

**Thomas Mellersh**

**Day Book**

**Kept at Woodlands**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1836 – December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1837**

**MARCH**

**Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Left Guildford on Thursday morning with my provisions and arrived at Woodlands this afternoon. Employed getting my goods into my hut. Borrowed 50 lbs of meal off Mr Knight. Hired a boy to cook for me for his keep.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing occurred.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

The former part of the morning grubbing land for Garden and this latter part, went back 3 miles on my Grant and returned very well satisfied. This afternoon I shot 3 pigeons – Mavis and Joyce undertook to complete my house for me and commenced work this morning. They had 19<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs of Flour and 5 lbs of Pork.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York with Knight's cart and returned at 3 o'clock with my filly, 136 lbs of Meal and 27 lbs of Wheat.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Grubbing in the morning. Mavis and Joyce 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs of sugar and 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of pork. Sent boy to York for my mare and he brought her back.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting stakes for Garden fence. Mavis and Joyce 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs of wheat at 3d/lb. Burges called. Boy putting sheep dung in heaps.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning cutting more stakes and finished grubbing land for Garden. After dinner dressed a bag of meal. Boy finished cleaning up manure.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Went with man to the Native Well, and followed the brook down to the River, about 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of a mile from the Well I discovered another one, which contained much better Water, passed over very superior country, both as to the quantity and quality of the feed. Mavis and Joyce, 31<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs of flour and 4 lbs of Pork, Mrs Knight 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs of rice.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges' . Messrs Brockman, Shaw and L. Burges called. Dog came from York.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Cutting stakes for garden fence. Mavis and Joyce 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs Pork. Dog being a great thief, I sent him away. Bland and G. Eliot called.

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Cutting stakes for Garden fence. B. Brockman and M. Shaw called. Mavis and Joyce 4 lb Pork.

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mavis and Joyce 4½ lbs Sugar.

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs Pork

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Went with ....., (a native) to a spring which was dry, but evidently contained water 9 months in the year and passed over very superior country both as to the quantity and quality of the food. Mavis and Joyce 23¾ lbs of flour.

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Arrived home from York about 2 o'clock and was impressed that every mare and filly had been adrift since yesterday morning. I immediately went in pursuit of them and after a very difficult and laborious search found the mare with the rope passed a tree 3 or 4 times in a dreadfully famished state, one day longer and she must have felt a victim of the boy's neglect and want of water. He absconded at York. I sent for him and gave him a severe thrashing. I shot 3 cockatoos and one duck.

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Looking after filly, but was unsuccessful. Mavis and Joyce 4¾ lb of Pork. Mr & Mrs G. Cheyne and A. Trimmer called. Filly came home voluntarily about 1 o'clock. Lost the Boy.

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Boy not come home, feel rather uneasy for his safety. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork.

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Nothing occurred, except Boy has escaped to Guildford. Mavis and Joyce 29¾ lbs of flour.

## APRIL

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Went Kangaroo hunting with Mr Knight but did not kill. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork. Shot 2 cockatoos. In the evening caught 2 cobblers.

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Nothing occurred.

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Clearing the garden land of timber and piled it in heaps. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork and 4½ lbs of Sugar.

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting with Mr Knight and killed one small one.

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Burning wood on the garden land this morning. In the afternoon walked to York and had off Mr Bland 20½ lbs wheat. Mavis and Joyce 4 ¾ lbs of Pork.

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York and prepared to start for Guildford tomorrow. ....gave me some garden seeds.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Started for Guildford. Mavis and Joyce 14¼ lbs of Flour, 9¼ lbs of Pork, 2¼ Sugar.

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Returned from Guildford after being absent a fortnight.

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

In the morning clearing land. Mavis and Joyce 8 lbs of meal, 4 lbs of Pork and 3¾ lbs of sugar.

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and found Jones's cart there with my seed, wheat, 2 dogs, etc. Unfortunately, one of the dogs went mad and died immediately. Had of Mr Bland 160 lbs of meat.

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Employed clearing land for wheat in the morning and dressed the meat after dinner. Mavis and Joyce 59 lbs of meal. Mr W. Burges called and Mr Manson who slept here.

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting this morning and killed 2 kangaroo rats. Mavis and Joyce 3¼ lbs of Pork.

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Grubbing land for wheat. Mavis and Joyce 36 lbs of flour.

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Grubbing land for wheat.

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Grubbing land for wheat this morning. In the afternoon set fire to 5 large gum trees.

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting this morning, no luck. Killed 2 kangaroo rats. Mavis & Joyce 4¾ lbs of Pork.

## MAY

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Mavis and Joyce went out hunting but had no luck. Agreed with Ginger to work (grub) for a week for 2/- a day and his board.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Agreed with Lawrence that he should grub and clear for the plough 2 acres of land for £5.10.0 and find himself. He (Lawrence) had 7½ lbs of flour.

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ginger arrived last night and commenced grubbing this morning. Mrs Knight 4½ lbs of Rice. Burning trees today.

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Burning trees this morning. Mavis and Joyce 2 lbs of sugar and Lawrence 1 lb of sugar. Purchased a kangaroo dog of .....for three nanny goats and £3. And, coming from his place, killed a doe about 40 lbs.

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Collecting wood in piles all day. Mavis and Joyce 22 lbs of flour and 8 lbs of Pork. Lawrence 11 lbs of flour and 1½ of Pork.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Employed burning and collecting wood all day.

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Went out kangaroo hunting with my dogs, Spot and Miller, but was unsuccessful.

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Went to York. Mrs Knight 5 lbs of sugar, Mavis and Joyce 2 lbs of sugar and Lawrence 1 lb of sugar. Sold Axley 5 wethers for 6 guineas. Mavis and Joyce went out hunting and killed a buck weighing between 60 and 70 lbs.

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Collecting wood in heaps all day.

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Burning and collecting wood.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Burning and collecting wood. Mavis and Joyce 6 lbs of flour and Lawrence 4 lbs of flour. Lawrence completed his two acres today and I gave him one more acre to do for £4.5/- and find himself.

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Went out this morning to seek for three sheep of mine (in company with Mr Knight) which are lost in the bush, but could not find them. Messrs Bland and G. Eliot called.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Went with two Natives after the sheep but could not find them. In the afternoon went with my mare to York and returned with one bag of meal. Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs of flour and 2 lbs of sugar, Lawrence 2½ lbs of flour and 1 lb of sugar.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up wood and putting it in heaps. A. Jones called. Mavis and Joyce 16 lbs of meal and 3 lbs of wheat. Lawrence 6 lbs of meal and 4 lbs of wheat.

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Men went out hunting and killed 2 Kangaroos, each weighed about 45 lbs. Mavis and Joyce 3 lbs of pork and Lawrence 1½ lbs of pork. Mrs Knight 4 lbs of sugar.

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dressed a bag of meal this morning and cut up some trees. To Mrs Knight I paid 17 lbs of meal. Lawrence 11 lbs of Kangaroo.

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up trees. Mavis and Joyce 16 lbs of flour and 2 lbs of sugar. Lawrence 8 lbs of flour and 1 of sugar.

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Burning piles of wood on wheat land.

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting this morning and killed 2 Emus, one about 20 lbs and the other about 30 lbs. Mrs Knight 6¼ lbs of sugar.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mavis and Joyce 6 lbs of flour and Lawrence 3 lbs of flour.

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Cutting up trees and burning piles of wood all day. Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs of flour and Lawrence 2½ lbs of flour.

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Went into York and had of Mr Bland 142 lbs of meal. Mavis and Joyce 18 lbs of meal and 6 lbs of Emu. Lawrence 9 lbs of meal and 3 lbs of Emu.

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a doe between 30 and 40 lbs.....

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

This morning myself and a native carted 6 loads of manure from Mr Knight's farm. Mavis and Joyce 8 lbs of kangaroo and 3½ lbs of sugar. Two sheep were missing from my flock. To compensate the loss Mr Knight gave me five fine hens and said, "one here has 11 chickens and I gave 22 shillings for them".

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Digging land in the garden, and in the afternoon put some cabbage, onion and radish seed in. Lawrence finished his three acres yesterday and after deducting £1.15/- for his board I paid him £6.0/0 and he left. Mr and Mrs Knight left for Perth. Bought of Mr and Mrs Knight 6 bushels of wheat at 11 shillings per bushel, which I am to pay to Mr Bland.

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Digging land in the garden.

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Finished dressing a bag of meal.

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Digging land in the garden and put in some turnip seed. Mavis and Joyce 23 lbs of flour and Mr Hunter 3¼ lbs sugar.

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and bought of Mr Bland 10 bushels of wheat at 12 shillings a bushel.

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Bought a puppy of Mr Bas.... For 35 shillings.

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Digging land in the Garden and put in some turnip seed.

## JUNE

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Digging land in the garden and put in some cress seed. Mavis and Joyce finished the house according to their agreement and, after deducting £9.1/6 for their provisions, etc. I gave them an order on Mr Samson for £15.9/6.

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Breaking up land in the garden. This afternoon I walked down to Mr Burges. Mavis left this morning. Today I hired Joyce for 1 year, until he takes the ship. I am to give him at the rate of .....and when he takes charge of the ship I am to pay him £5 per annum and his keep. Joyce burning wood on wheat land all day. Richard undertook to dig a ditch and put a small fence on

the bank around the Garden for.....and I am to bring the wood to the spot. Richard 4 lbs of Pork.

**Friday, 3<sup>d</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a doe between 20 and 30 lbs. Joyce clearing land of timber. Richard 10¼ lbs of flour and 6½ lbs of Kangaroo.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Writing a letter home and .....for Perth. And rode down to Mr Clarkson's, returned in the evening. Joyce started for Perth and I gave him £5 for his 2 ½ days work. His time will commence when he returns.

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today.

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting with Spot and Miller and killed a buck about 70 lbs. Spot killed him and all the others I have killed before.

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Digging up land in the Garden. Richard 13 lbs of Kangaroo and 12 lbs of flour.

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Digging up land in the Garden this morning. Went into York and brought 2 bushels of wheat from there.

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Digging up land in the Garden.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and Spot killed 2 kangaroos, each weighed about 40 lbs. Miller ran home.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the Garden all day and put in some peas.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Rode down to Mr Aget's this morning. Richard 2½ lbs of Kangaroo.

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from Mr Aget's about 10 o'clock. He gave me some cauliflower plants and I put them in the Garden this afternoon. I also found some mustard seed.

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden this morning and sowed some lettuce seed. Dressed a bag of meal this afternoon.



**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed 2 does. Miller killed one and Spot the other, both of them about 40 lbs each. Hired Richard by the month; he finished the ditch and I am to give him £2 a month and his grub. He was cutting stuff for Garden fence all day. Mr Tom Dodd arrived and slept here. He brought Mr Clarkson's plough. I have arranged with Mr C. to plough, harrow and fence for £2.10/- an acre and I am to deduct 9d a day for Richard's wages and grub.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the Garden. Richard went down to the Clarkson's this morning and returned with a pair of horses from there this evening.

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Richard driving ploughing and I was driving the horses and grubbing small stuff. Joyce returned from Guildford.

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Richard ploughing and I was at the same work today as I was yesterday. Joyce commenced from today to work for me for a year. He was burning wood on wheat land and was filling the holes.

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York.

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Driving the horses and working in the Garden. Richard ploughing and had not been long at work before he broke the cock. Richard drew up some stuff for fences with Jack in the afternoon. Joyce grubbing a few trees and filling up holes in wheat land all day.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Rode up to Parker's this morning. Joyce went hunting and killed a buck about 70 lbs. Richard drawing stuff up for Garden fence.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Returned from Mr Parker's and borrowed a cock of a plough of Mr Trimmer and engaged Mr Parker to plough and harrow, sow 3 or 4 acres for 50 shillings an acre. He is to have my mare for 10 shillings a day and allow her 2 feeds of corn a day. His son is coming down and I am going to charge 1 shilling a day for his keep. He is to be here on Sunday. Richard and Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence in the morning, but this afternoon, being very wet, I could not do anything.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Driving the horses all day. Richard sowed 1 acre today and ploughed nearly ½ of it. I am going to plough it in. Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence. Captain Pratt and Mr Carter called.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Driving horses nearly all day. Richard ploughing. Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence. Governor and 5 or 6 more Gentlemen called.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Driving horses and working in the Garden, sowed some onions, Richard ploughing. Joyce out hunting this morning and Miller killed a doe, about 30 lbs. Sent Joyce to York and bought 52 lbs of meal.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Messrs **Shirt** and Burges called.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Driving horses and planted some Garlic and shallots this afternoon. Richard ploughing and Joyce cutting stakes.

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Driving horses, in the afternoon dressed a bag of meal. Richard ploughing and Joyce out hunting. Spot killed a small doe, about 25lbs.

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Driving the horses and put in some peas. Richard ploughing. Joyce finishing hut for a fowl house.

## JULY

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the Garden. Richard sowed and harrowed in 2 acres of wheat. Joyce cutting black boy tops and grubbing in the garden. Mr Manson called and dined here. Heard today from G. Eliot that I have a large case from home.

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Drawing up stakes with my man this morning. In the afternoon walked down to Mr Burges'. Richard sowed and harrowed an acre today. Finished sowing for this season. Joyce working in the Garden.

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Richard bringing in black boy tops. I went out hunting this afternoon but had no luck. Joyce working in the Garden and bringing in black boy tops. Mr Agett called and took Mr Clarkson's horse, cart and plough and harrow away.

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Planting some .....plants and started for Guildford this afternoon. Joyce out hunting and Spot killed 2 small does. Richard working in the garden, he will commence working at and finishing off his ditch by Monday. He had 11½ lbs of kangaroo, 14 lbs of Pork 2 lbs of Pork

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Returned from Guildford this morning – Joyce cutting battens for kitchen all the week except one day when he was hunting and killed two bucks, each weighing about 60 lbs – Richard doing his fence all the time. Last night a native dog broke into my fowl house and killed 7 fowls out of 17.

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and brought down 75 lbs of meal and a Cock, which I am to give Mr Bland 1 .....

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Planting cabbage plants, which I bought from Guildford. Richard doing his fence. Joyce cutting and bringing up stuff for Garden fence. Richard 4 lbs of meal and 3½ of kangaroo.

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

This morning being very wet, could not do anything. This afternoon went over to Burges' – Richard finished his fence. Joyce in the morning putting roof of the kitchen together. This afternoon cutting and bundling up stuff for Garden fence.

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Put in the onion and carrot plants this morning. This afternoon assisting Joyce and Richard working at the kitchen. This afternoon, cutting battens - Joyce working at the kitchen. Dick, the native, brought from York a kangaroo puppy out of a greyhound bitch I brought from England. Mr Manson called and he is going to stop with me for a few days.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed 2 does, average weight 40 lbs. Richard cutting battens for kitchen, Joyce working at the kitchen.

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Gardening all day. Richard fencing garden gate – Joyce at the Kitchen.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Hearing some .....terrified. Richard banging in with the wheelbarrow with feed for the kitchen. Mr Clarkson called and .....his horse and ploughed a pasture 4 acres for me at 50 shillings an acre, and after deducting £3.10/6d for Richard's wages and board, I paid him £6.3/6d.

## **AUGUST**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Nothing worth remarking occurred.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mr Manson and myself went in search of our horses, but could not find them. Took the dogs and killed 1 small buck, about 35 lbs – Joyce bringing round a wheelbarrow for kitchen. In the afternoon, went in to York and bought from there 1 bushel of meal and 3 lbs of rope for thatching, for Richard thatching the kitchen.

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Planting out plants and dressed a bag of meal. Joyce working at the kitchen, Richard thatching kitchen. Mr Manson went into York; Mr L. Burges called.

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Planting rape plants all day. Richard thatching kitchen all day. Joyce working at the kitchen all day. Mr M. returned.

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting. Spot and Miller killed a buck – 40 lbs. Joyce working at kitchen all day. Richard left this morning - and after deducting £2.1/10½ for his grub whilst doing the fence, I paid him £3.2/4½d. Mr M. left.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden all day – Joyce working at the kitchen.

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden all day – Joyce, in the morning working at the kitchen. In the afternoon we went out hunting and Spot and Miller killed 3 does, average weight 45 lbs.

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing worth mentioning occurred.

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden – Joyce working at kitchen. Mr Monger arrived.

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden, Joyce working at kitchen. Agreed with Mr Monger to give 5s.-6s. per day and his board. He walked down to Mr Burges and borrowed some tools and planed boards for table.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce working at the kitchen. Mr Monger planing boards.

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Richard to Mr Eliot's. Joyce at the kitchen. Mr Monger making stools, etc.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and Spot killed a 40 lb buck. Joyce at the kitchen. Mr Monger making table and 4 stools.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning working in the garden, in the afternoon went to York and bought 32 lbs of meal from there. Joyce at the kitchen, Mr Monger making table.

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing occurred.

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden, Joyce wheeling in mud. Mr Monger making table.

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and Spot and Miller killed 1 buck and 1 doe, average 50lbs. They also killed 1 brown kangaroo, about 20 lbs. Joyce clearing land for wheat next year, Mr Monger making table.

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Digging in the garden – Joyce grubbing mud. Mr Monger making table.

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sowing peas in the garden. Clearing land. Mr Monger finished table and stools.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York yesterday afternoon and returned this morning with 15 lbs of meal which makes up the ..... Joyce clearing land. Mr Monger left.

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce working at the kitchen.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Joyce went out hunting but was unsuccessful. Prepared to start for Guildford in the morning of tomorrow. O'Connor came down to stop for protection during my absence. Borrowed from Mr Burges one hinder leg of kangaroo.

## SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Returned from Guildford last night and brought up D. Pettitt to work for me. This morning sowing melon seeds – Joyce has been clearing land since I have been down and was at the same work today. .... left, he has been out hunting 4 times since I have been away and has killed 1 each time. Mr & Mrs Clarkson called.

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sowed some melon seeds – Joyce clearing land.

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed one doe about 40 lbs – Joyce clearing land. L. Burges called.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sowing melons. Joyce clearing land.

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges's farm and dined there.

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 30 lbs. Joyce clearing land.

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and took 2 bushels of wheat to be ground. Joyce clearing land. Messrs J. Knight and S. Trimmer called and dined.

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up trees on cleared land. Joyce clearing land.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up timber. Joyce went hunting and killed 2 bucks, one about 30 lbs, the other 20 lbs. In the afternoon Joyce went into York and brought 2 bushels of meal from there. Messrs Carter, Hapgood, Waters, J. Knight, .....and S. Trimmer called and dined.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Messrs Knight & Burges dined here.

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land.

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 60lbs. Miller, I fear, has broken his leg, however I shall keep him until I can learn whether it is broken or out of joint. Joyce clearing land.

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the field cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land. Messrs Knight, Burges and Mackie called.

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up trees. Joyce finished chimney this morning. In the afternoon clearing land. Mr Trimmer called.

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and heard Doctor Justinian preach.

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land. Ordered Joyce to shoot poor Miller and on examining his leg found his thigh bone broken asunder.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 30lbs. Joyce clearing land. Messrs Slater & Clarkson called.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Very wet, consequently neither Joyce or myself could do much. Messrs Burges & B. Brockman dined with me.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning cutting up trees, in the afternoon went into York and took about 2 bushels of wheat to be ground. Joyce clearing land.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce washing sheep.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Killed a wether. Shearers had 3 ½ lbs of kid and 5 ½ lbs of pork. Messrs Guber & Brockman called.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce, myself and shearers washed my sheep this morning. With any sheep away, and I intend the boy to go with them at present .....g g.

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

This morning working in the garden, in the afternoon went into York. Joyce making wool bag.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York with a bag of meal. Joyce clearing land – in the afternoon Joyce walked over to Mr Clarkson's and brought Mr A. Trimmer's horse from them.

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden – Joyce clearing land.

## **OCTOBER**

**Friday, 1st October**

Packing wool all day – Joyce in the morning clearing land. PM: learning to shear. The three shearers commenced shearing my sheep this morning and finished about 3 o'clock. Number shorn, 91.

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Working in the garden and PM: dressed a bag of meal. Joyce clearing land. Settled with the shearers and after deducting £1/2/6 for provisions I bought them for washing and and shearing, £1/6/0.

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Walked over to Mr Burges with Mr Johnson who slept here.

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce went out hunting but did not kill.

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land. Mr Johnson called.

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning working in the garden and PM: went into York. Joyce clearing land.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden and sowed some rock melons. Joyce out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. Mr Johnson brought down 24 iron hurdles and a crow bar, I shot two wood ducks.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself drenching sheep for the scab.

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce drafting sheep.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing in particular occurred.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce went out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. PM: took a bag of wheat to York.

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself cutting and piling up wood in wheat land.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden and PM: went into York. Joyce out hunting and shot 1 doe, about 30 lbs and Spot killed a buck about 80 lbs. He was obliged to leave the doe in the field.

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York and brought 115 lbs. of meal from there. Joyce piling up wood on wheat land.



**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden . Joyce fetched 2 loads of the framework of a sheep cart which Wall is to make for 50 shillings.

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce cutting up wood in wheat land. Wall came down and finished sheep cart.

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing in particular occurred.

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a doe about 35 lbs. Joyce cutting up trees in wheat land. Commenced folding on land intended for wheat next year. Mr Burges called.

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself cutting up trees and burning the same.

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Both Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Went into York and took a bag of wheat to be ground – this is the last of Mr Knight's. Joyce employed the same as yesterday. Messrs Macdermott and Harris called.

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Joyce out hunting but had no luck. Working in the garden.

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Joyce and myself cutting and piling the wood in wheat land.

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Rode into York.

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York with a bag of meal. PM: did the same, Joyce cutting up wood.

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Cutting up wood. Joyce went hunting.

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Started for Guildford. Joyce will be finishing land for wheat (ie. Burning off wood) during my absence.

# NOVEMBER

## **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Returned from Guildford this morning and found everything to be to my satisfaction.

## **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Joyce and myself clearing land all day

## **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself employed as yesterday.

## **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself employed as before.

## **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and took a bag of wheat to be ground which is some I bought of Mr James for seed. Heard a ship was in from England.

## **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself finished clearing land of timber.

## **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Employed doing sundry little jobs. Out hunting but had no luck. Shall not hunt for this 2 weeks until Spot gets in condition.

## **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and bought 87 lbs of meal from there. Mavis and Joyce pulling down chimney and putting up a new one. Mr L. Burges had let me have Mavis for 2 or 3 days. Mr L. Burges sent me 16 lbs of beef,

## **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Myself, Joyce and Mavis have been employed doing chimney and fire place. Mavis left on Saturday evening. Mr Arthur Trimmer brought a packet of letters up from England. Thursday afternoon I walked to York and got them.

## **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

## **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce plastering house. pm took a bag of wheat into York.

## **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning Joyce and myself drafting sheep for the scab: generally very clean. 110 in flock. Joyce pm plastering house.

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce out hunting and Spot killed a doe about 30 lbs. PM: Joyce plastering my house. I did nothing in particular today.

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rode into York and brought a sack of meal from there. PM: Dressed the meal. Joyce plastering house all day.

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce plastering house all day.

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Rode with Mr & Mrs Shaw to his place and returned on Sunday evening. Joyce in the morning finished the plastering and PM: mowing for Mr Burges.

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing in particular occurred.

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Joyce out hunting but had no luck. In the evening he went to Mr Burges to mow. Today I had the misfortune to lose 3 sheep, one ewe after lambing, the other two (ewe and ewe lamb) were driven away from the flock by Christmas' dog.

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nothing particular except I shot two hens today.

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Putting oats in heaps all day. Joyce mowing till 5 o'clock in afternoon when he took a sack of wheat into York.

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. Ewe and lamb that ran away found the flock today.

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning out hunting but had no luck and PM: collecting oats in heaps. Joyce at the same work as yesterday and finished mowing today. Killed a wether lamb, weighed about 30 lbs.

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself collecting oats together.

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Messrs G. and L. Burges dined with me and after dinner rode into York.

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce collecting oats together all day. Returned from York this afternoon with a bag of meal.

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself collecting oats together all day.

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself finished oats today. S. Trimmer called and will stop .....

## DECEMBER

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping wheat all day. PM: S. Trimmer assisted. Mr & Mrs McLeod, Eliot and Mortimer called.

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping all day.

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping all day. Mr & Mrs Trimmer and Mr Brockman called.

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing in particular occurred.

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping all day. Killed a sick lamb, weighed about 20 lbs.

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

AM: I was reaping and PM: myself and S. Trimmer drove 27 lambs down to be weaned. Joyce binding and reaping all day.

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

AM: I was reaping and PM: took a sack of wheat to be ground. Joyce reaping all day.

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York this morning with a bag of meal and PM: reaping. Joyce reaping and binding all day.

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day. ....

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day. G. Eliot and MacLeod called.

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Rode into York.

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day.

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. S. Trimmer went out hunting and killed a buck around 50 lbs and a Bush Kangaroo.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself reaping all day.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. Finished reaping. Messrs MacLeod and Mortimer called.

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce binding all day. In the afternoon I went out with the sheep, boy being unwell. S. Trimmer went out hunting but had no luck.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Binding all day. Joyce in the morning bought 23 lbs of flour from Mr A. Trimmer and in the PM: binding.

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Joyce went out hunting and killed a doe about 30 lbs. PM: I went into York.

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York. Sold my mare to Mr .....for £27.0.0 and 5 old merino ewes and one wether lamb. I went into York to appear as a witness.....Mr Trimmer's case came down and **will in any case.**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce and myself loading cart and finished at 12 o'clock. 260 of Mr L. Trimmer's lambs came down to be weaned with Mr .....and a dog.

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Went out with the sheep. ....digging in the garden. Joyce and L. Trimmer went out hunting and killed a buck about 70 lbs – the remainder of the day Joyce plastering chimney.

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Working in the garden. Joyce plastering chimney.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

PM: Went out with sheep and AM: working in the garden. Joyce wheeling up clay for parlour floor. PM: ..... laying boards to tread on.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

AM: out with sheep; Joyce wheeling up clay. Meares came and took lambs away. .... left. Killed a wether weighing 34 lbs. Mavis came and took lambs away. ....left.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day. Killed a wether, weighed 34 lbs. Dined with L. Burges.

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Doing various jobs. Joyce wheeling up clay in the morning. PM: Went out with Christmas threshing. T. Jamieson and L. Burges went out and killed 4 kangaroos.

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat and went to Mr Burges' and ground it. AM: Joyce with sheep and Christmas threshing.

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

AM: working in the garden. PM: cleaning wheat – about 2 bushels. Joyce finished chimney today.

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Walked to Mr Burges' and brought away 120 of his sheep.....who will pay Mr Joyce's wages and keep for three months. PM: walked into York and bought a sheep dog on trial. Joyce putting on .....

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Went to Mr Burges and ground about 40 lbs of wheat. Joyce out with sheep. David cooking. Number in flock 240.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

S. Trimmer out hunting but had no luck. Joyce with sheep.

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**JANUARY**

**Sunday, January, 1<sup>st</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Cleaned wheat and started for Guildford.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from Guildford and found everything going on well.

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mr .....came and took away 16 of .....lambs and his.....S. Trimmer went hunting and brought home half a hind quarter of a buck.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular.

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

G. Eliot brought over a .....of pork and a bag of meal for me in his cart.

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred last week – excepting Mr Parker’s cart brought up some goods for me from Guildford.

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Wheeling up clay all day.

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Picking up clay and wetting it.

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and brought from there 30 lbs of flour.

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Went out with sheep. Joyce laying floor in sitting room.

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Myself and Joyce employed the same as yesterday. Joyce finished.

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred. I went into York and bought 70 lbs of flour from there.

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

.....floor to.....22m<sup>2</sup>

# FEBRUARY

## **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

Joyce threshing and David went out with sheep. G. Elliott called – Garyn, the Native, went out hunting with Spot and killed a doe about 35 lbs.

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

Cleaned up wheat- about 2 bushels.

## **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Joyce threshing again. David out with sheep.

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

Cleaned up wheat – about 3 bushels.

## **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Walked into York.

## **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

In the afternoon took ½ bushel of wheat down to Mr Burges' but did not finish grinding it.

## **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning David and myself out with sheep. PM: Finished grinding at Mr Burges' and brought it home. PM: David out with sheep, Joyce thrashing all day.

## **Wednesday. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning up wheat – 2<sup>1/2</sup> bushels.

## **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

PM: Took ½ bushel of wheat to Mr Burges' and ground it. .... and J. Harris called.

## **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce threshing – David with sheep. Mr Carter dined here with Mr S. Trimmer.

## **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning up wheat – about 2<sup>1/2</sup> bushels.

## **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing in particular happened.

## **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Myself and David out with sheep all day; Joyce threshing.

## **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning up wheat – about 2 ½ bushels.



**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

AM: walked over to Mr Burges and ground 40 lbs of wheat. PM: went into York. David out with sheep, Joyce thrashing.

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning up wheat – about 2 ½ lbs.

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Set a hen over 8 eggs – also a native dog killed one of my best hens and I shot him.

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ground ½ a bushel of wheat at Mr Burges'.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

G. Eliot, B. Brockman and L Burges dined with me today. David left for Guildford yesterday.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Digging in the garden all day. Billy, the Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck, about 20 lbs.

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Went over to Mr Burges and ground ½ a bushel of wheat.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Digging in the garden all day.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Digging in the garden. PM: Out with sheep, Joyce thrashing. Gillani, a Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck about 20 lbs and 4 kangaroo cats. Had a heavy fall of rain this week. Number in flock – 220,

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Went to Mr Burges' and ground ½ a bushel of wheat. PM: Cleaned up about a bushel of wheat.

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Went with sheep all day. Joyce thrashing. Gillani, the Native, out hunting and killed a fine buck about 60 lbs.

# MARCH

## Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>

Ground ½ a bushel of wheat at Mr Burges'.

## Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cleaning up wheat – about 2 bushels – and digging in the garden.

## Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

PM: Out with sheep. Joyce PM: thrashing. Gillani out hunting but did not kill – shot a fine black duck.

## Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>

PM: Out with sheep and AM: Went over to Mr Burges and ground ½ a bushel of wheat. AM: Joyce thrashing, PM: Out with sheep. Heard the *Shepherd* is arrived from England.

## Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Nothing particular occurred except Northeast arrived and I hired him at £2 a day and his keep to thatch my house.

## Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>

PM: Walked into York and brought from there rope for thatching. Northeast getting things ready. Gillani out hunting but had no luck.

## Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>

PM: Assisting Northeast . In the morning ground ½ a bushel of wheat. PM: Thatching – Native ..... and I went with ..... and ..... Each of them killed one – 30 and 20 lbs.

## Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>

Heard I had a box from England. Northeast and myself thatching all day.

## Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

AM: Northeast and myself thatching. The former fell off the ladder and will be laid up for two or three days. Set a hen under 10 eggs.

## Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>

AM: Ground ½ a bushel at Mr Burges'. Gilloni, the Native went out hunting and killed a fine buck, around 80 lbs. ....on the buck.

## Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>

AM: Out with sheep; PM: Cleaning up wheat, about 2 bushels. Finished threshing what turned out very indifferently. AM: Joyce thrashing. Northeast so bad that he was obliged to leave, white hen hatched 8 chickens.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

PM Ground ½ a bushel of wheat.

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Out with sheep. Joyce walked down to Mr Dodd’s and brought back Northeast who will take charge of my house and sundry jobs whilst I am down below.

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Started for Guildford,

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Returned from Guildford and found that the Natives had stolen 3 bushels of wheat during my absence. Northeast gardening – Joyce out with sheep. B.B. has taken his sheep away and I have 7 of G. Eliot’s rams.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Northeast thatching, Rob, the Native, out hunting and killed a buck about 50 lbs. Several people called and I sold Mr Carter 8 chickens for 3s.6d each. ....

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Northeast and myself thatching. PM: Joyce went to Mr Burges’ and ground ½ a bushel of wheat. Northeast out with sheep.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Walked to Mr Burges’ and dined there. Killed a wether lamb which weighed 32 lbs.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**

Northeast and myself thatching. Mr Burges took 6 lambs of his from my flock and I .....

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Northeast and myself thatching.

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Out with sheep. PM: walked into York; Joyce assisting Northeast. AM: Northeast thatching; PM: Ground a bushel of wheat.

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York. PM: Assisting Northeast who was thatching all day. Billy, the Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck about 25 lbs.

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Northeast and myself thatching all day. One of Mr Eliot’s rams was killed.

# APRIL

## **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

Out with sheep all day. Joyce and Northeast thatching and finished.

## **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Walked over to Mr Burges'.

## **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Northeast putting .....on chimney. PM: out wth sheep. Joyce ground ½ a bushel of wheat.

## **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Out hunting but had no luck. Northeast finished chimney and clipping thatch around the house.

## **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Wheeling up manure and digging in the garden. Northeast plastering all day.

## **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Ou with sheep. Northeast plastering all day. PM: Joyce ground ½ a bushel of wheat. Got out of Mr Burges 2 ewes, which Mr Brocking took away of mine. Killed a small wether, about 25 lbs. Mr .....brought his things over and is going to reside with me.

## **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Loading manure in heaps all day. Northeast plastering all day.

## **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Digging in the garden. Northeast finished plastering bedroom this morning. PM: Bringing up clay.

## **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Walked over to Mr Burges' and dined there.

## **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Branded 36 of my young ewes and sowed a little cabbage seed. AM: Walked up to receive Lady Stirling's sheep from Mr Parker.

## **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Returned with 142 sheep and 9 lambs of Lady Stirling's and am going to keep them at the rate of £25 per hundred per annum. I also brought down 10 of Mr Carter's rams and he is to pay me for keeping them the market price. Northeast laying floor in bathroom on Monday and Tuesday and today grinding. Number in flock 201.

## **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Northeast and myself splitting wood for hurdles.

**Friday, 14th**

Northeast and myself splitting wood for hurdles. Killed a wether about 26 lbs.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ground about 15 lbs of wheat. Northeast sawing out stuff for hurdles.

**Sunday 16th**

Stopped at home today.

**Monday 17th**

Ground about 25 pounds of wheat. Northeast making hurdles.

**Tuesday 18th**

Started down the river. Northeast making hurdles. Billy, the native, went out hunting and killed a buck about 60 pounds.

**Wednesday 19th**

Returned this evening and bought of Mr Chidlow 30 bushels of wheat at 9 shillings per bushel, deliverable at my house. Also a steel mill off Mr. Davey for three pounds. Northeast finished making hurdles.

**Thursday 20th**

Ground half a bushel of wheat. Northeast laying stone for fireplace.

**Friday 21st**

Northeast thatching Mr Knight's house. Grant who is to cook arrived and I am to give him £1.5s per month and his board.

**Saturday 22nd**

G Elliot arrived and dined with me and I walked in to York with him. Northeast thatching Mr Knight's house and shepherds' hut. He left and has to receive £5.4s.

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Returned from York this evening with Mr Eliot's cart and a cask of pork, Grant's box and some tea and sugar.

**Thursday 24th**

Carting up manure this morning, 6 loads, and PM: Drove cart back again and returned this evening.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Messrs L Burges and T. Trimmer dined with me today. Doing nothing in particular today.

**Wednesday 26th**

Chidlow bought 30 bushels of wheat from me and a mill. Out hunting but had no luck. Grant took about 20 pounds of wheat to Mr. Burges to grind.

**Thursday 27th**

Doing sundry jobs. Grant took 12 pounds of wheat to grind at Mr. Burges'.

**Friday 20th**

PM: Out with sheep. Joyce putting up mill.

**Saturday 29th**

Messrs Canfield and Burges called and dined with me today. Native cat killed hen and four chickens. Gasper, the native, out hunting but had no luck.

**Sunday 30th**

Walked down to Mr. Burges. Native cat killed two more chickens last night. Mr Grindall arrived.

**MAY**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Carting dung into garden.

**Tuesday 2nd**

Out hunting but had no luck.

**Wednesday 3rd**

Walked into York with Grindall.

**Thursday 4th**

Digging in the garden. .... dined with me today.

**Friday 5th**

Nothing in particular.

**Saturday 6th**

Sowed some cabbage seed. .... slept here and I sold him 15 Van Dieman's land ewes heavy in lamb for £3/7s6d each.

**Sunday 7th**

Walked down to Burges'.

**Monday 8th**

Digging land in the garden and sowed some turnips. Gooch assisted me.

**Thursday 9th**

Walked into York and returned this evening. Killed a small wether about 20 lbs.

**Wednesday 10th**

Working in the garden. Messrs Trimmer and ..... and Manson called.

**Thursday 11th**

Working in the garden.

**Friday 12th**

Digging in the garden.

**Saturday 13th**

Walk down to Mr. Burges' and digging in the garden.

**Sunday 14th**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday 15th**

Started for Guilford with Mr Grindall and left Mr Trimmer to take charge of my house.

**Wednesday 24th**

Returned from Guilford with a load of goods and found everything all right excepting that a native dog had been very troublesome and killed 3 lambs of Lady Stirling's.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. AM: .....assisted.

**Friday 26th**

Working in the garden. Gasper, the native went hunting and killed a splendid emu about 75 lbs. Joyce shot at the native dog and wounded him since which time the natives found him dead in the bed of the river.

**Saturday 27th**

Working in the garden all day.

**Sunday 28th**

Walked into York and followed a soldier who was speared by the natives to his grave.

**Monday 29th**

Working in the garden.

**Tuesday 30th**

Working in the garden and sowed some carrots and onion seed.

**Wednesday 31st**

Working in the garden. Messrs Grindall and Jamieson left for Guildford.

# JUNE

## **Thursday 1st**

Walks down to Mr Brockman's.

## **Friday 2nd**

Returned from Mr Brockman's with five ewes of Lady Stirling's.

## **Saturday 3rd**

Working in the garden. Gasper went out hunting and ..... killed a doe about 20 pounds. Native cat came last night and killed one of my young fowls. I commenced a year ago with 10 and I have now only five of my original stock left. Joyce is sheep\*\*\*\*\* Gibbs went mad today.

## **Sunday 4th**

Dined at Mr the Burges' today.

## **Monday 5th**

Working in the garden. Mr Grindall returned from Perth.

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

Working in the garden.

## **Wednesday 7th**

Walked into York today. Very wet weather which is much required at present.

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York.

## **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden.

## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting but had no luck. Omitted to put down that on Thursday Gasper went out hunting and killed a buck about 25 lbs.

## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today.

## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Employed doing different jobs. Gasper went out hunting. Spot and ..... killed a buck about 50 lbs.

## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden.



**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Gasper went out hunting but had no luck. Mr Barker called and I agreed with him to plough, sow and harvest 4 or 5 acres for £2 an acre. I am also to keep the mare and find ..... of corn for each horse per diem. Swinson, Mr Barker's man arrived.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat. Swinson ploughed nearly one acre today. Doctor Foley called.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat. Swinson lost his horses last night and he has gone to search for them. Shot a large wild cat today. Gasper out hunting but had no luck. Swinson has not returned.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today. Missed putting down the day last week – Joyce has been with me exactly one year today and certainly has conducted himself as a faithful servant and as he will not make any permanent arrangement with me, I have hired him by the month at the same rate which is £25 per annum.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat for seed. Joyce went out hunting but had no luck.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Shifted fold to make manure for potatoes and melons and finished folding for wheat. Swinson not yet returned.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mr J. Walcott and boy arrived to plough for Mr Grindall. Swinson returned – he was delayed on account of having lost one of his mares.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nothing worth mentioning.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. Swinson sowed nearly one acre and ploughed it in.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. G. Eliot called. Swinson sowed nearly one acre of wheat and ploughed it in.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson ploughing, too wet to sow. Gasper out hunting but did not kill.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson harrowing and sowing all day. Mr .....called and dined.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson sowing and harrowing. He finished, having ploughed 4 ½ acres and 1/10 of an acre. I gave Mr Barker an order on Mr Hapgood for £9.4s. Mr Grindall left for Guildford. Mr J. Walcott and Boy left.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Left for Mr Brockman's today.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from Mr B's with Mr Casey and 5 ewes with 3 wether lambs by their sides and for which I payed (sic) £14/12s.

## JULY

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Very wet all day and could not work.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Walked into York.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Returned from York and found that the Natives had again robbed me of ½ a bushell of wheat. Mr Knight slept here.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Transplanting cabbage plants. Gasper went out hunting and killed a small one of about 15 lbs.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Planting cabbage plants and putting down sheep guard. Mr Knight arrived and I sold him 10 wethers for £2/4s. per head.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Planting cabbage plants.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning out sheep yard. Gasper out hunting but had not killed. I am giving up hunting and selling my dogs.

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

Planting cabbage plants.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Walked into York.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York and sowed a few peas.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Drove 16 of Mr Eliot's rams, 10 of Mr Parker's, 2 of Lady Stirling's and 2 of my rams into York and I am to pay him for the keep of my and Lady Stirling's rams the market price. Left the old ram I bought 2 years ago of Mr B. Brockman in the flock instead of killing him.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and killed a doe about 40 lbs. PM: Sowed some radish seed.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Grindall arrived. Mr MacLeod called and told me that the Natives had killed two Settlers to the Northward.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Out hunting but did not kill. In the evening walked down to Mr Burges'.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home. Mr Eliot called.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Wheeling dung in the garden. Killed the old ram and he weighed about 65 lbs. His fleece weighed 6 ¼ lbs.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Planted 4 rows of potatoes but I shall stop for another week before I plant any more in order to let the dung set down. Cut about 25 lambs this morning.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. Gasper out hunting but did not kill.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden and sowed some turnip seed.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Went out hunting but did not see a kangaroo, however coming home, Spot went on the scent after one and after a chase of 2 miles long the kangaroo escaped by getting amongst a quantity of rocks.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Working in the garden. Oxley and Smith called and told me that James had sold my Filly for £15./0/0, A policeman called and said that they had shot a Native at Mr Heale's. Mutton, butter, pork and wheat, in fact everything, is dear at present.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Walked into York.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York with a bushel of wheat from G. Eliot's which I had lent him some time ago. He owes 3 more bushels for keeping his Rams.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mr S. Trimmer lent me his bitch, Kebe, and I went out hunting with her and my dogs and killed a fine emu, about 70 lbs.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges' and working in the garden. Heard another Native was shot at Mr Dodd's. Ordered Joyce to shoot poor old Spot.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Went out hunting and Kebe killed a doe about 35 lbs. Sent a note to Mr Mortimer and he allowed me two soldiers, one to go with the sheep for protection and to whom I am to pay 1 shilling per diem, and the other to stop at the house.

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

Working in the garden. Mr Trimmer sent for Kebe. Mr Grindall is going to Perth and will not be back for 2 weeks.

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

Walked into York.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Working in the garden. PM: Took a dog down to Mr Burges to be taken to Guildford by him. Captain Armstrong and Mr .....and Armstrong called. Commenced allowing the soldiers 1 lb of flour extra per diem.

## AUGUST

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

Very wet all day and could not do anything. Killed a wether about 40 lbs.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

PM: Went out with sheep. Joyce went into York for a bushel of wheat.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Working in the garden.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Planting potatoes. Soldier assisted me.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Planted two rows of potatoes. Another ewe lamb, about 2 months old, died today. This is the second one I have lost within the last three weeks. PM: Writing a letter to my Father.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges'. Hill, the soldier was recalled.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Walked into York.....

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Planted a few potatoes and some cauliflower plants I got from G. Eliot. Mr .....came down and slept here. Joyce brought one bushel of wheat from York.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Planted 2 rows of potatoes. PM: Out with sheep. PM: Joyce shearing 5 wethers. Mr Knight arrived. Sold Mr ..... a pair of boots for £1.6/-.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and could not do much. This evening Mr Knight and myself and two men went out hunting after the Natives, in order to take Ben..... and in the doing, he resisted and Sydney George shot him through the head with a pistol. They have shot two more Natives at York.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

..... and myself put in six rows of potatoes. Sold Mr Knight ten wethers (five of mine and five of Lady Stirling's) for £1.10/- each. Sent ..... down to Mr Dodd's.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Put in 3 rows of potatoes. Heard that Ben was only wounded in the neck.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges. One of my old ewes lambed in the bush and Joyce lost her but we think the Natives have killed.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

I finished putting in potatoes. Mr Grindall arrived from Guildford.....

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Saved some melon seed. Mr .....called and slept here.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning out sheep yard. Heard that 4 or 5 Natives are shot to the northward. Mr B. Brockman called.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Saved some melon seed today. Mr Grindall brought some fruit trees from York for us. Mr S. Trimmer bought them for me at Guildford.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Planted fruit trees. Joyce found the ewe and lamb he had lost last Sunday.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

PM: Went out with sheep. Messrs McLeod and Mackie called. Heard that 2 or 3 Natives are shot in at York.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Very wet, therefore could not do much.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Very wet all day.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Hoeing cabbages in the garden. Hill, the soldier returned.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Hoeing cabbages in the garden. Mr Manson called and dined.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Two Native dogs are about, therefore I shifted the fold opposite my house. PM: Walked to Mr Burges who, with Mr Mackie, called.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today. .... then called and told me that two more Natives are shot.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Heard the .....was in and went into York.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York and prepared to start for Guildford.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Brought down 52 ewes of Mr Grindall's and 20 ewe lambs of Lady Stirling's from York. Started for Guildford.

## SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from Guildford. Purchased a horse of Captain Armstrong for £3.10/-, some flour at .....per lb, a cask of pork for £8.0/-, 15 gallons of wine at 4 shillings and six pence per gallon and 4 gallons of rum at 13 shillings per gallon, 4 wool bags at 10 shillings each.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rode into York and returned this evening.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Working in the garden.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today. Messrs McLeod, Mortimer and 2 friends called and dined. Killed a wether, about 35 lbs.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Two soldiers are to build me a small barn as I shall not send one out with the sheep any longer. I am to pay them so much per day. They were cutting timber today. Mr Burges called and brought a cask of wine, a keg of rum and some wool bags from York.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sowed some water melon seed in the garden.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sowed some melons.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Digging land for onions. S. Burges called.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Transplanting onions in the morning and PM: rode into York and brought from there 30 lbs of biscuit for soldiers' rations.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Transplanting onions all day. Mr Burges' bullocks came and drew in 3 or 4 loads of timber for building barn.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today. Mr Burges called. Took Grindall over my Grant.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Promised to give soldiers 2 shillings a day and a glass of grog each.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and could not do much. Soldiers worked only ½ the day.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Working in the garden. PM: Rode into York and borrowed from Mr Mortimer 60 lbs of flour.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Assisting the soldiers. Burges and Mr Parker called.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Digging in the garden. G. Eliot and MacLeod called.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Very wet all day. Soldiers didn't work.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Rode into York and brought 30 lbs of pork from there as Soldiers' rations. L. Burges called and dined.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Soldiers worked in the day only. Ben ..... called and we agreed to commence washing sheep tomorrow.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York to wash sheep. Joyce and Thomas took the sheep in and we finished in about 3 hours. Joyce got drunk and the soldier brought the sheep home.  
..... called.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

.....5 ewes off for Mr Johnson of Mr Grindall's but 2 ran in the flock again and then saw in the bush and have not been found since.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and borrowed 62 lbs of wheat from G. Eliot.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Nothing particular occurred.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and brought from there 30 lbs of pork and 30 lbs of biscuits as soldiers' rations. Mr Burges called. Thomas did not work.



# OCTOBER

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Stopped at home. Shearers arrived and I am to pay them 3 shillings per ewe for washing and shearing and they are to find themselves provisions and grog. I have agreed to pay Joyce £10 per annum from this day.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shearers have shorn about 100 of Lady Stirling's sheep. Lining up fleeces with Mr Grindall all day. Paid him about 5 shillings which is also the money that is due to him.

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Shearers shorn about 100 of Lady Stirling's and about 100 of mine and Mr ..... Mr Grindall and myself employed the same as yesterday.

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Shearers finished today about 11 o'clock. They have shorn 400 sheep, lambs included, besides 4 rams in at York. Mr Grindall and myself employed the same as yesterday.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Desired soldiers to leave and I paid them about 12 shillings besides £1 I have to pay Mr Mortimer for them. Mr Grindall left for Guildford and I lent him my horse for 6 shillings per diem. PM: Gooch and myself packed 1 bale of Lady Stirling's wool.

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Gooch and myself packing Lady Stirling's wool, she will have 2 ½ bales.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Gooch and myself washing wool all day.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Rode into York.

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Returned from York and PM: Picked a fold and nearly packed 1 bale of my wool. Commenced folding for wheat next year, about 4 days ago. Mr Johnson called and took 5 of Mr Grindall's ewes away. Joyce shot a fine turkey today.

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Packed one bale of Lady Stirling's wool and finished packing my bale. Let her have about 60 lbs of my wool to fill her bale. Mr Trimmer's cart arrived and brought 3 bags of flour and 1 cask of pork from Guildford. Mr T. took the wool away: there are 3 bales. Mr T's shepherd came and brought down 196 lambs to wean and he took 109 of mine back to wean likewise.

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

AM: Cutting slabs for barn and PM: as the lambs came back, took them into York.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Grindall returned from Guildford. Took Mr Burges my hurdles to wash his sheep. Several gentlemen called. Mr G. brought his colt up.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn all day. Joyce shot another fine turkey.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

PM: Rode down with Grindall to Mr Burges'.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Major .....and Wells called. Lent A. Trimmer 47 lbs of flour.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn. Mr Burges called.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn. Had a delightful fall of rain which was very acceptable.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Broke my .....and consequently could not work. Mr Knight called and I sent a note by him to Lady Stirling,

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Paid shearers £7.16/6. Messrs Eliot and L. Mortimer called.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Very cold and could not do much.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Building barn. Paid A. Trimmer £10 for cart horse. Let Grindall have 40 lbs of wool to fill his bale. Crops look well after the wet.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York and got Mr MacLeod to take a letter to England enclosed in one to G.B.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York this evening.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

.....a fold and went into York. Joyce took the sheep into York.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York. Drew off Mr Trimmer’s lambs from my flock and withdrew my lambs from his flock. Put the rams with the ewes of Mr Grindall’s. Caught 5 Cobblers this evening.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Caught 3 Cobblers.

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

Stayed at home. S. Burges called.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Building barn. Mr Burges called. Joyce shot 2 ducks and I shot 1. Grindall and myself caught 3 Cobblers.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Had 2 or 3 showers this afternoon.

**NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Mr Dodd called and dined. A most severe storm visited us this afternoon, such as ever I have not encountered before in the colony. Fortunately, it has not laid much of my wheat.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Building barn and finished thatching it. PM: Wheeled up some mud and can ..... to Mr Burges’. Gooch assisted.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mudding barn. Gooch assisted. Brought from Mr .....

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mudding barn all day. Gooch assisted me. L. Burges called.....

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home today.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Wheeling up clay and mudding barn, Gooch assisted me. Castrated and cut some lambs this morning. B. Brockman called.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce having a tremendous swelling on his instep and being unable to move, I was obliged to go out with sheep.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Out with sheep. Messrs G. ....and Eliot called.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Out with sheep.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce's foot being better he went out with sheep. Mudding barn all day. Messrs .....and Burges called. Had a heavy shower this afternoon. One of Lacy Stirling's ewes died from a stoppage in the inside.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn and rode to Mr Burges'.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Rode to Mr Brockman's.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mudding barn and finished as much as I intend to do. PM: Started for Guildford.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from Guildford and found everything correct. Sold my horse for the same money I gave for him. *H.M.S. Beagle* arrived from England and brought a letter for me. I intend to leave the Colony by the first opportunity. Mr Grindall is going to take my farm and I have appointed Mr S. Burges to be my agent during my absence.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Grindall started for Perth. Set a hen under 7 eggs. Mr Jennings' man came down for his bullocks, the same having been in my wheat.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Went into York with Mr Eliot.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Returned from York. I have been assisting Mr Eliot get in his oats and barley. Joyce shot a fine turkey yesterday.

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Went down to Mr Burges' and slept there. S. Burges and G. Eliot valued my wheat at 17 bushels to the acre. Sold 10 of Lady Stirling's wethers for 34 shillings each and 9 of my own for 32 shillings each. Sold my Horned ram to Lady Stirling for £4.10/0d which was valued by G. Eliot.

## **DECEMBER**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**

AM: Building up Mr Grindall's ..... PM: Gooch and myself commenced reaping my wheat. It is rather singular that we should begin on the same day as we did last year.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Gooch and myself reaping all day. Joyce assisted us for about 2 hours in the middle of the day. Done nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. Lost all my young chickens by the hawks and crows.

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Walked down to Mr Burges' and borrowed two sickles.

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Gooch and myself reaping all day. Mr Grindall returned from Guildford and helped us reap in the afternoon.

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Myself and Mr Grindall reaping all day. Joyce assisted us in the middle of the day.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

All of us employed the same as yesterday. Messrs Eliot and Mortimer called.

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Gooch and myself reaping all day. AM: Grindall reaping. PM: As he could not get the reaping, sent him out with the sheep. Joyce reaping.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Gooch and myself and all of us employed the same as yesterday. Mr Burges called. I have given up to .....4,000 acres of my back land which is almost useless, for which I am allowed.....per acre to be laid out at future land sales for such a portion of land in the district as I may select.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

All of us employed the same as before. Several Gentlemen called and .....Burges dined with me.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Stayed at home today. Several Gentlemen called.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

All of us employed the same as before except Mr Grindall did not assist us in the morning. Mr Burges dined with me.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

All of us employed reaping.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

All of us employed the same as yesterday and finished reaping.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Gooch and myself putting wheat in rows. PM: I was digging potatoes. I shall have about 100 weight.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Digging potatoes all day. George Eliot came down. He is going to cart my wheat in tomorrow.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

I was out with sheep. The rest were stacking wheat. G. Eliot left.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Walked to Mr Dodd's and sold my bitch "family" to him for £3.0.0. Heard that the Natives had driven off Major Nairn's sheep and speared 2 little boys who are not expected to recover.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Digging potatoes all day.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Digging potatoes and finished.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

AM: Looking over sheep and ..... 302 of Lady Stirling's, 47 of Mr Grindall's, 21 of Mr .....  
And 116 of my own. Branded about 20 ewe lambs of mine.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

AM: Taking an inventory of all farming, gardening, cooking utensils etc.on the farm. PM: Threshed out a little wheat. Captain Byrne called and told me the *Joshua Carroll* was arrived from England.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Threshing out wheat during the day. Joyce and myself cut three logs of raspberry jam wood to take to England.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

AM: Threshed a little wheat. PM: Mr Grindall and myself walked down to Mr Burges' and drew out the agreement between us.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Stopped at home.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

Dined at Mr Burges'.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Walked into York and settled my accounts.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Packing up my things, making out accounts. PM: Mr Burges came and took my things away in order to start for Guildford on Friday. I went down with them and took a last fond look at Woodlands. I have to pay Joyce about £23.0/0. and Gooch £9.7/-. Joyce is gone below and Warren will look after the sheep until he returns. Mr Grindall, my tenant, has to pay me £110.4/0 for board, wheat and sundry articles, £50 of which I have left with my agent to lay out in sheep. I am to pay 10 percent for commission. Mr G. has given me a receipt for 102 ewes, 12 wethers and 2 rams.