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*Sowing Seasons and Rural Reflections:
Young Edwin Haven's 1868 Diary*

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Diary of Edwin (Melancthon) Haven (1855–1917).
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Introduction

The 1868 diary of Edwin (Melancthon) Haven (July 11, 1855–September 17, 1917) edited below is held in the University Archives and Special Collections (UA&SC) at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). It is part of the Haven Seed Company Records that CSUF purchased from the Orange County Historical Society (OCHS) in 2014. Randy Ema, the stepson of Archibald B. Haven Jr. (1914–1986, Edwin Haven's grandson), had donated these materials to the OCHS between the years 1978 and 1981. The diary is small (binding 12.5 x 8 cm, pages 12.2 x 7.2 cm), is bound in weathered black leather with "Diary 1868" embossed in gold on the binding, and features "Edwin Haven" written in cursive black ink on its first flyleaf. The flyleaf is followed by several pages of printed material, including a cover page, a calendar for the year 1868, and information about U.S. time zones and postage rates. The diary itself consists of lined pages with printed dates. Edwin Haven wrote his short daily entries in cursive pencil (with a few later corrections in black ink). The diary's final 32 pages feature printed templates to record cash accounts and memoranda; these, too, contain entries by Edwin Haven.

The diary chronicles the year 1868, when Edwin Haven was twelve and thirteen years old, and it duly notes his birthday on July 11. The entries present a rich and intricate snapshot of daily life in the American Midwest during the second half of the nineteenth century, painting a vivid picture of rural life from the perspective of a young boy. Edwin Haven meticulously records the weather, agricultural tasks, and family activities, offering insights into the challenges and joys of daily routines on a farm. From plowing and planting to religious meetings and visits from neighbors, the entries capture the ebb and flow of life in the close-knit community of Bloomingdale, Michigan. Edwin Haven notes significant events, including several deaths and a marriage. His family traveled to nearby towns throughout the year (as well as to see relatives in Ohio during the late summer), showcasing the interconnectedness of Midwestern communities during this time period. The entries document the family's encounters with friends and relatives, attendance at meetings, and experiences on the road. Edwin Haven also

records his personal routines, including school attendance and chores. In the fall, he details activities associated with the harvest and the onset of winter. In the final pages of the diary, he tracks notable events and personal accomplishments throughout the year, including visits by preachers from several different denominations, the number of verses he learned for Sunday school, the number of mice he caught during the month of November, and a catastrophic fire that destroyed several local businesses. These final pages also contain Edwin Haven's financial accounts. He notes borrowing a few cents from his mother on several occasions, reports the repayment of these debts, and records goods received from friends and relatives. The meticulous accounting for various aspects of life—from the mundane to the significant—underscores Edwin Haven's commitment to preserving a comprehensive account of this year in his life.

This 1868 diary serves as a captivating historical document and a microcosm of nineteenth-century American life. It transcends a mere record of events, providing a nuanced portrayal of the author's thoughts, emotions, and reflections. The entries not only capture the rhythms of agricultural life and community interactions but also reveal glimpses of personal growth and evolving perspectives. The diary offers particularly valuable insight into the experience of adolescence, centering the young author's perspective. It stands as a testament to Edwin Haven's dedication to preserving his experiences and contributes significantly to our understanding of the socio-cultural fabric of American history.

The transcription below preserves the spelling and capitalization of the original documents. Any additions, including punctuation to enhance comprehension, are enclosed by square brackets. Identifiable individuals, locations, and technical terms have been referenced in the footnotes, usually only when they first appear. The diary's printed dates appear (as in the diary itself) in bold small caps.

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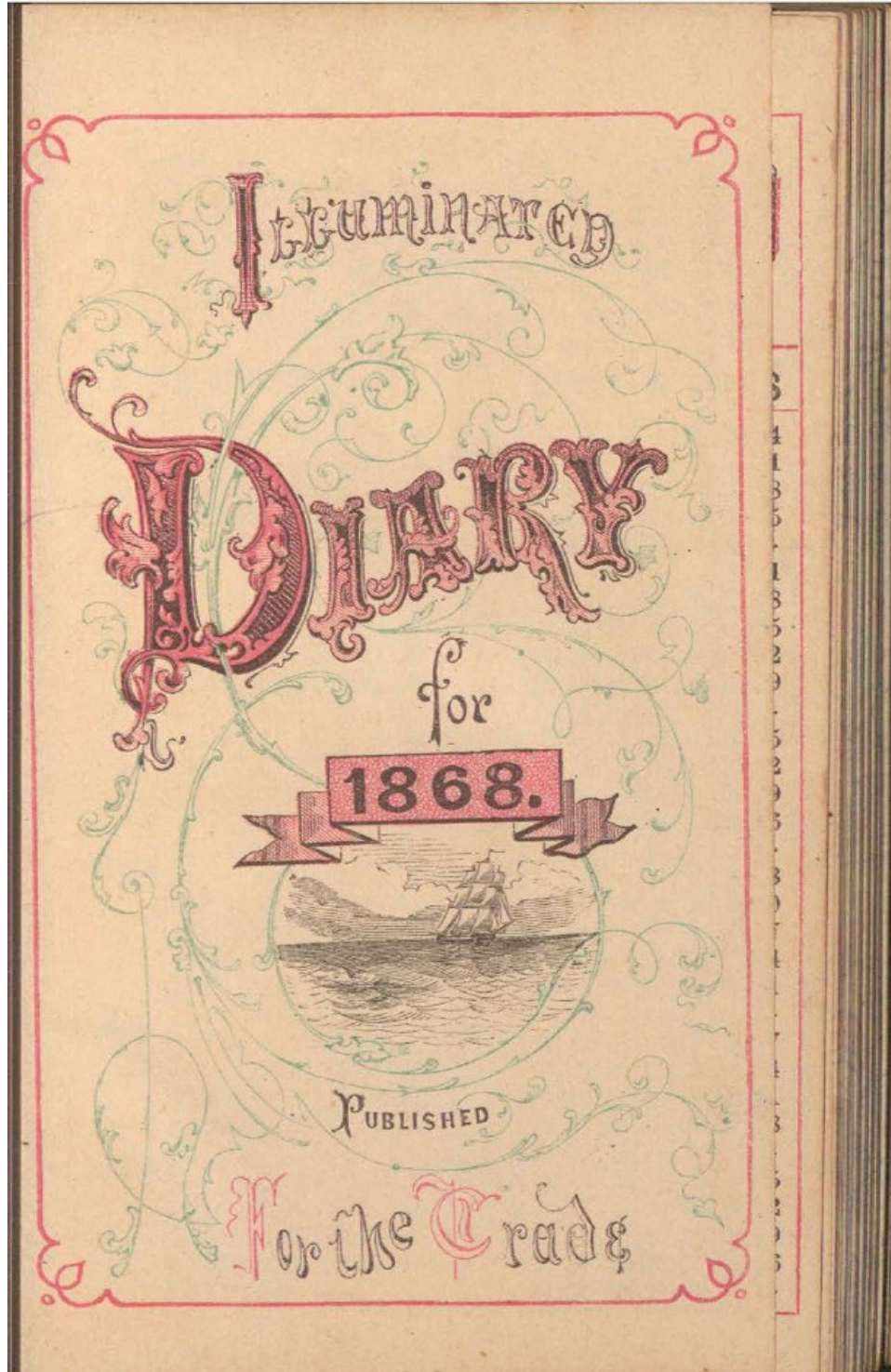


Figure 1: Edwin Haven 1868 Diary, front page, CSUF, UA&SC.

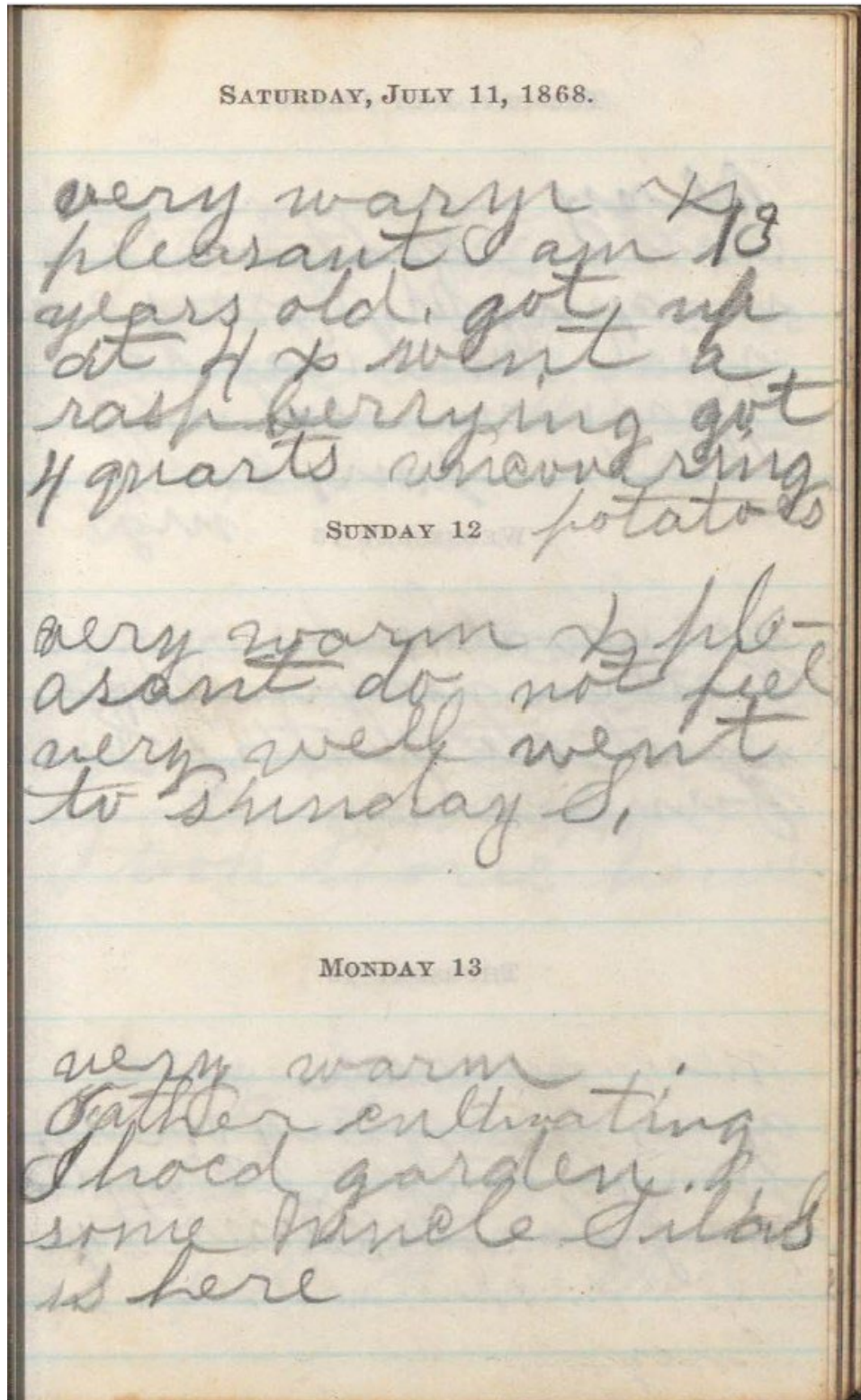


Figure 2: Edwin Haven 1868 Diary, entries for July 11, 12, and 13, CSUF, UA&SC.

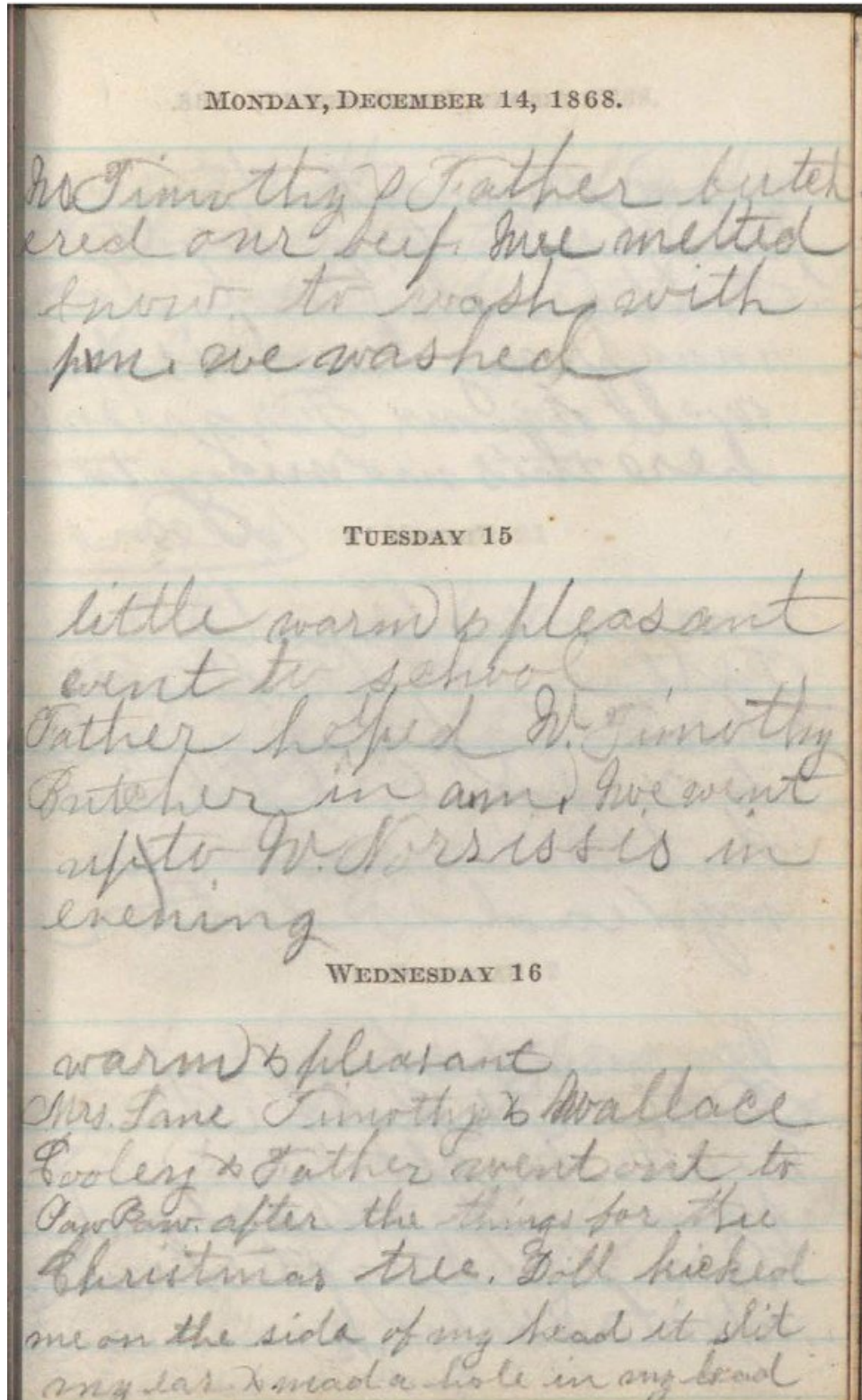


Figure 3: Edwin Haven 1868 Diary, entries for December 14, 15, and 16, CSUF, UA&SC.

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MEMORANDA.

Date.	Dolls.	Cts.
Sugared off first time March 23 rd		
Apr. 23 rd ground white with snow. Peas in bloom June 20 th		
Carnatoes in bloom June June 30 th in shade thermometer 92 deg.		
July 11 in shade thermometer at 94 deg.		
July 17 in shade thermometer at 98		
first new potatoes Friday July 1 st		
first frost Sept 18 quite light		
Dec. 12 th thermometer at 4 deg.		

Figure 4: Edwin Haven 1868 Diary, Memoranda, page 29, CSUF, UA&SC.

Edition: January 1868.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1868.

little¹ cold & snowy. Aunt² Adelaide³ & Uncle Frank⁴ came here about noon [.] he went home [.] she & Eddy staid here till 8 o'clock. had a happy time.

THURSDAY 2

little thawy. pleasant. went to school. had some sorghum candy⁵ tonight. Pray[er] meeting tonight. the snow is going off.

FRIDAY 3

cloudy little rain thawy. went to school. Father⁶ went to Lake Mill & Gays Mill to post up notices. Frank⁷ John & Ervine Cooley. Burdett Elbert Melvin Galespa [Ferguson]⁸ here to eat candy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1868.

cold cloudy. went to school. we have got a sick pig. evening went to singing school

SUNDAY 5

little warm & pleasant [.] Mother⁹ up to Mrs Macks most all day. the rest of us went to meeting.¹⁰ Mrs Mack is worse.

MONDAY 6

little warm rain & thawy [.] Mother & I done the washing. Father helped Uncle Timothy¹¹ further [.] in [be]fore noon p.m. did not do much.

¹ The diary's author, Edwin Melancthon Haven (1855–1917), identifies himself as "Edwin Haven" on the diary's first flyleaf.

² The respective families of Edwin Haven's parents were extensive. However, in 1868, when this diary was written, most relatives on both the paternal side and the maternal side of his family were residing in Ohio, not Michigan (where Edwin Haven's nuclear family was living at that time). Therefore, not everyone referred to as "uncle" or "aunt" in this diary was actually a relative. In cases where family members are clearly identifiable, this has been noted.

³ Individual who appears repeatedly throughout this diary; her precise relationship to the family (if any) is unclear.

⁴ Individual who appears repeatedly throughout this diary; his precise relationship to the family (if any) is unclear. Perhaps Benjamin Franklin Parly (1818–1884), husband of Annis Haven (Edwin Haven's father's sister), see entry of September 3, 1868; or perhaps Franklin Benjamin Wilmot (1834–?), brother of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

⁵ Type of hard candy.

⁶ George Washington Haven (1831–1906).

⁷ Members of several local families appear repeatedly throughout this diary; their last names include Barber, Barnum, Beeman, Burdett, Calvin, Carriff, Cooley, Drake, Ferguson, Hodgson, Hopkins, Howard, Joy, Killheffer, Kingsley, Kirk, Lane, Lent, Loomis, Melvin, Miller, O'Brien, Parker, Phelon, Powers, Rick, Robinson, Sabins, Sutton, Tucker, Vaughan (also spelled "Von"), and White (also spelled "Wight").

⁸ For Galesha Ferguson, see entry of October 4, 1868.

⁹ Lucia Amanda Haven, née Wilmot (1836–1899).

¹⁰ In an entry for a Sunday, "meeting" usually refers to a religious gathering.

¹¹ Individual who appears repeatedly throughout this diary; his precise relationship to the family (if any) is unclear.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1868.

cold & cloudy [.]. went to school. Lucira went up to Harrison Cooleys in evening

WEDNESDAY 8

cold snow. evening very cold [.]. went to school [.]. Mary Jay came home with Lucira after school. Went to singing school in evening

THURSDAY 9

cold & flustering snow [.]. snow about 8 inches deep. went to school [.]. Father thrashing.¹² Lucira went up to Mr. Jays to night to stay with Mary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1868.

cold & flustering. little warmer [.]. went to school. Mr. J. Spaulding was here in evening [.]. Lucira went to meeting.

SATURDAY 11

little cold & snowy. went to school. evening went to singing school. Warren Cooley was here after singing school. Elber Powers was here after school

SUNDAY 12

little cold & cloudy snow [.]. went to meeting. Mother went up to Mrs. Macks in a.m. I got supper

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1868.

cold & cloudy little snowy [.]. Mr. Spaulding was here to dinner [.]. Father thrashed a little. got the fanning mill in p.m. James Kingsley was here

TUESDAY 14

cold & little snow some wind [.]. I was quite sick last night [.]. feel better today. Father up to Mr. Kill[h]ef[f]ers¹³ on town buisness [sic]. Lucira came after school. Mother baked some

WEDNESDAY 15

cold & flustering some snow [.]. John¹⁴ was quite sick last night [.]. Father made him a flail to day. Ma baked some bread [.]. Emily Cooley was here after school

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1868.

cold & little snow wind [.]. Mrs. Mack died yesterday at 3 o'clock a. m. her funeral is today. Mr. Ball preached the sermon [.]. school in a.m. I did not go

FRIDAY 17

cold & quite snowy. John & I did not go to school. Father went up to the sale [.]. he bought 2 lamps & a whole lot of traps

SATURDAY 18

cold & quite snowy [.]. I done the housework as mother is sick. Father cleaned up the wheat [.]. had over three bush[els].

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1868.

little snow & little warm [.]. Father & John went meeting [.]. Mother & I staid at home. she is sick

¹² Separating the edible grain from a plant; modern spelling is "threshing."

¹³ For this local store owner, see entry of December 12, 1969, and Memoranda page 22.

¹⁴ John Mason Haven (1859–1923), Edwin Haven's younger brother.

MONDAY 20

very little snow cloudy [.] I mop[p]ed [.] Mother helped some. Father is thrashing. I made John a whirligig¹⁵

TUESDAY 21

pleasant & little warm [.] went to school. Mother went over to Milton Healy with Uncle Timothys folk [.] Father thrashing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1868.

little warm & cloudy little snow [.] Father thrashing. he cleaned up 4 bushel this afternoon. Mrs. Vaughan & Polly [Vaughan] were here a little. went to school

THURSDAY 23

little snow flustering [.] Father & Uncle Timothy visited school in P.M. [.] went to school. Lucira & Elber Powers are not coming to school any more. they stop[p]ed tuesday

FRIDAY 24

cold & snow went to school Father thrashed some. it has snowed every day for 17 days but 1

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1868.

little warm & cloudy. little snow [.] went to school. Father thrashed some in a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Tucker came here about half past 11 o'clock

SUNDAY 26

cold & snow in a.m. p.m. pleasant [.] went to meeting. an Advent[ist]¹⁶ Preacher preached today [.] he is a young man

MONDAY 27

a.m. little snow p.m. little warm & pleasant [.] Melted snow to wash with [.] Father finished thrashing the wheat [.] he had 13 ½ [bushels] in all. he has gone up to William Saunders tonight

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1868.

early in a.m. little snow. rest of day pleasant. went to school [.] Father & Uncle Timothy butchered three of our little pigs

WEDNESDAY 29

cold & flustering lots of snow [.] Father & Mother have gone to Allegan¹⁷ to get her a new sett [sic] off teeth. they got home at 8 o'clock p.m. Uncle Timothy was here with me tonight

THURSDAY 30

a.m. cold & pleasant p.m. snow [.] went to school. it is quite cold. 1 deg[ree]. above zero. Father chop[p]ed some fire wood

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1868.

a.m. cloudy & snow. p.m. pleasant [.] went to school. Father helped Uncle Timothy clean up his oats. he did not do much

¹⁵ Toy that spins around like a pinwheel.

¹⁶ Protestant Christian denomination, established in Michigan in the early 1860s.

¹⁷ Town in southwestern Michigan.

Edition: February 1868.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

cold & pleasant [.] Father & Ma. went over to Mr. Obriens with Uncle Timothys folk [.] staid all day. school did not keep today. John & I went up to Uncle Norrisses¹⁸ [.] got home at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY 2

a.m. snow p.m. pleasant & cold & wind. we all went to meeting. I got supper

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1868.

a.m. little snow [.] thermometer at 13 below zero in morning

TUESDAY 4

little warm & pleasant [.] Father Mother & John went to Allegam [*sic*]. Burdett & Elbert staid with me in evening. they got home at half past 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5

a.m. pleasant. p.m. stormy. went to school. Father chopping fire wood. Ma got her new teeth yesterday

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1868.

cold & flustering [.] went to school. Dennis [Cooley]¹⁹ was here in evening. I went up to the store in evening to mail a letter

FRIDAY 7

little cold & pleasant. went to school. Father drewed up a lot of wood.

SATURDAY 8

little cold & snowy. I went to to [*sic*] school

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1868.

cold & little snow [.] I went to meeting. Mr. Tucker preached. it snowed about 1 foot last yesterday & last night

MONDAY 10

cold & pleasant [.] I melted snow to wash with [.] washed in p.m. Father carried up 2 hams & 2 shoulders [.] I carried 3 ½ dozen of eggs [.] got 20 c[en]ts a doz[en].

TUESDAY 11

cold & snowy [.] went to school. I wrote to Emma Durgee [Durkee] my cousin in Henry Co[unty].²⁰

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1868.

little warm & pleasant [.] I went to school. Father chopping wood. Charles Kingsley was here

THURSDAY 13

little cloudy & snow. went to school got six eggs to night. evening Father went to meeting.

FRIDAY 14

little warm & cloudy [.] went to school. Mr. Brewstar had the cattle to day

¹⁸ Norris Tyler Wilmot (1838–1924), brother of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

¹⁹ For Dennis Cooley, see entry of December 22, 1868.

²⁰ County in northwestern Ohio.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1868.

warm & cloudy. good snow falling. I went to school. Father drawed up a lot of wood

SUNDAY 16

warm & cloudy thawy [.] we went to meeting [.] Father went up to E. school house to meeting in evening

MONDAY 17

warm & pleasant a.m. Mother & I washed [.] Father chop[p]ed. p.m. we went up to Uncle Norrisses

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1868.

a.m. little cold. p.m. warm [.] a hard crust on the snow this morning [.] can slide on it [.] Father went to Paw Paw²¹ after medicine [.] got hom[e] at 4. went to school $\frac{3}{4}$ of day

WEDNESDAY 19

warm & pleasant [.] went to school. Father chopping fire wood. Warren Cooley & Lucira Powers were married today by Elder Barnum.

THURSDAY 20

warm pleasant & thawy [.] went to school. got an apron for Mother tonight & paid with eggs. Father went to meeting in evening

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1868.

cold east wind cloudy. Father & Egbert Cooley visited school [.] went to school

SATURDAY 22

went to school [.] it is the last day. several boys from bear lake²² visited school.

SUNDAY 23

cold & stormy. Father & John went to meeting. I staid to turn out cattle.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1868.

little cold & cloudy a.m. melted snow to wash with. Mother washed in p.m. Father writing all day. got my boots taped

TUESDAY 25

little cold & cloudy a.m. Ma. washed the woolen clothes. p.m. went with Uncle Norrisses folk to Mr. Watts.

WEDNESDAY 26

a.m. cold cloudy. p.m. snow [.] we are at home. Father is writing. at Town buisness [sic] p.m. two men got dinner here from Pipe stone. Messrs. E. & W. Emmons

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1868.

cold & snowy. Father tending to Town buisness [sic]. Mother sewing [.] Father got a can of oysters tonight.

FRIDAY 28

little cold & cloudy some snow [.] we had some oysters for supper. carried 15 bushels of corn to mill [.] got it ground

²¹ Village in southwestern Michigan.

²² Village in northwestern Michigan.

SATURDAY 29

little warm & pleasant a.m. Ma. mop[p]ed & got ready to go over to Uncle Franks. went. Father staid at home

Edition: March 1868.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1868.

cold & cloudy little snow [.] we all went to meeting [.] Beldin Johnson was here after meeting [.] a cold storm com[m]enced tonight.

MONDAY 2

cold wind & pleasant [.] Father writing. p.m. brought in a lot of snow [.] Our three year old²³ has come in. a snow bank in the road 4 feet deep

TUESDAY 3

cold & little snow. storm continues. not so bad. Father writing.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1868.

a.m.²⁴ 5 deg[rees]. below zero. p.m. warm & pleasant. Father writing & Mother sewing

THURSDAY 5

cloudy & warm little rain [.] Father & Uncle Timothy went to Paw. Mrs. Miller was here in p.m. Hattie [Vaughan]²⁵ here too [.] Father got home at 6.

FRIDAY 6

rainy & warm thawy [.] Father killed the calf. I wrote to George Phelon. Father went to the store in the evening

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1868.

warm rain. the snow is going off fast. we sold some pork [.] Father writing. I split some wood

SUNDAY 8

a.m. cold p.m. warm & thawy [.] went to meeting. Mr. Rascoe²⁶ preached at the school house in afternoon

MONDAY 9

warm & cloudy [.] I got Aunt Margarets candles moulds. Maroon 6 doz[en]. candles [.] Father made me an ax helve²⁷

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] ground up the axes in a.m. Father & John chopping fire wood.

WEDNESDAY 11

warm & pleasant [.] Father & I chop[p]ed sugar wood²⁸

²³ Perhaps a reference to a farm animal.

²⁴ While the diary's entries are usually written in pencil, this day's entry is written in black ink.

²⁵ For Hattie Vaughan, see entry of November 23, 1868.

²⁶ For this Baptist preacher, see Memoranda page 1.

²⁷ Handle of a tool.

²⁸ Fuel to produce wood-fired maple syrup.

THURSDAY 12

a.m. cloudy. warm p.m. pleasant [.] chopped some wood & made me a bow (to shoot with). got some crackers & a knife

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1868.

warm & pleasant but no sugar weather [.] at work in the bush P.M. we drewed & chop[p]ed sugar wood. Mrs.es Ferguson & Olive Joy were here

SATURDAY 14

quite warm & pleasant [.] Father & I c[h]opped fire wood in the woods. p.m. trim[m]ed nursery trees [.] I carried some butter to store in a.m.

SUNDAY 15

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] Polly Vaughan was here tonight

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1868.

a.m. warm & rain p.m. pleasant. we had a thunder storm this morning. Ma washed. John Beeman got some pork p.m. very warm

TUESDAY 17

cloudy²⁹ and wind [.] Mrs. Drake & Emma Van [Vaughan?] Brunt were here [.] we have got the Broom Machine from [them?] [.] sent for flower seed

WEDNESDAY 18

some warm & pleasant. we tapped our sugar bush today [.] sap did not run much. Father built part of the arch

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1868.

cloudy & some rain [.] I carried Mr. Cooleys saw home. Mrs. Vaughan. Polly & Willie [Vaughan] were here [.] we all went down to Uncle Timothys in evening but Mother

FRIDAY 20

cold & cloudy. a.m. warm & pleasant a.m. [sic] I went up to John Lents. p.m. got some pites [?] Ma went to Uncle Timothys

SATURDAY 21

a.m. cold p.m. some warm [.] Father gathered the sap this morning & commenced boiling [.] Ma. went over in p.m. came up at ½ past 3

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] Mr. Rascoe preached [.] some cattle tipped over a lot of our buckets & spil[l]ed sap

MONDAY 23

sugared off³⁰ [.] warm & very smoky [.] evening thunder storm. Father boiling sap. brought up some sirup [.] Uncle Timothy had the cattle

TUESDAY 24

a.m. pleasant. p.m. cold & cloudy. Father boiling sap [.] brought some sirup. we sugared off [.] sugar very white

²⁹ Edwin Haven edited the syntax of this day's entry.

³⁰ Boiling down maple sap until it thickens into sugar.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1868.

cold & cloudy [.] Father boiling sap all day. I have got a hard cold. we sugared off

THURSDAY 26

little cold & cloudy [.] John Hayes³¹ (my c[o]usin) came from Chicago³² last night [.] we sugared off. John went hunting. I staid in the house most all day with a cold

FRIDAY 27

little cold & cloudy a.m. the two Johns & I went hunting. p.m. went hunting & kil[l]ed 3 squirrels [.] I killed a sapsucker³³

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] John & I went hunting [.] we kil[l]e[d] 5 squirrels & 1 owl. Uncle Norris folks were here

SUNDAY 29

quite warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting as usual. John & I went down to Warren Havens³⁴ in p.m. & in the sugar bush

MONDAY 30

warm & pleasant [.] we gathered the buckets. I helped Mother in a.m. help get buckets in p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] the two Johns & I went over to Man Lake³⁵ [.] Mrs. Robinson Mrs. Powers & Mrs. Carriff were here

Edition: April 1868.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

warm & pleasant. I set out a few onions & trim[m]ed nursery trees in a.m. p.m. Ma went down to Uncle Timothys. John killed* a red head[.]³⁶ *Made top of this on Oct 25 1869

THURSDAY 2

cold & cloudy [.] Father Chester Coley get logs on the logway. he got some apple trees here. Mrs. Robinson. Cooley & Fergusons were here

³¹ John Hayes, son of Julia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's father's sister) and Dr. Justin Hayes.

³² City on Lake Michigan in Illinois.

³³ Bird, species of North American woodpecker.

³⁴ Warren Haven (1844-1886), son of Davis Haven (who was Edwin Haven's great uncle's son) and Julia Adams.

³⁵ Location unclear; the "Man Lake" in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is too far away from Bloomingdale (where Edwin Haven's family was residing in 1868).

³⁶ Bird, diving duck.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1868.

cold³⁷ & cloudy [.] John and I went over to Uncle Alberts.³⁸ to go a fishing [.] got there at ½ 11 a.m. staid all night. did not fish [.] the lake was so rought [*sic*]

SATURDAY 4

cold & snowy [.] it snowed about 2 inches last night [.] John & I started home [.] 2 hours coming. Mr F. Cooley here in evening

SUNDAY 5

a.m. some cold. p.m. warm & thawy. Father & the Johns went to meeting. snow is going off

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1868.

Allen Miller & Elbert Melvin were here in a.m. John æ killed a duck & wounded another [.] Father was out till 2 o clock a.m. counting votes³⁹

TUESDAY 7

cloudy & little warm [.] John & I went a hunting in the morning & killed a duck & partridge. evening blasted a stump & burnt the rest of the the [*sic*] powder.

WEDNESDAY 8

cold cloudy & some snow [.] John (my Cousin) started [for] Chicago this morning [.] Mother & I washed. Polly Von [Vaughan] was here

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1868.

cloudy & little cold [.] Father writing all day [.] Uncle Lysander⁴⁰ came in about noon. Eddie Sutton was here

FRIDAY 10

little warm & pleasant [.] Father writing [.] I chop[p]ed some. p.m. John & I built a dam in the brook [.] we picked up the clover lot. Ma went up to Mrs. Hopkins

SATURDAY 11

cloudy & little warm p.m. some rain. Father. John & I worked in the slashing. Uncles Lysander & Bertrand⁴¹ were here [.] Dolla & Lenna Edgerton were here

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1868.

a.m. cold & cloudy p.m. warm & pleasant. went to meeting. Uncle Timothys folks were here in evening [.] Uncle Lysander staid here tonight.

MONDAY 13

pleasant little warm & windy [.] Ward Kirk is at work ditching for Father [.] Father is drawing rail cuts. I picked up some. Ma's got the toothache

TUESDAY 14

a.m. rain. p.m. pleasant [.] Uncle Lysander started for home this morning. I went down to Mr. Kingsleys. got some gum

³⁷ Edwin Haven edited the syntax of this day's entry.

³⁸ Perhaps Albert M. Nichols (1839–1914), son of Sally Haven (who was Edwin Haven's great aunt) and Andrew Nichols.

³⁹ Perhaps a reference to Michigan's referendum vote held in April 1868.

⁴⁰ Jacob Lysander Tucker (1822–1890), husband of Betsy E. Wilmot (who was Edwin Haven's mother's sister).

⁴¹ Bertrand N. Wilmot (1825–1871), brother of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1868.

warm rain [.] I carried some potatoes up to Mrs. Sutton. we drew some manure onto the garden. I went a fishing. Ma. to Mrs. Fergusons

THURSDAY 16

little cold & cloudy [.] Father with the Town board. Mr. Kirk is ditching for Father [.] Mother & I washed

FRIDAY 17

cold & cloudy [.] Mr. Kirk is ditching [.] W. Killheffer came after the Town Clerks things (he is Clerk) [.] Mrs. Vaughan Polly & Willy [Vaughan] were here

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] I wheeled dirt grape vines [.] John Lent got 33 apple trees P.M. helped Emily Cooley clean school house. went to J[ohn]. L[ent]. & brought oxen home

SUNDAY 19

a.m. cloudy. warm. P.M. warm & pleasant. went to meeting as usual [.] Uncle Norris & Bertrand were here in evening [.] Uncle Bert[rand]. goes home tomorrow

MONDAY 20

warm & pleasant [.] we took our 35 bu[shels]. of potatoes. Mr. Kirk 7 bu[shels]. & 30 apple trees. he took the cattle to take them home. I took them home. Ma washed some he (w[ard].k[irk].) dashed

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1868.

little warm & pleasant [.] Mr. Hopkins got 40 apple trees p.m. went to the funeral of Mr. Sabines bro[ther]. Father went down to C. Cooleys

WEDNESDAY 22

warm & pleasant [.] Father dr[a]wed manure on the garden & plowed in a.m. I dug the grass from the currant⁴² bushes. p.m. moved our bush. planted peas

THURSDAY 23

warm & pleasant [.] Father went to mill in a.m. p.m. went to Mr. Tuckers & sat up with him. Ma. John & I went to a show in evening

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1868.

little cold in a.m. p.m. rainy. a.m. Father & John plowed [.] I set out onions. Eddie Sutton & Dick. Hodgson were here p.m. we set [sat] in the house

SATURDAY 25

warm & pleasant [.] I was a fishing most all day. p.m. Father was at A[lvinza]. Calvins⁴³ logging bee⁴⁴ [.] got a letter from Plymmon⁴⁵

⁴² Flowering plant with edible fruit.

⁴³ For Alvinza Calvin, see entry of November 10, 1868.

⁴⁴ Clearing forest space for the planting of crops.

⁴⁵ Plymmon Sanford Hayes, son of Julia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's father's sister) and Dr. Justin Hayes.

SUNDAY 26

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting as usual [.] Harriet & Rachel Cooley were here. we went down to Uncle Timothy's

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Father plowing all day a.m. I helped Ma wash p.m. made garden.

TUESDAY 28

p.m. cloudy [.] quite warm & pleasant [.] I sowed a lot of onions [.] Emily Cooley Mrs Vose & Shaw were here [.] I grubbed⁴⁶ some

WEDNESDAY 29

warm & rainy [.] we had a nice shower in the night. Ma. went up to Mr. Tuckers. Father sowed grass seed & log[g]ed. I went up to H. Cooleys after flowers

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1868.

little cold & cloudy [.] Father drawing rail timber. I have got the Chicken Pox. Polly Von [Vaughan] was here

Edition: May 1868.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

a.m. pleasant. p.m. rain A[hira]. Haven⁴⁷ got somee [sic] apple trees here. p.m. Father went to mill

SATURDAY 2

a.m. pleasant. p.m. rain [.] Father went a fishing last night [.] his share was 30 all small. W[arren]. Haven⁴⁸ got some apple trees here

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1868.

very warm. pleasant [.] the Methodist⁴⁹ had a quarterly meeting here today. quite a number out [.] Sunday School as usual

MONDAY 4

heavy shower in night [.] I took our oxen up to Uncle Norrisses. staid till noon

TUESDAY 5

warm & pleasant. morning rain. Moved stove. see[d]e'd 102 evergreens in p.m. grafted 26 trees in a.m. p set leeck⁵⁰ [sic] up & cleansed soap grease [.] John went down to Warren Co[oley]s

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1868.

little cold & cloudy evening rain. Mr. R. Tucker & had his legs amputated this p.m. we made about 40 of a barrel of soap [.] Father set up with Mr. T[ucker].

⁴⁶ Scavenging.

⁴⁷ Perhaps Ahira Haven (1811-1872), brother of John Haven (who was Edwin Haven's grandfather).

⁴⁸ Warren Haven (1844-1886), son of Davis Haven (who was Edwin Haven's great uncle's son) and Julia Adams.

⁴⁹ Protestant Christian denomination, established in eighteenth-century England.

⁵⁰ Vegetable.

THURSDAY 7

a.m. little cold p.m. warm & pleasant. Father split rails & trim[m]ed orchard [.] I washed 30 peach trees [.] Mrs. Vaughan was here [.] John went to school

FRIDAY 8

some warm comfortable. I finished washing trees in a.m. p.m. Brady & Galespa & Willy Von [Vaughan] were here [.] Father working at fence

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1868.

some warm & pleasant [.] John Lent worked here. today I hoed⁵¹ my onions [.] went a fishing [.] I caught 1. Hattie was here after school

SUNDAY 10

little cool but pleasant [.] went to meeting as usual. Allen & Maggie Miller were here after Sunday School

MONDAY 11

warm & pleasant [.] Father plowing. got me a straw hat [.] Fixed hops & poles [.] done several jobs

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1868.

some warm & cloudy a.m. sowed and dr[a]gged in our oats. some rain in ev[e]ning [.] chored⁵² some [.] John at school

WEDNESDAY 13

cool & rainy a.m. went to school p.m. cleaned out cellar. Father made him a new drag⁵³ [.] John at school

THURSDAY 14

little cool & rainy [.] John has got the chic[k]en pox [.] we did not do much [.] Father sat up with Mr. Tucker [.] he slept to day

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1868.

some cloudy little warm. Father & I finished trim[m]ing nursery. picked stone around nursery [.] bought a basket of an Indian woman

SATURDAY 16

some warm a few little showers. drawing manure.

SUNDAY 17

little pleasant & little rain [.] went to meeting. quite warm.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1868.

a.m. little cool [.] arose a $\frac{3}{4}$ 4 [.] got done washing at 10 o'clock. Father drawing manure. p.m. ploughing. I gathered the brush from the orchard

TUESDAY 19

warm & pleasant a.m. Father sowed & drag[g]ed in grass seed & plowed [.] I helped Ma. p.m. he went to a logging bee [.] I sprouted potatoes

⁵¹ Using a tool (hoe) to dig, thin out, or dig up.

⁵² Doing assigned tasks.

⁵³ Perhaps a fishing net.

WEDNESDAY 20

quite & pleasant [.] Father plowing [.] I helped Ma [.] got up at a little past 4 [.] Mrs. Ferguson & Cooley & Beeman & Ally Woodruff were here in p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Father plowing [.] I hoed my onions [.] Ma. visited Daniels wife [.] the Teacher boards here this week

FRIDAY 22

little cool some rain. not enough to stop work. planted potatoes [.] got most done [.] I cut about 2 ½ bushel

SATURDAY 23

some cool little cloudy. a.m. finished planting potatoes & some corn field [.] corn [.] pop corn [.] sweet corn

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] Mr. Ricks folk were [.] here. Mr. Rascoe preached

MONDAY 25

quite warm & pleasant. I drag[g]ed some in a.m. & got brush for Ma's flower seeds p.m. got brush for peas [.] took off my boots

TUESDAY 26

a.m. warm p.m. some rain. planted over ½ acre of corn [.] Father plowed some [.] planted till dark

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1868.

some rain in a.m. p.m. cloudy [.] got out 56 splints [.] 11' bout 8 feet [.] 45 bout 10 f[ee]t. Father went to Mr. Millers raising⁵⁴ [.] I went a fishing. Ma. down to Uncl[e] Timothy's

THURSDAY 28

warm & pleasant a.m. I went over to Mr. Kirks [.] Father plowing. I planted some corn

FRIDAY 29

little cool & rainy a.m. set out strawberry bed. p.m. went a fishing in Man Lake [.] caught 18. 6 were bad. got home at ½ 6

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Aunt Adelaid came here about 10 o'clock [.] staid all day [.] Father plowing

SUNDAY 31

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] David Phelons folk were here after meeting

Edition: June 1868.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

a.m. pleasant p.m. cloudy [.] Father drag[g]ed in a.m. p.m. Marked out all of our corn grov [sic] & planted 816 hills and [?] (over ⅓ acre) [.] little rain in eve[ning].

⁵⁴ Collective (barn) building.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1868.

little cool & cloudy. planted corn till 3 o'clock. I got Uncle Norrisses horse to cultivate nursery

WEDNESDAY 3

warm & some rain a.m. grubbing. p.m. hoed my onions [.] Father cultivated. Mrs. Von [Vaughan] here [.] dressing splints

THURSDAY 4

warm & cloudy [.] log[g]ed all day north of the corn

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1868.

warm & some rain [.] hard thunder shower last night [.] Mr. M. Munns farm was struck [.] Mrs. Vaughan made us a ½ bu[shel]. basket. I cut my big toe chopping

SATURDAY 6

little⁵⁵ cool & pleasant in p.m. made brooms all day [.] I sowed some [.] carried 6 lbs. 7 ½ oz. [ounces] of butter to store. Galespa F[erguson]. cut his foot with an ax whole length

SUNDAY 7

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] went to see Galespa [.] then went to Uncle Timothys

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1868.

warm. a.m. cloudy p.m. pleasant [.] helped Ma wash p.m. scraped broomcorn⁵⁶ [.] Father made 10 brooms for Mr. Killheffer

TUESDAY 9

warm & pleasant [.] pulling cockel⁵⁷ in wheat. Mother went up to Uncle Harrison [Cooley]⁵⁸ in p.m. Father at work on the road

WEDNESDAY 10

warm & pleasant [.] I pul[l]ed cockel out of the wheat. Father made 7 brooms for Uncle Timothy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] pulling cockel [.] Father working on the road

FRIDAY 12

pretty warm [.] pulling cockel [.] Mrs. Ferguson & Galespa were here in p.m. Father clearing path for a ditch

SATURDAY 13

warm [.] pulling cockel [.] Father clearing ditch track [.] John at school

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1868.

very warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] Emma & Hattie were here

⁵⁵ Edwin Haven edited the syntax of this day's entry.

⁵⁶ Sorghum, grass species.

⁵⁷ Weed; modern spelling is "cockle."

⁵⁸ For Harrison Cooley, see entry of January 7, 1868.

MONDAY 15

warm. a.m. rain p.m. pleasant [.] went [to] Mr. R. Tucker planting bee [.] finished it [.] got home at 7

TUESDAY 16

a.m. pleasant p.m. rain [.] scraping broomcorn & making bro[o]ms [.] Willie & Galespa were here

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1868.

a.m. cloudy p.m. pleasant [.] Father making brooms [.] I carried some calico⁵⁹ to Mr. Tucker p.m. Father at work for Uncle Timothy

THURSDAY 18

very warm [.] pulling cokel [*sic*] p.m. went to Uncle Timothy raising [.] went in swimming 3 times

FRIDAY 19

warm & pleasant [.] finished pulling cockel in morning [.] Father splitting rails. Mr. Miller was here

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1868.

a.m. cool p.m. cloudy [.] Father splitting rails & fixing fence [.] scraping broomcorn [.] Galespa here in p.m. carried 1 doz[en]. brooms to store

SUNDAY 21

cool & pleasant. went to meeting [.] Aunt Margaret & Hattie were here in p.m.

MONDAY 22

Some warm pleasant [.] got Uncl[e] Norrisses mare to cultivate corn p.m. hoed onions & strawberries [.] Ma. went down to Uncle Timothys

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Father finished cultivating about 10 o'clock [.] he made ma a flower bed. I took the mare home. Pa. hoed corn [.] helped Ma set out flowers

WEDNESDAY 24

warm & pleasant [.] Hoed potatoes all day. went in swimming [.] John at school

THURSDAY 25

warm & pleasant a.m. helped Ma [.] washed [.] Mrs. Ferguson Mrs. A[hira]. Haven⁶⁰ & Galespa were here [.] finished hoeing potatoes [.] went to Mr. T[ucker].s in p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] got uncle Norrisses horse in morning [.] Ma shingled⁶¹ my hair in p.m. set out some cabbage & tomato plants

SATURDAY 27

warm & pleasant a.m. planted sweet corn & beans [.] Father cultivating

⁵⁹ Textile, made from unbleached cotton.

⁶⁰ Perhaps Lota Haven, née Ross, wife of Ahira Haven (who was Edwin Haven's great uncle).

⁶¹ Cutting (hair) to an even length.

SUNDAY 28

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting as usual. Mr. Ricks folk were here after meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1868.

warm. a.m. pleasant p.m. cloudy. a.m. helped Ma wash. p.m. hoed corn. Father finished cultivating. John planting corn over.

TUESDAY 30

very warm. hoeing corn. John at school [.] went in swimming

Edition: July 1868.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

warm & pleasant [.] rain in evening. hoeing [.] Uncle Silas⁶² came in ~~last~~ to night

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] I went up to Egbert Cooleys in a.m.

FRIDAY 3

a.m. rain p.m. pleasant [.] Father fixing the bridge [.] cut some tack

SATURDAY 4

very warm & pleasant [.] Father Uncle Silas John went over to Uncle Alberts. Elbert & Burdett & Charley Powers were here [.] had a good time

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1868.

a.m. pleasant p.m. rain [.] went S[unday]. S[chool]. Mrs. Baxter was here after meeting.

MONDAY 6

warm & pleasant [.] Father mowed some. Uncle Silas is here

TUESDAY 7

little cool & cloudy. a.m. hard rain p.m. Father mowing [.] Mr. Bose was here

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1868.

warm & cloudy [.] Father mowing all day [.] I speread [*sic*] & turned over swaths

THURSDAY 9

warm & pleasant a.m. spread hay p.m. spread. Uncle Timothy helped draw hay

FRIDAY 10

warm & pleasant [.] went a raspberrying⁶³ in Morning [.] got 2 quarts [.] Father carried⁶⁴ Celia [Phelon]⁶⁵ home [.] I hoed some

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1868.

very warm & pleasant [.] I am 13 years old.⁶⁶ got up at 4 & went a raspberrying [.] got 4 quarts [.] uncovering potatoes

SUNDAY 12

very warm & pleasant [.] do not feel very well [.] went to sunday S[chool].

⁶² Silas Gilbert Wilmot (1821–1872), brother of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

⁶³ Collecting (wild) raspberries.

⁶⁴ When "carried" has a person as its direct object, it means "took" or "accompanied."

⁶⁵ For Celia Phelon, see entry of November 11, 1868.

⁶⁶ Edwin Melancthon Haven's birthday (b. July 11, 1855).

MONDAY 13

very warm [.] Father cultivating [.] I hoed garden some [.] Uncle Silas is here

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1868.

very warm [.] Father cultivating in a.m. U[ncl]. Norris carried U[ncl]. Silas to Allegan. mowed a little in p.m. cool night

WEDNESDAY 15

very warm [.] Father mowing p.m. went to Hattie Green funeral

THURSDAY 16

very warm a.m. drawing in hay p.m. Father cradleing⁶⁷ for U[ncl]. Timothy

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1868.

very warm [.] Finished Un[cl]. T[imothy].s wheat in a.m. commenced ours [.] very warm [.] every thing drying up

SATURDAY 18

very warm [.] Finished our wheat in a.m. Father cultivating in p.m. I took horse home

SUNDAY 19

very warm [.] went to meeting [.] Father & U[ncl]. Timothy attended the funeral of Mr. Ricks Mother

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1868.

very warm [.] Father & I mad[e] 13 brooms

TUESDAY 21

warm & cloudy [.] Father mowing [.] hoed some. John is sick

WEDNESDAY 22

some warm & pleasant a.m. drewed wheat [.] Father mowed some p.m. drewed 2 loads of ours & 2 of U[ncl]. T[imothy].s hay

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1868.

warm & cloudy a.m. Father mowing [.] I spread. raked & cocked⁶⁸ it up

FRIDAY 24

little cool some cloudy. no rain for 2 ½ weeks. haying. drewed in one load

SATURDAY 25

little cool a.m. raked & Father mowed p.m. rested. Galespa was here

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1868.

warm [.] went to meeting [.] Father has got the ague.⁶⁹ but went to mee[t]ing

MONDAY 27

very warm [.] Father has got the ague. I did not do much

TUESDAY 28

some warm [.] grunting.⁷⁰ Father the same [.] Mr. Hopkins worked here

⁶⁷ Cutting grain.

⁶⁸ Raising up bundles of raked plant matter.

⁶⁹ Sharp fever or shivering chills.

⁷⁰ Perhaps "breaking wind."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1868.

a.m. rain & hail [.] abut sick [.] Mr. H[opkins]. worked here in p.m.

THURSDAY 30

a.m. pleasant p.m. rain. a.m. fixed hedge. Mr. Barnum was here

FRIDAY 31

little cool & rainy a.m. went a huckleberying⁷¹ [.] got 4. q[uar]ts. played with John

Edition: August 1868.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Donnie & Aunt Serepta⁷² came here p.m. drewed in some hay

SUNDAY 2

cool & pleasant [.] went meeting [.] Aunt Se[re]p[ta]. & Don are here

MONDAY 3

rain in morning [.] pleasant the rest [.] making brooms for Mr. Kil[l]efers [.] Don & Aunt Se[re]p[ta] are here

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1868.

cool & pleasant [.] Father. Don & I went a blackberrying⁷³ in the Pinery⁷⁴ with U[n]cle. Norrises [.] Father and I picked about 1 q[ua]rt. there isn't any

WEDNESDAY 5

little warm & pleasant a.m. Father mowed a little p.m. he cradled oats [.] I raked up the hay & we drawed it in

THURSDAY 6

warm & pleasant [.] went huckleberrying [.] got about 4 qu[ar]ts. Father cradling [.] Mr. Lane helped rake & bind

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1868.

cloudy p.m. rain. we went to bear lake to trade & get me a coat made

SATURDAY 8

cool & cloudy [.] Father mowing [.] Ma sewing [.] I helped her. we are getting ready to go to Ohio⁷⁵

SUNDAY 9

cool & cloudy [.] went to meeting [.] Mr. Ricks folks were here

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1868.

cool & cloudy some rain [.] Father seeing about a school. Ma sewing & washing [.] I helped her

TUESDAY 11

cool & cloudy [.] Ma. went up to U[n]cle. Norrises [.] I staid at home. p.m. cut onion seed. we went after Ma.

⁷¹ Collecting (wild) huckleberries (a.k.a. hurtleberries or whortleberries).

⁷² Cerepta M. Wilmot, née Terrill (1829–1897), wife of Bertrand N. Wilmot (who was Edwin Haven's mother's brother).

⁷³ Collecting (wild) blackberries.

⁷⁴ Grove or forest of pines.

⁷⁵ State in the midwestern United States.

WEDNESDAY 12

warm & pleasant a.m. Father mowed [.] I spread. p.m. raked & cocked it up. Father mowed after supper

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1868.

warm & pleasant a.m. Father mowed [.] I helped Ma. & spread hay. p.m. U[n]cle. Timothy helped us draw our hay in. finished haying

FRIDAY 14

warm & pleasant a.m. helping Ma. Father put a lock on the trunk. p.m. at work making brooms

SATURDAY 15

warm & pleasant [.] making brooms for D. H. Anderson p.m. carried them down there & done some trading. got me a coat

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1868.

a.m. warm & pleasant p.m. cool & some cloudy [.] went to meeting the last Sunday for 4 weeks. U[n]cle. Timothys folks were here

MONDAY 17

warm & pleasant [.] Father went after Aunt Se[re]p[ta]. to help [.] Ma sew. helped Ma [.] scraped a little broomcorn [.] A[unt]. Adelaide was here

TUESDAY 18

cloudy & some rain a.m. finished pulling onions. p.m. Father carried Aunt Se[re]p[ta]. up to U[n]cle. Norrises [.] Father made brooms in p.m. Start for Ohio in morn[ing].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] started for Paw Paw [.] got there about noon [.] Started for Lawton⁷⁶ at 2 ½ o'clock p.m. there at 10 o'clock [.] started for Jackson

THURSDAY 20

warm & pleasant [.] got to J[ackson]. about 2 [.] staid about 2 ½ h[ou]rs. [.] then for Toledo⁷⁷ [.] got there between 6 & 7 [.] waited 30 min[utes]. then started for Elyria⁷⁸ [.] got here between 10 & 11 [.] went to Mr. W. Tuckers

FRIDAY 21

warm & pleasant [.] Staid at U[n]cle. Lysander [.] went to Cheese Factory

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to yearly meeting.⁷⁹ after meeting went up to U[n]cle. Raymonds.⁸⁰ went to Mr. Hoskins after evening meeting

SUNDAY 23

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] after meeting came to Uncle Lysanders.

⁷⁶ Village in southwestern Michigan.

⁷⁷ City in northeastern Ohio.

⁷⁸ City in northeastern Ohio.

⁷⁹ Perhaps a reference to an annual (multi-day) family reunion.

⁸⁰ Raymond Haven (1823–1903), brother of George Haven (who was Edwin Haven's father).

MONDAY 24

warm & pleasant [.] they all went to meeting [.] Mary & Evoline & Elmer⁸¹ & I we kept house. U[ncl]. L[ysander]. & John came home at 4 o'clock

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Ma. & Uncle Lysander went to Jim Robinsons. the rest staid at home. p.m. Mary went to her Aunts in La grang[e]⁸²

WEDNESDAY 26

warm & pleasant [.] went to U[ncl]. A[lbe]rts.⁸³ Evoline staid at home

THURSDAY 27

warm & pleasant [.] they all went to Mr. Dyes but Mary & I. we had a good time

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1868.

warm & some rain. went up to Uncle Raymonds & Alices⁸⁴ [.] had a goot [*sic*] time at the Railroad

SATURDAY 29

warm & cloudy [.] staid at U[ncl]. Lysanders. Uncle & Aunt went to Elyria

SUNDAY 30

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] saw a Turkey Buzzard⁸⁵ on the fence coming home. went to Sunday School in p.m. in brick school house

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1868.

warm & some rain [.] staid here. A[unt]. Betsey⁸⁶ helped Mary. rained hard in p.m.

Edition: September 1868.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

warm & pleasant [.] Uncle carried us to Elyria. met Father at ½ 10 a.m. waited till 9 then started for Grandpa's⁸⁷ [.] got there at sun down

WEDNESDAY 2

warm & pleasant [.] we are at Grand Fathers. went down to the burying ground [.] John is sick.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1868.

little cool & some rain [.] Grandpa carried us over to U[ncl]. Frank Pordys [.] we staid all night [.] John sick. had a good visit.

⁸¹ Elmer E. Tucker (1862–1907), son of Betsey E. Tucker, née Wilmot (who was Edwin Haven's mother's sister).

⁸² Probably a village in northeastern Ohio; modern spelling is "LaGrange."

⁸³ Perhaps Albert M. Nichols (1839–1914), son of Sally Haven (who was Edwin Haven's great aunt) and Andrew Nichols.

⁸⁴ Alice Bell Haven (1847–1873), daughter of Raymond Haven (who was Edwin Haven's father's brother).

⁸⁵ Scavenger bird, vulture.

⁸⁶ Betsey E. Tucker, née Wilmot (1816–1891), sister of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

⁸⁷ John Haven (1795–1883), father of George Washington Haven (who was Edwin Haven's father).

FRIDAY 4

warm & pleasant [.] Frank Jr. brought us [to] Grandpa's p.m. Father & Mother went over to Joel Smiths. I staid with John

SATURDAY 5

warm & pleasant [.] we all went over to Aunt Charlotte [.] Goodies

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1868.

cool & cloudy [.] we went to Mantua⁸⁸ to meeting [.] J. Atwater preached. went home with U[n]cle. Edwin. Ma. went down to Mr. Jennings

MONDAY 7

cool & cloudy [.] Grandpa carried us to Mantua [.] we took the cars⁸⁹ for Cleveland.⁹⁰ waited 4 hours [.] got to Elyria 3-45 [.] U[n]cle. took us home

TUESDAY 8

some warm. little rain [.] we took Uncles team⁹¹ & made 8 or ten calls.⁹² I took the team home. we staid at U[n]cle. Raymonds

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1868.

warm & some rain [.] we staid at U[n]cle. Raymonds all night [.] had a good time

THURSDAY 10

warm & some rain [.] U[n]cle. Lysander carried us up to U[n]cle. Silases [.] had a good visit

FRIDAY 11

some warm & little rain [.] we went over to Uncle Burts.⁹³ staid till after dinner. U[n]cle. L[ysander]. took us to Elyria [.] started for Toledo at 3:40 p.m. staid in T[oledo]. 30 min[ute]s. got to Jackson⁹⁴ at 11 [.] staid 1 h[ou]r. got to Lawton 3:30 [.] staid till 7 [.] next to P[aw]. P[aw].

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] staid in Lawton till 7 [.] got to Paw Paw at a bout 7:30 [.] W[illiam]. Drake brought us home [.] at supper at U[n]cle. Timothy

SUNDAY 13

warm & pleasant [.] went to meeting

MONDAY 14

some warm. Father mowed some around the house. we are straightening up around

⁸⁸ Village in northeastern Ohio.

⁸⁹ Train cars.

⁹⁰ City in northeastern Ohio.

⁹¹ Mules or horses pulling a wagon.

⁹² Visits.

⁹³ Perhaps Bertrand N. Wilmot (1825-1871), brother of Lucia Haven (who was Edwin Haven's mother).

⁹⁴ City in southern Michigan.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1868.

cool & pleasant. went to school. Miss Elen Rick is teacher [.] I study Reading Grammar Arithmetic (mental & practical) spelling

WEDNESDAY 16

warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Mother canning grapes & tomatoes & drying corn

THURSDAY 17

cool & pleasant [.] I went to school [.] Ma drying corn & canning grapes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1868.

warm & pleasant a.m. staid out of school to cut up corn in a.m. p.m. Mr. Tucker & Family were here⁹⁵ [.] went to school

SATURDAY 19

cool & rainy [.] Father boxed up some grapes [.] I went to school

SUNDAY 20

cool & pleasant. went to meeting [.] Miss Rick was here after meeting. Mr. Stone died this afternoon about 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1868.

cool & some cloudy [.] frost in morning [.] Father got Mr. Rick come to Mr. Stones funeral. Ma went over to Celias. Mr Parker commenced treshing this a.m.

TUESDAY 22

warm & rainy [.] went to school [.] Mr. Parker is thrashing. The Teacher lives here now

WEDNESDAY 23

cool & pleasant [.] staid out of school in a.m. to help cut up [.] corn Mr. Hopkins helped us [.] fin[i]shed the corn

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1868.

cloudy & cool. went to school. Ma washed [.] Mr. Parker finished threshing tonight [.] there was a lecture on Democrats⁹⁶ at the school house

FRIDAY 25

cool & cloudy. Father cleaned up some wheat [.] Uncle Norris & Aunt. were here [.] went to school

SATURDAY 26

cool & cloudy [.] school did not keep to day [.] the teacher at the Base Line.⁹⁷ cleaned up some wheat. went to concert in evening on the Base Line

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1868.

cool & cloudy [.] went to meeting as usual [.] Mr. Rickes folks were here after meeting

⁹⁵ The word "here" is inserted in black ink.

⁹⁶ Democratic Party, political organization established in 1828.

⁹⁷ Perhaps a reference to the major road bisecting Michigan from east to west and running just north of Bloomingdale (where Edwin Haven's family was residing in 1868), also the name of a lake just north of Bloomingdale.

MONDAY 28

cool & pleasant [.] chored around some [.] gathered some apples [.] went up to see Burdetts [.] got some peaches

TUESDAY 29

warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Father sowed & drag[g]ed in wheat

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1868.

cool & rainy [.] went to school [.] Father at work at the broomcorn [.] Uncle Timothy's folk were here in evening

Edition: October 1868.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

cool & cloudy [.] got up at five & l[e]arned 20 verses⁹⁸ [.] went to school [.] Father & Ma started for Uncles. but did not go

FRIDAY 2

warm & cloudy [.] John & I went to school [.] Father and Mother went up to Uncle Norrisses [.] got some apples & mutton

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to to [sic] school [.] The Teacher staid here tonight. got no mail to night

SUNDAY 4

warm & pleasant [.] went to Mr. Rick and wife & Letta were here after meeting [.] Galespa Ferguson was here in p.m.

MONDAY 5

warm & pleasant [.] Father & I finished getting in our wheat [.] Mrs. Ferguson Martha White. John got u[n]cles horse & took it home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1868.

cool & pleasant [.] went to school [.] the Teacher staid here to night

WEDNESDAY 7

cool & rainy. went to school. we did not do much

THURSDAY 8

cold & cloudy [.] a flock of wild geese & ducks flew over. went to school [.] Ma. went over to David Phelons with Olivia Joy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1868.

cold & cloudy [.] went to school [.] Mr. Ferguson helping Father cleaning out creek. Teacher staid

SATURDAY 10

cool & pleasant [.] got a hard cold [.] did not go to school

SUNDAY 11

cool & some cloudy [.] went to sunday School [.] got a hard cold [.] Teacher here

⁹⁸ Bible verses. See below in this edition of the diary: Memoranda.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] husked⁹⁹ some pop corn a.m. chored fo[r] Mother [.] she is washing [.] Father & John husked 11 shocks.¹⁰⁰ p.m. drawed it & some pumpkins

TUESDAY 13

cold & rainy. went to school [.] Ma. went down to Aunt Margarets in evening [.] John & I went to Mr. Fergusons

WEDNESDAY 14

warm & pleasant [.] Henry F. took George & Martha Wight to the R[ail]. R[oad]. went to school

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1868.

cool & pleasant [.] U[n]cle. Norris got our oxen. went to school [.] Father working on the bottoms¹⁰¹

FRIDAY 16

cool & cloudy. some snow in evening [.] Father dug some potatoes. went to school

SATURDAY 17

cool & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Father digging potatoes. John was taken sick. Teacher went to a party on base lines

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1868.

cold & cloudy [.] went to Sunday school [.] John is worse [.] Jackson Loomis Mrs & Miss Vaughan were here in evening

MONDAY 19

cold & cloudy [.] Father went to Allegan to get Medicine for John. Ma & I took care of John

TUESDAY 20

cool & cloudy [.] went to school in p.m. a.m. helped husk corn [.] went down to U[n]cle. T[imothy]. in evening

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1868.

cool & cloudy [.] went to school [.] Father made brooms [.] John is better. I went down to Mr. Fergusons in evening

THURSDAY 22

warm & pleasant [.] went to school. Celia sent for Mother. she is very sick. a.m. Father cleaned out creek p.m. dug potatoes

FRIDAY 23

I staid with John [.] cool & pleasant [.] Mrs. Ferguson & Ma went over to see Celia [.] Mr. & Mrs. Allen & un[cle] Timothys folk were here in evening

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] teacher is here [.] Father went down to A[hira]. Havens¹⁰² raising

⁹⁹ Removing the husks.

¹⁰⁰ Corn stalks bundled together.

¹⁰¹ Reference to the "bottoms" of trees in the family's nursery.

¹⁰² Perhaps Ahira Haven (1811-1872), brother of John Haven (who was Edwin Haven's grandfather).

SUNDAY 25

warm & pleasant [.] went to Sunday School [.] it closed today. Mr. Ricks folk were here

MONDAY 26

warm & pleasant [.] husked 14 shocks of corn in a.m. p.m. we dug potatoes. two loads of young folks were here from the base line in the evening

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Father worked at [sic] brooms some

WEDNESDAY 28

warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Father at work at brooms. Teacher staid here to night

THURSDAY 29

warm & pleasant [.] Father sold 176 apple trees. 150 to Mr. Buck & 26 to Mr. J[ohn]. Beeman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1868.

warm & pleasant [.] Father Making brooms [.] two men came to look at Fathers oxen

SATURDAY 31

cloudy & rainy [.] school is out [.] the teacher went home [.] [Al]Vin[za]. Calvin¹⁰³ bought 90 trees

Edition: November 1868.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

warm & pleasant [.] we went to meeting [.] a felon¹⁰⁴ commenced coming on my middle finger of my left hand

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1868.

warm & pleasant. I went up to uncles on an errand [.] Father made some brooms

TUESDAY 3

warm & pleasant [.] Election day.¹⁰⁵ I went down to the school house a little while. Galespa peddle¹⁰⁶ popcorn

WEDNESDAY 4

cool & cloudy [.] John Beeman commenced washing to pay for trees [.] I got some sorghum at J. Lents. J. Lent & Mr. Sabins got some trees

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1868.

cool & cloudy [.] John B[eeman] & Father finished moving nursery trees. dug potatoes the rest of the day.

¹⁰³ For Alvinza Calvin, see entry of November 10, 1868.

¹⁰⁴ Infection of the finger tip (a.k.a. whitlow).

¹⁰⁵ Ulysses S. Grant (1822–1885), elected eighteenth President of the United States in 1868.

¹⁰⁶ Selling.

FRIDAY 6

cool & pleasant [.] John [Beeman] & Mr. Hayes finished our potatoes. sold U[n]cle. Chester [Cooley]¹⁰⁷ & Wallace [Cooley]¹⁰⁸ some trees.

SATURDAY 7

cool & rainy [.] John B[eeman]. scraped broomcorn in p.m. I tended my pet finger

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1868.

warm & rainy [.] Father & John went to meeting. Mother took care of me [.] U[n]cle. Timothy's folk Mr. Ferguson Katy & Polly were here

MONDAY 9

some cool rainy [.] John B[eeman]. scraped some Broomcorn. they butchered 1 pig. a bunch as large as a pea came on my finger in fore part of the night. a.m.

it broke

TUESDAY 10

cool & some snow. Father & Alvinza Calvin husked corn in a.m. p.m. they cut Under brush. my finger is running¹⁰⁹

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1868.

cold cloudy & snow a.m. Father chored around the house p.m. he and Ma went to see Celias Phelons corpse [.] she died 10 min[utes]. past 12 this morning

THURSDAY 12

cloudy & windy [.] Father helped John B[eeman]. & Alvinza [Calvin]¹¹⁰ at husking [.] Wallace [Cooley]¹¹¹ & Henry Hitchcock got some trees here

FRIDAY 13

warm & very pleasant [*sic*] [.] John B[eeman]. & Alvinza husking for us [.] Father threshed our beans

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1868.

cool & cloudy [.] we saw a good many Meteors this morning [.] Father & Min [?] stacked our cornstocks. I went down to Mr. Kingsleys

SUNDAY 15

warm & cloudy [.] went to meeting [.] Father & I went down to U[n]cle. Timothy's in evening [.] my finger is better

MONDAY 16

cold & cloudy [.] Father got our Sorghum. got 3 and Serifers¹¹² for the Corporal Frank & Joseph Hodgson ran away last night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1868.

cold & cloudy little snow. 1 more subscriber. John shelled some corn & took it to mill

¹⁰⁷ For Chester Cooley, see entry of April 2, 1868.

¹⁰⁸ For Wallace Cooley, see entry of December 16, 1868.

¹⁰⁹ Perhaps oozing pus.

¹¹⁰ For Alvinza Calvin, see entry of November 10, 1868.

¹¹¹ For Wallace Cooley, see entry of December 16, 1868.

¹¹² Perhaps a plant.

WEDNESDAY 18

cold & some snow [.] I went up to Mrs Loomises. had a good time. went down to Mr. O'Briens U[ncl]. Timothy folk were here in evening

THURSDAY 19

little warm & snow [.] Aunt Von [Vaughan] Caty & Polly were here [.] Father & U[ncl]. T[imothy]. got out 3 gums.¹¹³

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1868.

warm & some cloudy [.] Father drawed fence in a.m. p.m. he made six brooms [.] we went down to U[ncl]. T[imothy]. in evening

SATURDAY 21

some cold pleasant a.m. Father cleaned out creek. p.m. he made brooms [.] Eddie Powers was here

SUNDAY 22

cold wind pleasant [.] went to meeting [.] Polly & Willy were here [.] in evening

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1868.

cool & pleasant [.] John & I went up to Uncles after some pitch. Emma & Galespa Hattie & Millie Von [Vaughan] were here in evening

TUESDAY 24

cool & cloudy [.] Father plowing & scraping¹¹⁴ [.] Ma worsed.¹¹⁵ I caught 4 mice

WEDNESDAY 25

some cool & rainy [.] Father hoeing and scraping. he changed¹¹⁶ with U[ncl]. Harrison Cooley. we have a horse now

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1868.

Cool & pleasant [.] we scraped with Doll¹¹⁷ in front of the Barn [.] finished [.] U[ncl]. Timothy was here this evening

FRIDAY 27

cool & pleasant [.] we surveyed of part of our Orchard to set 60 trees [.] Ella Howard & her cousin were here in p.m.

SATURDAY 28

cold som[e] snow & rain [.] finished setting Orchard trees. John pulled the turnips [.] Polly Von [Vaughan] was here. E[dwin]. M[elancthon]. Haven¹¹⁸

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1868.

cool & pleasant [.] Mr. Ricks folk were at meeting

MONDAY 30

cold & cloudy [.] Ma washed [.] Father laid up fence [.] U[ncl]. Norris was here [.] My finger is getting better

¹¹³ Perhaps sorghum, or perhaps misspelling/misreading for "guns."

¹¹⁴ Perhaps grating.

¹¹⁵ Perhaps getting worse (sick).

¹¹⁶ Trading.

¹¹⁷ Perhaps the name of the new horse. See entry of Wednesday, December 16, 1868.

¹¹⁸ Edwin Melancthon Haven signing off on his own diary entry.

Edition: December 1868.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

cold & pleasant [.] School commenced [.] Father went to Bear Lake. Our Teachers name is Cora Barber. some 3 in[ches]. of snow fell last night

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1868.

cold & cloudy [.] went to school [.] Father drewed some wood. went up to U[n]cle. Norrisses with Doll [.] roads are quite bad

THURSDAY 3

cold & cloudy [.] went to school [.] Father & Alvinza Calvin Butchered our hogs (six) [.] Mrs. Vaugh[a]n was here

FRIDAY 4

cold & driving wind [.] some snow. went to school [.] Father cutting & packing pork [.] John is not very well

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1868.

warm & some cloudy [.] went to school [.] Father bought 2 cows of A[hira]. Haven¹¹⁹ for \$30 a piece [.] my finger is getting better

SUNDAY 6

cold & cloudy [.] went to meeting as usual

MONDAY 7

cold & snowy [.] Drawed up 2 sticks of timber to fix the stable with. went up to the store. Polly Von [Vaughan] was here

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1868.

cold stormy blustering snow storm [.] John went to school [.] I have a hard cold [.] Father fixing the stable for the cows

WEDNESDAY 9

cold cloudy [.] John staid at home [.] he was some sick. Father at work in the stable. I went to school

THURSDAY 10

cold some snow [.] J[ohn]. & I went to school [.] Father at work at the stable

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1868.

cold snowy & cloudy [.] snow over 2 f[ee]t. deep [.] U[n]cle. Frank was here. Father got the stable most finished [.] I went to school

SATURDAY 12

very cold & cloudy [.] Mr. Killheffers store burned to the ground early this morning [.] No school. Father & I helped Mr. Killheffer

SUNDAY 13

cold cloudy & some snow [.] Father John & I went to meeting [.] snow 2 or 3 f[ee]t. deep

¹¹⁹ Perhaps Ahira Haven (1811-1872), brother of John Haven (who was Edwin Haven's grandfather).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1868.

U[ncl]. Timothy & Father butchered our beef. we melted snow to wash with
p.m. we washed

TUESDAY 15

little warm & pleasant [.] went to school [.] Father helped U[ncl]. Timothy Butcher
in a.m. We went up to U[ncl]. Norisses in evening

WEDNESDAY 16

warm & pleasant [.] Mrs. Lane Timothy & Wallace Cooley & Father went out to
Paw after the things for the Christmas tree. Doll¹²⁰ kicked me on the side of my
head [.] it slit my ear & made a hole in my head

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1868.

warm pleasant thawy [.] John went to school [.] Father did not do much. my head
is doing well [.] Emma Ferguson here this morning to see me

FRIDAY 18

warm & cloudy [.] Father made some brooms [.] John went to school. Eddie Sutton
was here [.] my head is better

SATURDAY 19

warm & cloudy [.] Father & Mother went to Allegan [.] John went to school [.] Our
folks got home about 7 o'clock

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1868.

warm & thawy cloudy [.] Father & John went to meeting. Ma & I staid at home

MONDAY 21

cold windy snowy [.] Father & Warren Cooley got the Christmas tree. my head is
getting better

TUESDAY 22

cold cloudy & snowy [.] Father down to Uncle Timothys fixing the S[unday]
S[chool]. presents. John went to school. Denis Cooley & W[illia]m. Vaugh[a]n were
here in evening

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1868.

cold cloudy & snowy [.] I helped make out the S[unday]. S[chool]. report [.] see
page 3&4 Memoranda¹²¹ [.] Father helped Ma. wash [.] John went to school [.]
Father up some wood

THURSDAY 24

cold cloudy & snowy [.] Mr. Millers boys were here. Father helped fix the
Christmas tree. We went to the Christmas tree in the evening. John got a paid a
bag of candy a picture & a knife [.] I got a knife & diary for 1869

FRIDAY 25

Christmas [.] cold & pleasant [.] Father John and I cleaned out the school house [.]
Aunt Von [Vaughan] Polly & Emma Von [Vaughan] were in evening. had "A
merry Christmas"

¹²⁰ Perhaps the new horse, see entries of November 25 and 26, 1868.

¹²¹ See below in this edition of the diary: Memoranda.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1868.

cold cloudy & little snow [.] Father drew up some wood. got our new sled down to the black smith shop to get it ironed¹²²

SUNDAY 27

cold & windy [.] we went to meeting [.] Mr. Ricks folks were here. snowed quite hard in evening

MONDAY 28

some warm & pleasant most of the time. a little snow [.] Edwin Carriff was here [.] Father helping Daniel Cooley iron our sled

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1868.

little cold & pleasant [.] went to school in p.m. Father helping Dan[iel]. Cooley iron our sled. Polly Von [Vaughan] & Katy Rogers were here in the evening

WEDNESDAY 30

little warm & pleasant [.] Father made a box for our new sleigh [.] went to school. went to singing school on the Base Line in evening

THURSDAY 31

cold & cloudy [.] John & I went to school [.] Ellen Rick (she taught the school last fall) was her[e]. Father chop[p]ed a little wood [.] we went to a concert in evening

¹²² Perhaps equipping it with iron runners.

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The number of times we had preaching 1868

Date	Name	Denomination
Jan 12 th	Mr. Cram	—
Jan 26 th	Mr. Horton	Advents
Feb. 16 th	Mr. North	Christians
May 3 rd	Mr. Buel	Methodist
May 10 th	Mr. Rascoe	Baptist ¹²³
[May] 24 th	[Mr. Rascoe]	[Baptist]
June 7 th	[Mr. Rascoe]	[Baptist]
[June] 21 st	[Mr. Rascoe]	[Baptist]
Aug. 16 th	Eld. Rhodes	—

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The No. of verses I learned at Sunday School**The S[unday]. S[chool]. organized**

Apr.	12 th		No. verses
[Apr.]	19		22
[Apr.]	26		23
May	3 rd		28
[May]	10		35
[May]	17		41
[May]	24		34
[May]	31		25
		Monthly report	208
June	7 th		40
[June]	14		37
[June]	21		38
[June]	28		30
		Monthly Report	145
July	5		33
[July]	12		28
[July]	19		30

¹²³ Protestant Christian denomination, established in seventeenth-century England.

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Date			No. verses
July	26		26
		Monthly report	117
Aug.	2		22
[Aug.]	9		30
[Aug.]	16		26
[Aug.]	23		Away
[Aug.]	30		From
		Monthly report	78
Sept.	6 th		Home
[Sept.]	13		15
[Sept.]	20		47
[Sept.]	27		47
		Monthly Report	109
Oct.	4		45
[Oct.]	11		40
[Oct.]	18		25
[Oct.]	25		23
		Monthly report	133
		Whole No. verses	790
		No. Sundays present	28
		away visiting 3 Sundays	25

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Account of what I put in my Bags [?]¹²⁴

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Blessed is the Man that Walketh Not in the Counsel of the ungodly Nor stande[th]
in the way of sinners Nor Sitteth in the Seat of the Scornful.

[Psalm 1:1/King James Version]

Mary E. Smith¹²⁵

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¹²⁴ The dates and numbers on this page have been crossed out. They appear incomplete and inconclusive and have therefore been omitted from this edition.

¹²⁵ It appears that Mary E. Smith wrote this Old Testament verse into Edwin Haven's diary.

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No. of mice I caught

Nov. 24	4	.4
[Nov.] 25	1	.1
[Nov.] 27	1	.1
[Nov.] 28	2	.2
	8	0.8

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Big Fire Dec. 12th / [18]68

Messrs. Killhefer Howard & Barbers Stores were burned to the ground [.] Messrs. Howard & Barbers Stores were empty. Supposed to have been fired by an Incendary. Loss supposed to be betwixt \$2.000 & \$3.000. No insurance

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Borrowed of Ma 10 c[en]ts. Nov. 19th [.] paid [Nov.] 28th

Borrowed of Ma 25 [cents] Dec. 19th [.] Paid (see diary for [18]69)

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CASH ACCOUNT

Date		Received.	Paid.	
Jan. 9 th	Emily C. going to store		.01	
Jan. 10 th	Denis Cooley for apple		.01	
Jan. 31 st	2 slate pencils			.02
Jan. 7 th	Ma gave me		.01	
Feb. 2 nd	Father gave		.01	
Feb. 3 rd	Licorice root			.01
March 12 th	onion setts	1	.10	
[March 12 th]	Ma gave me / knife		.10	.75
[March 12 th]	crackers			.10
[March 12 th]	help pay for pants			.25
[March 12 th]	John (my cousin) gave me		.08	
Apr. 8 th	John gave me		.06	
Apr. 9 th	Father gave me		.01	
May 6 th	[Father gave me]		.04	
May 15 th	basket			.13
May 17 th	Father gave me		.01	
May [17]	gave S[unday]. S[chool].			.03
May 22 nd	for Corporal			.10
May 26	Ma gave me		.01	
May 31 st	gave S[unday]. S[chool].			.01
June 2 *	U[n]cle. T[imothy]. gave me		.01	

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CASH ACCOUNT

Date		Received.	Paid.
July 3 rd	U[ncl]. S[ilas]. gave me	.05	
[July] 4 th	candy raisins		.05
Sept. 10 th	A. L. gave me	.05	
[Sept.] 12 th	confectionary		.05
[Sept.] 12 th	Father gave me	.01	
Sept. 15 th	Spelling books		.25
Oct 2 nd	Father gave me	.01	
Oct 9 th	slate pencil		.01
Nov 18 th	vinegar	.25	
Nov 18 th	carrying "		
	I paid John		.05
[Nov.] 20	Ma gave me	.02	
[Nov.] 20 th	regist[ere]d letter		.12
[Nov. 20 th]	postage		.03
[Nov.] 28	catching mice	.08	
[Nov.] 29	1 mouse	.02	
Dec. 7	candy		5
[Dec.] 11	to Geography		.04
[Dec.] 19	things for Geography		.15

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SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT

	Received.	Paid.
JAN.	.3	.2
FEB.	.01	.01
MAR.	1 .28	1 .10
APR.	.07	
MAY.	.06	.27
JUNE.	.01	
JULY.	.05	.05
AUG.	0 .00	000
SEPT.	.06	.30
OCT.	.01	.01
NOV.	.37	.20
DEC.		.24
	1 .95	2.20

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Feb. 3rd thermometer at 13 deg[rees]. below zero.
 most severe snow storm commenced March 11th
 morning Apr. 5th snow 2 inches deep
 finished planting corn tuesday June 2nd
 Finished hayhing Aug. 13th
 eat supper first time by candle Sept 21st
 Su[n]day school closed Oct. 25 1868
 Winter school commenced Dec. 1st
 Winter set in Dec. 1st

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The number of eggs. we sold this year

Date	c[en]ts per day	no. doz[en].
Feb. 10 th	.20	3 ½
Feb. 15 th	.20	1 ¼
Feb. 20 th	.20	1 ¼
Feb. 27 th	.20	1 ½
July 25 th	.12 ½	2
	\$1.75	9 ½

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Sugared off first time March 23rd
 Apr. 23rd. ground white with snow.
 Peas in bloom June 20th
 Tomatoes in bloom June.
 June 30th in shade Thermometer 92 deg[rees].
 July 11 in shade thermometer at 94 deg[rees].
 July 17th in shade thermometer at 98
 first new potatoes friday July 31st
 first frost Sept 1st quite light
 Dec. 12th thermometer at 4 deg[rees].

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Deaths

Old Mr Loomis died April 2nd at 5 o'clock P.M.
 Mr. Sabins Jr. died at 11 o'clock a.m. monday April 20th
 July 14th by drowning Miss. Hattie Green A[ge]. 13 y[ea]rs. 10 mon[ths]
 July 18 Mrs. Ann Carton having had a shock of Paralysis two weeks before
 At Bear Lake thursday Aug[ust] 6 by drowning John Galager Ag[e]d. 9 or 10
 y[ea]rs.
 Sept[ember]. 20th about 4 o'clock p.m. Mr. Daniel Stone of old age.
 Mrs. Celia Phelon at 10 min[utes]. past 12 A.M. in her 22 y[ea]r Nov 11

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Lent Money

	C[en]ts.
Apr. 15 th	.10
[Apr.] 17 th	.05
[Apr.] 21 st	.03
[Apr.] 24 th	.03
[Apr.] 28 th	.02
May 4 th	.03
[May] 6 th rec[eiv]ed first	.26
[May] 11 th	.10
May 17 th rec[eiv]ed first	.10
July 14 th	.02
July 18 th rec[eiv]ed first	.02

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I set two hens Apr. 29th& 1 May 5th will hatchfirst 2 May 20th other

May 26. Set Lamy,

(pet lame hen) May 23rdwill hatch June 13th

Oct. 13 52 buttons

Oct. 25 64 [buttons]

Nov. 14th 67 [buttons]

Dec. 1 75 [buttons]

Dec 31st 88 [buttons],

Borrowed 10 c[en]ts. of Ma. Nov. 16