Noah S. Grindle Diary, 1875

I have copied the entire diary of Noah S. Grindle in his handwriting, dated 1875. Any grammatical or punctuation errors are ones found in the diary and copied. Some words were difficult to read and may not be accurate but all appear to be correct.

Submitted by Jennifer Cruse

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UTR = unable to read

Diary of Noah Simpson Grannell (Grindle) dated 1875

Inside front cover: Noah Simpson Grannell
Diary bought of Dooley
December 30, 1874
Price 60 cts
My Great Grandfather EGG

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Harvest $3.50
Cradle 5.00
Money 7.00
Wm. Bryant $15.50

January

Friday 1, 1875—All well cold morning, cloudy drizly day. At Wm Killions night before at Oyster Sup and dance. Chiped (UTR) in morn, had turkey roasted for dinner, Wm Bryant & wife, & Bracilak Clapp here for dinner, Uncle John Carpenter tight laid in shop, Cornealius Smock buried day before.

Saturday 2, 1875—Snowed the night before 2 in deep. Cold day worked in shop little in morn. Eat dinner at Wm Killions. Son Frank cut his foot very bad instep of left foot. Old man John Alkire died in evening Tiphoid Fever.

Sunday 3, 1875—Cold cloudy day, thawed none. Took dinner with W.H. Beamus, Mary and Lucinda Killion visited us that day. John Carpenter & his son Thos. Called that night & staid until bed time.

Monday 4, 1875—Clear cold day, done nothing finger to sore. Went to H N Stuarts to see about Corn Ground. Went to Wm Killions in evening & got some butter milk. Very cold night. Was down to F. M Hamiltons that day played checkers with him and Wm Bryant.

Tuesday 5, 1875—Clear very cold day. Went to Rosedale horseback to see T. Fordon with Wm
Bryant. Did not see him went up to Wm Killions in the evening for sweet milk to poultice Frank’s foot. Was resting easy did not do it. Did not thaw any.

Wednesday 6, 1875—Clear cold day went to Tuttles Mill to see Wm Balding about flour bls. Balding S. Allen having mill rented $1200 one year, paying 60 cts for corn, $1.06 for wheat. Eat dinner with C.S. Tuttle. Flour $3.25 per hun, Meal 80 cts per bas, Beans 80 cts per hun. Geo Paine and Aaron Pence putting up ice in the Tottle ice house.

Thursday 7, 1875—Snowing in morning snowed a little all day drifted. Franks foot in morn doing well, went to Wm Killions in eve. Help eat four roasted rabbits. Clear cold night. Wm Bryant helped Harvey Evans kill hogs.

Friday 8, 1875—Cloudy cold day. Went to Stuarts Sawmill and gave Milo Gauge prescription and medicine for lung fever. Dance at Cam Shadleys that night. Did not go wind rose about 8 o clock very cold night. Snow still on the ground has not thawed any since it fell on the night of the first Jan. Boys foot on the mend.

Saturday 9, 1875—Coldest day since Jan 1st 1864 this day ’75 was 19 degrees below zero. Hazy windy day. Wind fell about 4 o clock moderated some. Went to see Gauge, was better. Eat dinner at Wm Bryants. Supper at Wm Killions. Franks foot getting better.

Sunday 10, 1875—Clear cold day. Went to see Gauge was doing well, eat dinner at Wm Killions. Horse kicked his best cow & broke her leg. Bryant & family, Brice & family all at my house for dinner. Snow fell on the ground. Thawed none since it fell.

Monday 11, 1875—Clear cold day, was at Wm H Stuarts.went to (UTR) the trial between Wm Killion & E T Weden. Went to John Carpenters in evening and borrowed some salt. John hauled wood for our selves & two loads for B R Grindle. Snow still the same.

Tuesday 12, 1875—Cloudy cold day. Went to R Redfords sale. Bought to the amount of $ 2. 40. Wm Bryant debt $ 2.45. in all $4.85. Gave note jointly for nine months with 6 % interest from date until paid, due Oct 12/75. Amount when due $4.987. Drizeled rain in forepart of the night & sleeted. Turned cold in after bout of night. Snow still on ground.

Wednesday 13, 1875—Cold Sleety day. At home all day cleaning Violas bought at Redfords sale. Elmoth Reece’s wife died evening before Typhoid Fever.

Thursday 14, 1875—Clear cold day at home fixing up heating stove, was up to Wm Killions in evening. Win & Beamus killed hogs. Dance at Starling Biggs. Alex Chandler and Isaac Hindrick fought. Chandler struck Hindrick with a billy twice on head. Fought abought ten minutes both agreed to quit. Wm Reece my author was there.

Friday 15, 1875—Clear not quite so cold did not thaw any. Eat dinner at Wm Killions. Jack Reece died North Terre Haute

Saturday 16, 1875—Clear cold day. Cut 400 dogwood hooppoles on Wm H Stuart. Went to Wm Bryants in eve gave Minnie medicine.

Sunday 17, 1875—Clear cold day. Went to William Adkerson eat dinner with him. At Bryants in
morn & gave Minnie medicine doing well.

Monday 18, 1875—Clear cold day. Went to Alva nieces to cut hooppoles. Did not cut any. Then went to Wm H Stuart Woods & cut 200 dogwood poles.

Tuesday 19, 1875—Clear cold day. Cut 200 poles on Stuart.

Wednesday 20, 1875—Cloudy thawed a little. Went to Rosedale with Wm Bryant Geo Stahlmaker to trade claims on C S Tuttle & Company stock to T S Fordon did not trade.

Thursday 21, 1875—Cloudy soft day. Drizled rain in the afternoon, hauled hooppoles. Miles Adams & Mary Bryant was married.

Friday 22, 1875—Warm & thawing. Went to Tuttles Mill to see W B Stuart on trade, snow not all gone yet. Freezing of nights. Bryant went to Jessup with Hamilton.

Saturday 23, 1875—Thawing. Went to W C Stuarts & John Carpenters came home with me & stayed until bed time. Snow nearly all gone. Freezing at night. Drift of snow that night.

Sunday 24, 1875—Cold raw wind. Thawed in sun not in shade. Self & wife went to Wm Killions had Dr Jas Leachman there to see Andrew.

Monday 25, 1875—Cold cloudy day. Went to Terre Haute on train from T.H.& C Junction.

Tuesday 26, 1875—Clear warm day at Hamiltons grocery with Frank Stuart Bryant all got on a tight.

Wednesday 27, 1875—Cloudy drizley warm day on sick list. Taking medicine. At Wm Bryants for dinner.

Thursday 28, 1875—Clear warm day. Went to David Uumphrys to look at sod ground. Eat dinner with him.

Friday 29, 1875—Clear warm day. Went to Wm H Stuarts.

Saturday 30, 1875—Clear and warm with chilly south winds. Went to Cam Shadleys and got stove for shop price $1.50. Drift of snow that night.

Sunday 31, 1875—Clear day south wind. Thawed none today. Went Wm Killion & to Wm H Stuarts.

February:

Monday 1, 1875—Clear day south winds. Thawed some. Rented corn ground of Wm H Stuart the greek piece and the fuller piece taking in what I cut of that Fuller did not break. Stuart to have one third. Was summoned to attend Grand Jury forthwith. Did not go today.

Tuesday 2, 1875—Cloudy Drizly day. Sleety in morning. Went to Terre Haute to Grand Jury wanted as witness against F M Hamilton. Done nothing on my part.

Wednesday 3, 1875—Cold Cloudy Windy day. On Jury at Esqr Sparks case to Cauly vs A
Shadley found verdict for Cauly for four dollars.

Thursday 4, 1875—Cold windy day. Ann Stephenson & _______ Hatfield married.

Friday 5, 1875—Thawing some.

Saturday 6, 1875—Cold day snowed at night. Was at Thos Reeces and gave old man Hoffman some pile medicine. Was very bad off. Old lady Deighter was buried.

Sunday 7, 1875—Clear cold day. Old man Killion and Lenard both sick.

Monday 8, 1875—Clear cold day. Went to Terre Haute.

Tuesday 9, 1875—Clear and Cold.

Wednesday 10, 1875—Stormy snowed and sleeted all day. Went to Terre Haute as witness in court case of Beamus & Bloodsole at court Terre Haute.

Thursday 11, 1875—Cloudy and cold. Snow 6in deep.

Friday 12, 1875—Cloudy cold day.

Saturday 13, 1875—Clear snow giving some. Brother James B Grannell came from Logansport. Hauled one load of wood.

Sunday 14, 1875—Clear cold day. Gil Howard was married this eve.

Monday 15, 1875—Coldest Morn at daylight by 2 degrees this winter. Jas B Grannel took six o clock train for Logansport. Hauled one load of wood.

Tuesday 16, 1875—Cloudy cold day, hauled one load of wood for self & hewed logsled runners for Wm Killion.

Wednesday 17, 1875—Clear cold day. Hauled one load of wood.

Thursday 18, 1875—Clear cold day. Went to Mill.

Friday 19, 1875—Clear cold day. Hauled wood. Snowed that night.

Saturday 20, 1875—Cloudy cold day. Hauled Straw.

Sunday 21, 1875—Snowed in morn. Cleared off at 11 O Clock. Thawed considerable.

Monday 22, 1875—Clear warm day. Thawed considerable. Hauled wood all day for Brice & self. Rain that night. Snow about all gone.

Tuesday 23, 1875—Rain nearly all day. Power of water on ground. Mother Grindle came from Logansport on one o clock train. Worked in shop.

Wednesday 24, 1875—Clear warm day. Worked in shop. Drift of snow fell that night.
Thursday 25, 1875—Cloudy cool day. Worked in shop.

Friday 26, 1875—Clear and cool. Worked in shop. Light drift of snow fell that night.

Saturday 27, 1875—Clear and cool. Went to (sqr) and Pences down by Tuttles mill. On jury case of Jas Stulls & W H Bemis. John Wesley Marquis was born half past 8 o clock weigh 10 pounds.


March:

Monday 1, 1875—Cloudy drizley day. Froze hard night before.

Tuesday 2, 1875—Cloudy moderate day. Cool wind. Snow that night.

Wednesday 3, 1875—Snowing yet this morning. Snowed all day. Snow 6 in deep.

Thursday 4, 1875—Clear col morning. Moderated during day. Snow giving.

Friday 5, 1875—Cloudy, moderating, snow still giving. Worked in shop.

Saturday 6, 1875—Clear warm snow giving. Worked in shop.

Sunday 7, 1875—Moderate, north wind, snow still giving. Went to Wm H Stuarts to see about corn ground. Eat dinner with Stuart.

Monday 8, 1875—Clear and warm. Snow giving. Helped Wm Bryant butcher in afternoon. Sold Burgan Iron hooped bl 1 bought at R Redfords sale. Give 35 cts sold for $1.00.

Tuesday 9, 1875—Clear and warm. Snow still giving. Worked in shop. John Carpenter here & made axe handle.

Wednesday 10, 1875—Clear and warm. Worked in shop until noon. Went to Jacobs grocery in afternoon for tobacco.

Thursday 11, 1875—Cloudy misty day. Snow nearly all gone. Worked in shop.

Friday 12, 1875—Clear warm day. Snow all gone except a little in drifted spots. Worked in shop

Saturday 13, 1875—Clear and warm. Snow all gone. Worked in shop until noon.

Sunday 14, 1875—Clear warm day. Clouded up about sundown in the west with distant thunder. After dark a while it lightened and thundered tolerable hard with rain and some hail at intervals until about 11 or 12 o'clock.

Monday 15, 1875—Cloudy and windy day. Wind blowed very hard, some rain during the day. Returned tolerable cool in the afternoon. Worked in shop. Let George Stahlmaker have some pile ointment.

Tuesday 16, 1875—Cloudy and very windy from the southwest. Snowed at intervals all day.
Worked in shop. Let A Lucas have medicine for child.

Wednesday 17, 1875—Clear windy day. Drift of snow on ground. Thawed a little. Turned cold in evening. Worked in shop. Give L. Lake 25 cts to send for cabbage seed.

Thursday 18, 1875—Snowing this morn. Snowed all day. Went to Wm H Stuarts to see about Corn ground. Snow 2 in deep.

Friday 19, 1875—Sleeted all day and part of night. Went up to W H Beamis.

Saturday 20, 1875—Thawed very little. Heavy crust on the snow. Cloudy all day. Negro show at Wm Killions tonight.

Sunday 21, 1875—Cloudy day, thawed very little. Was at Wm Killions.

Monday 22, 1875—Cloudy most of this day. Warm thawed considerable. Snow nearly all gone. Went to Stuarts mill in forenoon and borrowed a cross cut saw to saw stove wood. Went to Jacobs in afternoon for tobacco. Turned cooler in eve freezing.

Tuesday 23, 1875—Cloudy snowed in afternoon. Wet snow haved considerable warm night. Worked in shop Neffew William Grindle here all night.

Wednesday 24, 1875—Cloudy thawing. Julia L Bryant ran ebridiary needle in her left thigh ¾ of an inch and extracted it. Worked in shop.

Thursday 25, 1875—Clear day. Clouded up in evening. Went to an exibition last night at Sulpher Spring Meeting House. Went in wagon very muddy. Got home at 12 o’clock. Worked in shop.

Friday 26, 1875—Good Friday. Cloudy rained early this morning. Cleared up about 10 o’clock. Snow all gone.

Saturday 27, 1875—Clear warm day. Went up to Stuarts Mill.


Tuesday 30, 1875—Clear day, very warm. Went to A Pences blacksmith shop with plow.

Wednesday 31, 1875—Cloudy and warm. Went to RR Junction after mothers trunk in forenoon. Up Stuarts sawmill in afternoon. Rained in eve and that night. Windy through the day.

April:

Thursday 1, 1875—Cloudy cool day. Moved Albert Brown. Worked in shop.

Friday 2, 1875—Clear warm day. Worked in shop.

Saturday 3, 1875—Clear little cool. Went to mill in forenoon to Milton Station on Terre Haute and
Indianapolis RR in afternoon.

Sunday 4, 1875—Light cloudy and warm. Self and wife went to Wm Killions. They were gone to Wm Grindles.

Monday 5, 1875—Partially cloudy warm. Went to H T Creals mill with a load of flour bls, 54 at 48 cts per bl. $25.92. Miles Elingsworth wife died this morning.

Tuesday 6, 1875—Clear and warm. Went to Terre Haute with team for Harness. Bought collars and harness & side of harness leather. Collars-5.56 Harness-1.65 Harness leather 5.00 buckles & co 1.25 13.40

Wednesday 7, 1875—Cloudy and very warm. Went to Terre Haute with Wm Bryant. Went to Wm Bryant in eve to see Lester Hamilton. Sick gave him medicine.

Thursday 8, 1875—Clear and warm. Worked at harness. Clouded up in eve. Rained a good rain that night.

Friday 9, 1875—Cloud & cool. Worked at harness.

Saturday 10, 1875—Clear warm day. Went to shop for plow in forenoon. Meade Doubletree and scoured plow in afternoon.

Sunday 11, 1875—Cloud cool day. Worked on violin all day. F M Hamilton and Eliza was here on visit.


Tuesday 13, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Frank plowed. Self grubbing potatoe patch. (the last sentence has a line through it)

Wednesday 14, 1875—Windy clear and cool. Grubing potatoe patch. Praised Wm Killions stock killed by RR $100. Frank plowed. Wm Bryant bought a 4 year old grey mare of John McClintocks priced $120.00.

Thursday 15, 1875—Cloudy & cool & windy. Mowed brush in potatoe patch. Frank plowed. Froze an inch deep that night.

Friday 16, 1875—Cloudy & cold. Snowed very hard about three minutes at 9 o clock A M. Snowed at intervals all day with cold N.W. wind. Cold freezing night. Not doing anything.

Saturday 17, 1875—Cloudy cold & windy all day. Worked on violin.

Sunday 18, 1875—Clear warm nice day. Worked on violin.

Monday 19, 1875—Clear & cool. Mowed brush.

Tuesday 20, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Grubed in potatoe patch.
Wednesday 21, 1875—Clear & cool. Grubed.

Thursday 22, 1875—Clear & cool. Grubed.

Friday 23, 1875—Clear some warmer. Went to Terre Haute after seed corn. Got 9 bush & 35 lbs at Nomony mill. Entered suit against T M McClintock & R Dunigan my attorney.

Saturday 24, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Went to mill. To Creals mill.

Sunday 25, 1875—Clear & cool. Staid at home all day and worked on violin.

Monday 26, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Sharpened plow in forenoon, drizzled rain from about 10 o clock untill about 2 P M. Went to Alex Lucuses in afternoon to see W H King.

Tuesday 27, 1875—Cloudy cool day. Burned brush on new ground for corn, on Wm H Stuarts land.

Wednesday 28, 1875—Clear warm nice day. Went to Fountain on law suit with T M McClintock. Laid over until next day.

Thursday 29, 1875—Raining in morning slacked off about 9 O clock. Went to Fountain on trial. Lost the case by McClintock swearing to what was not so. Got home by one o clock.

Friday 30, 1875—Clear & warm. Hauled one load of lumber for A Lucas. Worked for him ¾ of the day on shop. Rained all night. Mother Brooks came on visit from Illinois.

May:

Saturday 1, 1875—Raining this morning. Rained all day at intervals.

Sunday 2, 1875—Clear with cool north wind. Worked on violin.

Monday 3, 1875—Cloudy & drizly. Cut Hooppoles.


Wednesday 5, 1875—Cloudy rained in afternoon. Worked for A Lucus in AM. Frank hauled one load of lumber for Lucus in PM. Self went to J Carpenters to get boots mended in PM.

Thursday 6, 1875—Clear & warm. Went back to Carpenters to finish mending boots in AM. Worked for Lucus in PM. F M Hamilton laid in a new stock of groceries.

Friday 7, 1875—Cloudy in morn. Cleared up warm south winds. Helped Lucus on shop. Frank hauled one load of elabboard for Lucus from Matilda Adams in AM & raked Stalks in PM.

Saturday 8, 1875—Clear & warm in AM. Clouded up in PM commenced raining about 4 o clock and rained very hard all evening. Helped Lucus ¾ day on shop. Wife staid all night at Wm Bryants.

Sunday 9, 1875—Rained by intervals all day. John Carr a Schotchman eat din with me from Cal
four years ago.

Monday 10, 1875—Cloudy & windy. Helped Lucus on shop.

Tuesday 11, 1875—Cloudy all day. Rained a little about 9 o clock. Very heavy rain about 6 o clock. Helped Lucus on shop.

Wednesday 12, 1875—Clear warm day. Helped Lucus on shop.

Thursday 13, 1875—Clear & warm. Helped Lucus on shop.

Friday 14, 1875—Clear & warm. Helped Lucus on shop.

Saturday 15, 1875—Clear & cool. Helped Lucus on shop in AM. Martha Baldings wife here all night.

Sunday 16, 1875—Clear & cool. Strung up my new violin that I made. Isaac & Martha Balding and family Sarah Riddel daughter Julia & Gramma Brooks all here for dinner. Frost last night.

Monday 17, 1875—Clear warm day. Commenced plan (line drawn through) Build an stove flue for Lucus. Frost last night.

Tuesday 18, 1875—Clear & warm. Commenced Planting corn today. Commenced planting corn.

Wednesday 19, 1875—Clear & warm. Planted Cabage in the hill. Planting corn.

Thursday 20, 1875—Clear & warm. Planting corn. Clouded up in eve. Rained a little at night.

Friday 21, 1875—Cloudy & a little showery. Finished planting corn.

Saturday 22, 1875—Cloudy but warm. Plowed lot for Lucus. Rained in the night. Small showers.

Sunday 23, 1875—Rained in morn about 6 o clock. Went over to Creals & bought Frank & John suit of clothes $26.00 each.

Monday 24, 1875—Clear & warm. Plowed cane patch.


Wednesday 26, 1875—Clear & hot. Planted cane.

Thursday 27, 1875—Clear & warm. Plowing new ground.

Friday 28, 1875—Cloudy sprinkled rain at times. Plowing new ground.

Saturday 29, 1875—Clear & warm. Plowing new ground.

Sunday 30, 1875—Clear & warm. At home all day. Commenced another violin.

Monday 31, 1875—Clear & warm. Finished plowing new ground. Worked on double shovels for
plow ing corn.

June:

Tuesday 1, 1875—Clear, warm & windy. Harrowing new ground and cut seed potatoes. Rained in PM.

Wednesday 2, 1875—Clear & warm in AM. Heavy storm from the west blowed down fences & timber & rained very hard. Planted late potatoes & was at Wilson Mofses when it stormed about 4 o clock.

Thursday 3, 1875—Clear & warm. Worked on double shovel plows.

Friday 4, 1875—Clear & warm. Went to Pences shop in AM. Planted corn in PM on new ground. Clouded up in eve.

Saturday 5, 1875—Clear & warm. Finished double shovel plows. Rained last night.

Sunday 6, 1875—Clear & warm. At home all day. Went to Wm Killions that night and played on Jawbone. Rained in AM.

Monday 7, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Finished shovel plows. Went to Wm Killions to a dance. Got home at 1 o clock AM.

Tuesday 8, 1875—Clear & warm. Finished planting corn in new ground 4 o clock PM.

Wednesday 9, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Painted plows. Plowed potatoes in AM. Commenced harrowing in corn PM. Sprinkled rain a little at intervals during the day.

Thursday 10, 1875—Clear & warm. Replanted cane. Rained a little that night. South winds.

Friday 11, 1875—Cloudy with south wind. Sprinkled rain a little during the day. Started plows in corn. Went up to W H Stuarts to get corn for meal. Engaged it but did not take it away. Eat dinner at Wm Killions, went in afternoon & gathered hoppolees together.

Saturday 12, 1875—Clear south wind, very cool night. Very near frosting. Wm Lake & some more youngsters came to my house to have a dance. We was in bed. The went to Wm Killions & danced until 2 o clock AM that night.

Sunday 13, 1875—Clear & cool. Was with Milo Gauge all AM in woods hunting for butternut fork for violin top. Found none that would answer the purpose. Rained in after part of night. To wet to plow.


Tuesday 15, 1875—Raining. Ground very wet. Rained all AM & part of PM. Went to W H Stuarts & got 8 sacks of corn in eve.

Wednesday 16, 1875—Very foggy morning. Went to Sqr A Sparks in morn. Got 1.10cts cost on case of Shadley & Crauly & .90 cts on case of Beamus & Bloodsoe. Had a dance at my house that
night. Rained a shower about 10 o clock. Danced until 1 o clock.

Thursday 17, 1875—Clear & warm. Rained about 4 o clock this morn. Self & Wm Bryant went to Terre Haute. Brother James B Grannell started to Logansport on 8 o clock train AM.

Friday 18, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Went to Creals mill in AM. Alla Stults prosecuted Sarah Welch for stealing clothing before Sqr Sparks which discharged the case. Got home at one o clock.

Saturday 19, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Went to Stuarts mill in PM. Varnished violin in AM. Went to Sqr Sparks with John Carpenter. That night got home at one o clock.

Sunday 20, 1875—Clear & warm. Staid at home all day. John Carpenter & family called in PM. Wm. Bryant was taken with the congestion of the bowels at 4 o clock PM. Was very bad off. Was up with him all night giving medicine.

Monday 21, 1875—Rained a heavy shower just before daylight. Cloudy out. This morning Bryant better. Very heavy rain 4 PM. Jack Alvis died.

Tuesday 22, 1875—Clear hot day. Went to W H Stuarts mill & made a bench vise.

Wednesday 23, 1875—Clear hot day. Was up to W H Stuarts with violin.

Thursday 24, 1875—Clear & hot. Julia L Bryant was confined. Went for Dr. W H King. Got there to late. Rained at 5 o clock PM. Elizabeth Ellen Bryant was the baby born that day. (the last sentence was in different handwriting and in ink, rather than pencil like the rest of the diary.)

Friday 25, 1875—Cloudy rained about noon. Gave Henry Carpenter medicine. Frank hauled a load of corn for Lucus from Burgans. James Stulses wife died this morning with Dropsy. Rained last night.


Sunday 27, 1875—Cloudy rained in PM. Self & wife at Wm Bryants for dinner. Went over to J Carpenters in eve & got walnut rail to make cradle. Raining at 9 o clock pm. Rained nearly all night.

Monday 28, 1875—Cloudy rained nearly all night. Rained by intervals all day. Worked on new grain cradle. J Carpenter & wife here all day. John was making cradle for himself.

Tuesday 29, 1875—Cloudy rained a little in AM. Finished cradle. J Carpenter here for dinner and finished his cradle. Sun set clear.

Wednesday 30, 1875—Clear & warm. Sold cradle to Wm Bryant.

July:

Thursday 1, 1875—Cloudy & warm. Plowed corn in AM. Wm Bryant commenced harvesting this PM.
Friday 2, 1875—Cloudy rained. This morn to wet to plow or harvest. Gave John Carpenter medicine for boy.

Saturday 3, 1875—Cloudy & moderate. Worked on water tank. Bryant finished cutting wheat on Payne. Lent Wm Bryant five dollars.

Sunday 4, 1875—Partially cloudy in AM. Rained from three until four PM. At home all day.

Monday 5, 1875—Clear & warm in AM. Clouded up & rained at 3 PM. Cradled wheat for Alva Niece. Rained at ten o clock at night. Very hard rain about 2 o clock & 3 that night. Staid all night with Alva Niece.

Tuesday 6, 1875—Rained all AM & part of PM. Went home in evening. Turned cool in eve. Went home in evening.

Wednesday 7, 1875—Nice cool morn. Went back to Alva Nieces this morn & cradled all day. Staid all night at Alva Nieces.

Thursday 8, 1875—Clear except flying white clouds tolerable warm. Cradled wheat for Alva Niece. Went home that night.

Friday 9, 1875—Clear & warm. Went to Nathan Baldings & cradled wheat. Came home that night. Had a heavy rain that night.

Saturday 10, 1875—Cloudy & warm. Went to Terre Haute. Lent Wm Bryant one dollar.

Sunday 11, 1875—Clear in AM. Cloudy in PM. Turned cool about 5 o clock PM. Mother, Wm Bryant & wife, & Thos Bryant here for dinner.

Monday 12, 1875—Cloudy & warm. Worked in shop.

Tuesday 13, 1875—Cloudy & warm. Rained at 11 o clock AM. Cradled wheat for Killion.

Wednesday 14, 1875—Cloudy rained at 11 o clock AM. Cradled wheat for Wm Killion.

Thursday 15, 1875—Cloudy & warm. Put up water tank & hooped it & painted it. Rained just at daylight.

Friday 16, 1875—Flying clouds very warm.

Saturday 17, 1875—Clear & hot. Rained that night. Wind blewed very hard. Old man Heavner died this night or rather Sunday morning.

Sunday 18, 1875—Cloudy in morn. A little cool. Cleared up about 9 o clock. Wife went with Wm Bryant & wife to Miles Adamses.

Monday 19, 1875—Cloudy drizley morning. Cloudy all day. Went to Terre Haute with Wm Bryant. Rained in evening.

Tuesday 20, 1875—Cloudy in AM Clear in PM
Wednesday 21, 1875—Clear & warm. Cut oats for Mahlon Stephenson. Rained a big rain that night.


Friday 23, 1875—Clear & warm. Cradled oats in AM. Bound oats in PM.

Saturday 24, 1875—Clear & warm. Cradled oats in AM and part of PM. Took water tank over to Mahlon Stephenson in morn. Sold him two for $5.00 each.

Sunday 25, 1875—Big rain at 8 o clock AM. Lasted one hour. Rained again about 2 o clock. Was at Wm Bryant's in AM. Eat dinner there. Was at Wm Killions in PM

Monday 26, 1875—Rained several heavy showers during the day. Worked in shop on water tank.

Tuesday 27, 1875—Rained all day at intervals. Heavy rain at 7 PM. Worked in shop finished water tank.

Wednesday 28, 1875—Rained hard all day. Was at W H Beamus barn playing cards all day. Power of water on the ground.

Thursday 29, 1875—Clear & warm. Went to Terre Haute.

Friday 30, 1875—Rained all after noon & all night.

Saturday 31, 1875—Raining yet this morn. Rained until 11 AM. Commenced at 6 PM & rained all night very heavy at spells. Went to Terre Haute. Lent W C Bryant $1.00.

August:

Sunday 1, 1875—Raining yet this morning. More water on ground than has been for ten years. Railroad bridge at Tuttles went out. Visited W H Beamus gave med. Turned very cool in eve. Went to Otter Creek with Wm Bryant to see water. Otter Creek higher than ever known before.

Monday 2, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Misted rain a little during day. Wind in north very cool.

Tuesday 3, 1875—Partialy clear & warm. Went to Terre Haute horseback. Forded Otter Creek at Markle Mill.

Wednesday 4, 1875—Very heavy fog this morn. Cleared away about 7 o clock. Staid all night with John Carpenter. His boy Charles very sick.

Thursday 5, 1875—Rained a little this morning. Charles Carpenter died 11 o clock AM.

Friday 6, 1875—Rained heavy at 1 AM. Balance of day cloudy & cool.

Saturday 7, 1875—Clear & some warmer.

Sunday 8, 1875—Clear & warm.
Monday 9, 1875—Clear & warm.

Tuesday 10, 1875—Cloudy, rained a little in AM

Wednesday 11, 1875—Cloudy this morn. Rained at 8 o clock. Cleared up in PM. Went to Terre Haute in buggy with E Killion after medicine.

Thursday 12, 1875—Clear in AM rained in PM. Went to Terre Haute with a load of lumber for F M Hamilton.

Friday 13, 1875—Clear & warm. Wm Bryant thrushed wheat on prairie.

Saturday 14, 1875—Clear & warm. Went Terre Haute with lumber for F M Hamilton.

Sunday 15, 1875—Clear & warm. Had the ague 5 o clock PM.

Monday 16, 1875—Clear & warm.

Tuesday 17, 1875—Raining this morning Drizled a little nearly all day. Was Remodeling Violin.

Wednesday 18, 1875—Cloudy drizzled rain a little. Worked on road in dis. No. 2. Self & team & John. $2.50 for team $1.50 for John work on Gundy bridge Zock Robberts supr Negro. Very cool night.

Thursday 19, 1875—Cloudy in morn finally cleared away. Worked on road again in dis. No. 2.

Friday 20, 1875—Clear & warm. Hauled straw.

Saturday 21, 1875—Clear & cool. Went Terre Haute. Rained 8 o clock PM.

Sunday 22, 1875—Clear cool morn. Warm days & cool nights.

Monday 23, 1875—Clear & cool. Warm days & cool nights.

Tuesday 24, 1875—Clear & warm.

Wednesday 25, 1875—Clear & warm.

Thursday 26, 1875—Clear & warm. Went to Terre Haute for F M Hamilton.

Friday 27, 1875—Clear & warm. Hauled a load of lumber for F M Hamilton from Stuarts mill.

Saturday 28, 1875—Clear & warm. Went to Terre Haute for F M Hamilton.


Monday 30, 1875—Clear hot day. Sick & taking medicine.

Tuesday 31, 1875—Clear & hot.
September:

Wednesday 1, 1875—Clear & hot. Went Terre Haute to Paddocks Mill with 3 bush & 53 lbs of wheat. Got 140 lbs of flour. All sick some with sore eyes. Mother here, sick wife, Frank & self sick. Ada, Chester sore eyes.

Thursday 2, 1875—Clear warm & very dry. All sick.


Saturday 4, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick yet.

Sunday 5, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick. Cool nights.

Monday 6, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick. Soldiers reunion at Rockville today & tomorrow.

Tuesday 7, 1875—Clear & hot. Very dry. All sick.

Wednesday 8, 1875—Dry & hot. All sick yet.

Thursday 9, 1875—Cloudy in AM clear in PM. Went to Terre Haute for medicine in bugy with Ez Killion. Rained about 11 o clock PM. Frank Stuart stopped in out of rain about half shot. Sit in chair & slept all night. All sick yet.

Friday 10, 1875—Cloudy in AM clear in PM. Frank got the Typhoid Fever.

Saturday 11, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick yet. Frank very sick. Wife taken sore eyes.

Sunday 12, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick yet. Frank no better.

Monday 13, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick yet. Frank no better. Wife worse with sore eyes.

Tuesday 14, 1875—Clear & hot. All sick. Frank no better.

Wednesday 15, 1875—Clear & hot. Frank no better. Chester very sick.

Thursday 16, 1875—Cloudy. All sick no better. Called Dr. King. Henry Baldings steam thrasher blowed up about 9 o clock. Killed Wm Cordell & Tom Carr & a man from Terre Haute & burned them nearly up in the wheat & straw. Happened at Nathan Robbins.

Friday 17, 1875—Cloudy & cool. No better yet.

Saturday 18, 1875—Clear & cool. Boys no better yet. Went to town after medicine.

Sunday 19, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Boys a little better.

Monday 20, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Boys about the same. Betty blind with sore eyes. Has been for 10 days. Barbarys baby died at Wm. Grindles.

Tuesday 21, 1875—Cloudy & cool Went to town after medicine. Barnums show in Terre Haute
today. Frosted last night for the first this fall. Very heavy at that.

Wednesday 22, 1875—Clear warm day cool nights. All sick yet.

Thursday 23, 1875—Clear warm day. Folks about the same.

Friday 24, 1875—Clear & warm. Folks about the same. Went to town after med.

Saturday 25, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Drizled rain a little in AM. Folks about the same.

Sunday 26, 1875—Clear & warm. All sick yet. Killions lost their youngest boy Andrew to Hooping Cough.

Monday 27, 1875—Clear & warm. All sick yet.

Tuesday 28, 1875—Clear & warm. All sick yet.


Thursday 30, 1875—Drizled rain all day. Sick getting better.

October:

Friday 1, 1875—Cloudy & cool. Sick getting better.

Saturday 2, 1875—Clear & warm. Folks getting better. Went to town on trial of Wm Bryant & Marvin Paine.

Sunday 3, 1875—Clear & warm. Getting better.


Tuesday 5, 1875—Cloudy in AM. Went to town.

Wednesday 6, 1875- Cider Artifical
    40 gal water
    30 lbs B sugar
    1 lb of Tartaric acid
    4 lbs of sour dried aples

October 7, 1875-October 19, 1875 (blank)

Wednesday 20, 1875—Clear warm Indian summer day. Wm C Bryant started to move to Iowa 3 o clock AM. N.S. Grindle moved in house Bryant moved out on W H Stuarts farm.

October 21, 1875-October 22, 1875 (blank)

Saturday, October 23, 1875—George Fordon died. Quller Phillips died 2 o clock PM.
October 24, 1875—October 28, 1875  (blank)

Friday, October 29, 1875—Wm Bryant. (that was on top of page?) Went to Terre Haute load corn 29 bush 30 lbs .43 cts $12.65

Saturday, October 30, 1875-- (blank)

Sunday, October 31, 1875—Frank Stuarts wife died in evening.

November:

November 1, 1875-November 4, 1875-- (blank)

Friday, November 5, 1875—Wm Bryant (that was on top of page, perhaps its his crop Noah is selling) Went to Terre Haute load corn. 25 Bu 10 lbs .43 cts $10.80

(The rest of the pages are blank except on) December, Thursday 16, 1875, it reads: Fred Roberts P. Mrs. Lewis P. $10.

(pages December 17, 1875 on are missing)

On the back cover the following is written:

Polish: Alcohol with as much gum shellock in it as it will cut. Put on & let it dry. Then take Pomey stone finely pulvenize. Take a piece of old woolen that wet it in water & dip it on the stone & rub lightly. Do this 3 times daily. Rub with rotten stone.

Elmoth Reece moved to Edgewood, Effingham Co Ill

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