

1870 July

- 7/1/70 Fair. Set out beets in garden. Packed up lumber by road side.
- 7/2/70 Fair. Finished packing lumber. Mrs. West & Mr. Charles Leslie visited. Willie went to Windsor, got new shoes & brought Nathan home. John Crilly called.
- 7/3/70 Morning rain.. PM fair. Went to Jarvis pasture. Charles Leslie came here from Claremont & spent night.
- 7/4/70 Fair. Attended picnic with my family at Erastus Read's. Went to Windsor in the eve. and saw fireworks. Called at Brother G.'s Nathan went to Ruben Wertons to work. C. Leslie spent the night.
- 7/5/70 Fair. Commenced haying. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.
- 7/6/70 Fair. Haying. Hauled in 3 loads. Sukey mare foaled during night.
- 7/7/70 Fair. Haying. Hauled in 1 load. Rainy night.
- 7/8/70 AMM rainy. PM fair. Set out plants. Mowed grass for Capt. Hammond \$2.00. N. came home. Went to Windsor in eve.
- 7/9/70 Fair. Hoed potatoes. Hauled in 3 loads hay. N. went to Windsor & to Claremont. Girls went across river raspberrying.
- 7/10/70 Fair. At home. Nathan went to R. Werton's.
- 7/11/70 Fair. Haying. Mowed grass for Capt. Hammond.
- 7/12/70 AM rainy. PM fair. Went to Claremont, Carried J.W. Lull(?). Left wool at carding machine. Willie & Mr. Davis went raspberrying. Hauled in 2 loads hay.
- 7/13/70 Fair. Haying. Mr. Davis commenced work. Hauled in 3 loads hay. (???) from Hartford, Ct came to J. Sturtevant's.
- 7/14/70 Fair. Haying on hill.. Hauled in 4 loads. Mr. Francis & Mrs. Ford spent night. G.Davis & wife called. Sold wood 37cts per lb.
- 7/15/70 Fair. Commenced haying North of old house. Went to Windsor. Took sukey mare to Hemingway's house. Called at Brother G's. Hauled in 2 load hay. Pliny Hall of Croydon took census & remained to tea.

7/16/70 Fair. Cut grass on knolls. Hauled in 4 loads hay. Mr. Francis left for home. Nathan came home.

7/17/70 Fair & hot. At home. Went to Jarvis pasture. Nathan went back to (?) Westons(?).

7/18/70 Fair. Hoed garden. Churned. Willie hoed at Fling place.

7/19/70 Fair. Carried Mrs. B. & Emily to Windsor. Made chicken box. Willie & Emily went to Mr. French's circus. Wilbur & Bradford Harlow took supper & spent eve.

7/20/70 Fair. Haying in corner lot. Got in (???) loads Willie carried 24 chickens to(?) Tuxberry(?).

7/21/70 Fair. Haying beside R. Road. Got in 3 loads. Nathan went blackberrying. Carried Mrs. Ford to Windsor.

7/22/70 Com. Haying west of home. Got in 3 loads. Nathan went blueberrying. Carried Mrs. Ford to Windsor.

7/23/70 Fair. Girls went to Claremont. Finished haying on hill. Cut barley & rye & peas. Got in 2 loads hay. Put calves & (???) lambs in Jarvis pasture. Slight shower in PM. Carried wood to G. Davis.

7/24/70 Fair. At home. Nathan went down to his brothers family. Sow had 9 pigs.

7/25/70 Fair. Got in 2 loads barley & 3 loads hay.

7/26/70 Fair. Got in 2 loads rye & 4 loads hay.

7/27/70 Fair. Finished mowing. Got in 7 loads of hay.

7/28/70 Fair. Finished haying. Got in 1 load hay. Mowed oats.

7/29/70 Showery. Went to Windsor. N. & Willie went blueberrying. (???) (???) & brother & Miss Bardwell took tea. C. Leslie came here.

7/30/70 Fair. Carried N. & Mrs. Leslie to Windsor. Went in U. S. court and heard sentence of (???) prisoners. Gen O'Niell, Lieut. Brown & Capt. (???). Got in 3 loads oats.

7/31/70 Fair. At home.

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August

8/1/70 Fair. Carried Mr. Leslie to Claremont. He called at Aunt Werts. Got rolls at carding machine. N. worked on shed at old house. Got in hay. Carried washing machine to W. Hawleys.

8/2/70 Fair. Spent the day with commissioners at County Farm in Unity. Gen. G.W. Balloch & family from Washington D.C. arrived in Windsor.

8/3/70 Slight shower. Cut seed grass on hill. Hauled in a load hay. J.G. Sturtevant bound and set up seed grass.

8/4/70 Smart shower. Mowed weeds about house. Put horses in Jarvis pasture.

8/5/70 Put weeds in hog yard. Gen Balloch, 3 sons and brother came here. Went to Windsor. Called with Mrs. B. at Brother G's. Mr. Leslie & Willie went blueberrying.

8/6/70 Fair. Attended lodge meeting at C. Flats. Dinner at G Hasting's. Called at J. M. Davidson's & Mrs. Atwood's. Exchanged watches with S.W. Bryant. General B. & wife went to Charlestown.

8/7/70 Fair & Very Hot. At home. Willie carried boys to Brother G's & brought them back.

8/8/70 Fair Piled river wood. Sold 1 turkey & 10 hens to A.T. Hayden. Boys went on river.

8/9/70 Fair. Cut Butternut timber and hauled down 2 loads.

8/10/70 Fair. Gen Balloch & wife spent day & remained overnight. Cut Hemlock timber & hauled down one log. Ed. Kenyon, Miss Dow & Miss Allison spent afternoon.

8/11/70 Fair. Cut Hemlock in woods and hauled down one log. Miss Chelice & Miss Royce took dinner & supper here. N. carried Gen. Ballard & wife to Windsor.

8/12/70 Cloudy & some rain. Carried 20 chickens to R.L. Britton. Mrs. B went to Claremont with Gen. Balloch. N. hauled 1 load logs to Claremont Village.

8/13/70 Fair. Rained at night. Cut timber in swamp. Got in 1 load seed grass. Got 1 load of hay for J. Sturtevant. Mr. L & Ellen went to Claremont. Went to Windsor in eve. Hauled down 1 load muck.

8/14/70 At home. Carried Gen Ballochs children to Windsor in eve. Called at graveyard.

8/15/70 Fair. Cut fencing in swamp. Staked out line. Carried N & George & Mrs. B. to Windsor. N. remained to take care of Brother G. Hauled 1 load muck.

8/16/70 Fair. Gen. Geo Balloch & family left for home. Willie carried 5 loads to R.L. Britton. Wt 268 Cut pines. G.C. Hart & C.R. Leslie came at night with threshing machine.

8/17/70 Fair. Threshed grass seed & 21 bu. Barley & com. Oats.

8/18/70 Fair. Finished oats, 38 bu. Threshers left before diner. Cleaned grass seed. Called at Brother G's in eve. Peddler J Fuller took dinner.

8/19/70 Rain. Built fence in swamp. Ed Kenyon & Lettie Comings spent PM. Hauled 1 load muck.

8/20/70 Cloudy & little rain. Com. Building wall in swamp. Went to Claremont. Took tea at Mrs. Wert's. G.D. Kenyon called.

8/21/70 Fair. At home. Went to Jarvis pasture. Willie & Ellen went over to Brother G's. Winslow Hammond spent eve.

8/22/70 Fair. Willie carried Ellen t Mrs. West's to attend Stevens High School.. (I have finally figured out that the name is West instead of Wert) Worked on wall. Mowed rowen for Capt. Hammond. 1.50 Hauled 1 load muck.

8/23/70 Fair. Worked on wall. Wilile hauled 5 lambs to to R.S. Britton. Weight 259. Rev. Mr. Douglas called.

8/24/70 Fair. Worked on wall. Mr. Hayden called.

8/25/70 Rained at night. Finished wall. N. Harris took dinner. Mr. Leslie was unwell.

8/26/70 Fair cool. Carried 20 chickens to R. L. Britton weight 72 pounds. Com. Cutting corn. Willie went after Ellen.

8/27/70 Fair. Carried Mrs. B out to see Avis Pike. Returned on Cornish Road & went to Windsor. Called at Brother G's.

8/28/70 Fair. Went with Minnie up to Brother G's. Michael Coil took supper.

8/29/70 Slight rain. Cut corn & pulled beans. H.M. Day called. J.M. Root called. Carried Mrs. Ford to Windsor. Called at Brother G's.

8/30/70 Fair. Cut corn. Pulled & stacked beans.

8/31/70 Fair. Cut corn. Went to Jarvis pasture. Mowed rowen with machine. Went to Brother G's in eve.

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September

9/1/70 Fair. Finished cutting corn in field. G. Pike called. Daniel G. Freedman called. Carried Mrs. B. to Windsor. Brother George died at 3 O'clock PM. aged 71 years.

9/2/70 Went twice to Windsor. Made arrangements for my brother's funeral, Nathan took supper here. Hauled in 1 load rowen. Gen. G.W. Balloch arrived from Washington D.C. Mr. Leslie went for Ellen.

9/3/70 Rained at evening. Attended my brother's funeral with all my family.

9/4/70 Showery at PM. At Home. Willie carried C.F. Leslie & Ellen to Mrs. West's.

9/5/70 Fair. Gathered some apples. Emily carried me to Claremont. Spent night at Mrs. West's.

9/6/70 Fair. Went on stage in company with C.F. Leslie to Newport to attend court. Willie pulled beans at Fling place.

9/7/70 Fair. Remained at Newport. Roomed at Newport House. Boarded at M. Barton's . Gen. Balloch & N. Harris took dinner here. Willie carried Mrs.Ford to Windsor.

9/8/70 Remained at Newport. N. Balloch & Mother, Mrs. Stacy &Miss Morgan visited & took tea.

9/9/70 Fair. Remained at Newport.

9/10/70 Shower in AM Came from Newport to Claremont with. T. Chelly. Rode out with Mr. Paddock.

9/11/70 Fair. Remained at home. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.

9/12/70 Fair. Took off young pigs from sow. Cut pines in pasture. Willie picked apples at Fling place. Carried Mrs. Ford & children to Windsor to take the cars for Hartford Ct. N. Harris took breakfast and dinner. Mr.Davis cut pines.

9/13/70 Fair. Boiled swill. Cleared out barn floor. Willie was sick. Went to Windsor. Bought bbl flour & groceries. Mr. Davis cut pines.

9/14/70 Fair. Hauled in 3 loads corn. C.W. Smith & wife & Ira Savage & wife spent the day. Mr. Davis cut pines.

9/15/70 Fair. Hauled in 4 loads corn. Commenced putting corn in crib. Mr. Davis husked corn & cut pines.

9/16/70 Picked geese. Pitched up corn fodder & husked corn. Willie went for Ellen.

9/17/70 Cloudy. Hauled in 6 loads corn. Went out to Town House but no meeting was held. N.Harris spent night. Mr. Davis husked and cut pines.

9/18/70 Fair. Carried Ellen to Claremont.

9/19/70 Fair. Threshed & cleaned up 4 ½ bu of beans. Finished hauling in corn, 6 loads. Mr. Davis worked in afternoon.

9/20/70 Fair. Mended fence on Northern line on meadow. Hauled 12 loads pumpkins. Husked corn. Took up 4 hives of bees. Got apples at H.A. Weld's.

9/21/70 Fair. Went to County Farm to meet commissioners but heard that the meeting was postponed one week. Took dinner there

9/22/70 Fair. Husked corn. Hooped meat barrel.

9/23/70 Fair. Husked corn & pitched up fodder. Nathan took dinner & went gunning. Picked some apples. Willie went for Ellen.

9/24/70 Fair. Finished husking corn in large barn. Carried Ellen to Windsor. Attended husking at Mr. Read's. Abram Harris spent night.

9/25/70 Rain. At home. Called with Mrs. B. at Mr. Hart's. Nathan took supper. Abram went home.

9/26/70 Cloudy. Husked corn. Nathan went to Claremont with Ellen. Hauled in one load pumpkins. N. went to Windsor & came back. Settled with N. Harris.

9/27/70 Fair. Went gunning with Willie. Husked corn & put away fodder. N. went to Windsor to take the stage tomorrow for N.Y.. Peddler Brown & Mr. Fitch called.

9/28/70 Fair. Went to Claremont to probate court. Went to County Farm & remained overnight with commissioners.

9/29/70 Fair. Spent day at County Farm. Returned home at night. Took tea at Mrs. West's.

9/30/70 Rainy. Husked corn. Willie hauled in 1 load pumpkins.

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October

- 10/1/70** Cloudy. Willie went for Ellen. Finished husking corn & put away fodder. Horace Dean & wife & Aunt Maria called.
- 10/2/70** Fair. Remained at home. Willie went to Claremont with Ellen.
- 10/3/70** Rainy. Repaired vinegar barrel and boiled swill.
- 10/4/70** Fair. Gathered apples. Met Capt. Seth Jounson at Judge Putnam's . Went to Windsor.
- 10/5/70** Rainy eve. Picked grapes, hauled in 4 loads pumpkins. Willie went to mill. Mrs. B. visited at Read Shedd's.
- 10/6/70** Fair. Went to County Farm. Assisted in making report. Stayed overnight.
- 10/7/70** Fair. Spent day at County Farm. Returned at eve. Brought Ellen home.
- 10/8/70** Fair. Made bin for potatoes and bench for apples. Willie went gunning in AM. Went to mill in PM and went to Mr. Read's husking in eve.
- 10/9/70** Fair. Went up to graveyard with Mrs. B. Willie & Minnie went out with Ellen. Winslow Hammond spent eve.
- 10/10/70** Fair. Went to Windsor.. Brought home Mrs. G.W. Balloch. Com. Digging potatoes in field. George & Lazelle Hart spent eve.
- 10/11/70** Fair. Digging potatoes. Cars ran off track near E.R. Sheds.
- 10/12/70** Rainy. Went to Claremont. Repaired flour barrels. H..A. Weld & wife spent eve.
- 10/13/70** Cloudy. Dug potatoes. Willie went to Claremont mill & brought home Ellen.
- 10/14/70** Fair. Finished digging potatoes. Mrs. B. & Mrs. G.W. Balloch called at Mr. Hart's.
- 10/15/70** Fair. Put chip dirt in hog yard. Carried Mrs. G.W. Balloch to Windsor. Willie went gunning. Mrs. Ford & children returned from Hartford CT.

10/16/70 Fair Went with Mrs. B. , Emily & Minnie to West Claremont. Heard Bishop Niles preach. Mrs. Abbie L. Ford was confirmed. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.

10/17/70 Fair. Put chip dirt in hog yard & dug beets & carrots.

10/18/70 Very windy. Shaved hoops. Willie went to Claremont mill. (???) C. Davis called

10/19/70 Fair. Hauled out 8 loads manure. Willie brought home apples & cider for J. Sturtevant. Mr. Draper called in eve. & settled accounts.

10/20/70 Rain. Hooped barrels & meat tub. Mary Hayden called. Earthquake shook in N.E..

10/21/70 Fair. Hauled out 3 loads manure. Went to Claremont & brought Ellen home. Took tea at Mrs. West's.

10/22/70 Fair. Boiled pumpkins. Carried Mrs. B. to Windsor. Took tea at Mrs. G.W. Balloch's . Sent watch to S.W. Bryant by Doct. S. Hardy. Willie went to Claremont mill.

10/23/70 Fair. Remained at home. Willie, Emily & Minnie went to church at W. Claremont.

10/24/70 Fair. Carried Ellen to Claremont. Went to Newport. Was qualified as County Commissioner before Lyman J. Brooks & Elias Powers. Took dinner at M. Barton's.

10/25/70 Fair. Hauled out manure. Ora. C. Davis & 2 sisters took dinner. Mr. D. commenced painting house.

10/26/70 Fair. Put windows in house. Went to Windsor. Willie went to Jacob Chase's mill after cider.

10/27/70 Fair. Painted on house. Rainy at night.

10/28/70 Fair. Helped Mr. Davis paint on house & repaired windows. Willie went for Ellen.

10/29/70 Fair. Com. Painting house (???) (???). Edna Pope spent PM. Mrs. Ford spent eve. Mr. Davis, the girls, & Willie spent eve. at Mrs. Hart's.

10/30/70 Fair & pleasant. At home. Mr. Roberts took supper & carried O.C. Davis home.

10/31/70 Snow & rain. Repaired windows in shop. Willie went to mill. Went to Jarvis pasture and got horses. Ellen remained at home.

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November

11/1/70 Fair. Carried Ellen to Claremont. Spent day at County Farm with Comms. Returned in eve. Mrs. B's 47th Birthday.

11/2/70 Fair. Repaired fence in Jarvis pasture. Picked geese. Washed windows. Dressed sheep.

11/3/70 Rainy with Heavy thunder. Repaired drain in cow yard. Willie shot at wild geese in river. James & Patrick Kelly called.

11/4/70 Com. Plowing green sword. Hauled out 3 loads manure. Willie went to mill and brought Ellen home. James Kelly called.

11/5/70 Went to Windsor and to Cornish flat. Attended lodge meeting. Took dinner at J. Hasting's, supper at J.M. Davidson's. Returned in eve. Borrowed of J. M. Davidson 30 cents.

11/6/70 At home. Capt. Hammond called. 26th anniversary of out marriage.

11/7/70 Fair. Carried Ellen to Claremont. Got 2 bags meal & 1 bag flour at S.R. mill. Washed windows & repaired aqueduct at J.L. Seavers. Jeb & Willie plowed. Gave copy of notice to Mrs. Maynard.

11/8/70 Fair. Plowed green sword.

11/9/70 Fair. Plowed green sword. Rain in eve.

11/10/70 Fair. Finished plowing green sword below barn.

11/11/70 Repaired cow stable floor. Willie went to Windsor & brought home N. Harris & his wife. Willie went for Ellen. Got 1 bag meal at S.R. mill.

11/12/70 Fair. Hauled out 4 loads manure. Willie dressed 1 sheep. Willie & Nathan went to Windsor.

11/13/70 Fair. Remained at home.

11/14/70 Fair. Hauled out 5 loads manure. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.

11/15/70 Fair. Dressed turkeys and chickens. Nathan & his wife arrived.

11/16/70 Fair. Carried poultry to H. Bowen. Windsor Depot. 35 turkies 328 lbs 15 chicks 74 lbs. 402 @ .20 = \$80.40. Repaired water drain. Nathan cleaned sewing machine.

11/17/70 Fair. Hauled out 12 loads manure. Emily carried Nathan his wife down to his brother Daniel's.

11/18/70 Cloudy. Carried Emily t Claremont. Attended examination of Stevens High School. Dinner at Mrs. West's. Brought Ellen home. Rain eve. Term closed.

11/19/70 Squally. Repaired barn yard fence. Willie went to Claremont with horses & got lumber, meal & flour. Called at Read Shedd's in eve.

11/20/70 Fair. Went to Daniel Harris' & brought home Nathan & his wife. Winslow Hammond spent eve. Rec'd of Wm. C. Harris to pay to Tuxbury & Steven Windsor \$28.45.

11/21/70 Fair. Went to S. Wilders & to G.W. Lulls. Piled bark in woods. Went to Windsor & brought home Mrs. G.W. Balloch.

11/22/70 Fair. Cut wood in woods. Willie carried turkey to U.L. Comings & brought home Frank, Annie, & Abbie Balloch who spent the night here. Rain & hail in eve.

11/23/70 Cloudy. Went to N. C. Sturtevant's & to Windsor. Willie went to Claremont & brought home Mrs. West. Carried Frank & his sisters to M. Harlow's.

11/24/70 Thanksgiving day. Packed away tools in barn cellar. Mrs. G.W B., Mrs. West, N. Harris & wife took supper.

11/25/70 Fair. Cut wood in woods. Emily carried Nathan & his wife to his brother's family.

11/26/70 Cloudy AM. Piled wood in woods. Willie went out to Mr. Barker's. Went to mill & carried Mrs. West home. George & Lazelle Hart called in eve.

11/27/70 Fair & warm. Remained at home. Willie brought Nathan & his wife from Dan'l Harris'. Mr. & Mrs. Hart spent eve. Nathan was quite unwell.

11/28/70 Fair & warm. Cut wood in woods. Mr. Clark & son spent night. A.T. & Mary Hayden spent eve.

11/29/70 Rainy. Set up new door steps. Went to Mr. Burpers(?) & got bull. N.H. & wife & Ellen & Emily spent eve at Mr. Hart's.

11/30/70 Fair & cool. Attended Probate Court at Claremont. Dinner at Mrs. West's. Settled trustee account with Mrs. E.C. Maynard. Ellen & Minnie went to Windsor. Carried Mrs. G.W. B. home with children. Spent eve at Capt Harris'.

1870 December

12/1/70 Fair. Carried Mr. B & Ellen to Windsor to trade. Called at Mrs G.W.B.'s. N.H. & wife & Ellen spent eve at Mr. Hayden's.

12/2/70 Fair. Cut & piled wood in woods. Hiram Spaulding & daughter brought Mrs. Mary Balloch here. Willie carried N.H. & his wife to Mrs. GW.B.'s.

12/3/70 Fair. Worked about the home. Willie went to mill. J.M. Root called. Went to N. Sturtevant's and to J. Hastings in eve.

12/4/70 Fair. At home. Called in eve. with Mrs. B & Mrs. Mary Balloch at N. Sturtevant's. Turkeys broke out of sheep shed.

12/5/70 Fair. Went to County Farm. Spent night there. Mr. Brown, peddler, spent night here. District school commenced. George Deming teacher.

12/6/70 Cloudy & some rain. Returned from County Farm. Mrs. Ford worked here sewing.

12/7/70 Fair. Went to Newport to examine jail from which three prisoners escaped on Saturday night last. Peddler Brown spent night. Girls spent eve. at H.P. Shedd's. Wm. Dodge died.

12/8/70 Stormy Snow & rain. Went to Jarvis Pasture & got calves. Boiled swill. Mr. Brown spent the day and stayed overnight.

12/9/70 Fair. Took Hammond sow to Mr. Read's. Went to Windsor & brought home stove Mr. Brown left.

12/10/70 Fair. Went to Claremont, Set up stove at Mrs. West's. Carried report to A. Dickenson. Willie brought in sheep.

12/11/70 Fair Went to Windsor to see N. Harris. Took tea at Mrs. G. W. Balloch's.

12/12/70 Clear with some rain. Carried Ellen to Claremont. Winter term of Stevens High School commenced. J. Hasting called. Teacher George Deming came home to board. N. Harris wife left Windsor for Berlin N.Y.

12/13/70 Fair. Went to Windsor. Carried Mrs Mary Balloch to Mrs .W. Balloch's.

12/14/70 Fair. Mr. Burpee(?) called. Went to E. Read's. Got lamb at Mr. Pope's. Lucien Land(?) & wife & Helen Randall took dinner. Mr. (???) E. Hunt(?) & Jenny Lull spent eve.

12/15/70 Squally. Did chores about home. Covered water drain. Mr. Griffin of Newport called.

12/16/70 Fair. Went to Windsor. Went to Rep. caucus at Town House. Willie went for Ellen.

12/17/70 Fair. Dressed beef. Went to Windsor. Willie carried out wood for Ellen.

12/18/70 Fair. At home. Willie went out with Ellen.

12/19/70 Fair. Dressed 3 hogs. Wille went to Windsor & carried (???) beef to Wm. H. Butman. Weight 383 358 350.

12/20/70 Cloudy. First snow last night. 4 or 5 inches. Carried 2 hogs to Austin Chase at Claremont on sled. W.L Hunt spent eve.

12/21/70 Fair & windy. Was quite unwell in morning. Cut out beef. Willie carried 1 (???) of beef to Mr. Burfer(?).

12/22/70 Fair. Went to Windsor. Salted pork & beef. Dressed 7 goslings.

12/23/70 Fair. Carried 4 goslings to Doct. C. volk(?) Brought Ellen home. Got horse shod a Mr. Charrens(?).

12/24/70 Fair. Repaired stanchions. Packed way fresh meat. Willie went to Windsor & got horse shod. Willie & girls spent eve. at HA. Weld's.

12/25/70 Fair. Remained at home. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Benj. Davis called.

12/26/70 Fair. Drove sow Home from G. Read's. Repaired hog pen.

12/27/70 Fair. Carried Mrs. Mary Balloch to Claremont depot.

12/28/70 Fair. Went to Claremont to mill.

12/29/70 Fair. Went to County Farm. Remained overnight.

12/30/70 Fair. Returned from Unity. Brought Ellen home. Took supper at Mrs. West's.

12/31/70 Fair. 2 or 3 inches of snow fell last night. Went to Windsor. Called at Mrs. G.W. Balloch's.