forgot to send my note to Katie today for money I owe her, \$60.

**Tuesday Aug. 10" 1909-**

As I could not find anyone yesterday ready to build the flue to Ag's house I concluded to try my hand at the work knowing full well I should never learn any younger. I went at it in a brick mason style occasionally glancing over my work with a mechanical eye and using the level to it. This is the first one I ever tried to build and think I did well. I put up about six feet of it today. Silas put in his time lathing.

Cora and Bud went to town today. Gave Cora a check for \$3.00. Sent note for \$60 to Katie this A.M.

cost 1 bushel lime Ag's house 70¢

**Wednesday Aug. 11" 1909**

Had been called on to help with my team to cut the hill down by Caleb's for today, so Silas and I started for there but there were more single hands present than could find work to do. I got Silas to work the team while I proceeded to work on the flue at Ag's place. I built about six feet more. I sent for a bushel of lime by Mat Smith last Monday giving him \$1.00. Today he paid me back 30¢. He said the lime cost 60¢ and the sack was 10¢.

Silas and Jason went to see the show at air dome tonight.

**Thursday Aug. 12" 1909**

I did not get to work on the flue on Ag's place today.

Silas was called on to help Leo Strafuss with his flax so I had to work on the road. Mr. Hood only put in 1 ½ days work on the hill by Caleb's. The mail carrier came over the hill today for the first time since the route was established. Extremely hot today and we had to take frequent rests while on the work, four teams were used. My own, Mr. Cripe's and two of Geo. Williams'.

Allie rode Ceilom to Huffs tonight.

**Friday Aug. 13" 1909**

Worked half a day on the road with my team. After dinner I concluded to go to town to get doors I had ordered for Ag's house. The doors were there but were higher priced doors than those I had ordered so I wouldn't take them but insisted on getting what

I had ordered. I also went to depot after Ag's trunk and I had to pay storage charges to the amount of 75¢.

Heard this evening that John Hopkins and Clara Spooner were married last evening by T.J. Bruce. Heard a dance was to be at Yoap's tonight in honor of the occasion.

### **Saturday Aug. 14" 1909**

Delivered the lumber to Ag's place that I brought out from town yesterday and after returning with team I went back to begin or rather continue my work on the flue. I kept this up the balance of the day. Made slow progress because of doubling the brick at the flue holes where a thimble for the stove pipe is placed.

Silas went to work for Strafuss again today and this evening went to town to see the show at Air dome.

Wife went to town today.

Silas, who went to dance at Yoap's last night reports no dance.

### **Sunday Aug. 15" 1909**

No ball game today, hot is but mildly expressing it.

Frank Poole, Pearl Williams and Dave Burgoon came over and we played pitch.

Salted cattle late this P.M. on the hill.

Folks all went to song-service at our Chapel tonight. I remained at home and started a letter to John Kilbuck of Douglas Alaska.

### **Monday Aug. 16" 1909**

Wrote two letters, one to John Kilbuck and one to Supt. Peairs about Jerry and Francis Kilbuck.

Very hot and sultry today. I tried to cut my millet but mowing machine failed to work.

### **Tuesday Aug. 17" 1909**

Finished cutting millet this morning. Strafuss having showed me wherein the fault was to be found which prevented perfect work last evening. He said it was in the gearing and sure enough, by tinging the gearing with wire it worked all right.

Silas went again to help Strafuss this P.M.

Raked and bunched and shocked a portion of millet this evening. Another hot day today. The paper states that it was 102 ½° yesterday.

Huff and son Fred were overheated yesterday while plowing for Patterson.

½ day

### **Wednesday Aug. 18" 1909**

Silas and I stacked the millet today. We failed to finish by noon. Had to haul the last load after dinner. Made two stacks of it as my first stack was too small to hold all of it.

Silas went to town this evening driving Ceilom to buggy.

I went to Ag's place and nailed on lath overhead in basement. My neck feels sore tonight from continually looking up.

Quite comfortable weather today, breezy and cool.

**Thursday Aug. 19" 1909**

Went to Ag's place to work again on the flue. I used up all the brick except those reserved for the top. They being vetrified and much harder than those used inside of building. I lack probably 150 brick before the flue is finished. Put in rest of time in lathing in basement.

Silas went to help Strafuss again today with his haying. Skick was over today and had dinner with us, as also Fred Huff who came after butter. I filled out Fred's application for admission to Haskell Institute today.

150 brick for Ag's house \$1.20

**Friday Aug. 20" 1909**

As I had used up all the brick and still have nine feet of flue to build I went to town today after more. I got 150 costing me \$1.20. I also got the doors at Hallorens which I had previously refused to accept because the price was higher than catalogue price of Van Line & Co which Halloren agreed to duplicate. He told me today to show the price list and he would accept at that price. This I will do next week. I also went in debt for a pair of pants, shirt and suspenders \$7.75 at Gardner P. Walkers Clothing store today for myself.

Silas also went to town today.

Agnes, check for \$5.00

**Saturday Aug. 21" 1909**

Proceeded to work on the flue again on Ag's house today and should easily have finished had I any one to act as tender for me. The time occupied in mixing mortar and carrying it up and carrying the brick occupied a lot of unnecessary waste for me. I got to top of roof, still have about 2 ½ feet to build.

Agnes asked for \$5.00 at noon and she and her mother then went to town. Ag. came home alone as her mother stayed for the show tonight at air dome with Mrs. Samuel.

**Sunday Aug. 22" 1909**

Remained at home all day. I did not so much as go up on the hill to salt the cattle.

C. Appier and family, Mrs. J. Thomas and children and C. Huff and son Fred, and Rob. McCoonse and Mill Decker with his little daughter were our visitors today. I completed Fred Huff's application for admission to Haskell Institute.

Went to song service at our chapel this evening and at the close of meeting I gave the boys a lecture for the way they carry on by making such disturbances and warned them that in the absence of Mr. Kilbuck I should take charge of building and lock it up unless proper respect for it was maintained.

1 – day

**Monday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

Finished building flue to Ag's house this forenoon, but it isn't quite high enough yet I had no more brick on hand to build it any higher. Silas put on patent lath to upper story while I put on ordinary lath in basement after finishing the flue.

Wollen and Skick came by on wagon about noon and got my ladder. They stopped and had dinner with us.

Mr. Payn came to insure Ag's house this P.M. but I could not as yet give him the cost of building and put him off ten days as by that time I think I will know.

1 day

**Tuesday Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Went to hang on the doors to Ag's house this morning but failed to find hinges for them so I went to nailing on lath and at noon got Agnes to go to town for the hinges. I finished lathing the basement this afternoon, Mat Smith (the tenant) helping me. They moved their cook stove and other kitchen furniture into basement this afternoon.

Silas went to help Strafuss with his haying today.

The breechy hog, a sow, got out again today. I expect to have a time getting her back into the pen tomorrow.

$\frac{3}{4}$  day

**Wednesday Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Went to hang doors in place on Ag's house this morning. Alf Bittenbender had made the frame too high I had to lower them. This took so much time I did not hang up more than two this forenoon.

This P.M. I went down to Silas' place to measure off an acre of timber for Charley Appier. On my return I hung up one more door.

Silas helped Strafuss this forenoon.

$\frac{3}{4}$  day

**Thursday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Wife went with Mr. Caleb to Quenemo where a celebration of towns 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being held. Some real Indians from Oklahoma are advertized to participate. I rather think Mr. Caleb and Mrs. Veix will be the only Indians present.

I put in nearly the whole day working on Ag's house. Silas mowed millet across the road from his place today.

Jason Spooner came over this evening and reported that Joe McCoonse had arrived to visit his brother Robert McCoonse today.

A welcome shower of rain fell this evening. Hope drought broken.

**Friday Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Went to work again hanging more doors at Ag's house today. As I had to tear down and rebuild much of the work that others had done I got along very slow. I hung up only two doors today. I still have two more before I finish the job then the ceiling comes next.

Silas went to cut more grass down near the river. Moody came over this evening and got his order for mowing school yard and (illegible) house.

### **Saturday Aug. 28" 1909**

Silas and I went down to the bottom to stack the millet he had cut across the road from his place, but it was yet too green to stack. As he had also cut some wild grass and this was already raked and bunched we proceeded to stack it. We got through at noon.

It began to drizzle soon after noon, so we shocked up the millet instead of stacking it. We then went to hunt fish in the pool of water on slough. Silas got nine catfish and one buffalofish. Put fish in creek on our return home for later use.

### **Sunday Aug. 29" 1909**

No ball game today. In fact only a few showed up for playing. C. Huff and family, Frank Spooner and family and Joe McCoonse, Jason and Irwin Spooner and Brice Nisely were our visitors today. All but Joe and Brice Nisely had supper with us. Went to song service at the chapel this evening. The boys behaved fairly well at the meeting tonight.

### **Monday Aug. 30" 1909**

Allie started for Oklahoma this morning to visit at Baxter Springs and see the Re-union of old soldiers there. Samuel and wife also went.

Silas went to cut more grass down near the river. I put in most of my time cutting corn but quit after cutting one shock. I went to Hopkins this evening and told him to cut my share of rent corn in place of husking and delivering it to my home place as per agreement and I would haul it myself.

Silas paid Wiscomb for his buggy this evening \$45.00.

### **Tuesday Aug. 31" 1909**

We went to stack the millet and the hay Silas had cut yesterday near the river. About middle of the afternoon I had a spell of dizziness and had to lay off for a while and rest in the shade. Silas went to fetch fresh water from Elliotts and Mrs. Elliott sent me one lemon and sugar to make a cool drink. The lemonade cooled and revived me. I think I must have almost overheat myself or it may have been billiousness. We failed to finish our work today.

C. Appier and Jno. Hopkins cut a few shocks corn for me & quit.

Alf ½ day – I ½ day.

### **Wednesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909**

Silas and I went down to bottom to finish topping out the hay stacks started yesterday. Got through and came home with a small load of second crop hay for the barn loft.

Went to work on Ag's house nailing on the ceiling, Alf Bittenbender helping me. We nailed on all we had on hand by 5 o'clock. I came on home and cut two shocks of fodder, Silas cut seven this afternoon. Corn drying up fast as no rain fell to wet the ground since Aug. 5". Cloudy tonight, some hope of rain.

### **Thursday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909**

Wife, Silas, Agnes, Rose and I went to town to take one day at the Fair. As I needed more lumber for Ag's house I took the big wagon while Silas and Agnes went in buggy. We got home late at night as we started late from town and came slow on account of my load of lumber.

Silas remained for the show.

Alf 1 day, I, 1 day –

### **Friday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

A. Bittenbender came to work early this morning but I had got up late so it was 9 o'clock before we did anything as the lumber had to be delivered before proceeding to work.

Silas hauled it over and on his return home he proceeded to cut corn for me near Williams' I having promised to pay him for his work the same as he could earn elsewhere.

The fodder is drying up so fast on account of dry weather and not prospect of rain in sight altho it has been threatening.

### **Saturday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Had to proceed to cut corn today or have no feed for this winter as the corn is drying up so fast. Pastures are drying up and stock getting poor. No rain yet since Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> except two showers enough to lay the dust for an hour. One of these fell this afternoon.

Silas again cut corn today but quit early to go to town to see the show. Gave him a check for \$3.50. Moody boys, Clarence and Earl cut corn for me today. They claim to have cut 19 shocks. They too quit early to go to see the show. Paid them \$1.10 owe them 23¢ balance.

### **Sunday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Remained at home all day. C. Huff and family, Irwin Spooner and wife, Jason Spooner, Chas. Donohoe and A. Spooner had dinner and supper with us today.

The girls return to Haskell tomorrow and Fred Huff expects to accompany them.

We all went to song service this evening.

I wrote a letter to Mrs. Geo. Dodson tonight with request that she come over to play on the organ for us each Sunday evening and for each service she would be paid the sum of 50¢, beginning Sept. 19.

### **Monday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Agnes, (illegible), Rose, Fred Huff, two of R. Caleb's children and two of the Wm. Donohoe boys returned to Haskell today.

Wife and I took girls to town and also went to see Rural Carriers convention at the Park.

Silas also went and remained for the show tonight. A shower of rain fell this P.M. but not enough to amount to much.

Dist. school to begin this date will start tomorrow. Well driller Cole is also ready to begin drilling at school house tomorrow.

## **Tuesday Sept. 7" 1909**

More rain fell this morning and continued till noon.

Neither I nor Silas did anything till after dinner, except for Silas taking his sister (Julia) to school in his buggy this morning.

After dinner I concluded to put in my time cutting corn for fodder. I cut eight shocks. Silas husked one of his twisted shocks to get corn to feed on for tonight then proceeded to cut corn.

## **Wednesday Sept. 8" 1909**

Cut more fodder this morning. It was so hot this afternoon that I had to quit after cutting only four shocks. I then went to see how Hopkins' were progressing in cutting my share of corn as I understand they were only cutting their own and leaving mine stand. Found they had finished theirs and had just started in on mine. Told them to cut all they can till it got too dry then quit, and to cut only that part on the hill. Hopkins agreed to do so.

## **Thursday Sept. 9" 1909**

Had just got ready to go to work to cut corn when W. Williams children came by on their way to school and informed that a 'phone message had been received with request that I go to town after Rev. Jos. Romig. I got ready and went in Silas' buggy. Met Mr. Romig but he had not intended to come out to the Hills at this time. He wanted to see me however relative to matters pertaining to the Kilbucks, Rachel, her boys and the widow Mrs. Kilbuck.

Had Silas' buggy repaired today. A sprung axle, cost \$1.00.

## **Friday Sept. 10" 1909**

Silas got up early and found a mare colt by the side of Dolly this A.M. which came some time during the night.

Silas went to help Strafuss thresh his flax this morning. I proceeded to cut more corn today.

Moody came over this evening and reported well finished at school house today and was 55 feet in depth with about 20 feet of water. Cost of well \$39.00.

## **Saturday Sept. 11" 1909**

Cut corn today and finished west of the orchard.

Silas helped Strafuss this afternoon.

Wife went to town today, gave her a check for \$3.00 for groceries.

Skick returned the 50¢ he borrowed of me last Spring today and also got my signature on a note for \$10.50 which he has been renewing from time to time for about a year and I am endorser. This note was renewed for another six months, payable at First National Bank at Ottawa.

Rec'd a letter from Jno. Kilbuck today.

### **Sunday Sept. 12" 1909**

Went after my hymn book at Mrs. Kilbuck's this A.M. and also went to Silas' place to select timber for foundation to platform over well at the school house. Selected four 4x4 about 12 feet long \$1.60.

Had a rushing time at the chapel today. Sunday school in the morning, preaching at 3 P.M. by Rev. Pugh of Ottawa, and song service at night with Mrs. Dodson at the organ. Collection to pay her was 65¢. I pledged her 50¢ for each service.

Wife visited Huff's. Silas went over the river to ball game at Richter this P.M. No game had however. A shower of rain at present.

### **Monday Sept. 13" 1909**

Sent Silas after the mowing machine down near the river to use same in clearing cemetery. I mowed with scythe while he used machine.

Uncle Jim Elliott came after dinner to haul off the piles of stone that had been taken out of the ground when graves were dug. Rain prevented us from finishing.

### **Tuesday Sept. 14" 1909**

Went up on the hill to finish mowing cemetery of grass and weeds about the graves. This done I went to Hopkins to demand damages of \$25 for non-fulfillment of contract specified in the lease agreement and on their refusal to pay to present notice to vacate on or by Oct. 15. Hopkins Sr. got very angry and threatened to strike me with a large stone but desisted when I told him he might get himself into trouble. He declined to pay damages or to vacate or reason in any way bearing on agreement or to produce it to be convinced.

Cash for brick Ag's house .40¢

### **Wednesday Sept. 15" 1909**

Went to town today to get more lumber for the Agnes house also more brick for the flue which I had not completed for lack of brick. I also desired to see my lawyer and get his advice on my controversy with Wm. Hopkins on the lease matter. I am advised to give another notice to Hopkins that "if settlement is not made within three days a suit would be brought against him under the forceable detainer clause in the agreement."

Silas husked more shock corn while I was in town. Got 50 more brick for Ag's house. 40¢.

### **Thursday Sept. 16" 1909**

Made out notice in duplicate to the Hopkins' this A.M. one I retained and the other was delivered by me at their residence. This notice was for Hopkins to make settlement of damages claimed by me for the sum of \$25.00 for non-fulfillment within three days or an action for forcible detainer would be instituted against them as provided in contract dated Oct. 29" of last year.

Silas and I went in wagon over there and got some boards, none but women folks were at home. I worked on Ag's house (lathing) balance of the day. Silas helped Kunard thresh his oats this afternoon.

### **Friday Sept. 17" 1909**

Cattle got to breaking out of pasture and getting into my corn. I had to repair my fences this forenoon.

Silas went after the hayrake near the river as we have not raked and removed the hay from the cemetery. We both went to cemetery this afternoon to stack the hay at the north east corner of the cemetery lot. This done I put in balance of evening lathing Ag's house.

I received a letter from Katie with my not for \$60. made payable to her with request that I put it in the bank of Ottawa. I have a \$100 note of Ag's too somewhere in among my papers.

### **Saturday Sept. 18" 1909**

Continued my lathing on Ag's house and used up all I had on hand and only about half finished the upper story.

Silas went to town today. Went to repair the organ at the chapel this P.M. One of the treddles was off. I fixed this and also other parts that need mending. Silas came home with two quarts fresh oysters, guess we'll have a stew tomorrow.

### **Sunday Sept. 19" 1909**

I went to salt cattle up on the hill this forenoon and came on home after looking at branch to notice the water supply for the cattle as I expected the Huff family to come over but they failed to show up. After dinner I went with the boys over the river to see them play ball with Richter 9 on the Wheeler farm. Chippewa won the game 13 to 9 and played only seven innings. Richter gave up and quit. Went to song service tonight but we had no music this time.

### **Monday Sept. 20" 1909**

Went to finish flue to Ag's house this forenoon.

This P.M. Strafass came by on his way home and requested I should help him to haul hogs to town this afternoon. I sent Silas in my place and after helping in loading the hogs I again went to work on Ag's house as I had a lock to put on each of two doors and hang up the closet door under stairway.

Received a card from Anna Veix of New Jersey today.

Silas reports Strafass having had one hog to die on the way to town.

Paid Bittenbender (butter) \$1.00

### **Tuesday Sept. 21" 1909**

Lost my watch key some time yesterday and did not miss it till today noon when I tried to wind up my watch.

Went to town today after more lumber for Ag's house. I got 615 feet more of Patent lath and hope this will finish the house.

Found Mail carrier's coat on my return home.

A. Bittenbender got 4 lbs of butter toward his work on Ag's house, \$1.00.  
Silas assisted in bailing Kunard's hay today.  
Continuous lightening north and north west tonight and hope it may rain tonight.

### **Wednesday Sept. 22" 1909**

Silas again went to help bale Kunard's hay today. As it had rained a shower last night I concluded to husk the corn in some of the twisted shocks near Williams' today, after first making a wire-gate to pasture west of the house and cutting some stovewood for the house. I husked five shocks and hauled it to the crib. The five shocks filled the lower wagon box good and full.

Almost cold enough for a frost tonight.

1 – day on Ag's house.

### **Thursday Sept. 23" 1909**

Put in the whole day lathing Ag's house. Got a letter from Agnes today asking for ten dollars. Sent her \$5.00 by check tonight.

Wrote Ben Gray tonight offering to rent him our home place on cash basis or sell him 80 acres on the hill with corn and fodder thrown in for \$3,000.

Silas went to help bale hay again today.

Jason Spooner came over this evening to invite us over to his father's place for tomorrow evening, it being Irwin's birthday and he and wife to leave for Okla' Monday.

1 – day lathing

### **Friday Sept. 24" 1909**

Continued my work lathing Ag's house and put in the whole day and hardly finished one room. Silas still helping bale hay.

Tonight we all went to Spooner's, having last evening received invitation in of Irwin's birthday. We had supper about 9.30, card games and phonograph music. I did not reach home till 2 A.M.

Received a card from Bessie today telling of her transfer with increased salary, and will be nearer home.

1 – day lathing Ag's house

### **Saturday Sept. 25" 1909**

Worked at lathing till I used up lath on hand then proceeded to place casing plates on windows in basement.

Silas helped at baling hay again today.

Jason and Anderson had dinner with us today as also Mrs. I. Caleb and her daughter Susie.

Silas went to town late this P.M. with Jason, driving Jason's mare to buggy.

### **Sunday Sept. 26" 1909**

Whitaker and O.D. Farris came over this A.M. to see my fat heifers but we failed to hitch on the price. I went over the river this afternoon to look over the farm on that side as I had not been over there since the flood. I was pleased to find some corn along the edge next the river.

Returning on my way home I stopped at the mission for song service. Mrs. Dodson again played on the organ for us. I gave her 35¢ tonight. Balance on hand 18¢ for next meeting.

### **Monday Sept. 27" 1909**

Went to sale held by Mr. Hart near Greenwood this date but did not buy anything and came home before the sale ended.

On reaching home I concluded to put in balance of the day on Ag's house but found doors locked where I had intended to do the work. I got my tools, came on home and began work on a piece of walnut sc(illegible)thing for a tongue to my mowing machine.

Silas helped bale hay again today. Wife went bumming today, came home late.

### **Tuesday Sept. 28" 1909**

It took me till noon to get mowing machine tongue in shape to put on machine. After dinner I went to Ag's place and put on one baseboard to east window in basement and came on home with paint to paint to tongue I had just put on machine.

Wife received word from Bessie who wrote from Nadeau to which place she has been transferred after quitting Tuba, Ariz.

Silas again assisted in baling hay today. He and Skick went to Huff's tonight; Irwin and wife left for Okla yesterday.

### **Wednesday Sept. 29" 1909**

Hal Greene came here to buy some cattle this morning before I was out of bed. Soon after breakfast (which was about ready at the time) I took Mr. Greene to my other place as the cattle were there. I had six head there but we failed to agree on a price on all of them. I sold him three cows however for \$100.

I went to husk corn in the new ground under the hill on wife's land raised by Hopkins till noon. Hauled it this P.M.

Silas helped at baling hay again. Rec'd letter from Agnes today. Cut some weeds in potato patch.

### **Thursday Sept. 30" 1909**

Mowed weeds in potatoe patch this forenoon.

Went after the ladder and some boards at Ag's place so that I could repair flues on top of building to my residence in the morning which have long been neglected.

Put in balance of the evening in cleaning out my stable.

Received a letter from Ag today. Wrote C.V. Penn a card this morning offering to rent him the house soon to be vacated by Hopkins.

Silas still baling hay for Mr. Kunard.

### **Friday Oct. 1" 1909**

Plastered both flues over my dwelling house today, also placed comb boards on roof. Heard this morning of Hopkins having vacated my place on the hill yesterday so I went over there late this evening to look over the place.

Silas baled hay till noon today.

Wrote a letter to Cora tonight inquiring about a note Allie left with her.

### **Saturday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909**

Cut stove wood and did odd things about the house till noon. After dinner I went over the hill to husk corn at my other place till evening. Silas brought the cattle from the other place this morning. He went to town this P.M.

I wrote out an item I wish to insert in paper later on, advertising my other place for sale or to rent my home place on cash basis.

### **Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

Silas, Jason and I went after the corn I husked yesterday at my other place over the hill.

After dinner Silas and Skick went to Ottawa to play base ball with boys of west side of town. He reports victory for the Chippawa ball team.

It was lonesome at home so I got ready and started north. Went to Slankard's then to Frank Spooners, they were not at home. Went from there to Yoap's where I found Frank and his family. We played pitch a while, then I came on home.

### **Monday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1909**

I proceeded to replace new hinges to hall door upstairs this morning and it was all I did during the whole day. W. Cordray and his friend from Iowa were here to visit me was the reason I didn't do any more. They had dinner with us and later went to visit Mr. Elliott.

Silas went to help bale hay this A.M. but soon came back as there was no work for the day at the press. I put him to raking weeds and crab grass off potatoe patch.

Rec'd a letter from Allie this A.M. and answered it tonight.

### **Tuesday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Started to dig my potatoes today, plowed out two rows and worked on these all day then didn't get them finished. I was bothered for a couple of hours pumping water for ten head of cattle and repairing wire gate to pasture.

Silas worked for Mr. Kunard today helping him harvesting his potatoe crop.

Flossie Huff stayed all night with us last night. Lila came home with Julia from school and is our guest tonight changing places with Flossie.

### **Wednesday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1909**

As I had made up my mind to go to Kansas City to visit my cousin Mrs. Klink and take in the Priests of Palace [Pallas] parade, I did nothing more than to get ready to start for town soon after dinner.

Soon after dinner Silas took me to town. Dispatched Mrs. Klink informing her of my coming up there that night. Jim Plake happen to be on his way to Washington, D.C. so we went together that far. Mrs. M.J. Menzel met me at depot. That night we went to Electric park to see the sights which were grand. Returned and retired about one o'clock A.M. Inserted an "ad" in paper.

### **Thursday Oct. 7" 1909**

We went to see the flower parade; I, Mrs. Klink, Mrs. Menzel, and Mr. Wheeler; an aged gentleman who was also visiting Mr. Klink. Dr. Cook the discoverer of the North pole was in this parade and I got to see him. The parade was scheduled for two o'clock but it was nearly four when it came by where we were. The streets were jammed with people along route of parade.

Tonight after supper the four of us above mentioned went to 11worth on the electric car to visit my uncle Geo. Veix. It was after 9 o'clock when we got there and they had retired. Was up till after 12 again.

### **Friday Oct. 8" 1909**

Visited as many of my relatives as possible while in Leavenworth but could not see all of them as I was anxious to be on my return home, but nothing would do but I must also have dinner with Uncle who was glad to see me. Soon after dinner Mrs. Klink and I returned to her home in K.C. Mr. Wheeler, residing with his son in 11worth, nor Mrs. Menzel who lives in St. Joe did not return to K.C. with us.

Had intended to come on home but it was raining when we reached K.C. and knowing I should have to walk home from Ottawa I concluded to remain overnight once more.

### **Saturday Oct. 9" 1909**

I have not mentioned Mr. Klink in preceeding notes. He is never at home till after six in the evening, being employed in one of the packing houses. He gets up early and goes to his work about six A.M. My train for Ottawa was to leave Union depot in K.C. at 8.45 so we hustled to get there on time, Mrs. Klink and I. She would like to have me stay till next week but shoo! there is no place like home for me.

On reaching Ottawa I sent Peter, Johnny, Mrs. Klink and Mrs. Menzel each a post card. Found I had spent \$3.80 during the time of my absence which includes my car fare to K.C. and back.

### **Sunday Oct. 10" 1909**

Went after the scythe and mowed cotton weeds in barn lot. I knew that if neglected now they would never be cut this year as I have so much other work that demands my attention.

I remained at home the whole day and after dinner put in my time writing letters. I rote one to Bessie, one to Mrs. Geo. Wheeler a cousin in Leavenworth and one to Alliance Insurance Co. of Topeka, inclosing them my assessment, \$8.90.

Silas went to Sunday school, wife and Julia went to visit Huffs.

### **Monday Oct. 11" 1909**

Cold and cloudy all day. Silas and I began to dig potatoes today. My old back seems to be unhinged tonight. We got out probably twenty bushels, sacked and hauled most of them to the house.

I wrote Swazy a letter this morning informing him that I would be in Pomona about 19<sup>th</sup>. Cold enough to freeze tonight.

### **Tuesday Oct. 12” 1909**

We dug only five rows of potatoes today. We did not start to work quite as early this morning as we did yesterday because the ground froze quite thick last night. It was the first freeze for this season and quite severe for the first one. I found many of the potatoes frozen that were in the least exposed or near the surface.

L.G. Cobb of Ottawa came this P.M. and bought three heifers of me for \$68.50. I wanted \$70. but I had to come down to his figures.

### **Wednesday Oct. 13” 1909**

As we were about out of corn to feed on I told Silas to plow out two rows of potatoes and I would get them out while he husked some more corn. He husked till noon and after dinner we both went to work on the potatoes again. We still have five rows to get out and hope to finish the job tomorrow.

Wrote J.E. Higgins tonight about renting the place recently vacated by Hopkins for his son Harry, as he wanted the place and spoke for it some time ago.

### **Thursday Oct. 14” 1909**

Still have one row of potatoes to dig before we will finish. My old back feels the strain of constant stooping, but I am thankful the job will not last always; that is always my thought when I tackle a tough job, “that it wouldn’t last always.”

I received a letter today from one Alex Jones in answer to my “ad” inquiring as to my terms and distance from Ottawa. I answered his letter tonight.

### **Friday Oct. 15” 1909**

We finished digging the potatoes this forenoon and hauled them to the house. We put in the balance of the day sorting them and piling the best ones in the bin where they are to remain during the winter, but did not get through. Thus far we have 26 bushels piled in the bin.

Lem Rice and Emit King came over about noon to buy my calves but we failed to trade. They had dinner with us. I wanted \$75.00 for five steer calves and they offered me only \$60.

### **Saturday Oct. 16” 1909**

Finished sorting potatoes about 11 o’clock then we hitched on to hay wagon and hauled the hay and weeds from the potato patch in order to have the ground cleared ready for the plow. There was two loads of it which we stacked east of the barn lot as cattle could pick over it whenever they desired.

This afternoon Silas plowed while I picked up potatoes he uncovered.

Wife and Julia went to town; gave them a check for \$10.00. By the way I got 36 bushels of my best potatoes in the bin, and about as many smaller in sacks.

### **Sunday Oct. 17” 1909**

Remained at home till noon and shaved my mug. Em. Thomas and children came over and had dinner with us.

Silas and Skick who came last night and remained over night went away in the buggy soon after breakfast, did not show up for dinner.

I started over the river to Allie's place after I had dinner to see about payment of Allie's note against her tenants Plough and Honister. I talked from south side of the river as there was no boat to cross on.

Heard that Cordray had been shot in the head at K.C. and in critical condition.

Heard Elliotts hogs are dieing, Cholera.

### **Monday Oct. 18" 1909**

Threatening rain still continues and cold wind from north. Mr. Cobb came after the heifers this morning. I got Silas to help him he rode Wollin's horse which I sent after yesterday because I could not spare Dolly and Maud (Silas' filly) was crippled.

John Plough came over to see about his note, past due, in favor of Allie for rent of her place. He promised to pay Saturday or Sunday next.

I plowed and picked up potatoes today but did not finish. Tomorrow I am to work road south of Kappy's. Mell Decker was soliciting donations for Chas. Lantis' today. I gave potatoes.

### **Tuesday Oct. 19" 1909**

C.D. Lawson having called on me last evening to assist in working the road by my place recently occupied by Hopkins, I started as early as I could but did not get there till nine o'clock. Silas remained at home to husk shock corn to feed on. He brought my dinner over there at noon and got a job as scraper filler for the balance of the day.

This evening I hauled up the corn Silas husked this A.M. It began to rain while I was picking up the corn and is still raining tonight.

### **Wednesday Oct. 20" 1909**

We again went to work on the road today, Silas and I. I borrowed a drill and swab hook to clean out the drill hole with as my own drill was still at Slankard's, took all the blasting powder I had about three pounds and made three blasts on a large sand rock which was in the road. We got our pay tonight. I got \$5.00 for 16 hours work with team, Silas \$1.88 for 12 hours. John Hopkins and family came from Okla today. The rest are on the road coming this way. Mr. Oscar Barney died today at 3:30 A.M.

### **Thursday Oct. 21" 1909**

Went to W.O. Rule's sale today to buy a pure bred bull. I got one for \$70. and by paying the cash got a discount of 6%, the bull calf therefore costing me \$65.80. "Fern's Bauff" is the name he is known by on the catalogue.

On my return I intended to bring home a load of ceiling lumber for Ag's house but there was not to be had, as all the yards were out of that kind at the present date.

Silas remained at home and husked shock corn.

### **Friday Oct. 22" 1909**

Sent Silas to Frank Nisley's to borrow his bull crate. Having secured the loan we went over to load it on the wagon and he went to town from there.

I came on home and wife and I went in buggy to attend Barney's funeral. From there we went with funeral procession to Hiland [Highland] Cemetery where he was buried.

We then went on to town where Silas was waiting for us. Wife came on home while Silas and I went to the W.O. Rule farm to get the bull bought yesterday. We got him safely home.

Four of our calves missing tonight.

### **Saturday Oct. 23" 1909**

The first work we had to attend to after breakfast was to return Nisely's bull crate home; on our return we hauled the corn Silas had husked last Thursday. As it wasn't yet time to quit for dinner we went to finish plowing potatoe patch and pick up potatoes.

After dinner we burnt off the grass where Em. Tom used to plant her garden. There Silas began to plow while I picked up more potatoes.

Daisy to Fern's Bauff –

### **Sunday Oct. 24" 1909**

I remained at home all day and put in my time replacing broken window lights and reading such as I could find to read. Silas went to Sunday school and came home at noon.

Then Silas, wife, and Julia went away in the buggy soon after dinner. Silas went to church as there was preaching at our chapel by Rev. Pugh this afternoon.

Wife and Julia went to visit at Samuels.

I waited for John Plough who was to come over today to pay off his note for rent due.

### **Monday Oct. 25" 1909**

We hauled our first load of feed out for the cattle this morning. Mrs. Jn. Plough came over and paid \$20. due Allie for balance on rent. I immediately sent it to her at Chelsea, Okla, also paid for the P.O. order out of my own money.

Trimmed five bull calves this A.M. the oldest and largest is a riginal.

We finished plowing the north half of the Em Tom garden patch and picked up the potatoes plowed out.

Allie had planted some of it into corn, we husked it out and plowed the stalks under. We got about 3 bushels of corn.

### **Tuesday Oct. 26" 1909**

Began husking the standing corn today, Silas and I. We finished what we had to husk over the hill this forenoon.

After dinner we began to husk east of where Thomas used to live.

Received a letter from Agnes asking for more money. I wrote her tonight enclosing my check for \$5.00.

### **Wednesday Oct. 27" 1909**

We husked nearly two loads of corn today. We had to stop to repair the pump during the noon hour as it had got so it failed to throw out a continuous stream of water.

Mrs. Huff and Mrs. I. Caleb were over today to assist mine frau in quilting.  
Rev. McAdams started a protracted meeting at our Mission Chapel beginning tonight. Wife, Silas and Julia attended this evening.

#### **Thursday Oct. 28" 1909**

Continued our husking today. Hope to finish all standing corn at home some time tomorrow and then go and husk out the little we have near the river.

Wife, Silas and Julia again attended meeting tonight. I remained at home and worked on a pick handle for Pink Nisley.

#### **Friday Oct. 29" 1909**

We finished husking the standing corn this A.M. across the road from where Thomas used to live. After dinner we went down to the bottom to husk out the flooded corn but did not have time to finish it; we got probably ten bushels.

Folks all went to meeting again tonight. I remained at home and finished the pick handle I had been working on for Pink Nisley.

#### **Saturday Oct. 30" 1909**

I went to town today in lumber wagon as I intended to bring out more lumber for Ag's house which as yet is not completed. I brought out 510 feet of patent lath. I also paid \$40. on the lumber bill at Hallorens.

Silas went to town this afternoon and on returning went direct to meeting at our chapel, when meeting was out he went to a dance.

Wife and Julia went to meeting again tonight. Julia said she went to the front seat tonight, the mourners bench, it is called.

#### **Sunday Oct. 31" 1909**

Remained at home all day. Made a swingle tree for Silas' buggy this P.M. while the folks were gone to church. It rained like fury this P.M. for a short time, lucky we delivered the lumber to Ag's place this morning soon after feeding cattle else it should have got wet. It was threatening rain this morning so I concluded to get the lumber where it will keep dry.

I wrote two letters one to Katie and one to Mrs. A.J. Klink this P.M. Mrs. Slankard is said to be very sick today and may not get well.

#### **Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909**

After feeding cattle we went down to the bottom with wagon to return home later with a load of wood for fuel. We measured off two acres of Silas' timber for Wm. Burgoon. who had spoken for that amount some time since.

I stopped at Slankards to inquire of Vina's condition as she is very sick. She is reported to be much worse tonight.

Wife, Silas and Julia went to attend meeting at our chapel tonight and left wife to sit up with Mrs. Slankard. She has given up hope of recovery. She had another hard spell of heart trouble this A.M.

## **Tuesday Nov. 2" 1909**

We finished husking all the shock corn east of the barn and hauled the corn to the crib. After dinner we went to Ag's place to work, I at lathing and Silas at scraping dirt away from east side of building. I did not get to do but little work as C. Appier came and bothered me as also did Will Burgoon.

Received a letter from Mrs. Klink today, also one from Bud at Haskell.

## **Wednesday Nov. 3" 1909**

Went to work again on Ag's house today. We did a little better today except for time lost in broken swingletree and later a staple on harness.

We plowed on side of the hill west of the house and Silas then put in his time scraping down the loose dirt while I went to work lathing. I finished the out edge, tomorrow I hope to finish all that is to be done.

Wrote Cora a letter and inclosed my check for \$5.00.

## **Thursday Nov. 4" 1909**

Had hoped to finish my work lathing Ag's house today but failed to do so. I will have to put in at least half a day more; then there are casings for doors and windows yet to put in as also the base boards and other trimmings prior to plastering.

Silas kept on with the grading and has dirt up to level of wall.

Vina is reported to be worse again this evening altho' she had slightly improved this morning.

## **Friday Nov. 5" 1909**

My fingers are getting so stiff I can hardly write.

Finished lathing Ag's house today. I then helped Silas for a short time at grading and also made a ditch to turn off the water that comes down the road whenever it rains.

Vina is reported to be a little better this evening.

Got a card from Mrs. Klink stating that her husband was very sick with Pneumonia. They live in K.C. Kan.

## **Saturday Nov. 6" 1909**

Went to town today to return 86 feet Pat. lath and bring back a load of sand. I brought 25 bushels.

The long horded Jersey, (the one that jumped into Nisely's pasture last year and stole a black calf) was bred to Fern's Bauff today.

I got a card from Grace Burgoon today telling me to come over to Silas' place and repair the pump as it has failed to draw water any longer, but as I was not at home till late I could not go to see to repair it.

Mrs. Slankard is reported to be out of her mind and sinking rapidly.

## **Sunday Nov. 7" 1909**

C. Huff and wife came over late last night and remained over night. Their girls were already here and in bed when they came.

Mr. Jno. Plake and wife, Mrs. Conner and Mr. Eli Stucker, Mr. R Caleb and

family and A.W. Spooner were here today and had dinner with us, as did C. Huff. His wife and children went home after breakfast this A.M.

Mrs. Slankard is still very low. Sent her some oranges and bananas today but doubt she will be able to eat them.

### **Monday Nov. 8” 1909**

Mrs. Vina Slankard died at 2 o'clock this morning. Funeral tomorrow at 2 P.M. Greenwood.

Silas went to work on the road this morning, wife took him to his work on buggy and on her return she learned of Mrs. Slankard's death. She also brought information that my help to haul feed and fuel for Mr. Slankard was desired. I went as soon as I had fed the cattle, delivered the load of sand I had got last Saturday for Ag's house on my way over.

On my return I husked some shock corn and hauled the corn to the crib.

### **Tuesday Nov. 9” 1909**

Went to funeral of Mrs. Slankard early by assisting in grave digging. A large crowd was present at the funeral.

Mr. Ben Gray and his helper came over this evening and remained over night as they intend to thresh flax for L. Strafuss in the morning.

### **Wednesday Nov. 10” 1909**

Went to Wm Channel's sale today to meet a party who desired to rent my home place. I brought him over to see the place but he wasn't satisfied with the place.

Silas went to work on the road again today.

Engaged my hogs today to Bradley at \$7.40 per hundred, the two big sows I had.

Ed. Kunard came over this evening and informed me that my Jersey cow had been getting into his field every day this week.

### **Thursday Nov. 11” 1909**

Having engaged my hogs to Bradley yesterday, I delivered them today. The two sows weighed 815 lbs. and they brought me the neat sum of \$60.31, having sold them for \$7.40 per cwt.

I had left the colt at home and the mare was very restless without her baby and I had to hurry home.

Silas went to work the roads again today.

Mr. Gray is still here as they have not finished threshing for Strafuss this date.

### **Friday Nov. 12” 1909**

After feeding cattle I went to help Strafuss with his threshing but we had to quit soon after because of the rain which began to fall about 10 o'clock. We came on home for dinner and after dinner Silas and I went down to his place to repair the pump but could do nothing with it. He came on home and I helped fix a rivet on his buggy then I went to work on an ax handle.

Mr. Gray is still with us and may not finish his threshing this week.

### **Saturday Nov. 13" 1909**

After doing my feeding I started to help Straffuss with his threshing but the drizzly rain which came by spells prevented threshing. Mr. Gray finally gave it up for this week and went home.

Silas and I put in the day husking shock corn and hauling it to crib.

Cleaned out stable this evening and finished my work on ax handle.

Received a letter from Rev. Jos. Romig today with reference to plotting of our cemetery lot.

More rain tonight.

### **Sunday Nov. 14" 1909**

Wife went visiting. I, Julia and Silas remained at home. Rachel Thomas came over and had dinner with us. Silas went off after dinner but soon came back again. Heard that Mrs. S.S. Coen died at 1 A.M. yesterday.

I put in a new glass to glass door upstairs this afternoon and puttied it.

W. Wilkerson Jr. came over this evening to see the Hopkins place as he heard I wished to rent it. I took him up there and showed him over the place.

### **Monday Nov. 15" 1909**

After doing my feeding I proceeded to haul wood for house use. Hauled two loads.

A cold wind from north and rain again this P.M.

Received two letters from Mrs. Klink this A.M. In one letter she writes that Mr. Klink was not expected to live till morning but in the next letter it states he was a little better and she also requested me for money but did not state the amount wanted. Tonight I wrote her expressing my sympathy and regret I could not at this time grant her request.

### **Tuesday Nov. 16" 1909**

Cut hedge posts for the making of a feed rack to feed hay to cattle this forenoon, Silas and I.

After dinner we cut a few more and hauled them to the barn lot, then we proceeded to tear down the old feed rack and to scrape away the manure as we intend building the new one near the same place. Quite cold today, so much so I had to hunt up my old overshoes as my feet persisted in reminding me of it.

Rec'd a letter from Bessie today.

### **Wednesday Nov. 17" 1909**

Silas hauled manure today to pile across the road from the barn.

I set posts for feed rack and helped him load the wagon between times.

Wrote Joe Fitzgerald a letter this morning with reference to my place on the hill offering to sell him the place and requested him to come over to look at the place. The mail carrier had just went by and I had to chase him nearly to Mr. Cripes place before I got to deliver the letter.

Weather moderating today.

A letter from P.J. Veix today.

### **Thursday Nov. 18" 1909**

Joe Fitzgerald came over to look over the place I offered to sell him but we failed to hitch even after reducing the price of the 80 acres from \$3000. down to \$2800.

A meeting for a hunt on Thanksgiving day was given or announced by the teacher for this evening. I went to school house but only a few were present. Meeting postponed to next Saturday night.

Silas hauled more manure today. I cut poles for feed rack.

### **Friday Nov. 19" 1909**

My pen point, the only one I have on hand is about done up. It not only scratches but blots as well.

I put in my time today at husking shock corn. Husked nine shocks. Silas hauled more manure today.

Wife, Silas, and Julia all went to meeting tonight. Rev. McAdams having again started protracted meeting at our chapel since Wednesday night.

### **Saturday Nov. 20" 1909**

Hauled some of the corn husked yesterday after feeding cattle. I then got ready and went to town after another load of sand for Ag's house.

Halloren was out of sand so I had to go to Rohrbaugh's to get a load. Got 25 bushels and paid \$1.75 cash for it. I also paid Franklin Co. Hdw. Co. \$25.00 on acc't and drew \$10.00 for my use out of Bank.

Allie wrote she sent 10 turkeys from Okla yesterday, but they had not reached Ottawa late this evening. Another meeting for hunting match tonight.

### **Sunday Nov. 21' 1909**

Remained at home all day. All went to church this afternoon except myself. Several children were baptised today. Two of John Thomas' youngest girls and one of Jeff Lantis.'

Allie came home this evening from Okla. She says she came with the turkeys which I will have to get out of Express office tomorrow. Allie came home sick.

Mr. Ben Gray came this evening with his boy to continue their threshing tomorrow for Leo Strafuss.

### **Monday Nov. 22" 1909**

I went to town today to get the turkeys Allie had bought in Okla also to get cement for Ag's house. It started to snow just before I left but it soon quit again. The wind was from the north and cold. It moderated toward evening. I got the turkeys and brought ten sacks of cement.

My neighbor Geo. Williams lost a valuable cow today by corn stalk poisoning making the second one he lost within a week.

Silas helped Strafuss thresh today.

Rec'd a letter from Cora saying they'd be home Thursday.

### **Tuesday Nov. 23" 1909**

After doing my feeding I put on a new handle to my new ax, cut stovewood and husked two shocks of corn, by that time it was noon. I came on to dinner.

After dinner I and Silas butchered a pig as Silas had finished helping Strafuss threshing. The threshers had their last meal with us at noon today.

This evening I went to attend our final meeting for the Thanksgiving hunt. Bingaman is treasurer and he has \$7.65 to spend outside of rebates and scrubbing money reserved.

### **Wednesday Nov. 25" 1909**

Husked balance of the shock corn near Williams' this forenoon. Allie and Julia having gone to town to meet Agnes, Cora, and Rosa who return home from Haskell for Thanksgiving. Silas also went to town this P.M.

I husked one more shock after dinner south of the house, the girls having reached home from town. I proceeded to haul a load of fodder for tomorrow's feeding, also delivered the cement to Ag's place that I had got last Monday.

Wife, Ag, Cora, and Julia went to church tonight.

### **Thursday Nov. 25" 1909**

I was on the losing side as usual in the Thanksgiving hunt held today. Dude Bittenbender and Frank Pool were captains. I was on Pool's side.

The oyster supper tonight was a success.

Silas went to the front tonight at the revival meeting at our chapel.

### **Friday Nov. 26" 1909**

Husked shock corn today while Silas hauled it and also hauled a load of wood.

We went to church tonight, wife, Cora, Julia, Silas and I. This is my first attendance altho' the meetings have been going on for ten days. I must say that the method of gaining converts is not to my liking, too exciting, and not enough penitance in the new recruits. Such recruits last only so long as excitement lasts, then drift back again. This has been my observation of others in the past.

### **Saturday Nov. 27" 1909**

Took Mat Smith's gun home which I had borrowed for the Thanksgiving hunt, got my hand saw at Smith's and sharpened it, then I proceeded to work on my feed rack which I have neglected for several days.

Charley Appier paid me \$5.00 toward the timber he bought on Silas' place, last night. I paid it to Silas this morning and also gave him my check for \$3.00 as balance on timber, as I could not make the change for Appier.

Silas went to town today.

### **Sunday Nov. 28" 1909**

Remained at home till late this afternoon when I got ready and went to church. Mat Smith and wife and Jeff Lantis were baptised as also Smith's two children and Rufus Caleb's three children and a child of John Higgins.

I wrote a long letter to Rev. Romig in answer to one received some time since.  
The Huff family and also J. Samuel and wife had dinner with us today.

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### **Monday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Agnes, Cora, and Rosebud went back to Haskell starting from home early in forenoon and to stop at C. Huff's where they are to have dinner and after dinner go on their way to town with Fred Huff to accompany them as he too returns to Haskell.

Damp weather made husking shock corn quite pleasant. Silas and I husked till noon. After eating a cold bite for dinner we went to work on feed rack but failed to finish it.

Sent my long letter to Rev. Romig this morning.

### **Tuesday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1909**

As Silas had gone soon after breakfast to work on the road I had to do the feeding of cattle all alone. This done I finished my stinker job of cleaning the human refuse from under the privy which I started to work on last evening. I finished this, then hauled the corn we husked yesterday.

Then after dinner I hauled some poles for my feed rack also went to Smith's after a few boards and later went to work on my feed rack.

Silas and Julia went to church tonight. It began to rain soon after they left but ceased again before they reached home.

### **Wednesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909**

Rain this morning and at odd spells during the day prevented us from doing much of anything.

After feeding we went to Ag's place to pry up the stable as the foundation sills were over a foot under ground, the dirt from rains washing and covering them, but Smith was not at home and as he had a pile of manure against the side of barn I gave up the job and came home to finish our feed rack. Later we separated hogs and turned loose four sows I wish to keep, the rest I will fatten.

### **Thursday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909**

Hauled millet hay to cattle for the first time this winter as the fodder was too wet to handle, beside the cattle care nothing for it when wet.

We husked five shocks of corn this afternoon.

Mrs. Huff came over and had dinner with us today.

Wife, Silas and Julia went to church tonight. The protracted meeting is still in full swing.

Wrote Mrs. A.J. Klink a long letter tonight.

Mat Smith informed me that he would not farm Ag's place next year, will work for H. Greene.

### **Friday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1909**

A couple of fellows came to the field where Silas and I were husking shock corn this forenoon and asked to get some of the fuel timber I was giving away for the sake of having ground cleared. I showed him where to go but they did not cut any of it as it was too small for their purpose. I sold him a load of larger pole timber for .6¢.

Silas and I husked shock corn and repaired fence in barn lot. Silas hauled the corn we husked and I finished an ax handle.

Wife, Julia and Silas went to church again tonight.

### **Saturday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1909**

We all got up late this morning as it was raining. It had snowed some during the night and later turned to rain and sleet. More sleet fell during the day and tonight has covered the ground with ice. We did nothing more than to haul a load of millet to feed to cattle and cut some stovewood for the house.

Received a letter from Katie today.

### **Sunday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1909**

The ground is covered over with ice, result of rain and sleet yesterday and last night. Almost too slick to remain upright while on ice. We remained at home all day. Silas went to church this A.M. but there was none.

Wrote John Kilbuck a letter tonight.

Jno. Thomas was over and had dinner with us.

Frank Nisely came over this evening and gave me 35¢ for an ax handle, the only handle I had left.

### **Monday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1909**

All I did this forenoon was to cut stovewood for the house and scrape front yard of ice.

After dinner I went to the timber and cut some wood for fuel by trimming one tree top and brought home a stick of timber for an ax handle.

Silas went out hunting for a while and killed three rabbits.

### **Tuesday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1909**

Silas and I hauled millet to feed cattle. This was all we did till after dinner when we went up on the hill to cut and haul stovewood for Aunt Catherine.

We managed to cut a good load and I delivered it over there, they were out of fuel and the little boys had to remain away from school in order to keep up fuel for the house. Silas and Julia went to church again tonight.

### **Wednesday Dec. 8" 1909**

Silas took the team and went to help get up fuel for the chapel. He and several others including the Rev. McAdams cut and hauled one load of stovewood. They all had their dinner at Mr. Pearce's who occupies the Kilbuck place near the chapel.

After dinner they all went to cut more fuel, this time for widow Kilbuck. Two loads were delivered at her residence. I remained at home, cut stovewood for the house and made one ax handle.

Jeff Lantis borrowed 15 loaded shells today.

### **Thursday Dec. 9" 1909**

Tod Coen paid me \$2.25 for timber.

E. Smith came over this morning to conclude our lease contract for Ag's place for next year's renting, but owing to complicated situation of affairs, as he is to pay interest from date up to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1910 before he pays the agreed cash rental of \$150. for the 63 acres, and as I had not as yet settled with Halloren for the lumber used on Ag's house in which case my note will be required with interest thereon, I could not fill out the agreement properly between I and Smith. We put it off till last of month.

Hauled wood for the house.

### **Friday Dec. 10" 1909**

Silas and I reduced the woodpile into stovewood this forenoon. After dinner we went to the woods and sawed stovewood with cross-cut saw untill time to do chores.

Silas and Julia went to church tonight, it being the last one to be had of the revival that has been in progress for some time.

I filled out a blank Article of Agreement between I and L. Lantis leasing him my place near Samuel's for one year for \$125.00.

### **Saturday Dec. 11" 1909**

Went to town today to meet L. Lantis to complete our deal for rent of my place on the hill for coming year. As I required an advance of \$75.00 cash I had to indorse a note for him at 1<sup>st</sup> National bank for the money he is to pay me, he however secured me by mortgaging two cows and a brown mare for the money he borrowed. We signed up agreement V.O. W. Smith witnessing.

Found my mortgage was due on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Silas hauled feed and wood for the house while I was gone.

### **Sunday Dec. 12" 1909**

Remained at home most of the day. All but Allie went to church this P.M. A dozen or more were baptised today by sprinkling. Julia was one of them. Rev. McAdams announced that he would baptise seven by immersion next Wednesday at 2 P.M. at Cedar Bluff.

Leo Lantis brought the note and mortgage over this afternoon referred to in yesterday's item.

Wrote Katie and Bessie tonight telling them Hills news.

### **Monday Dec. 13" 1909**

After splitting all the chunk wood for house use it was time for dinner.

After dinner Silas and I went to track up the skunk that crossed my path on my way home yesterday from my other place. We located it after going nearly a mile, but did not dig it out.

We went on to Silas' place to see the tenant and from there to see the river near Moody's.

Wife and Allie went to visit Huffs this P.M.

### **Tuesday Dec. 14" 1909**

Had to go to town today and renew my mortgage on my home place for \$1000, which had expired on the 8" Instant. I, wife and Allie went, but it wasn't necessary after all for my wife to go as the same mortgage was extended for another five years from date of expiration. I paid the interest \$60.00 then attended to other business and came on home.

C. Huff and wife were here before we left for town this A.M. they having received a letter from Supt. Peairs informing them of doubt of Fred Huff's right to attend Haskell, etc.

### **Wednesday Dec. 15" 1909**

Sent Silas to measure off ½ acre of his timber to a customer but failed to make the deal with the party after seeing the timber. It was too small for his purpose but bought a load rather than return home with empty wagon.

After doing my feeding I got ready to go to Moody's to prepare the place where seven were to be immersed for baptism today by breaking ice, stretching ropes and building a fire near the shore. Silas, Louis Hull, Clarence and Earl Moody, Wm., Burgoon, Miss Edington and Grace Burgoon were baptised by Rev. McAdams of Methodist Protestant church.

### **Thursday Dec. 16" 1909**

After feeding cattle today I put in my time replacing glass on sash to windows in my dwelling house.

This P.M. Will. Burgoon came over to inform me that H. Greene had gone to Kansas City and that he was therefore unable to secure the money today from Green to pay on rent of Silas' place but he would call again next Saturday and fix it up.

Silas put in the day at pumping the well dry to clean it out. It has a foul smell to water.

Fred Huff cam home from Haskell today.

### **Friday Dec. 17" 1909**

Went to G.W. Nisely's and bought ten geese for \$5.00 for the shooting match I propose to have on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will offer 7 turkeys, 11 geese, and 10 ducks for contest on that date.

This afternoon we got up two loads of wood for fuel.

Wrote an "ad" for the Republic which I wish to insert about shooting match tonight, as Silas intends going to town tomorrow.

### **Saturday Dec. 18" 1909**

We reduced the woodpile into stovewood this A.M.

Will Burgoon came this P.M. to enter into an agreement for rent of Silas' place for next year. He had promised to raise \$30 cash to pay in advance on the rent but failed to make the raise. We finally arranged it so that Silas could get the money. I took 2 notes from Burgoon, one note payable on Dec. 30" 1909, and one on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1910, each note for \$30.00. I then advance the money to Silas (\$30.00) and I wait for a few days on Burgoon.

Silas went to town while I went to schoolhouse to clean out the stovepipe. Burgoon went along to help me. C. Moody and L. Slankard also helped.