

## Questions and Excerpts from the Diaries of An American Farmer



Above the Wheel

Our Stewarts practiced this and the golden rule (Do only what you would want done to yourself)

Dan taught D Thurston to Be Kind and Do Good and Who taught the transcriber of these 10,886 days to also Be Kind and Do Good which is our family legacy.



HAND CAR

Daniel J Stewart recorded the daily events and his financial transactions in his daily diaries which go from 1868-1902. There are a few sections and pages missing. What has survived goes from 1872-1902. Wesley E Arnold historical researcher and Dr Richard Prior both nephews of Daniel have transcribed large parts of these diaries. Dr Prior transcribed the last ones which go from 1885-1902. I have also did some analysis to these last ones and have included some enlightenment to them. Wesley was raised by Thurston Stewart who spoke highly of his uncle Dan. Wesley's father stayed out of his own son's life as did Thurston's father for the most part. Thurston was bitter about that privately and broke a picture of his father one day at about age 80. Wesley was bitter also against his own father who chose not to be a father. Wesley the historical researcher was very close to Thurston and although he was a grandfather Thurston was a kind and loving father to Wesley. Now that Wesley is 76 years of age and a great grandfather himself he tries to bring a living understanding to these diaries. He is an educator and college professor and feels these diaries can offer some perspective and understanding into Michigan farm life in the 1800s. It is to this purpose that these diaries are being published free of charge.

Daniel Stewart wrote these and Thurston saved them. May God bless them and all those in need everywhere.

Note some of the penmanship is clear some is not. Some of the ink is very faded after 150 years. I did my best to read my Great Uncle Dan's writing. For info contact me at [wecare@dogoodforall.today](mailto:wecare@dogoodforall.today) visit <http://dogoodforall.today> for fotos and more. This site also will have fotos of all of these pages except the last book (as I do not own it) so you can reinterpret them if you choose.

### Not sure what this means

drawed a **jag** of hay to the barn to feed the sheep helping Angus **fit the ground** and sow wheat **taking care of garden truck**

**I was cleaning truck out of the cellar Replanted corn**

Why was corn replanted?

Wens 13 JULY 1887 A very oppressive heat today. **Ther stood at 96 on the N** stood **108 on the west stoop** & 11 6 in the sun between 2 [**What is a stoop** ]

Tues 27 Dec 1888 A cold cloudy day. Rbt Logan & I were cutting & drawing a Gum log helped us cock hay in the after-n. were cutting wheat & bunching hay **shocking wheat for him**

**1897 apr 20 George was out selling press boards & carpet hoopers** He recd for 7 of them 1.75

Sat 24 Nov 1888 A fine day draw stalks I was gathering & **burning smut** cutting sorgum seed

We were helping wash & **puting chafe on bay [ CHAFE 6 SEPTEMBER 1895] from the barn floor**

**Paid the druggist for swamp kit .50 [ 13 FEBRUARY 1896 ]**

Jan 30 1897 I was **fixing a dray** for E B Jennings

**Paid Ed Otis for sugar buttons .55**

Wedn 30 Jun 1897 Very warm I was **shear-g making a whiffle tree** hoeing in the garden

Thurs 19 A fine day The **boys went Black berrying**

**Geting ready for Lycerum**

**a bag of midlings .50** Tues 31 Dec 1901 A pleasant day but a strong N. west wind got quite frosty during the day.

George was confined to the house with a **bilious turn**. Frid 14 Mar

1902 **Him & Lu attended a Gleaner aid this eve**

## Questions

**Students and teachers may find this section useful.**

What do the following statements mean?

What are **Beggas**?

What are **Mangels** ? We were **underbrushing get the horse shod**

We **drawed a small jag of straw**

**Was flailing at our beans** Flailing what is that?

Geo **changed his corn for oats & shorts for cow feed at the Mill**

**Took Billy to Town & got his shoes sharpened & set I paid the Bill .50**

Tues 2 Jun 1896 Paid Jos Wylie for a bag of shorts for pigs .50 [ What do pigs do with shorts? ]

**Grubed in the fallow**

helped **make Cider & put up a shed over the Sorgum pan**

**Paid Ed Ofis for 2 lamp chinms .10**

Apr 16 Rained the most of the fore-n. **I made a buggy whiffletree We were skiding logs up to the house in the fore-n.**

**I Set 3 hens is even-g**

1. [5 MAY 1897 ] The WCTU Convention met at Fairgrove this mornng. I took Vi up to Town this fore-n.

**lst grist of wheat**

Wedns 2 Jun 1897 A fine day I sheared 18 sheep for Chas Sherman this fore-n marked & **taged them, Castrated & dusted** his lambs. Recd pay 1.25

Sat 17 Feb 1900 **Thurston & I were in the woods in the after-n prying up logs & cut up timber for "draying" out**

**1885 APRIL 15 Drawed a load to depot I was helping Mr. Aultman pack up and load a car with goods.** ( But wait there no automobiles in Michigan at this time)

Thur 16 Cool & cloudy. John was **sprouting and picking up**

**Wm. Holly and wife called this after-n** (But there were no phones at that time) **The smoke was so dense this eve it was a heavy fog. [ September 1901 We do not know what this was other than perhaps one of the big fires that swept the area in the 1800s]**

Frid 17 **paid John Grayles by a clothes wringer 6.00**

Sat. 18 John was **shelling cobs**

Mon 20 A fine day. **We were clearing stone off the field**

Thurs 20 Jul 1899 A fine day. I **helped E B Jennings harvest** in the aftern & **put tip hay for him in the cemetry in the after-n Dr to the same 1.25**

Tue 21 **We were splitting and drawing rails in the fore-n.**

Thurs 23 A very warm day. **Drawed manure on the garden in the P.M.**

Sat 25 **My 2-yr old Buck sheared 21 lbs wool. 365 days growth.**

**I was doing house work & churning**

Mon. 27. A pleasant day. **We finished grubbing and I plowed the fence row for the hedge.**

Tues. 28 Pleasant but quite cold. **We were drawing stumps and stones off the oat ground**

**We were mowing briers, taking up potatoes & plowing for oats in the P.M**

Thurs 30 I was **dragging and John took up a pit of potatoes in the fore-n. We were putting in drag teeth and irons in the P.M.**

**MAY 1885** Paid Philip Michael on store acct 10.00 He is Cr by Oil 4 tined fork hoe & knife 2.60

Sat 2 **Cool but pleasant. We sowed about 4 acres of oats south of the Bear Swamp.**

Mon 4 **We sowed about 1 1/2 acres of oats west of the Bear Swamp I plowed and dragged the shock rows in the 2nd field**

We were **shelling corn & tinkering in the fore-n. Drawed out manure in the afternoon.**

Thursd 7 A cold cloudy windy day. John was cleaning up the yard & I was up to Hall's Corners in the fore-n.

**We picked up a grist took it over to Angus**

Tuesd 26 helping **mark out** & plant corn and potatoes today.

Wend 27 A fine day. Quite cool this eve-g. We was helping Angus mark out and plant corn. The 3 yr old red heifer calved Bull calf

Thursd 28 A fine day but a cool air quite a breeze from the east. I picked up trash pulled stumps & started the plow

Frid 29 Showery in the fore-n pleasant in the after-n. **We were sorting and sprouting potatoes in the A.M.**

Sat. 30 **Sunshine and showers.**

### **JUNE 1885**

Wend 10 A fine day. There was a light frost Tued night. John was working on the road. Rbt Logan and I com-ed shearing sheep 1.50

**Frid 26 John was underbrushing & I was washing wool**

### **JULY 1885**

Sat 4 Warm and dry. John was off **holding the 4th**. I was **helping** Angus **hayng**. Gave Angus 1.75

to pay B. F. Isenhour for a **Bell** got May 14<sup>th</sup> [**bells were used to signal and to call workers to dinner. Often called the dinner bell** ]

**Sab 5 Warm day We were out to Sabbath School & Preaching**

Mon 6 Cloudy and threatened rain in the fore-n with a heavy shower in the after-n. John & I were helping Angus **draw hay** in the fore-n. **I helped him mow**

Sat 11 A fine day. **raked up hay** the rest of the fore-n. Angus and **hand** helped us 3/4 day **drawing hay**. We **drewed 6 loads from Holcombs**

**Frid 17 A fine harvest day. Brought over the reaper and I com-ed cutting rye in the after-n.**

**Sab 19 A very warm day. Ther 96 in the shade. Showers went around**

### **AUGUST 1885**

**Tues 4** A heavy thunder storm last night. Pleasant today. We were fixing fence on the east side of the wood lot in the fore-n. **Ground our scythes & mowed in the fence Corners around the rye field & drewed in the after-n.**

Wens 26 Quite cool John was plowing. **I was repairing the Stone ditch** in the fore-n. **Helped Jas Chestnut thresh in the after-n. We were plowing and grubing**

**Sat 29** A fine day John plowed in the fore-n & I helped Wm. Morrow **thresh** till abt 11 0 clock. He had 320 bush wheat & 85 oats. **John was under brushing**

### SEPTEMBER 1885

Sat 5 A light shower about daylight- pleasant through the day John and team were **draging** for Angus.

I was running around and **churning** in the fore-n. Helped Wm Peters **thresh** oats in the afternoon.

Tues 8 We finished **cleaning the grain-y** in P.M.

Thurs 10 a dark misty day. **We done the chores husked corn and tinkered**

Thurs 17 A fine day. We **finished fiting the South piece of ground & com-ed fiting the other.** I was **hunting a drill** this fore-n.

Frid 18 A fine day. Jay and I were **cleaning seed wheat & picking stone** & John **was draging** in the fore-n. Jay and I were **drilling wheat & John was grubing & burning** South of Bear Swamp.

Wens 23 A fine day. John was cutting corn & I filled the ditch, **finished draging & done the water furrowing.** Angus was over & done **the drilling for me.** Sowed abt 6 acres.

### OCTOBER 1885

Thurs 8 I was over to Ang-s this morn-g. **We were splitting wood, husking corn & drawing pumpkins**

Frid 9 A heavy frost last night a fine day. John was **cutting corn & cleaning rye**

Mon. 12 We were **cutting corn, pulling beans plowing and draging.** I sowed part of the rye

Thurs 15 A fine day John was **husking corn** etc & I was **plowing new ground for rye**

Tues 20 **We were cleaning up a grist & husking corn for the hogs**

Mon 26 A fine day. We **drawed a load of clover hay cut in the orch-d & finished diging the potatoes.**

Mon 9 A dark cloudy day & quite cold. We were **husking & drawing corn. Cribed 30 bush**

Thurs 19 A dark cloudy day. John was **splitting wood & taking care of garden truck**

Mon 23 John was spliting wood & I was over to Wm Mitchelis **taging his sheep** in the fore-n. **I traded 6 ewes with Wm Mitchell for 6 weathers.**

Mon 30 We were husking corn at Angs. I am to **have the fodder for husking corn** for him

**DECEMBER 1885** Sat 19 I was cutting up & **salting pork & helping** make sausage

Thurs 24 Froze up last night a chilly N wind. Clara, Vi & I **attended Maud Fultons funeral today. Cause of death Diphtheria.**

**Frid 25** A fine winter day. **We kept Christmas at home. Jay & I drew a couple jags of stalks**

Sat 26 A fine day. I was up to the Corners this foren. We drew 2 jags stalks this eveg Paid David

Sherer **Land & Interest tax of 21.81 \$3.41 of this was for insurance. Paid W. T. Ellis for cloth & groceries 1.05** Paid Ayers & Son for 5 gal oil .75

Mon 28 A dark cloudy day with quite a mist falling. Ebenezer & David Dugruid & Charles

Quackenbush called here this foren. **I was cleaning truck out of the cellar** in the aftrn.

## Interesting Excerpts

### Shooting Star

Sat 23 **The ther stood 14 below zero this mornng. 20 above at noon & zero in the eveg.** I was shoveling out to the woods cutting & drawing wood. Drove over to Angs toward eveg. There was a singular sight last eveg. Shortly after the moon rose there was **a bright streak of light across the moon** shooting toward the horizon & zenith and about 15 deg to the north & south of it. **There was a very bright light (slightly curved) the color of the rainbow.** They lasted about an hour. The light from the moon **looked like the reflection of fire on the sky** when seen from a distance.

Wens 23 Jan 1889 Vi & I attended **David Logans mfair [marriage fair]** at his Fathers. **He was married last Mon-y eve to a Miss Peice.**

Frid 23 Apr 1894 Pleasant but quite cold. I was at home **There was a very fine display of N Lights this eveg It was red & white flash lights formed in the sky formed in the shape of a dome right in the zenith [NORTHERN LIGHTS]** Sat 24 **The coldest night of the season so far the Ther 12** below zero this mornng. A fine day

### Cow calved Bull calf

Tues 7 A pleasant day but cold air. We were at work on clearing in the fore-n The boys all day. **[ Runaway horse dragging child APRIL 1896 ]**

**As I was starting out to work after dinner, I heard a cry grief from the direction of Chas Halls looking in that direction I beheld a horse sailing over the field with a child fast to it by a leg in the lines The horse ran nearly 2 miles before we got it stopt The body was badly**

**bruise & leg broken I arm & shoulder Mrs Jennings & I captured the horse after it ran to the School. We took it back to their place** Wedns 8 I sat up at Chas Halls last night & staid the most of the fore-n. George went up to Wm Fosters after a load of our Mangles in the fore-n. We unloaded them & cut wood in the afternoon

Thurs 9 A cold east wind & cloudy in the morn. Com-ed raining about 10 oc **Mr Halls boy was buried today. Vi & I staid at the house with others.**

**Chas Holleys his little girl had a very severe fit.** Com-ed abt 2 this mornng & they have lasted all day

**Wm Dussler died this mornng. Cause consumption of the throat** Sab 21 A cold windy day with squalls of snow.

**Chas Holleys daughter Nellie died this mornng shortly after 7 0 clock** Mother & I spent most of the day & eveg with them.

Tues 23 A fine day. Thawed consider **We attended Nellie Holleys funeral ( with various mishaps) 1 st-The coffin was 4 in to short** had to drive to Reading & exchanie which delayed us till 2 PM. 2nd The bearers let the strap off one end which changed ends **with it & dropt it into the vault face down.**

Thurs 30 Jun 1887 A very warm day. George & I **took the spot Cow over to Ira Adams this mornng. Stopt at the woods gate to open, George helping hold of the end of the rope & I hold of it next to the cows head when she jumped the rope between us & started for home with the rope around my neck shoving me to the ground hurting my right arm & shoulder severely.**

Sab 17 Aug 1890 A pleasant day. We were out to S. S. & Preaching. **We attended Miss McCreedys funeral at the M.E. Church this after-n. She was thrown from a buggy & killed by running horses coming from a picnic at Bay Park Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sab 24 **Wash Trimbles house took fire & burned down abt noon today [Apr 1895 ]**

Sab 16 **Jun 1985** A fine day. The boys were out to SS & Prayer Meeting **I got quite a severe thump from the Prince horse this eveg** as I turned him out from watering. **He struck me in the right groin a 1 footed kick. I had to be helped into the house**

Mon 1 Jul 1895 A fine day. We were cultivating & hoing potatoes etc Vi & Mother were over to call on Rose Jameson **who was badly hurt by being thrown into the ditch by the horse geting scared in the road**

**Wedns 11 So hot today that the cattle fainted in the field [SEPTEMBER 1895 ]**

Sab 29 sep 1895 Quite cool & cloudy Vi & I drove over to see Elmer Jameson **who got badly hurt by a colt coming from the Fair** Frid eve. **The colt kicked him badly just above the left ear cuting the scalp badly but did not break the skull**

**Paid the druggist for swamp kit .50 [ 13 FEBRUARY 1896 ]**

Sat 22 Feb 1896 A pleasant day **Paid N H Nixter 1.04 tax on the dog.** Paid for a bot of med-e.50

**Wm Kirks infant daughter was buried this after. C. Col. Infantum**

Sab 21 A pleasant day We were out to S S & Preaching

The corn & vines were cut lightly by frost last night Mon 22 A fine day. I was cutting corn at John Moreheads.

He is Dr to the same 1.00 **[MANY CHILDREN DIED ]**

**Calvin Browns infant daughter died about 8 oc last eveg. Cause Cholera infantum** Tues 23 A fine day. **We attended Calvin Browns childs funeral.** I had Mr Kinneys horse to drive. T Morrow took dinner with us. Jessie Roby called a while in the after-n Wens 24 A fine day. I was helping the Morrow Bro saw.

They are Dr to the same 1.00

Vi came down on the train We **attended a temperance lecture** at the Church in the eve delivered by Mrs McClurkin **I came home on the handcar** Vi paid Mrs Roby on rent 5.00 **[ HAND CAR ]**

Sab 18 Mar 1894 Pleasant until 3 or 4 oc when we had **quite a thunder**

**shower. The frogs were very musical today** Mon 19 A

pleasant day but quite a cold N.E. wind **I rode over to Akron on the hand car to try my hand** Tues 20 Cool & cloudy with light squalls of rain in the

**after-n. I took a ride on the hand car this mornng [ THERE WERE RAIL**

**ROAD TRACKS NEAR SOME OF THE PLACES WHERE HE HAD LIVED SO WE WONDER IF HE BORROWED A HANDCAR TO TRAVEL ]**





Not our family but is a handcar.

**[ STEAM TRAIN TRIP ]**

Bro George met me at the train

Wens 9 Mar 1892 Pleasant until about 4 1/2 P.M when there was a storm of wind & rain & snow struck us from the S.W got to be quite cold by 8 oc when **I took the train for Chicago over the M.C.R.R. Fare to Chicago 6.90**

Paid for a pair of pants all wool at E. Saginaw 3.00

Thurs 10 Warmed up in the mornng but cold in P.M I **arrived at Chicago about 8 am took the train for Turner** 30 mi west. Fare .90

**The car windows were covered quite thick with ice when we got to Chicago**

Frid 11 & Sat 12 Pleasant but quite a cold air. Bro John & I were calling on friends

Took dinner with Cousin Ramey Brown Friday

Sab 13 A cold chilly wind with squalls of snow this eveg

Mon 14 to Sat 19 A cold chilly air wind N. West the most of the time. I put in the time visiting.

John & I went to **Batavia** Tues came home Thursday eveg. Found the friends all in usual health

Sab 20 A pleasant day A chilly N. E wind in the eveg. Attended Services at the M. E.

Church om the eveg. Went home with **Cousin Dick Brown**

Mon 21 to Wens 23 A cold chilly air I put in the time visiting. John & I went visiting with Uncle Wylie

Thurs 24 A fine day. I started for home this mornng. Left Turner abt 8 oc Chicago about 9 oc & Jackson abt 4 1/2 oc P.M **Arrived at Bro Georges in Saginaw about 9 oc in eveg**

**[trip by steam train]**

Frid 25 & Sat 26 Staid over Friday with George & folks came out home

Sat mornng found all the folks well **Fare from, Turner to Fairgrove - 8.45**

Tue 28 Mar 1893 A pleasant day but cold air. I helped C.B. Jameson saw until 10. 1 5 am when **Still Jameson took a stick for the purpos of pushing the saw dust out of the spout on the back side of the saw. it caught in the teeth jerked his left hand on the saw tire off the 2nd finger, cut the end off of the 3 finger & ripped open the ball of the thum & broke one bone in his arm about 2 in above the wrist joint. I brought him up to Dr McKibbins & assisted him in dressing it. He was under the influence of Ether & Chloriforin some over an hour** Stili came home with me

Wens 29 & nurs 30 Pleasant spring weather. I was at home helping take care of **Stillman**

Frid 31 Cool & Cloudy. I was helping C.B. Jameson in the Saw Mill today

#### JANUARY 1894

Mon 1 A fine winter day. Mother spent the day with Mrs McClurkin The rest of us spent the day at Thomas Morrows Calvin Browns family were there also. **Archy McDonald of**

**Akron died last eveg. Cause Brights Disease The Station Agent at Akron was knocked down & robbed of \$175.00 at his own house,**

Tues 2 A fine day. I helped C.B. Jameson in the Saw Mill in the fore-n We could not saw in the after-n as the **saw would not work**

Frid 9 Feb 1894 Snowed & blowed from the N last night & today I helped C B Jameson in the S. Mill till 11 oc when **I got my 2nd finger on the left hand in the Slab Saw splitting nearly to the 2nd joint. Dr McKibben done it up for me, put in 6 stitches** [ **ACCIDENT** ]

Thurs 15 Apr 1894 Quite cold & wintery I rode to Caro with John Morehead **Paid for a no 14 heft No 9 Copper Boiler with cover 2@10** The **W.C.T.U. held a public Meeting** at the M. E. Church this eveg Vie, George & Thurston took part in the exercises [ **Women's Christian Temperance Union** ]

#### JANUARY 1886

Wens 13 Jan 1886 A pleasant day. I was helping the **wimen** about washing & drawing wood. [ Dan's father died when Dan was about 12 and as he was the oldest he had to take over farming duties which probably meant **that he did not attend much school if any. Women is pronounced such that the wi sound sounds a bit like wi** But Daniel did well as he teaches himself to read, then reads newspapers, magazenes and books and becomes a community leader. He particiates in community debates. Eventually he learns abut the correct spelling of women and begins spelling it that way.]

Wens 27 A fine winter day. **I was cutting underbrush in Swp**  
Thurs 28 A pleasant day. **Paid Ayers & Son for sugar & slate .65**

Mon 22 Mar 1886 A Dark windy squally disagreeable day. Dr. Mitchell called & **took dinner with us.**

I attended a lecture at MtGomery (a local town) by Rev Stoddard on **Secret Societys this eveng.**

Thurs April 1 1886 A cold blustery day with high wind & squalls of snow. I was over to Angs part of the day tagging and **triming our lambs. I took 6 1/2 lbs of wool off** of 10 ewe lambs of mine. **George Jenks com-ed working for me by the month this morning. He is to work for me 7 months at \$15.00. Fifteen dollars per month**

Mon 5 Pleasant but a cold chilly N. E. wind. I was helping the women in the foren. **Went up to town meeting & over to St. Line** in the aftrn.

Wens 7 A fine day. There was some **15 or 18 in of snow fell in the storm of yesterday. The east & west roads are impassable. George was shoveling on the road.**

**I attended John Adams funeral service at the house in the foren.**

Took Vi & Hattie up to see **Rhoda Goodwin** in the aftrn. **She died a few minutes before we got there. She would have been 18 in a short time**

#### [ MAJOR SURGERY DONE AT HOME ]

Thurs 8 A fine day. George [probably George Jenks] was splitting & drawing wood. was busy around the house.

**Doctor H. D. Good of Angola assisted by Doct Abbot of Fremont & Dr Fenton of St Line were here this aftrn & removed a stone from Bro Georges bladder. They were about an hour performing the operation ( on acct of the bladder collapsing with them). Robt Logan was here to assist. He & Dr. Fenton are going to stay all night The stone was abt as large as a medium sized hickery nut. George drew abt 5 cords of wood. [probably George Jenks]**

Wens 21 A very warm day. George was plowing for oats.

Mon 26 A fine day with a light shower towards eveg. We were cleaning up and plowing the garden.

**Let Dr Fenton have \$5.00 to pay for a grub ax [ Would you give money to your Doctor to buy an ax?]**

Wens 28 Dr. Fenton was here to see George twice today. **Severe turn of colic** in the PM. The Red Cow calved this eveg. Bull. Calf

Mon 3 May 1886 A fine day. George was plowing. **I was cleaning up oats & grist, ringing hogs, etc. Angus & James Mitchell called this fore-n Angus helped put up a grist for himself & me in the aftrr-n. I put up a grist of 6 bush of wheat & 8 of feed. Let Angs have 6 bush of wheat - 10 of rye & 10 of oats,**

Tues 4 took up & **sorted a load of potatoes & put in the grainery & sorted over & put away 14 bush in the cellar for summer use.** Dr. Fenton called on George today. I paid him for **carbolic acid**. .25

Wens 5 A fine day. I was over to Wakemans to Mill **Left the grist & came back**

Tues 25 **Jas Mitchelis folks recd a Daughter about ten O clock this morning. [ Unless this was a stork delivery this means that his wife had a baby girl.]**

Tues 1 Jun 1886 June A fine day. **draging & replanting corn.** I helped shear & **took Mother to the train to go to N. Y. State.**

Thurs 3 We **sheared** 9 sheep last eveg and 18 this foren **27 in all** Recd pymt 2.20 My **31 sheep sheared 220 lbs** 20 of them ewes 11 yearlings

Mon 7 A fine day. George **at work on the road with team & wagon. [Note in those days you were supposed to maintain the road in front of your farm]** I was **shearg sheep We sheared 37 sheep** Recd form him for the same **3.00**

Sat 19 **George was plowing corn at home.**

Wens 23 A fine day. George was working in the garden. I was out to Fremont with wool. Recd for 216 lbs of unwashed wool @.20 \$ 43.20

Mon 28 A fine day. **I was fixing the wagon rack & finished up the soap**

Mon 5 Jul 1886 **An exceedingly warm day Ther 113 in sun abt noon.** We were helping Angus **cut rye & wheat [IN THE HEAT]**

Sat 10 A fine day. George & I were **helping Angus draw wheat. There was 316 doz on 13 acres**

Wens 14 A cool day with quite a strong north wind. We were helping Angus **finish cut wheat & make hay. I run the mower all day** Thurs 15 A fine day. We were helping **Angus stack rye & make hay.**

Thurs 26 Aug 1886 Very warm. **Ther stood at 114 in the sun** at 3 1/2 PM. I helped David & Jas Mitchell thresh in the foren abt 1/4 each. Crapo & Co threshed for me this aftrn. Threshed 168 bush wheat- 132 of Oats & 28 of rye.

Sat Oct 9 1886 **John Gowthrop died at Angola last night. Cause typhoid fever- 11 day sickness.**

Wens 13 George finished **draging in the rye** with Chas Holleys team in the foren. **Husked corn** in the PM We attended Presbytery at the Church. The Ladies **served dinner at the Church.** The folks & I were up to Halls Corners this eveg. **Recd** of W T Ellis in **trade for 6 doz eggs \$1.08**

Thurs 14 Oct 1886 A stormy disagreeable day. **The wind blew a terrible gale by spells. The greater part of our fences are blown down**

Frid 8 A very warm day. Angus Rbt & George finished cutting my rye today. Jay & I **were picking & sprinkling potato bugs**

Frid 29 Aug 1886 A very warm day We spent the most of the foren getting the sow home for A D Nobles, **she got very warm**, as she passed the well **she stuck her nose to the bottom of a pail of water standing there**, then laid down on the wet ground, was **taken with congestion & died in less than 10 minutes.**

Mon 7 Nov 1887 A fine day George was **spliting rails** etc.

Tues 3 Jan 1888 We **finished digging the well & sunk the kerosine 1/2 barrel in it abt 14 ft deep**

Mon 27 [Jun 1887] A fine day. Geo **was plowing corn** in the foren **worked in the garden in the aftrn**. Drove the Red Cow over to Raymond Sabmuns about 14 h in heat. **I was hoeing beans Sorgum**

Wens 29 A very warm day. We were **mowing the orchard** in the foren. Helped Angus **draw in hay**

Thurs 30 [Jun 1887] **Rbt Logan com-ed working for me this mornng through bay & harvest.** helped draw hay Angus & hand & **them put up hay & cut wheat** the rest of the day for me.

Mon 4 July 1887 A warm day with several light squalls of rain. Angs folks [ folks usually means wife and children if any] spent the day & eveg **celebrating with us**. Wm & Jas McKinney **had 3 horses killed by lighting on the harvester & Wm was badly shocked** in the storm of Saturday eveg.

**Frid 8 July 1887 A very warm day. Angus Rbt & George finished cutting my rye today. Jay & I were picking & sprinkling potato bugs**

Sat 9 July 1887 A very warm day with a **light shower** abt 9 1/2 AM **which stopt our work till noon**. We were **stacking our wheat**. The hands **helped Jas B Haight cut rye after supper**

Wens 20 July 1887 Quite warm. George did not work today **on acct of sickness**. **I was hoeing potatoes destroying worms nests in the orch-d etc.**

Wens 3 Aug 1887 A very warm day. George was **cuting wild grass to top out stacks** & fixing fence

Sab 7 Aug 1887 A very warm day. We did not go to Church as **Top was sick with blood poison.**

Tues 9 Aug 1887 A fine day I **finished painting the buggy** in the foren.

Wens 17 Aug 1887 Dark & threatened rain but did not to amt to anything till towards noon **plowed between showers**. I helped Wm Holly thresh from 10 to 12

Sat 1 Oct 1887 We were **puting up a grist of feed in the foren**. **George took it up to the Mill at Halls Corners 16 bush of it**. Paid by George for **oil**. 15 **Liniment**.25 .40

Thurs 6 Oct 1887 A fine day quite warm in the afternoon. **We started our sheep this mornng at 6 from Mr Wetherbys 15 m N of Quincy & drove them to Frank Forbes 7 m S of Quincy making 22 m We got to MrLogans abt 6 1/2 this eveg. I arrived home abt 8 1/2 eveg. [They did not have as big wagon so had to heard (walk) the sheep they bought several miles to home. Sometimes they had to stop and spend the night at another farmers. This was no problem as many farmers helped each other out in these old days. One could count on a meal and a bed to sleep in.]**

Mon 26 Dec 1887 Cloudy & quite cold **Angus & family were here holding Christmas**. I was over to MtGomery this mornng. **Recd at the depot a box of things for the children from Georges folks**.

Tues 27 Rbt Logan & I were cuting & **drawing a Gum log** from Wm Holters woods

Sab 1st of **January 1888** A dark cloudy day with quite a strong wind froze up solid. We did not go to Church **so stormy**  
Mon 2 Quite blustery this morning. A pleasant day. **We were spending New Years at Bro Angus's**

Tues 3 JAN 1888 A pleasant wintery day. We **finished digging the well & sunk the kerosine 1/2 barrel in it in the foren, abt 14 ft deep** **Albert Sherer & Verna Doyle were married today**

Wens 4 A cloudy day thawed a trifle. **put the curbing in the well** & filled in around it in the foren. The State Vet Surgeon was out & **condemned Lee Lawrences horse to be shot on acct of Glanders**

Thurs 12 Jan 1888 **Ther stood at zero this mornng** a strong chilly east wind, com-ed snowing this eveg. I was out to Angs & **shelled 9 bags of corn in the ear**.

Sab 22 A fine day. **Vi & I were over to Mr Logans to see & help care for Mrs Logan who has been very sick** since Wens **[Example of neighbors helping neighbors]**

Tues 24 Jan 1888 **Ther 8 below zero this mornng**. Rbt Logan came here this mornng abt 5 0 clock to inform us of his **Mothers death**. She died abt half after three this mornng. **Vi & I went over there this mornng**. Vi staid with them. **I went to get help to dig the grave & make preparation for burial Mrs Logan was 67 years old the 4th of this month [Graves were hand dug with a shovel and most corpses were buried the next day as the body remained in the persons home.]**

Wens 25 A dark cloudy day with quite a snow storm from the south in the mornng. Wind changed to west & quite blustery the rest of the day. **Vi & I attended Mrs Logans funeral**

Thurs 9 Jan 1888 **Ther 14 below zero this mornng.** A pleasant day. **Angus was over here with team. We drew a log apiece to the Mill.**

**[ BURIED IN WRONG GRAVE ]**

Wens 22 Jan 1888 A fine day. **I went over to Mr Logans to let them know that Mrs Logan was buried in Geo Handies lot & that he wished her moved.** Went over to the **graveyard with Robt** in the afr-n. Came home by Walter & Angs to engage their help for to Morrow Thurs 23 A fine day.. **Rbt Logan & I Walter Morrow & Angus were changing Mrs Logans grave to day. Mother was quite sick** this mornng. Dr Skinner of St Line came to see her this eveg.

Sat 25 was **salting beef restocking stalks**

Sat 3 Mar 1888 **Froze up solid last night a cold north wind today.** I made a sheep rack of split wood etc in the foren. **Recd of Jas Nobles in trade for 6 doz eggs .96**

Thurs 15 Mar 1888 A fine day George Jenks was cuting & drawing wood for me. Vi & I were over to Mr Logans geting ready & taking part in a surprise reception for **Robert who returned today with a wife a Miss Elliot of Iill.** there was present Jas Mitchell & Wife, Walter Morrow & Wife, Bro Angus & Wife, Willson Duguid & Wife, R F Fulton & Wife, Cor Lewis & Wife, Mrs Wylie & Daughter, Jas Lewis & Wife, Mrs Gowthroop & Vi & I 19 in all. **We had a very fine social time & it was a complete surprise.** They were married **Tues eveg.**

Sat 1 Apr 1888 A **fine** day. Jay and I were over to Church on foot. **David Speers little daughter died last night. Cause a heavy cold with whooping cough.**

Thurs 5 Apr 1888 During my absence **Peggy gave birth to a pair of twin colts** ( one of them dead)

Frid 6 We spent the most of the fore-n **trying to get Peggy to nurse her colt, but failed.**

Thurs 24 May 1888 **A fine warm day.** George was drawing wood & rails. **I was shearing sheep** for Rbt Logan. **brought their old mare home with me to drive to church.**

Sab 24 Jun 1888 A fine day. We did not go to Church as **I could not leave the horse.** Mon 25 Jun 1888 **Mr Waller was here to see the horse.**

Frid 20 We cut the rye George **took the team to the shop to have their feet trimed & examined**

Sat 28 Jul 1888 A fine day. We were drawing hay, retoping stacks **We put 14 good loads of hay in 2 stacks** at the barn 1 in the barn for horses & drew 1 over to Angus

Sab 29 **We got all ready to go to Church** but did not as Peggy got cau-t in the stall & lamed herself so that we could not drive her.

Tues 25 Sep 1888 . **Drilled an acre or so in the after-n. I was cleanin seed wheat hunting bags**

Wens 26 We were sowing wheat at Angs. Sowed abt 12 acres 20 bush of seed wheat used Haight's & Holly's drill

Thurs 27 Sep 1888 plowing for rye I was gathering tomatoes & apples in the fore-n. Vi & I attended **S'm Duguid's child's funeral in the after-n.**

Tues 20 Nov 1888 A pleasant day but cold air. Geo Jenks here he was setting up poles & husking corn. I was cutting a sapling (last eve) some **25 ft high & 5 in through it jumped the stump & stuck endways on top of my foot bursting it badly**, could not work today.

Fri 23 Nov 1888 A fine day. We were husking & drawing corn Wm Holly helped us in after-n finished husking in the field **Jean Haight had an oyster supper here this eve, 40 present**

Sat 24 Nov 1888 A fine day draw stalks I was gathering & burning smut cutting sorgum seed

Frid 22 A fine day. We were getting things in shape to pack. About 4 PM. **Mr R J Fulton & wife called & told us we were going to have company in a short time there was about 25 friends gathered giving us a complete but welcome & happy surprise**

The family lost their home due to inadequate income and moved by train.

(Editor's Note- To better identify time sequences, this marks the end of Daniel Stewart's family life in California Michigan (SE of Coldwater), April 9 1889

They set up house keeping in a rented house in Fairgrove Michigan (lower thumb just NE of Frankenmouth.) Frid 12 Apr 1889 Ren & I were out to **Fairgrove** in the foren.

**I rented Munson Clark's house at Fairgrove for a year if needed at the rate of \$50.00 per year**

Tues 23 Apr 1889 A pleasant day. We were busy putting up beds putting down carpets &c, &c **Calvin Jameson's Saw Mill was burnt to the ground last night**

between I 0 & I I oc loss \$1500.00

Sat 22 Jun 1889 I was handling C.B Jameson's sheep in the foren Had his horse & plow to work the garden in the after-n

Mon 24 Jun 1889 A rainy day. I **finished planting corn, hoed potatoes set out tomatoes &c**

Wens 11 Sep 1889 **digging potatoes weeding turnips Dug 5 bush good potatoes** & 1 of small ones

Sat 28 Nov 1889 A fine day. George & I came home from Bay City...to Saginaw by boat. Fare .25



Wens 11 Dec 1889 A fine day We com-ed moving to Mr Robys house RJ Jameson with team helped us

Sab 22 Dec 1889 A pleasant day. **The roads are terrible for mud** Wens 25 A fine day but most horrible roads. Thomas Morrow & family were here spending Christmas with us. [ **CHRISTMAS DAY 1889** ]

Frid 27 A pleasant day froze up last night. **Telegraph report last night 14 deg below zero** yest- noon in Chicago. Wm Kinney with team helped me cut & draw a load of wood in P.M

Sat 28 A fine day. I was cuting up & salting the pork spliting wood visiting

Mon 27 A fine day. Mr Trimble & I were **underbrushing** 7 hours a piece for John Everets **Paid the Druggist for Childs book of nature for Georgie** 1.00

Mon 10 Feb 1890 A fine day. Mr Trimble & I were cuting wood off the skids. Geo Partloe drawed 2 loads of pole wood for Mr Trimble & a load for me. The hotel at the R R was burned this mornng before light & most of the contents.

**Mr Holikers 8 mo child was buried this P.M Cause inflammation of the lungs**

Frid 28 Apr 1890 A rainy night, froze some towards mornng. Squalls of snow thru the day. I spent the day at home. Paid for Oil Pepper & Raisins .42

**Jen Cranson died with diphtheria this mornng,. Buried this eve**

Wens 26 Mar 1890 Cold I finished spliting & piling wood at the house this foren

Thurs 3 Apr 1890 Cloudy with a light shower in P.M **I made a hot bed** in the foren

Sat 26 Apr 1890 I went to help John Morehead saw wood but they failed to get around **with the engine in time. I helped fill the tank & set up the saw in the after-n** **Set 3 hens is eveg**

[**This was a steam engine they used with belts to power the saw** ]

Sat 23 Aug 1890 A fine day. Mr Trimble & I were out South of Caro **blackberrying** I picked 1/2 bush & bought 1/2 bush .75 I drove C. B. Jainesons horse & cart

Frid 29 Aug 1890 Cloudy & cool with several sprinkles of rain. I was helping repair Mr Gaylords house. Paid R. C. Burroughs fpr groc-s .95

**Paid Mrs Moses by Vi \$1.00 for childrens tuition in full up to this evening**

Tues 9 Sep 1890 A fine day. **I was cuting corn spading for strawberries, &c** in the fore-n. Helped Chas Philips **scraping**

**ditches** in the after-n.. Dr to the same .63 **Paid R.**

**C Burroughs for 1 lb cheese .15** he is Cr by **7 lbs**

**13 oz butter. 16 pr lb 1.25**

Mon 15 Sep 1890 Cool & cloudy with several light sprinkles of rain. I was over to Emory Jennings (Nov 24) **helping repair his cider press**

Frid 19 Sep 1890 A dark cloudy fore-n with a light squall or two of

rain. [ **STEAM ENGINE BREAKS DOWN** ] I was helping R.J Jameson thresh They **melted one of the cylinder boxes** & had to quit about 4 1/2

Sat 20 Sep 1890 I was **hilling the celery** in P.M

**Wm Kirks infant daughter was buried this after. C. Col. Infantum**

**Sab 21 Calvin Browns infant daughter died about 8 oc last eveg. Cause Cholera infantum**  
Tues 23 A fine day. **We attended Calvin Browns childs funeral.**

Frid 3 Oct 1890 I finished diging & piting my potatoes I have 25 bush sorted ones & 3 bush small ones

at present **Attended a temperance lecture** at our Church this eveg by Mrs Helen Gouger of Ind. **The most Statesman like lecture I have heard in years** Sat 4 A fine day. I was **husking & shelling corn threshing & cleaning beans**

Frid 10 A fine day **I was helping C. B. Jameson in the Saw Mill** Dr to the same 1.25  
[**GOT PAID 1.25 A DAY**]

Thurs 6 Nov 1890 I was helping **pump out & curb a well** finished about 4 1/2 oc Recd pay 1.00

Wens 24 Dec 1890 A dark cloudy day Jos Cousins & I were cutting wood for ourselves at Geo Partioe's, cut 4 cds. **We attended Christmas tree at the M. E. Church this eveg**

Thurs 5 Feb 1891 A fine winter day I was cutting stave bolts at Geo Partloes. lamto receive .75 per day & board Dr to the same .75

He is drawing me 2 cords of wood from J Everts at .25 @ .50

Frid 6 A fine day. I was cutting wood & bolts for Geo Partioe. he is Dr to the same .75

He is Cr by drawing 2 cords wood .25 .50

**There was a party of young folks met here & spent the eveg**

Wens 22 Apr 1891 A fine day. I set up at C. B. Jarnesons with a **sick horse last night. Helped take care of her today. We made a sling & got her up today.**

Wens 29 Apr 1891 A fine day. I was **sawing & splitting wood & cleaning up the garden** Vi went out Reese **to attend a W. C. T. U. Convention** Recd of Mr McClurkin for **1 bus potatoes .90**

Thurs 30 A fine day. I was **working in the Stave Mill in the fore-n.**They are Dr to the same (Pd) **.63**

**I was cutting seed potatoes** in the after-n **Paid Dr Hamilton for med for Geo .25**

Tues 5 MAY 1891 **Ice froze abt 1/2 in thick in a wooden pail on the well platform** last night. John Morehead was here & **finished plowing & draging** for me west

of the Mill this fore-n. **I marked it out both ways** & Georgie & I planted about half of it the ball of the after-noon We planted 6 rows of Early Baltimeres on the east side of the piece & 20 rows on Early Rose next to them the last 2 rows of Early Rose have 2 pieces of seed pr hill  
Thurs 11 Very warm. I **sheared 3 sheep for J. Mills before breakfast** Dr to the same .25

Wens 17 Jun 1891 **I hoed potatoes Paid S Stodard for an express wagon for the boys 1.00**  
Tues 11 Aug 1891 I was not able to work. **Attended an Ice Cream Social for the Loyal ( Ed. ?) Legion** at Mr McClurkins in P.M  
Wens 12 A fine day. **I was shocking oats turning peas & hoeing Turnips**

Thurs 1 Oct 1891 A fine day. Georgie & I **attended the fair at Vassar.** Drove C B Jamesons colt & cart. **There was 2 men assended with balloons. went up some 800 ft**

Thurs 5 Nov 1891 **The friends of C B Jameson & gave them a surprise the 17 anniversary of the Weding. Presented them with a set of chairs & a hanging lamp**

**Peter Young died Wens mornng of T-d Fever**

Frid 20 Nov 1891 Cloudy thawed some. I **banked up the cistern with Sawdust**

Thurs 24 Dec 1891 A pleasant winter day. Mr Cousins & I were in the woods today.  
**Vi & I attended Christmas tree at the M. E. Church**

Frid 25 Dec 1891 A pleasant day. **We kept Christmas at home with the children** Sat 26  
**Quite cold with a strong S. W wind freezing quite hard this eveg.**

Sat 16 Jan 1892 **Ther 4 below zero this mg I was packing fruit spliting wood &c to day**  
**Dr Hamilton Cr by medicine for Georgie** this eve .50

Sab 17 A pleasant day com-ed snowing this eveg. **Thurston was taken sick with the gripp**  
this mornng & Vi was taken this evening

Mon 1 Feb 1892 A dark cloudy day com-ed raining in eveg **I was confined to the house with the Grippe or heavy cold** Tues 2 . **Paid Dr Hamilton** for calling to see Mother & me .50

Frid 26 Apr 1892 **Attended a Medal contest** at the M E Church this eveg **awarded to Lizzie Whipple**

**Sab 6 Mar 1892 A pleasant day 'Me boys & I were out to S.S & [Sunday School ]**  
**Prayer Meeting Cousin John Morrow called & took tea with us**

Frid 1 Apr 1892 Quite a strong S. East wind I helped C. B Jameson in the S Mill in the fore-n  
**I attended a barn raising**

Wens 13 **Apr 1892** A pleasant day but a cold air. I helped C.B. Jameson **trim & dock** about 25 or 30 yearlings & lambs this mornng. Had his horse & cart to go out to E. H Knights. Stopt at Jos Adams & taged & trimmed 32 sheep. I got to Ewings about 5 oc this eveg

**Found Mother & Thurston sick** Paid Dr Hamilton for a visit .50

Frid 15 I was **helping H. Mitchell in the wagon shop** Recd of him for **2 days work 3.00**

Wens 26 Oct 1892 **Attended a Prohibition Lecture** at the M.E. Church this after-n & eveg. by Wolfenburger & Huckins of Nebraska Thurs 27 to Sat 29 Sam & I **were puting up a privy**

Frid 25 Nov 1892 Cloudy but mild **We were moving**. Thos Morrow & Jos Cosen were helping us.

Had Mr John Kirks team. **We moved to Morris Amers house. I am to pay him \$3.00 per month until the 1st of April & \$4.00 pr mo the ball of the year.**

Mon24toSat29 apr 1893 Quite a cold time the most of the week. We put in full tiine on the job.

**Vi sick a bed. We raised the barn frame Sat after-n** Recd of West Johnston on work 2.00

Sab 7 **Harry McDonalds boy died this mornng** [unknown cause]

Mon 22 May 1893 A very warm day. **built a chicken park & planted the sweet corn** Sab 28

A fine day The wimen & I attended Church Services The boys were not so as to attend any of the meetings on account of **Whooping Cough**

Mon 29 to Sat 3 A week of sunshine & showers. I put in all of the week at Jos Vandermarks

working on the house **[The children suffered from Whooping Cough for over a week but lived]**

Sab 4 Jun 1883A fine day We were not to Church on acct of the children being so bad with W cough

Thur 21 It has thawed quite fast yesterday & today **sleighing is completely whiffed** [ Dec 1893 ]

Weds 9 MAY 1894 **Henry Mitchelis machine shop with all of the contents were burnt about 3 oc this mornng.** Paid R. C Burroughs for **2 1/2 lbs Butter.37** & gran-d **Sug.25 .62**

I was over to J. Kirks at noon & **put a ring in his Bulls nose**

Thurs 10 Pleasant through the day. **There was quite a gale of wind with a light rain in the eveg.** I finished spading the garden & helped Vie paper. Prayer Meeting met here this evening

Frid 11 A fine day. I finished making garden. Set out 35 Tomato plants, marked out the corn ground, **Sowed a qt of Champ-n of England Peas** this eve

Sat 26 MAY 1894 A fine day. Quite a heavy shower this eveg. **George Wilson barn were struck by lightning & bumt.** R. C. Burroughs Cr by shoes for Mother \$2.00 Tea. 1 8 2.18

Frid 15 Very warm. I came home this mornng. **I was so wore from shearing I did not work. I sheared 580 sheep this year all told** JUNE 1894

Thurs 12 to Frid 13 1 **was mowing the graveyard and digging a grave for Emory**

Jennings **Mrs Robt McAllister was buried Thurs.Cause of death consump-n** [July 1894 ]

[ **SICKNESS** ]

Sat 22 Sep 1894 Pleasant until about 11 oc when it com-ed to rain which stopt our cuting until about 2 P.M when we cut till eveg. Recd cash on work 1.00 When we got home, **found Mother sick**, and

**Vi away to C Browns to help take care of Mary & Ada who are sick with malerial fever**

Wens 26 . I **was at home about sick with chromic diareah**. Pd Dr. Hamilton for med . 25

Thurs 27 A fine day. **The boys & I attended the Caro Fair**

Sab 7 Oct 1894 **Mrs Stephen French died today. Typhoid Fever**

Tues 13 Quite a cold day. **We were husking corn in the barn** Wens

14 to Sat 17 Nov 1894 **Sunshine & shadow with quite a snow**

**squall** Frid eveg. Calvins folks went home Thurs after-n except Walter **who staid to help us dig Mangles** We dug pited & put in the cellar something like 450 bush of Man-S.

Mystery These are tropical fruit so what really are Mangles Posted the question on line and Mike Grobbel found it with a different spelling using **mangel a large coarse yellow- to reddish-orange beet grown chiefly as food for cattle** <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mangel> We have husked 325 bush of corn up to date.



Sab 18 Cold but pleasant Vi George & I attended Church

Mon 19 to Sat 24 Quite wintery the first of the week, pleasant the ball. We **were covering potato pits drawing stalks & corn in the stalk**

**Tues 25 Dec 1894 Pleasant but quite cold We kept our Christmas at home I was fixing up things for winter husked 7 bush corn** for C. B. J

Wens 26 Pleasant but cold I was fixing up the clothes closet for the wimen today. Walter took dinner with us. John Morrow & Family **started for Washington** Mon morning Thurs 27 A cold stormy night quite a strong N. E wind with some snow. I put in the time doing chores & tinkering **Mrs John Manning died Tues eveg, was buried today** Frid 28 **Clear but quite frosty. The Ther stood at 8 or 10 below zero this mornng.**

Tues 1 **Jan 1895** Sunshine & shadow pleasant but cold George was out hunting. Thurston at home & I **was doing chores** etc.C.B.J. was up & **I got a load of truck** Frid 11 Dark & cloudy the most of the day.

There was **some 12 or 14 in of snow fell last night.** [ Jan 1895 ]

Thawed a trifle through the day I was **cuting up & salting the pork Cut up the sausage this** eveg George attended P.M this evening C.B.J. took the White Cow home last eveg, **was up after straw & corn** this eveg

Sat 12 Quite a rough winy wintery day. Quite a strong N & NE wind. I was fixing up things about the house. **The boys husked several bush of corn. We have husked 425 up to day** C.B.J. **roan cow calved this eve.** H.C. [ Hefer Calf ]

Sab 13 A cold wintery day with a strong N wind. **George rode the horse over to Church had to build the fires could not get through this road without shoveling some** There was only 18 out to Church

**[ 3 TEETH EXTRACTED 50 CENTS PROBABLY NO PAIN KILLERS ]**

Frid 1 Feb 1895 Pleasant but quite cold I took **Thurston up to Dr McKibbins & had three teeth drawn Paid him for the same . .50**

Wens 8 May 1895 Very warm. George was plowing. **I was Jack of all trades today** Taged 3 sheep for A Lockwood after dinner & **planted truck in garden [ may mean vegetables or small crops used in exchange of goods ]**

Wedns 15 May 1895 **Ice froze as thick as a heavy light of glass last night** pleasant bi cold air We were dragging & marking corn ground. I finished the marker [guesing this to be a device to mark the width of corn rows ]

Thurs 16 Quite a thick ice this mornig & a heavy white frost I finished marking the east piece of corn ground this fore-n Mother Vi & I attended Prayr Meeting at Mr McLuneys this after. Mother went home with Mr McClurl this eve Vi & I cleaned out the Church George was planting corn Recd letter from Bro George he reports 10 in of Snow at Gaylord in the storm last Tuesday besides being heavy at other places

Frid 17 A fine day. I was marking out corn ground George was runing the planter.

Sat 18 Rained & rainy like till about 3 oc when it broke away. We **finished planting our corn this eve** There was **9 acres or over**

Wedns 11 **So hot today that the cattle fainted in the field** **SEPTEMBER 1895**

The boys helped Mother in the fore-n & cut corn in the P.M Vi & I **attended the funeral services of H. McDonalds baby** We got home about 3 1/2 oc Went over to **Mr Beals to extend our help & sympathy. Mrs Beals died about midnight**

Sab 23 Feb 1896 Thawed quite fast today. We were not out to Church as **we had no way of going**

**[Obviously something had happened to his horse and it appears that he had had only one horse.]**

Mon 23 Mar 1896 Went from Jamesons to Sid Hoveys & **bought of him a bay horse known as the Culbert horse** which he claims to be sound kind & true & to be 9 or 10 years old

**The price was \$35.00** for which I paid him cash 5.00 & R. J. Jamesons note for 15.00 **[At last he has a horse]** For the ball **I gave him a mortgage note on the horse for 15.00 payable it the**

**Fairgrove Bank** ninety day after date int.08 prct **[ BUT HE WAS SO POOR HE HAD TO GIVE A mortgage ]**

Tues 5 May 1896 A fine day We **riged up the plow & com-ed plowing for corn.** I was over to J Kirks this eveg. **Cut the tails off 22 ewe lambs & castrated 20 buck lambs & 4 calves** Recd pay.30 Wedns 6 A fine day.George & I were plowing & burning on the corn ground today

Sat 16 A fine day. The boys were plowing Vie & I were out to Jas Elliots **helping them raise a barn**

Sab 17 **MAY 1896 Quite warm with the wind blowing a perfect gale from the S. & S.W. from 60 to 80 m & hour Cyclone It has destroyed thousands of bush of Apples Pears Cherries & other fruits besides burning the leaves of Forrest & Fruit trees badly. Wheat Corn & Oats are also badly wilted** The boys & Vi were at S S & P. M Mon 18 Pleasant but cool George was **plowing. I was repairing fences** till 10 oc when I started for Mr Youngs He is Dr to shearing 10 sheep.70

Wedns 20 A fine day.George was plowing for corn. Fred helped him 1/2 day **He broke his plow in the fore-n his harness in the after-n then quit** He called the time 1 1/4 day but I will make it 1 1/2

Tues 26 May 1896 **Cloudy & quite a strong wind. [CYCLONE ] There was a terrible cyclone struck the County line last eve about due west of Fairgrove & destroyed every building for about 3 miles Joe Malbum was killed by a board being blown through the windows & striking him.**

Wedns 29 Jul 1896 I helped Emory in the Mill in the fore-n **Made cider & set up oats** in the afternoon

Mon 31 Aug 1896 A fine day. George was drawing manure for Emory **I made 13 bar cider** for him Grubed in the follow

Frid 13 **NOV 1896** Cold with flying clouds George worked in the Mill in the fore-n. Thurston & him cut wood in the after-n. **E. B. Jennings baby boy died this mornng about 6 oc I dug & filled the grave for them.** Worked in the Mill the ball of the day

Mon 30 Nov 1896 Cold cloudy & windy. The boys were up to Fairgrove **trading, geting work done** etc. **Paid Moreland for Sch books 3.05 Geography, History, Arithmetic & Spellar**

**Paid for repairs on shoes .15**

**Paid S. Jameson for filing saw .15**

**Paid Ab Aldrich for 2 ax handles .25**

Dec 1 1896 Quite Cold & wintery some of the time. **Thurston started to school this mornng**

Mon Feb 1st to Sat 6 1897 A week of mildv winter weather except Sat which was quite damp We were cuting wood drawing log setc. **I have been in the house with grip since Thurs noon**

Sab 7 Mild but quite dark the boys were out to S.S. & P.M

**Chas Shamon was buried today Cause pneumonia caused by grip**

Mon 8 to Sat 13 Quite a mild week of winter weather. **I was not able to do anything outdoors on acct of grip & other troubles** We were puting **felt paper on the bedroom** &

**kitchen a couple of days.** I was up to Town & got Dr Hamilton to lance a Fistula at the back of the rectum

**I was picking up wood in the fallow**

C. Brown **took tea with us.** Etta went home this eve C Mary Jameson & children **made us a visit yesterday.**

**George & I attended the trial of the Jas Brown murderers at Caro.**

Sab 28 A fine day but **terrible for mud** George staid at C Browns last night Stopt at Prayer Meeting on the way home He brought home word that

**Andrew Morrows boy was killed in the Saw Mill** & that John & Eliza had gone there Mon

29 A fine day overhead I went up to Town to **get Vet Douglass** to cottle & **see our cow, found her (helpless behind)** with no cause that we knew of

**I taged 37 sheep docked 13 E lambs** Cast 15 B lambs

**George went fishing but got none**

Tues 25 May 1897 Quite cold but pleasant. **When I got home last night I found quite a number of young people gathered here in honor of Thurstons birthday. I also had C. Browns folks all night I sheared 20 sheep for Jos Vandert [Thurston born in 1884 would have been 13 and already had to do a mans work daily]**

Wedns 2 Jun 1897 A fine day I sheared 18 sheep for Chas Sherman this fore-n marked & taged them, Castrated & **dusted** his lambs. Recd pay 1.25

Frid 18 We were at home this fore-n **cleaning & scalding** chicken coops & house

Sat 28 A fine day. George was helping the Campbell Bro. I was at work in the garden in the fore-n Helped Emory **fix the line fence between himself & Annable to keep Annibles pigs out of the crops & garden.** Work gratis

Frid 17 Sep 1897 Quite cold this mornng but a fine day **Thurston & I were out trying to find work but failed.** Took dinner at John

Cofield. Recd of him for Cast 10 shoats .25

Sat 18 Sep A fine day. Thurston was doing chores. I was helping Jake Leighman **bale hay** Recd for the same .75

Mon 4 -A fine day We were cuting corn for ourselves on E B Jennings in the fore-n **We were making a wheel borrow in the afternoon**



Tues 25 Oct 1897 A fine day. I husked for Jake. Thurston husked in the fore-n **Attended School Exercises in the after-n last day [OF SCHOOL Oct 1897]**

George helped Mr Annible in A.M attended a sale in the P.M Wedns 26 A fine day. The boys were **diging & piting roots.**  
**There was 36 bush Mangles** & 6 of carrots I husked corn for Jake Leighman He is Cr by cash on husking 5.00

Sab 14 Quite cold & cloudy with squalls of rain. George & I attended Church Services There was none this eve

Mon 15 Warm & foggy. George & I husked out of the shock for E B Jennings. Thurston **could not on acct of severe head ache**

Tues 16 Cloudy with a cold N. W wind George was over to Thos Mitchelis & R.J Jamesons in the fore-n & I husked 6 rows of corn on the hill for E.B. J George & Thurston husked 6 rows in the after-n. **I was on the sick list Read a paper from Clara with an acct of her husbands death Nov 10th. Cause of death Suicide (Ed note: I wonder if he meant her father of whom I know nothing- not even his last name,**

**Clara's husband George E. Stewart, died in 1905)**

[ My grandfather told me once that his mothers father lost many sheep and his property in a big flood down south. He did not tell me his name. We do not know his name but she may have been raided by a Summerville. Her Son Walter Mann did a study on this but all of his work was thrown out in the trash by his second wife after he died. We do not know about her family. Dr Prior found a reference to the name Reed in his research but he got to a dead end also.]

Mon 22 **NOVEMBER 1897** Cold & cloudy. I helped Vie in the fore-n. Picked up on the new ground in the after-n George com-ed plowing on new ground broke his point in the after-n Went to Town after one Paid for flour meat butter etc 2.15 **We helped George dress 14 ducks this eve send for the Detroit Free Press The twice week edition 1.00 [Dec 1897 ]**

Wedns 22 Pleasant but quite cold. We done the chores & **tinkered for our selves & neighbors [he sometimes helped his neighbors] [ CHRISTMAS 1897 ]**

Thurs 23 Quite mild in the fore-n. A very strong west & N wind with squalls of snow in the after-n.

I went up to Town in the after-n. Pd Ed Otis for trade .53

**Attended Christmas Tree at the School house this eve Miss Anna Scraner teacher [Dec 1897 ]**

Frid 24 The coldest night so far this winter George went to Annibles to do chores for a couple of weeks (this after-n) I was helping the women

Sat 25 Cloudy & quite cold & windy in the mornng. quite mild in the eve. **C. B Jamesons family kept Christmas with us**

Sab 26 Pleasant but quite wintery . Part of us attended Church services

Mon 27 Not stormy but quite wintery. The boys went to draw a load of wood

Mon 27 Dec 1897 Paid J. S Wylie for 25 lbs flour. 65 Screen-g.20 .85 **Thurston received a nice clock watch today for selling blaine**

Tues 28 A pleasant day Thurston & I drew wood & manure. **George was away canvassing for the Farm & Fireside & the Ladies Home Companion**

Frid 31 Quite a rough wintery day The **most of us were about sick with heavy colds.** George **took E B Jennings mare home this eve**

Sat January 1st 1898 Pleasant but a very frosty N wind Geo was cleaning up the Church Thurston & I were **repairing the stable & doing chores** etc Sab 2 A pleasant day overhead but frosty & a very strong S west wind George & I attended Church

Mon 3 Quite mild George was away canvassing for papers. **Thurston was at School.** **[now age 13 1/2]**

Wedns 12 Jan 1898 **We attended a debate at the School house this evening**

Wedns 26 Jan 1898 Pleasant for winter George was helping John Foster **cut bolts in the fore-n** **Geting ready for Lycerum** in P.M I was doing chores sawing wood etc Mary Jameson &

Mrs Sproull spent the evening with Mother & I **The family attended the Lycerum**

Thurs 27 A fine winter day George helped John Foster cut bolts I rode up Town with Jas Elliot this after-n Paid Jos Wylie for **a bag of midlings .50**

Tues 15 A cold rough day with a strong N wind We **done the chores & kept fires**

**Frid 18 Feb 1898 pair of boots for Thurston 2.00 Paid for 3 collars (turndown) for Thurston .13**  
**Paid for three collars for myself .12**

Mon 21 Feb 1898 A strong N wind through the night & today with snow some **10 or 12 inches fell.** We done the chores Wedns 23 **Attended Debate this evening.**

Frid 11A **dark cloudy day with rain** in the fore-noon colder **We were at home readng** etc

Thurs 24 Mar 1898 Froze again last night cool & cloudy today I was ditching after Nine oc Thurston helped part of the fore-n went to Town in the after-n Mrs King was here visiting **We finished up our debate at the School house for the present last eve.** **The subject for consideration was Resolved that the United States should interfere between Spain & Cuba.** **Speakers on the aff D.J. Stewart, John Kirk & Spercell.** On the neg R.J Jameson, C Stoddard & F Bedell. Decided for the Aff Judges. Mr Fulkerson Doc Winchell & John Cookingmaster

Wedn 20 Feb 1898 **George went home with Walter to make a corn marker**

Wedns 1 **MARCH 1899** A fine day. George was helping Mr Annible cut wood, I was up Town

in the fore-n. At several jobs in the after-n. E. B. Jennings Cr by 2 bush 5lbs wheat at pr bush Ed Otis Cr by Rubbers for Thurston .70

**8 1/2 lbs of granuated sugar .50**

**1 lb coffee . 15 1/4 lb tea .11 Spool thread .04 .30**

Thurs 2 A fine day. **Vie Thurston & I attended the meeting of the Farmers Club at the Mr Henry Millers.** George got fooled on geting there.

There was something like **140 or 150 persons present**

**Sat 18 Snowed last night & most of the mornng with some rain Wind N & colder this eve We were at home today Thurston went over to C B Jamesons Sleighs were busy today**

Tues 21 **MARCH 1899** Froze quite hard last night. Snowing from the S East this mornng. Stuck to it the most of the time all day **We were keeping the stove hot the most of the time.**

Thurs 23 **MARCH 1899** A **pleasant day quite nice sleighing.** Joe Campbell was helping George cut wood at Chas Halls. I was choreing in the fore-n Went over to

Doc Winchels & got 135 lbs of hay. Pd .34 **brought a jag of wood home** with me

Sat 25 Snowed & blowed all day. Wind S East in the got round to the N in the eve I was choreing spliting wood etc, George was away **riging up the S House for an Exhibition** Thurston at home **School term closed last eve**

Sat 1 **APRIL 1899** Pleasant in the mornng freezing quite hard this eve taging sheep Sth Brownell

**The Cow calved this after-n Heifer C**

Sab 9 **APRIL 1899** A pleasant spring day quite a cold wind this mornng George is **down with the mumps Vie is having chills with fever** I was out to Sab School & Preaching Mon 10 A fine spring day Thawed quite fast. **George was quite sick all night,**

Sab 16 **APRIL 1899** A fine day. Thurston was out to Church. Vie & I could not go at **George was so sick we could not leave Was bad off all day yesterday Fever with vomiting**

Mon 17 A fine day. I was up to Dr Handies this mornng to get some medicine for George Paid for it .50

[ **TELEGRAM** ]

Tues 18 A warm spring day. I was away canvassing for wall paper. Drove to Watrousville first; from there to **Mark Hobarts to carry a telegram of his Aunts death**

Tues 9 **MAY 1899** A fine day. I sheared 26 sheep for Mark Hobart Recd pay 2.80 **Chas Elliotts baby buried today**

Wedns 10 A fine day rainy this eve Thurston **had Jake Leighmans old horse to draw manure.** I sheared 17 sheep for Rbt Foster today, Recd pay 1.40

Wedns 17 **MAY 1899** A dark cloudy day with several showers one a regular downpour about noon

**Went to Jo Adams to shear found the sheep wet could not shear** R J Jameson & I staid with Mr Munson Clark last night

Sab 28 **MAY 1899** A fine day. Vie & I were helping take care of Mr Clark

Mon 29 & Tues 30 I staid with Mr Clark Sat night & Monday & Tuesday until eve. I slept there Mon night as it **rained so I could not get home**

Wedns 31 Sunshine & showers I sheared 12 sheep for Mrs Lute

Johnson. Dr to the same . 10 per head 1.20

Sat 3 **Jun 1899** A fine day. **I was making garden.** Thurston helped part of the time at other work the ball of the time Vie & I called at Mr Clarks this eve Synod in session this week I paid R.J. Jamesons traveling expenses .90

Sab 4 A fine day. **Vie & I were helping take care of Mr Clark. He died this eve at 20 min to Seven. Cause Dropsey & heart disease**

Tues 20 Jun 1899 A fine day. **Thurston was taken sick last night had a high fever all day** I was doing chores hoeing in the garden

Wedns 21 A fine day. **Thurston not fit to work I was mowing in front of the house,**

Visiting, up Town etc, Mrs Parker & Mrs King were here visiting **Paid Fred**

**Adams for 1 lb of Coffee .25**

Mon 26 Tues 27 **Jun 1899** Two fine days. I helped Jas Elliott in Beets

& Thurston helped him Tues. Recd of him 5.00 \$1.00 of which is Thurstons

Wedns 28 Cloudy with light showers & squalls of rain. We were **working in the garden between showers. Paid Dr Hanilton for Swamp Root & Black B .75**

Thurs 29 **Jun 1899** A fine day Vie & I were out to Caro got home shortly after 2 oc

**Paid Myron Him-k for pants for myself 1.25**

**& for a pair of shirts for Thurston .90**

**Paid for Ice Cream freezer for Chas Hall 2.50**

Wedns 12 **Jul 1899** A pleasant day. Thurston **was out picking Berries** with Rev Sproull in the fore-n.

Cultivated corn & potatoes part of the after-n I **helped** E B Jennings **haying** Dr to the same 1.00

Thurs 13 A dark showery day with rain through the night & light showers in the fore-n.

1. Vie & I were out to see **Dr Handy in the after-n. Paid him for med-e .50**

**[HALF OF HIS EARNINGS TO PAY THE DOCTOR ]**

Thurs 20 **Jul 1899** A fine day. I **helped E B Jennings harvest** in the aftern & **put tip hay for him in the cemetry** in the after-n Dr to the same 1.25

**9 Aug 1899 Vie Thurston & I took in the S.S excursion to Bay Port** Fair.50 cts a piece  
Thurston paid it 1.50

Wends 16 Aug 1899 A fine day. I was cufing weeds in the fore-n Thurston took the women  
over to

Mr Carnpbells after dinner & went after them in the eve. **was cuting weeds in the corn** in the  
P.M s 17 Very warm Mother & **I were down to John Morrows to help at a Barn raising**  
Thurston cut weeds out fo corn part of the day. Very warm Thurston cut  
weeds in the fore-n **To hot to work in the afternoon as we about bushed**  
**with the heat in the fore-noon**

Sat 19 Aug 1899 A very warm day. Ther stood at 99 in the shade yesterday & 100 today **To hot**  
**to do anything. We had nothing to do so we done nothing.**

Mon 21 Aug 1899 **Quite cool today. rained somewhere but not here last night. I carried**  
**24 pails of water from Mr Annibles & helped [wells must have gone dry]**

**Vie about washing** in the fore-n Was cobling & tinkering in the after-n

Tues 22 A fine day. I was at home. No chance to work Vie &

Frid 1 Sep 1899 I was expecting to help E.B.J. thresh in P.M **but the Engine went through the**  
**Atkinson Bridge [ sounds like the heavy engine sunk into the bridge ]** so they did not get  
here

Mon 6 Nov 1899 A heavy white frost the ground froze some I helped about the washing  
&  
**made a Beet knife in the fore-n.** We were **pulling & burying garden truck** in the afternoon

Tues 26 Dec1899 Quite a strong frosty west wind, **I drove up to the train to meet Bro**  
**George** but failed to see him Stopt with Rev Sproull until the **noon freight train arrived** but  
George failed to come

### **JANUARY 1900**

Mon 1 Jan 1900 **Quite cold & wintery. New Years day We celebrated the day at home**  
**Will Campbell & Gertie Richison were married Christmas** Tues 2

Quite moderate today. I husked a while in the after-n.

Thurston drewed in a few stalks & 4 shocks of corn

Wedns 3 A pleasant day. I husked 6 shocks of corn Thurston & his Pa drewed in 9  
shock of corn & a jag of stalks

**Alf Lane was buried today. Cause, Consumption brought on by carelessness & exposure**

Thurs 4 Jan 1900 A pleasant winter day. We had E.B.J horse to **draw in a small jag of straw**  
from R.J. Jamesons & a load of wood from Wm Kirks woods, The farmers club met at John  
Bishops

Frid 26 Jan 1900A cold frosty day with a strong N.W wind **I spent the day reading doing**  
**chores** etc

Sat 27 A chilly S West wind Vie & I drove out to see **Dr Handy in the fore noon Paid**  
**for medicine .75 Paid F. Biles for I Gal Oil. 12 Adams for sugar &**

L. Ess .47

**Blacksmith repairs on buggy.**

Sat 17 Feb 1900 Thurston & I were in the woods in the after-n prying up logs & **cut up timber for "draying" out**

### MARCH 1900

Thurs 1 Mar 1900 Wintery like but has stopt **snowing**. **It has drifted so that it is all guess work about**

**the amt of snow but there must be about a foot or so on the ground**

Frid 2 A very fine day. Thawed some. Thurston & I cut & drawed wood after **we got horses & sleigh riged up**

Sat 3 A very fine day thawed some. We were cuting & drawing wood.

**Drayed** out some of it on to Cookingmasters. **Com-ed milking the cow once a day but her milk is as nice as summer**

Sab 4 Snowed the most of the day. Quite a strong N. E. wind. I rode over to Church with R.J. Jameson **There was 28 adults & children at Church**

Mon 5 A pleasant winter day I was gathering & melting snow & helping Vie wash Com-ed snowing from the N.E this eve

Tues 6 Our **snow turned to rain** sometime in the night still raining this morning wind S & very warm Turned to the west about 9.30 A.M and **blowed a perfect gale the rest of the day**.

I finished my wool box, **took a bush of potatoes out of the pit**. **Churned & split wood**

Wedns 28 Mar 1900 Fine overhead a chilly N. breeze thawed quite fast. I was up to Town this mornng. Sent Alfred Peats & Co of Chicago a Postal Money order for 9.96

to pay for a bill of paper ordered this mg. Thurston met me at John Kirks we brought home a small jag of straw Rbt Kirk Dr to taging 9 sheep .18

Paid for order & postage . 12 for trade .20 .32

**Jas Bryant of Akron buried this P.M Killed Mon after-n by a chain breaking while loading sq timber on the cars**

### APRIL 1900

Sab 1 Apr 1900 A fine day **but the roads were so bad we could not drive to Church**.

**Thurston went on horseback. George Anibal was taken down with pneumonia of the lungs**

Mon 2 A pleasant day Helped about the washing in the fore-n

**Took out potatoes & roots & split wood in the after-n & filed the cross cut saw** Tues 3

Pleasant in the fore-n Quite a snow storm in the after-n We were cuting wood in the fore-n

Vie & I spent part of the after-n at Mr Annabals . **Geo no better**

Tues 3 Juk 1900 A very warm day I was washing in the fore-n **Making a grindstone frame & hanging the stone** in the after-n George was helping Mr Campbell in the aftern. Hoeing beets & haying Paid Geo Annable on plowing 2.50

**R. J. Jameson house on the farm was burnt about 6 oc last eve**

Thurston weeding beets at C.B Jamesons

Wedns 4 **Terrible hot until about 4 P.M Thunder storms & rain around us**

Frid 6 Jul 1900 Very warm, with a strong S west wind. There was a thunder shower here about 8 1/2 oc this eve. The **wind blew a perfect gale blowing over & breaking of fruit trees & woods trees also besides tearing roofs off & blowed over one wind mill** heard of, Clyde Allens As much or more than 1/2 of the apples pears & cherries were blown off George was helping Frank Bedell & Robt Foster. I helped E B Jennings for 9 1/2 oc A.M until 4 1/2 P/M when I had to quit **to take the cow over to John McCreedys Bull**

Sab 8 Jul 1900 Cloudy with several light spurts of rain George & Thurston attended Churdh **Mother & I staid with Vie She was very poorly today**  
**There was several of the neighbors & friends called in this P.M**

Mon 9 Cool & pleasant fine for hay in the P.M I was helping in the house  
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hoeing in the garden etc Drove up to Town in the after-n F R Adams Cr by shoes for myself 1.75 Paid him cash on the same 1.00  
Ed Otis Cr by Granulated Sug .50  
Jameson & Hayw-d Cr by 24 1/2 lbs flour.60 Tob. I 0 .70  
Paid Jos Wylie for Grah-m flotw bran & meal .65  
Paid the Druggist for 1/4 lb Par Green .08

Tues 11 Cloudy with a light sprinkle of rain about noon Faired up in an hour or so I helped E B Jennings 3 1/2 h hay-g Dr to the same .40  
Thurston helped C B Jameson 2 days

Wedns 11 A fine day. Thurston & I were at home. He was spraying potatoes cultivating corn went to Town etc **Dr Avery was here to see Vie again but can give us no encouragement & say every symptom is against her** She undress & went to bed this after-n Mrs Campbell, Rose & R J Jameson are going to stay all night with us

Thurs 12 A fine day. I was helping take care of **Dear Vie. She is feeling rather worse today.**

Thurston was cultivating corn & potatoes Cousin Mary, John, Eliza Morrow are going to stay with us tonight

Frid 13 Quite warm. I was helping take care of **Vie She complains a great deal of being very fired, tired oh so tired** Thurston Finished cultivating & drove up Town this even-g

Sat 14 An excessive heat today **Vie appeared to suffer very much from the effects of it.**

**We moved her from the bedroom to the square room this eve.**

Mrs Parker & Mrs Young staid last night. R J Jameson & Rose, Elmer & Sarah are going to stay with us tonight

**Vie was very restless this eve We thought due to extreme heat**

Thurston was helping C B Jameson Sab 15 A warm day with heavy showers.

We were around this morning about 5 oc as the watchers thought

**Dear Vie was failing very fast. She appeared to be unconcious when we reached the bedside at 5.30 She yielded up her Spirit to God who gave it Loving & gentile was her life peaceful was her death. The only complaint of her last few days was of being tired, oh,**

**so tired, but she our loved one has now entered into that rest prepared for all Gods dear children where sickness sorrow & suffering are unknown** Mon 16 A very warm day with a shower about noon or after

**We were making arrangements & getting ready for the burial tomorrow**

Mr Cookingmaster & wife & Mr & Mrs Parker are going to stay tonight

Tues 17 Warm with a **heavy shower about one oc P.M about the time people were gathering for the funeral.**

We left the house about 1.30 **followed by a great number of friends.**

Rev T. C. Sproul preached a very comforting sermon at our Church from Psalm 94.12 after which **the remains were viewed by the many friends when we followed the body of our loved one to their resting place in Brookside Cemetery there to sleep until called to the glorious resurrection by the voice of the Archangel**

**May we always remember the love & kindness of the many friends who ministered to our wants through this season of sickness, death & bereavement**

Sat 21 Jul 1900 A fine day. **I drove over to Gilford & got Bill shod in the fore-n.** Paid for shoeing 25

Wedns 25 A fine day. George was helping Jas Campbell. Thurston was helping C B Jameson, Bro **Geo & I were out canvassing for pictures to enlarge.** No success

#### **AUGUST 1900**

Wedns 1 Aug 1900 A fine day. **The Ladies Miss. Soc met here today. They all done a fine lot of sewing for Mother for which we are very thankful.** There was 12 adults besides Mother & I &

6 Misses & children & one baby George & Thurston are away to work at the same places I was waiting on Company & horses

Thurs 2 A fine day. **I was doing house work & chores & cultivating potatoes**

Frid 21 Sep 1900 A fine day. I was at home & cut corn & done chores

**George & Thurston attended the Fair at Caro**

Frid 28 Sep 1900 Pleasant but a cool air. A light frost last night I was at home taking care of Mother as **she is quite Sick** The **boys attended the Vassar Fair**

Sat 29 Quite cool but pleasant. quite a rain last night I was doing house work & **churning** in the morning Started for John Kirks about 10.30 to tag his sheep. We got up his sheep but did not tag any until 12.15 I **tagged 50 or more Recd pay .50**

Tues 2 Sep 1900 A fine warm day. **George was sick all night nearly with pain in the stomach** He did not work today Thurston com-ed husking at Rbt Fosters yesterday I took Cousin Mary home this even-g Stopt at Dr Wrights & got some medicine for Mother Paid him for the same .25

Sat 6 Oct 1900 A very warm day. George was working in the Mill



Thurston was husking at Jake Lebmans I was helping in the house **splitting wood husking corn** etc etc Rose Jameson was here helping Mother. **We put up 12 qts of Tomatoes today, laid down cucumbers, baked bread** etc I was **working up wood husking corn doing chores** etc.

Mrs Sproul Cousin Mary & R Jameson took supper with us. **Thurston drove up to Town this eve.**

**Note He was only age 16 and had been driving for years already.**

Wedns 17 Oct 1900 Very cold this mornng A very heavy frost last night The first of the season to do any harm. **I was carrying water & washing** etc George worked in the Cider Mill & Thurston husked corn for Jake Lehman for the past 3 days

Thurs 18 to Sat 20 George was working in the Mill Thurston & I were **diging & piting potatoes.**

I had to help Mother more or less & **Thurston had to husk corn to keep the horse in stalks**

The boys drove up Town this eve

**R.E. Stewart died very suddenly Tues from heart failure. Buried Thurs** Sab 21 Oct

1900 A fine day. The boys attended S.S & Prayer Meeting Mon 22 A fine day. George was in the Mill Thurston & I were diging potatoes & drawing beans, put them in Jake Lehmans barn

Tues 23 A fine rain last night a fine day to husk. Geo in the Mill Thurston was husking at J. Leh-s I was washing husking etc.

**John Burlingames child some 8 years old was buried Sab afternoon**

Sat 1 Dec 1900 Cool & Cloudy. George was helping Emory. Thurston & I were **reseting our Post Office Box.** Some one run into it last night Pulled the post & tore the box off & throwed it into the road where I found it this mornng. We were husking corn cuting wood & various other things

Fri 7 Dec 1900 Quite a rough windy day. A light snow fell the most of the fore-n. Thurston was

**fixing up things for winter &**

I was up to Town to **see the Dr for Mother in the fore-n.** We were **cuting wood geting out potatoes & roots** in the after-n. Geo was at home Sold E.B.Jennings a calf a heifer 14.00

Dropt May I st 1900 He is Dr to the same 14.00

**Cousin Mary & Mrs Sproul called on Mother.** Took dinner here

Pd Dr Wright for med for Mother .40

Pd Ed Otis for Flour.55 Groc.23 .78

**Mrs Addie Kendall was buried today**

### **[ Death of Elvira Stewart Dan's Mother]**

Sat 8 Dec 1900 Quite a cold cloudy day wind N & freezing. **George & I were cuting wood & fiting cross.saw &**

Thurston was taking care of Grandma. **I was in a number of times to look after her.** She was breathing quite easy & resting. Shortly before 11 oc Thurston **came to the door & said he thought Grandma was to warm as she was sweating freely.**

**When I reached the bedroom she was failing fast.**

**Sent Thurston to the stable to call George. before they reached the house she had passed away. to be forever with her Lord** in those [Dec 8 1900] mansions he has gone to prepare for those that love him. **Mrs Jennings & Etta** were the only ones present with us **George went after Mrs Campbell & Mrs Annabal to help lay her out then** he went after Cousin Mary & telegraphed to Archy George &

Angus

Sab 9 to Tues 11 Quite cool & wintery We were at home making preparations for burial  
Wedns 12 Quite a cold chilly day. **The relatives & a few of the friends & neighbors met at the house. after a prayer by Rev Dean the remains were removed to the Church where** Rev Dean gave us a comforting Sermon from Thess 4,13 in connection with the remainder of the chapter (Mr Sproul was away from home) **The remains were viewed by friends then removed to Brookside Cemetry** to sleep the sleep that knows no waking until the resurrection mornng.

**She lacked 9 days of being 85 y old** She survived Vie by 4 mo 23.

They were warmly attached to each other through life & soon united in the joys of heaven  
Thus are our Loved Ones passing away

Thurs 13 Cold & wintery. We were straightening up & puting things to rights.

**I have this record to make concerning our neighbors. They all seemed anxious & willing to render all the assistance that was needed for which we are very thankful**

Tues **25 Dec 1900 Christmas Day** Etta & Thurston spent the day at C B Jamesons.

George & I were at E.B.Jennings & I was at home alone in the eve

Wedns 26 Freezing some today. Thurston went to Town after his Pa this morning but the train did not bring him He helped Frank Bedell cut wood in the after-noon.

**George was moving the Engine & saw to cut wood.** I was at home seeing to things, **drawing water stalks to feed, spitting wood** etc

Thurs 27 Quite a breeze but a fine winter day. George was sawing wood at Hunspergers

Thurston helped Frank Bedell & I was doing chores & seeing to things .

**Drove up to the train after Bro George this evening Found him there this time**

Mon 31 Dec 1900 Wind N. with a light snow failing most of the day. I drove to Vassar with

**Bro George who is going to Detroit by R R** Thurston at home Geo at E.B.J **A few young folks met here to spend the even-g They watched the old year out and the new one in,**

**Thus closed the 19 century**

## **JANUARY 1901**

Ed. Note: This Diary Notebook is the last one in the series and contains an inscription:

**"Presented to Uncle Dan Stewart by Thurston Stewart and Ella Brown Dec 25-1900")**

Tues 1 Jan 1901 Pleasant but quite cold the windows were quite frosty this evening.

George was helping E B Jennings

Thurston & I were seeing to things at home Thus the 20th Century dawned upon us and not one person in 100,000 now living will see its close

Wedns 2 A clear fine day but quite cold. **Thurston helped George move the Saw** this fore-n  
They cut wood for ourselves in the after-n & Etta & I drove

up to Town. Paid F Adams for trade \$1.20 & E J Ofis.25 1.45  
Lent Etta Brown for a few days, cash 1.50

**John Sheridan died Tues Cause Typhoid Fever**

Frid 4 Jan 1901 A mild winter day. George & Thurston cut wood at Linns in the fore-n. George was at E B Jennings & Thurston at home in the after-n I staid indoors.

**Mable Huntzberger died this mornng. Diphtheria**

Sat 5 A cold air but a fine day. Thurston helped George move in the fore-n Help Mr Annabal cut wood with the Buzz Saw in P.M I was doing chores carrying water splitting wood etc. Mable Campbell spent the after-n here & Jos the evening Sab 6 Cloudy with snow in the after-n. George & I were out to Church Services

Thurston about **sick with a heavy cold &**

**Etta has been about used up the last week with severe pain in her stomach**

Thurs 24 Jan 1901 George had to come home from the swamp to go to Caro as **the Engine gave out**

Frid 25 Wind quite cold with flurries of snow. **Thurston was mending mittens & I was busy at various jobs**

Sat 26 Wind South cloudy in the fore-n. Com-ed snowing about 2 P.M The boys were cuting & drawing wood in the fore-n. We com-ed drawing in corn in the aftern but had to quit on acct of snow storm.

**Mrs Frank French was buried today Cause of death Cancer of the stomach**

Thurs 31 Jan 1901 Quite a rough day. The boys were **both indoors with heavy colds I was chore boy & man of all work today**

Sab 3 Feb 1901. **I was confined to the house with the gripp** Walter Johnson called this after-n

Mon 4 Quite a cold wintery day Wind N west. **George went to the swamp some 7 or 8 miles N. W of Town** to cut wood Thurston was up to Town & choreing the rest of the time as **I was not able to be out on acct of the gripp** I paid for sugar & bread by Thurston .

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Tues 5 Feb 1901 Pleasant but quite cold, **Thurston was out trying to collect for George** in the fore-n. **Drewed a load of wood** in the after-n **Chored the rest of the time** as I could not be out.

Etta came home this eve, Amy brought her Thurston went back with

Amy to get Ettas purse as she came home & left it

Wedns 6 Feb 1901 A passable winter day Thurston & Frank Bedell were cuting wood at E B Jennings.

**I am still tied to the house**

**Old Mrs Hinson was buried today Cause wore out.** She was

Thurs 7 Feb 1901 A pleasant winter day Thurston was churning took up a basket full of potatoes etc in the forn. Cut wood at E.B.J in P-M George came home from the swamp this fore-n

**Walter & Amy** came here about 11 oc A.M were here till bedtime.

**Lucinda** was here part of the after-n & eve. **I am still unable to work**

Thurs 14 Feb 1901 **Very cold night. Ther stood at 12 to 15 below zero according to location**

**Lucinda staid with us last night. [George later marries Lucinda ]**The boys were around home. I was up to Town part of the day. Pd Otis for Oatmeal & Lemons .18

Wedns 20 Feb 1901 A cold cloudy day with squalls of snow, wind N.W. & quite strong. Thurston came home from Frank Bedells this mornng.

I was piling up the shingle slabs George drewed yesterday a tedious job like piling loose shingles  
[ Family Marriage ]

**George & Lucinda Jennings went out to Caro today & were Married**  
**He was 21 the 3rd of last Dec She will be 21 the 24 of this month**

Nettie Raymer was here & spent the day with Etta

[ Since Dan's wife and mother died it appears that others have move into the home which he rents. This makes sense since his health is failing. He has been making a living by doing many labor jobs and farming but increasingly his health prevents him from doing this. George just married Lucinda so she will be living there also. Etta (Brown) is a younger cousin of his and he makes several references that she is back home meaning at his location. ]

Thurs 28 Feb 1901 Pleasant overhead but quite a cold air. George was up to Town in the fore-n.

I was out canvassing for Wall Paper in the after-n. **[ With his health problems selling is easier than heavy physical work and brings in money. ]** Thurston was helping Frank Bedell.

[Bedells at some point become cousins. Don't have that info yet. ] There **was some 25 of the young folks put up a surprise on Georges folks** this eve.

**[ In other words it was a surprise party for Lucinda Jennings now Lucinda Stewart. ]**

Sat 2 Mar 1901 A pleasant winter day. George went out to Vassar with a load of wheat for E.B.J.

Thurston came home this fore-n. **Sleighting to poor** I left home about 10 oc took Etta over to Mr Parkers. I staid till after dinner. **Called on Mr John Kirk on the way home, found him quite sick**

Mon 4 Thawed quite fast through the day Sunshine & shadow. Wind & snow squalls.

George was helping Joe Campbell Thurston at home this fore-n.

**Took Billy to Town & got his shoes sharpened & set** I paid the Bill .50

Lucinda & I done out **first washing today** finished washing. **Moping & house work** about 10.30

Well done for the first trial

Tues 26 Mar 1901 A fine day. George finished sawing at Perceys and moved the rig to Petershans.

[ **This may have been a portable steam driven saw** ]

Thurston was around home picking up & packing his things

[ **There is no indication why Thurston is leaving but he is a teenager and may either be working or just trying to be on his own.** ]

I was at home. Dug out a bushel of apples split wood.

Frid 29 Apr 1901 A pleasant spring day. I was at home doing a little of every thing  
Thurston & Walter was here after his trunk this eve. Thus the world goes **Thurston poor boy has started out all alone to make his way through the troubles & trials, joys & sorrows of life** & our Father in Heaven we pray thee go with him to guide & cheer him to comfort & keep him through life, & fit him for the joys of heaven when lifes course is run, **Farewell dear boy, farewell.**

[ **Don't know why Thurston moved out. But We can see that Dan misses him. And I can testify that Thurston at age 82 still spoke very highly of his Uncle Dan and Aunt Vie.** ]

#### **APRIL 1901**

Mon 1 A fine day. **We were attending Town Meeting today.** We got home around 4.30 this eve

Wedns 3 Apr 1901 A cold chilly east wind. George was helping get ready for an exhibition at the School House, this eve. I recd of Sm Brownell for tagging 63 sheep today .90

So cold I quit when I finished his flock **Attended an exhibition at the School House this eve, given by the young folks of the district**

Sat 13 Apr 1901 A fine spring day. **Lucinda was taken sick in the night.** George went after Dr Handy this mornng. Staid at the house today. I rode out to Vassar with Emorys boys. Pd Dr Holtz for med-e 1.00

Frid 26 A fine spring day. I was out toward the **Bay nearly to half way House trying to collect for wood sawing done by George last winter nearly made a failure of it** Took dinner at Elias Gibbs **fed the Horse also**

Sat 4 May 1901 A **light frost** last night. A fine day. I got over to Wm Blains about 9 oc Sheared & done the wool of 5 sheep in A.M Recd of Blairs for W paper \$1.37 Shearing.50 1.97

Drove over to shear for C.B. Jamesons after dinner but there was no man at liberty to help me I came home by Town Paid **for ice cream** .10 Repairs on harness.10 &Tobacco.10 Screws.02 32

The **old man Leitson was killed by falling off his wagon yesterday** afternoon **the wagon ran over him, Caused by a line breaking & he stept on the Whiffle trees to reach it when the team started & threw him under the wheels**

Sab 5 A fine day. **I did not go to Church as George wanted the horse**

Mon 16 A fine day. I drove to Mr Kings & Fairgrove & from there to Mark Hobarts & sheared sheep

Frid 7 Jun 1901 A strong cold west wind A person needed an over coat to ride I finished hearing for Elias Gibbs shortly before 11oc **but they would not let me start out until after dinner** He is Dr to tagging & shearing 27 head 2.16 [ **Act of Kindness** ]

George was **working out the sugar beets with a hand cultivator** & Clarence was planting potatoes

Thurs 27 Jun 1901 Exceedingly **warm to warm for man or beast to labor**. I was **turning grindstone mowing & choreing** Gorge got up a fine stack of hay today Carl Stoddard & Harry Honsinger were helping A great many reported overcome by heat yesterday Claimed that the ther run from 96 to I 00 in shade I 00 to 125 in sun Frid 28 **The most oppressive heat of the last 4 days**. I was making a gate for the stable door & raking up hay. George & his men were drawing & stacking

Frid 5 Jul 1901 Quite warm again today. We had a heavy rain about 5 P.M George **drew gravel**. I went **berrying** etc in the fore-n. We were **spreading raking & bunching hay** in the after-n Will got back at noon & E B helped in the after-n Sat 6 A pleasant day except a strong west wind George Harry & Will were **weeding beets** until 9.30 was spreading bunching & drawing hay the ball of the day.

Drew 40 loads to the B.

I was **churning, carrying water cutting grass to feed the Cows** over Sabbath besides other chores.

Was bunching & raking hay

Sab 7 Jul 1901 A fine day but quite a cold wave from the north. **I could not drive to Church as George had my harness**

Tues 9 Jul 1901 A fine day for labor. **I was raking up hay** after 9 oc George & Harry were bunching hay the most of the fore-n & Emory was running the mower. They drew 2 loads of hay in the fore-n & 5 in the after-n 6 loads of it growed on the 13 acre field S of the House Will has been at busy work these 2 past days

Wedns 10 Jul 1901 A fine day for business. I finished mowing this fore-n making 40 acres cut so far for hay. George Harry & EBJ were **drawing in hay part of the day. Helped cock up part of the after-n**. A fine shower this eve Will cultivate corn in the fore-n Bunched hay in P.M

Thurs 11 Jul 1901 A very fine day. **George was cultivating Sugar Beets** in the fore-n & **Will & I picked Berries about 2 hours. We got about 10 qts** George & Will put up hay & I picked berries in the after-n. Got about 8 qts. Harry Honsinger helped

E.B.Jennings shock wheat for Geo in the P.M Frid 12 A fine day. Harry George & Will were **putting up hay. I was picking Black cap Raspberries good luck** at it Sat 13 Jul 1901 Quite warm. The boys finished haying about 40 acres of it. I was

**Berrying** in the A.M Went to Caro in the after-n Pd Dr. L.50 for prescription Druggist.75 **A fine soaking I got**

Wedns 17 Jul 1901A very warm day. **I was picking cherries** in the fore-n & berries in P.M George & Will were cultivating & weeding beets & hoeing potatoes. George took his cow to **Amolds** this mornng Walter & Amy Jameson Joe Campbell & Thurston spent the evening with us. **Had some Ice Cream**

Thurs 18 Jul 1901 A fine day. Quite cool this mornng & eve. Will & I were picking cherries in the fore-n & I picked in the after-n & Will weeded beets George cultivated beets in the fore-n. **Attended a barn raising at Jas Arnolds** in the afternoon

Sab 28 Jul 1901 **Craig was killed by lightening Sat mornng**

14 Aug 1901 **Will attended Farmers Picnic at Gibsons**

Thurs 15 Aug 1901 Very warm. I com-ed doctoring with Dr G A Munch of the Detroit Medical &

Surgical Institute. I am to receive a 5 mo treatment for 35.00 for which he guarantees a cure or money refunded Office at Hotel Hazel Fairgrove. Paid him cash 3.00

Mon 19 Aug 1901 Several fine showers today. Sat in the house & watched it rain Georges folks [ meaning Lucinda Probably went with her parents ] were geting ready to **go to Buffalo in the mornng for Pan American [ This was the SS Pan American a steamship that did tourism on the great lakes ]** (Ed. note: We have a souvenir paper weight from this trip )

Sab 1 Sep 1901 A fine day. **George & Lucinda were off to an Indian Camp meeting** I attended Church. Thurston came home with me & staid a short time

Mon 2 Sep 1901 A fine day. George & team were helping R J Jameson thresh clover seed. I finished mowing around our clover field & done the chores. Will **was on the sick list**

Tues 3 A fine day. George & team were helping R J Jameson thresh clover seed.

I was churning thining turnips & several other jobs. **Will not flt to work.**

**Mr Colwell died Sabbath afternoon Funeral tomorrow at 10. oc**

**Disease hardening of the Liver & Kidney troubles**

**The smoke was so dense this eve it was a heavy fog. [ September 1901 We do not know what this was other than perhaps one of the big fires that swept the area in the 1800s]**

Mon 9 Sep 1901 Cold & cloudy this mornng light squalls of rain in the after-n The hay balers finished

**Georges hay this morning. Baled for E.B. the ball of the day I took Thurston up to the train this mornng. He is going to make a trip to Cleveland** Fare for the round trip by way of Saginaw 5.30

Thurs 12 Sep 1901 A light fall of rain last night showery & rainy like this mornng. Broke away after a while The boys **drawed their loads up here with double teams** this mornng so they would have a better chance to dry. Then George & I drove to Town. **Paid Dr Munch of Detroit for medicine 7.00 [expensive]**

This medicine was for myself George& Frank **took about 4 tons of hay to Akron.**

Sat 14 Sep 1901 A fine day for business. George made to trips to Akron with hay today. Will was cuting corn. I churned & cut corn in the fore-n. Repaired my corn horse, weeded out turnips for feed tomorrow, cut wood & also corn in P.M **[Thurston may have been in Cleveland when Pres was shot] President [ William ] McKinley died this morn-g at 2.15 His last words were, Good Bye all, good bye.**

Sat 21 Sep 1901 A fine day. George was helping Chas Hall thresh colver seed with team to draw in the fore-n. He helped Frank Luther thresh clover seed in the after-ns I **churned cut wood, pulled Mangles cut fodder** etc to last over to morrow in the fore-n. Cut corn in the afternoon George gave Will the bounce this mornng [ Had not been coming to work ] I lent George to pay Will this mornng 1.00

**Thurston came home with George last eve.** Staid a short time & went home Sab 22 Sep 1901 A fine day. I was out to Preaching & Sab School. Thurston came home with me from Church Went back to Calvins this evening

Mon 23 Sep 1901 A fine day. George & I were cuting corn on Emorys's today

**Sab 6 Oct 1901 A fine day. Once more I have been spared to behold the light of my Birthday making me 62 years old I bless & praise the Lord for all his goodness shown unto me, I was out to Church Services. Thurston came home with me.**

**George took him home this eve**

Mon 7 Oct 1901 A fine day. **Sugar beet harvest com-ed in earnest** with us this mornng

### NOVEMBER 1901

Frid 1 Nov 1901 A fine day A light spurt of rain last night, turned cooler this eve **We were moving** from E B Jennings house by the Cider Mill to the house on the farm. The boys **having rented it for 3 years** [Now we see **With Dan's illnesses the "boys" Thurston and George have taken it upon themselves to take things over. Dan still works a lot but his health is going down. Now he is paying for expensive medicine which may be worthless we don't know.**]

Sat 9 Nov 1901 A cold N wind. **George was over to C B Jamesons after Thurstons trunks & (?) & up to Town in the fore-n** Brought a load of Beets from the field toward eve. I was at various jobs

**Thurston came home this evening**

Sab 10 Pleasant but quite a cold air Wind S.W Thurston & I attended Church Mon 11

Rainy this mornng. George & Thurston started for the Beet factory

with 2 loads of Beets. Started about 2 oc A.M Got home around 10 A.M George husked & Thurston plowed in the after-n till stopt by the rain

Tues 12 Nov 1901 A cold chilly N wind. Some snow squalls & froze some in the after-n George **was diging potatoes.** Thurston was plowing etc & I was **pulling toping & piling Rootabegas**

Thurs 14 Nov 1901 **Cousin Mary Jameson had a tumor cut from her breast at Saginaw** this fore-noon

Thurs 19 Dec 1901 **Very frosty this mornng,** a fine day otherwise.

**George's folks had a 17 in girl born this mornng after a hard night of labor.**

We were tired & sleepy & to much running about to set ourselves to work. **The girl weighed 9 lbs (Ed. note: This baby girl was named Ruth Eivira Stewart and ultimately became my mother Richard Prior )** Frank Luther & Nellie Otis were married Tuesday P.M

**& Joe Campbell & Fannie McAlpine were married Wedns**



Sat 21 Dec 1901 About the coldest mornng yet **The Ther must have been as much as 10 or 12 deg below zero.**

### JANUARY 1902

Wedns 1 Jan 1902 A pleasant winter day. **Bro Geo Thurston & I held New Years at C B**

Jamesons Geo folks spent the day at home F Bedells here Bro Geo made each of us boys a present of \$25.00 in all 75.00

Paid Hall Gaylord for Money Order for Courier Herald 1.25

Thurs 2 Jan 1902A cold Chilly S Wind this mornng. The sun came out & thawed a while before & after noon, when the wind shifted to the N.W and com-ed freezing

#### **I took Bro Geo to Vassar to take the Cars for Detroit**

Thurston was doing chores Paid for horse feed.15&two loaves of rye bread .08 .23 Frid 3 Very cold this mornng with a strong N wind. George & Nettie were up to Town in the fore-n.

**I was churning & choering** in the fore-n up Town in the after-n to see Dr Munch.

**I did not have the money to pay for the medicine so he would not let me have it.**

Sat 11 Jan 1902 Froze up last night. A strong N. West wind with squalls of snow George helped Clas Hall bulcher 3 hogs I was **churning & banking, the chicken coop. Drove over to Watrousville Station after Bro George.** Back from Det-t

Mon 20 Jan 1902A mild winter day. George went to Caro after ice. **has got 168 large cakes** all told

Thurston was doing chores & seeing to things I helped wash in the fore-n Was picking up & packing my Satchel in the after-n **Thurston took Bro George & I to the depot this eve. Bro George to return to Alpena And I am going to Ray, Ind.**

**John & Eliza Morrow met us at Fairgrove going to Ray also. Thurston took home 1925 lbs soft coal**

Frid 24 Jan 1902 Quite mild winter weather I spent the past 3 days at Angs We attended Preaching

at the Line in the eve. Services by Chas Trumbell of Morning Sun, Iwoa. I went home with **Cousin May Duguid** They live a mile west of Fremont & 5 m from Church in Indiana

Sat 25 Quite mild thawed some **Called on old friends around Fremont in the fore-n Cousin May**

& I attended Church Services in P.M Ethel came home with us in eve

Tues 4 Mar 1902 A fine day. thawed some. **Bid the folks farewell & started for home'**

Angus took me to MtGomery after dinner. Walter met at MtG **We are going to stop at Reading over night.** Arrived on time. My fare to R .15 We took supper at Elmer Beckers, & spent the eve with Sq Carl, will stay all night

Wedns 5 A fine spring day. A cold air. **Bid the friends farewell & started for the train.**

Walter kept me Co **until the train left which soon separates friends no matter how dear to each other**

**Left Reading about 8.30 Arrived Jax about 10.30. Arrived in Sag about 3.30** Fare from **MiGomery to Saginaw** 4.25

Left **Saginaw for Fairgrove** at 4.45 Met Thurston at the train. Fare from Sag .65  
Paid Mrs Jainees Handley for a Brahma Cock .50 Got him the Monday before I  
started home

Thurs 6 A fine day. Lucinda & I were out to Caro. Paid for our dinner & horse feed .65  
Recd of Bro Archy a draft on N.Y for 136.40 the ball due me from Uncle Dani estate I  
recd \$50.00 from Archy last fall. Total\$186.40

Tues 11 Mar 1902 **A thunder storm last night** very cloudy the most of the time with rain again  
this eve. I was doing chores, **husking corn** & up to town with Lucinda The boys were cutting &  
skidding stuff for wood

Wedns 12 Thurston **was oiling & sewing harness** I bought of Wood & McLuney a single  
harness

Paid them for the same 11.50

Frid 14 Mar 1902 **Him & Lu attended a Gleaner aid this eve**

Sat 15 Mar 1902 A fine spring day. I was busy doing chores. Getting ready for Company &  
visiting in the fore-n. **Made 2 hog troughs repaired a wash tub** etc in the afternoon.

**The boys went up to the Train after Warren Wife & girl this fore-n.**

[probably Warren Mann ½ brother to George and Thurston son of Clara Warren's  
daughter was Murza Mann]

Wedns 26 Mar 1902 A fine day quite a strong S. East wind. Thurston was plowing George &  
Jay were drawing corn in the stalks in the fore-n **The boys were fighting fire on R J Jameson s  
the most of the after-n.** George took E.B. Jennings & part of his saw to Caro afterwards

Sab 13 Apr 1902 Quite a cold chilly wind I was laid up with a heavy cold Georges folks were out  
to Church this eve Maude MtGomery left us this mornng without cause or provocation Thurs  
when Lu & I were at Caro a Mr Bliss & Mrs Dorser came here & hired her. [Perhaps Maude  
was a nanny for the baby because all of a sudden Old Dan is pressed into this service.]

Tues 15 Apr 1902 A fine spring day. **There was a heavy frost last night.** Thurston **finished  
drilling oats** shortly after dinner Plowed for Beet: the bal of the day. Geo was working on his  
building. **I was having flashes chills & fever & about sick all day. I sowed 5 a of clover seed  
for the boys**

Wedns 16 A fine spring day. Thurston was plowing for Beets. George was driving over the  
country looking for a girl to hier. [ Perhaps Maude who had quit for another job may have been  
a nanny for the baby because all of a sudden Old Dan is pressed into this service even while he  
was sick.] **I was taking care of the baby nursing the grip** etc.

Sab 20 Apr 1902 A fine day. Georges folks were out to Church mornng & eve. Thurs was at  
home with me as **I was not able to be out Dr Smith was here to see me today** Cr by the same  
1.25

Wedns 23 Apr 1902 They **planted their early potatoes** about Put up a grist in the after-

n. I was tending the baby & nursing the grip [ **But it appears that old Dan may have been getting worse as ]**

George went after **Dr Handy last night to come to see me this mornng.** Thurston had to go to his place after medicine after dinner.

Tues 29 Apr 1902 George was at a barn raising at Ed Pikes & **Thurston cultivated in the rain.** I was cleaning the hens nests & fixing up for seting hens

Wedn 30 Apr 1902 A pleasant day, a cold air The boys were working up the Beet ground. **George went to Town on the Wheel after dinner.** I was trying to do a little tinkering, grinding tools

Thurs 1 May 1902 A fine fore-n but got quite cool toward eve. The boys were working up their Beet ground.

George Annabal was draging for the boys with the team in the after-n.

**George went after Dr Handy for Lucinda this morning** I was making a Wheel Borrow to day George drove up town this evening **Set 5 hens today**

Mon 5 May 1902 A fine spring day. went to Caro **after a Beet drill.** I went up to Dr Handys after

medicine for myself. Paid for the same .50

I just got started back home when I met **Thurston coming post haste after the Dr for Lucinda.** Cause of trouble indigestion

Sab 11 May 1902 **Ice nearly as thick as window glass this mornng** a fine day.

**I could not go to Church on acct of coughing so bad.**

The **Jersey heifer calved this eve. Bull calf**

Mon 12 A fine day. **The boys fited & sowed 5 acres of Beets today making 10 acres**

(Tues 27 May 1902 )- **1 was out to see Dr Handy this fore-n Pd for med.50**

Wedns 28 May 1902 A cold air but pleasant **Thurston was draging for Mr Annabal at Hunspergers.**

Geo & Lu were out to Caro in the fore-n & up to Town in the after-n. **The boys recd for a small 2 yr old hiefer 25.00**

Frid 30 May 1902 A very fine day. **Thurston was plowing for beans. &**

**George was cultivating Sugar Beets. I was shearing for Jake Lehman and doing the castrating of Calves lambs & pigs Recd Pay 1.50**

Wedns 4 Jun 1902 **George & Lu went out to Saginaw to attend their Cousin Wills funeral. Thurston & I attended Ringling Bro show at Saginaw. Fare & ticket 1.15**

**Some one picked my pocket this eve** just as I was going into the car They took my wallet with some 2.00 more

Sab 8 Jun 1902 A fine day. **I could not go to Church as my cough was so bad** Hattie came home this evening

Wedns 11 Jun 1902 Pleasant but cool & cloudy this mornng. Lent George & Thurston for a short time cash 16. The boys were fiting the ground & planting potatoes. **I was hardly fit to be up**

Frid 20 Jun 1902 A fine day. **I was not able to do anything but chores**

Mon 23 **Quite cold this morning a light frost** a pleasant fore-n Showery in the after-n. The boys worked Beets in the fore-n tinkered in the after-n I went to Mill in the fore-n **Paid Dr Hamilton by George for medicine** this eve .25 My old cow calved last night Gray heifer calf

Sab 29 Jun 1902 A pleasant day cool air Thurston was out to Church but **I was not abel to attend**

Frid 4 A very heavy rainstorm this fore-n Very warm in the after-n. The boys **were building a barn bridge & several other jobs** The folks **except me** went to Caro this eve

Sat 5 Jul 1902 A fine summer day. The boys were cultivating corn & beets. Carl helped in the after-n I was out to Caro this fore-n. Paid for a bottle of Shoops Coffective 1.00

by George got this last Wedns mornng I paid for a course of **medicine** put up by the Sipes Medical of Indianapolis Ind 5.00 Sent by Exopress to Caro. Pd charges for the same .40

Sab 6 A fine summer day **Thurston was so bad off with hay fever he could not go to church & I was not able to attend**

Wedns 9 Jul 1902 Quite a heavy rain last night & this mornng. Too wet for farm-g The boys **went a berrying in the after-n & got wet to the hide.**

**Got some 10 qts in a short time**

Thurs 10 A fine day The boys were **shaking out & curing hay & recocking** Clarence Jennings & Carl were helping part of the day. All cocked that was cut

Mon 14 Jul 1902 A fme fore com-ed raining between 2 & 3 o clock. The boys were cuting making & drawing hay until stopt by the rain.

**Thurston took me up to see Dr Smith last eve He is Cr by medicine 1.25**

Sab 20 Jul 1902 Sunshine & showers. **I was not able to attend Church as I cannot travel** alone, Thurston could not wear his shoe & sore toe

Mon 21 Jul 1902 Sunshine & rain until about 2 oc No farming done today. George & Lu drove over to Akron in the afternoon

Mon 28 Jul 1902 A fine day. The boys were diging potatoes & fixing up things Dug 17 bush to take to Town Brother George arrived here from Alpena this mornng. George met him at the train

Tues 29 Jul 1902 A fine summer day George went to Bay Clty with 17 bush of fine early potatoes

nice & dry Market flooded. Sold them for .35 cts pr bush 5.95

**Thurston drawing rails & fencing garden fences so as to keep the hogs out of the garden.**

Ed. Note: Thus ends "Uncle Dan's Journal" He obviously was quite sick and had been consulting several doctors for months, and taking much medication. His hand writing for the last several weeks was deteriorating quite rapidly. He probably died shortly after this time, but the records of burial were burnt up in a fire in the Brookside (Fairgrove, Mich.) Cemetery caretakers house fire in 1921, and the grave is unmarked. No other records are known of Uncle Dan, other than a report that Thurston (still a minor under 21) had to have his brother George L. Stewart appointed his guardian in February 1905, when the real father George E. Stewart of Alpena died in 1904. This would seem to presume that Uncle Dan, who had raised Thurston virtually all of his life must have died previous to George L. Stewart's death. There are no records at the Tuscola County Clerks office on Uncle Dan.

### **Shooting Star**

Sat 23 **The ther stood 14 below zero this mornng. 20 above at noon & zero in the eveg.** I was shoveling out to the woods cutting & drawing wood. Drove over to Angs toward eveg. There was a singular sight last eveg. Shortly after the moon rose there was **a bright streak of light across the moon** shooting toward the horizon & zenith and about 15 deg to the north & south of it. **There was a very bright light (slightly curved) the color of the rainbow.** They lasted about an hour. The light from the moon **looked like the reflection of fire on the sky** when seen from a distance.

Wens 23 Jan 1889 Vi & I attended **David Logans mfair [marriage fair]** at his Fathers. **He was married last Mon-y eve to a Miss Peice.**

Frid 23 Apr 1894 Pleasant but quite cold. I was at home **There was a very fine display of N Lights this eveg It was red & white flash lights formed in the sky formed in the shape of a dome right in the zenith [NORTHERN LIGHTS]** Sat 24 **The coldest night of the season so far the Ther 12** below zero this mornng. A fine day

### **Cow calved Bull calf**

Tues 7 A pleasant day but cold air. We were at work on clearing in the fore-n The boys all day. **[ Runaway horse dragging child APRIL 1896 ]**

**As I was starting out to work after dinner, I heard a cry grief from the direction of Chas Halls looking in that direction I beheld a horse sailing over the field with a child fast to it by a leg in the lines The horse ran nearly 2 miles before we got it stopt The body was badly bruise & leg broken I arm & shoulder Mrs Jennings & I captured the horse after it ran to the School. We took it back to their place** Wedns 8 I sat up at Chas Halls last night & staid the most of the fore-n. George went up to Wm Fosters after a load of our Mangles in the fore-n. We unloaded them & cut wood in the afternoon

Thurs 9 A cold east wind & cloudy in the morn. Com-ed raining about 10 oc **Mr Halls boy was buried today. Vi & I staid at the house with others.**

**In after-n. I took a ride on the hand car this mornng**

### **The story of Daniel J Stewart.**

Daniel J Stewart was the first child of Angus Stewart and Elvira Selfridge.

Daniel J<sup>3</sup> Stewart, born October 6, 1839 in Covington Wyoming Co NY; died Abt. 1903 in Fairgrove MI. He married Elvira Margaret Ball; born May 20, 1843 in Winfield, DuPage, ILL; she died July 15, 1900 in Fairgrove MI.

Daniel's father Angus died when Daniel was only twelve. As the oldest son he tried to do his share.

I was told that he did not have much education. He may have had a couple years in a one room school we don't know and there are no records we have found so far. When his father died he probably had to leave school and work on the farm. We do not know the circumstances of his fathers death. With some further research we may at least find when they left New York.

Mr French buys the farm from a Mr J J Stewart year Dan's mother Buys the farm from Mr French

Daniel Stewart turns up in California Michigan in 1872 running his mother's farm. Although the oldest book starts in 1868 it only shows that date on one page then there are come accounting numbers and then the real diary starts in the same book with the entry Daniel J Stewart Diary Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1872 . You will find that in my book starting with page 6601 Diaries from the beginning.

While in California Michigan His Brother George gives them George L Stewart to raise and when Daniel Thurston Stewart was born in Daniel J Stewarts farm house in 1884 they were given both George and Thurston to raise. Dan and his wife vie Elvira (called Vi throughout the books) had no children of their own. Why they did not is unknown except that since Dan and his wife were first cousins they may have decided to not have children. This is unknown. (Aunt Vie as she was called) died July 15, 1900 at age 57 in Fairgrove. She had been ailing since at least May and feeling very tired the days prior to her death. Daniel J was a farmer working both his own land and also hired out to others to bring in extra money. He was a member of the "National Christian Temperance Union and pledge to abstain from all Intoxicating Liquors as Beverage."

The 1900 federal census shows: June 5, 1900 in Fairgrove #53 Stewart, Daniel Jf born October 1839 age 60

married 39 years born in NY, his father born in NY, his mother born in NY. He was a day laborer with 2 months unemployment, no education but could read & write, lived in a rented house. His wife Elvira M was living, born May 1843 in Ill, had no children, was age 57, her father and mother

were born in NY, she could red and write. D. Thurston born May 1884 then age 16 lived there occupation farm

laborer. George L age 21b Tx occupation sailor lived there. [ There is no evidence he was actually ever a sailor]

And Elvira Dans mother born Dec 1817 age 84 a widow who had 5 children four still living, she was born in NY as was her father, her mother was born in Vermont. S363 v73 ed114 sheet 3 line 28

Elvira was a member of the Covenanter Church. After selling the farm to Uncle John Selfridge in 1889 for \$3,630 they moved to Fairgrove MI several hundred miles NE.

Daniel is buried at Brookside cemetery at Fairgrove MI Next to his wife Vi where there is now a stone. The location was found thru pictures and record of the purchase of Vi's plot.

Unfortunately the cemetery records of these actual burials were burned in the caretakers house fire.

### **Here is the account of Vie's death from Daniel J Stewart's Diary July 1900**

Tues 10 Cloudy with a light sprinkle of rain about noon Faired up in an hour or so I helped E B Jennings

3 1/2 h hay-g Dr to the same .40 Thurston helped C B Jameson 2 days

Wedns 11 A fine day. Thurston & I were at home. He was spraying potatoes cultivating corn went to Town etc. Dr Avery was here to see Vie again but can give us no encouragement & say every symptom is against her. She undress & went to bed this aftern. Mrs Campbell, Rose & R J Jameson are going to stay all night with us

Thurs 12 A fine day. I was helping take care of Dear Vie. She is feeling rather worse today. Thurston was cultivating corn & potatoes Cousin Mary, John, Eliza Morrow are going to stay with us tonight

Frid 13 Quite warm. I was helping take care of Vie She complains a great deal of being very tired, tired oh so tired Thurston finished cultivating & drove up Town this eveg

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#### Location of houses

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For those doing research on this family here is what genealogy I have uncovered so far.

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- 7 v. Duncan Stewart, born May 14, 1847 in Covington NY; died 1847 in Covington NY.

### *Generation No. 3*

**5. George Elliot<sup>3</sup> Stewart** (Angus<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>) (Source: His son's statment.) was born August 9, 1843 in Covington Wyoming Co NY, and died December 7, 1904 in Alpena MI. He married **Clara Mann** (Source: Her son's statement.) Abt. 1878 in TX, daughter of William Reed and Charlet Stanton. She was born February 14, 1854 in Corpus Christi TX, and died November 15, 1928 in Indianapolis Ind. Notes for George Elliot Stewart: Narrative on George Elliot Stewart. His father died when he was only seven. He managed to get some education. I had a copy of his BA degree from Hillsdale College which reads "Praeses et Cnratores Collegii Hillsdalis Reipublicae Michiganiensis, OMNIBUS AD QUOS PRAESENTES LITERAE PERVENERINT, S.P.D.; Scitoto Georgium E. Stewart eptimis Disciplinis et Artibus adec studaisse et dignus rideatui cui piacmica laudis usitata defeiantui Quamcliem nos PRAESES et CURATORES Collegii Hillsdalis, cundem Georgium E Stewart artium liberaliam BACCALAUREUM ununciavimus atgue constituimus eique virtute hiyus Diplomatis singulis Turibus Privilegiis et Honoribus ad Prinium Gradum in artibus abivis pertinentibus fiuendi potestatem detulimus. Datum er acdibus academicis die XIV Kal Jul Anno domini MDCCCLXX Jame Caleler Piaeses F V Reynold Scriba." In English George received a BA degree S.P.D. in College of Liberal Arts with honors. on 16 July 1870. He later became a teacher of the blind. He may have served in the civil war as he was appointed to the office of County Judge of Kimble County TX on July 28, 1878. The family legend has it that he rode horseback over three county area as a circuit judge. Dorothy Arnold claims someone made a movie about him based on his wife's book the Burnhams. During this time as judge he came across a young divorced Mrs. B. L. Mann first name of Clara and married her about 1878. George Lionell was born in 1879. In early 1884 the family moved to California MI. I am in possession of a short diary which may have been his indicating a person not in good health. This fits into the family legend that George suffered from poor health. He and Clara did not get along very well. They dumped their kids off on George's brother Dan J Stewart and his wife Elviria who did not have children of their own. It appears that they did very little for their kids and especially very little for Thurston. My mother Dorothy who was

Thurston's daughter indicated that George and Clara helped both Warren Mann and George L get an education but left out Thurston. Dorothy also stated that he was so mad at his father that he broke the glass on his fathers picture in about 1952. or so. George traveled a lot and so did Clara. They probably did so sometimes together sometimes separately. It is unknown why George left Texas. Clara seems to have spent time in Cleveland, and New London Conn. She had come from a wealthy family. In later years George was a salesman. He belonged to the Michigan Knights of the Grip.

As his great grandson I know that my grandfather Thurston talked very little about his father or mother. He spoke mainly about Uncle Dan J Stewart and Aunt Vie who raised him. This may explain the wrong grandparent information on George's death certificate. After all he was not raised by his father or mother. As his historian I can say that there is very little to go on regarding this person. The only surviving items that he wrote are as follows:

In a little memory book given by his wife Clara to his son Thurston he wrote "Thurston D Stewart Read Solomon's Proverbs, think them over, then re-read them, afterward choose your companions. You will find then that you have no tattlers, no deceivers, no sloths, in your list, and some others your will readily find names for, and none whose steps lead down to death. Alpena Dec 31 - 1899" On another page he wrote "Thurston: Today you are standing on the threshold of a new Century - long before its close you will be called away, and life's work left - whether done or undone. Then buckle on the harness and be manly, be brave, be noble. It is your time now; then rise up to the task. 'So live, that when thy summons comes, to join the innumerable caravan that moves to the pale realms of shade, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go, not like the quarry stone oh might scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave, like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to peaceful dreams. your father G. E. Stewart Fairgrove Jany 1st 1901"

And on one other page he wrote "Thurston: There are two vacant chairs, before the hearth - stone, where in early childhood you played the long day through and caught the first glimpses of the world that lay outside. Do you carry, day by day, the memory of those who have gone? Do you hear their words speaking to you? or bye, [could be Aye] perhaps, in the still hour, when you are separate from the world, -lo -ing [yes it clearly reads lo - ing] patient, heavenly, you will see their glorified faces, beseeching & beckoning you onward and upward, then may you, my dear boy, have the wisdom to act wisely and nobly. Your father, Fairgrove Jany 14 1901"

Even though he had had time and he was an educated person, he did not record the family history or write anything else for as a legacy for his grandchildren.

George died in Alpena MI Dec 7 1904 of apoplexy age 63. The Alpena Hospital certificate shows the name as George E. Stuart, married, married at age 35, father of 2 children. His son "Thurston Stuart" then a minor gave George's place of birth as New York, George's father as Daniel Stuart born in Scotland and George's mother as Margaret E. Straud born in Scotland, Thurston was the source but he actually probably did not know who they were as he had not been raised by him and these names are Wrong. George's occupation was that of an agent. Thurston took care of the arrangements. Thurston mentioned to me that he rode with the casket on the train to Fairgrove and before the service noticed that his fathers mouth came open. He used a toothpick to keep it closed. George is buried at Brookside Cemetery Fairgrove Michigan lot 261 8s, 2e SE section. Clara joined him there in 1928. Notes for Clara Mann: Clara Stewart born 1854 was Clara Alice Reed (Summerville, Burnham) Mann, Stewart, Bissell, Kincaid She was born Clara

Alice Reed Somerville February 14, 1854 Corpus Christy Texas. Her Step father is believed to be William Alexander Reed, her mother is believed to be Charlotte Stanton. Her mother's father is believed to be Thurston Stanton. Clara's stepfather was believed to be Alexander Summerville. The person who did most of the research on her was Murza Mann her granddaughter and the above is what her notes stated. Many Letters were found in her papers to and from Cousin Jennie Jerome mother of Winston Churchill. The link I found to her was that her ninth mother back was Margaret Reed. Of course there could be closer links but I don't have the hundreds of hours it would take to find them. This means that we are distantly related to Winston Churchill the great Leader of England during World War II. and the Duke of Marlborough. The family legend has it that Clara was born on a ship going to Corpus Christy. Thurston her son stated that her father owned a large plantation at mouth of a river. At first it was assumed to be located at Corpus Christi TX but other research by Murza Mann indicated that it may have been near Robert E Lees home in Stratford VA or Reedville near the Potomac River that flows into Chesapeake Bay. He lost 6000 head of sheep in the first devastating flood about 1864. It was reported that Warren Mann (who was not a religious man) was visibly shaken when visiting Robert E



Lee home near Stratford VA. He stated that his mother had appeared to him and stated that she was glad he had visited her people's place or something that meant she had close ties to, or memories of Stratford Hall and the Lees. Stratford Hall is north of Williamsburg VA.

On her first visit to Colonial Williamsburg on hearing about the Peyton Randolph House, and the St George Tucker House Murza stated that "Those are names in my Grandma's papers." There is a town of Reedville on Chesapeake Bay. Clara's parents may have roots in Virginia, Connecticut, Texas and Louisiana. There were three separate family notes that mention Reed, Summerville and Burnham as part of Clara's past. These were scraps of paper that were found in the Richard Prior family, the Murza Man family and the Thurston Stewart family that point to but do not prove some kind of connection. The unfortunate fact is that Clara either did not record her family history or it has been lost.

Book found in Clara's possession had "Genealogical Records of Thomas Burnham the Emigrant who was among the early settlers at Hartford, Connecticut, U. S. America, and His Descendants. second Edition by Roderick H. Burnham Hartford Conn. Hartford" The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. Print 1884. This book was given to Mrs. George Elliot Stewart by the author Dec 25 1884. At the end of her book is a poem that says that the Burnhams were from Danish Normandy, to Saxon Villages of Burnam England, Turneys Murnic War Hartfield Court, to New England. This book shows on page 182 that Thomas Burnham born 1771 of E Hartland Conn who died 1854 married Phebe Fairchild and had a daughter they named Loe who was born Mar 12, 1795 who married Lothrop Reed in 1820. Also on page 167 Timothy Burnham born 1773 in Hartford Conn who died in 1815 whose widow Lydia Tucker married Justus Reed of E, Windsor or Torrington in Aug 7, 1816. This doesn't prove a connection to Clara but is interesting because Somewhere the Reed family was a William Alexander Reed who Murza Mann declared as Clara's father. So unless and until other substantial records are found we will not know. But the hope is that someone working on a family history in the future will discover records and publish them. It is not of any great importance that we know other than it brings a minor form of happiness to have solved the mystery of one's heritage. Does the fact that she wrote a book named Burnhams and that she was given a book about them indicate anything other than an acquaintance, friendship with them? Was she a Burnham cousin? Not proven. It appears that her family was fairly well to do.

She stated she had Southern blood meaning she was raised in the south. Whether or not she ever went to Colonial Williamsburg we do not know. She was reportedly born at Corpus Christy Texas. Some how she met and married Benjamin Lincoln Mann of Galveston TX and they had a son Warren Walter Mann born Jan 1875 in Galveston Texas. Warren had a daughter Murza whose daughter Valerie A Lauder is her historian.

Benjamin Lincoln Mann was born in Hanover Mass Apr 19 1812 the graves for his parents had a GAR marker but his daughter was a member of the United Daughters of Confederacy. Clara was reportedly his fourth wife. According to records of the New Orleans Westminster Presbyterian church: B.L. Mann married Clara Alice Sommerville on March 4 1874. This record also states Clara A (Reed) Somerville born Feb 14, 1854 at Corpus Christi Texas. Ben Mann had been one of the richest men in the South but had a crooked partner who took the money. He had dealings in Galveston and New Orleans Louisiana. Warren Mann visited the plantation there where her Clara's sister still lived. Murza found a note about Metarie Plantation in Louisiana. Later Clara divorced him. We do not know why. He was nearly blind and later was buried in a pauper's field.

Murza Man stated that he appeared to her when she was a little girl while she was visiting with her grandmother Clara at her house in Indianapolis Ind. He appeared as a well dress distinguished man but was partly transparent. Her house was a red brick house had a room like a chapel. Clara would clean up and dress up special to visit this room.

After some time Clara met a traveling Circuit judge George Elliot Stewart. George had been appointed by the County Commissioners Court and R. B. Hubbard Governor to the office of County Judge of Kimble County on 29 July 1878 in the independence of the United States of America the One Hundred third and to Texas the Forty Third year by I. G Searey Secretary of State and R. B Hubbard Governor State of Texas. She married Judge George E. Stewart about 1879 probably in Austin TX. Their son George Lionell Stewart was born December 3, 1879 in Austin Texas.

Clara and George moved to California in southern Michigan in 1884 where Daniel Thurston Stewart was born on May 24 1884 in a farmhouse on 1229 Haight Rd. Clara sold bibles and books to support family. I was reported by Ruth Stewart that Clara suffered from headaches. And George had times of bad health. We know they

visited Fairgrove Michigan which was located more in the middle of Michigan. Clara sold Bibles and George was a traveling salesman when he died in Alpena Michigan in Dec 9, 1904. They had been married 25 years.

Clara wrote a book 1882 while still in Texas titled "The Burnhams or The Two Roads". It was a novel about life in New York and Texas. Then with help of Jos W. Stewart revised it published in 1883. Publisher G. W. Carleton & Co., Publishers New York, London: S. Low & Co MDCCCLXXXIV. It had a quote on the title page that stated Let those love now who never loved before; Let those that always loved now love the more." Parnell, Pervigilium Veneris. Writer Mrs. George Eliot Stewart. 760 pages long. The book was dedicated to Francis Murphy The Great Apostle of Gospel Temperance. Mr. Murphy was a leader in the National Christian Temperance Union. "With malice towards none, and charity for all. They had many men sign a pledge to abstain from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage and encourage all others to also abstain. She also wrote poems and short stories.

After George died she may have married a wealthy man by the name of Bissell who rumor has it killed himself. Legend has it that she had four husbands.

She later married David L. Kincaid about 1905 and moved to Indianapolis Ind. She later became a D.O. She died a widow in Indianapolis Ind. Nov 15, 1928 at age 65. She was buried in Brookside cemetery Fairgrove Michigan next to her husband of 25 years George Stewart.

Time line on Clara: Born Texas but has ties to New England. Travels a lot.

Marries B. L. Mann in 1879 New Orleans LA. Lives in Texas.

In 1881 Mrs. George E Stewart has her picture taken on 8th Ave in New York

Clara moved to California in southern Michigan in 1884 where Daniel Thurston Stewart was born on May 24 1884 in a farmhouse on 1229 Haight Rd. Not too long after that George turns up in Michigan.

In 1890 she is with Warren Mann in Saginaw Michigan.

In 1896 she is in Cleveland Ohio on Dec 26, 1896. per dedication in Thurston's memory book.

In 1897 Daniel Thurston Stewart is in Fairgrove, now age 13 living with Uncle Dan and Aunt Vie.

In 1899 Thurston is told to read the proverbs by mom or dad in Alpena Michigan.

In 1900 Thurston attending Coventry Church in Fairgrove Michigan

In 1901 George visits Thurston in Fairgrove Jan 14, 1901

In 1902 Clara has her picture taken in New London Conn. on Feb 26.

On December 7 1904 George E Stewart dies in Alpena Michigan. Thurston is living in Fairgrove. There is a petition to have his brother appointed as his guardian as he is under age.

Picture from Frank Buck Hotel in Alpena dated 1905.

It is believed Clara went to Cleveland and then to Indianapolis Indiana. Clara married a man by the name of Bissell She moves to Indianapolis.

Ruth has her picture taken in Indianapolis Indiana. It is assumed she is visiting Clara.

Clara marries doctor David L. Kincaid about 1905. We still need to find the record of the marriage.

Thurston and his wife Flossie move to Indianapolis. A postcard shows them there in 1907.

In 1907 Clara presents Thurston and Flossie Stewart with a bible on May 20 signed from Clara Bissell Kincaid Indianapolis Ind.

In 1909 Flossie and Thurston still in Indianapolis as shown by postcard.

By 1910 Thurston and Flossie living in Oxford Michigan working for Brace Beamer the actor who played the Lone Ranger. In 1919 they are in Pontiac Michigan.

Clara becomes a D.O.

As far as the evidence shows Clara remains in Indianapolis until her death Nov 15, 1928 in Indianapolis. Is buried in at Brookside Cemetery in Fairgrove Michigan next to George Stewart Plot S. E. 261. I am placing a marker there where I believe Clara, George, Daniel J Stewart and Elvira Margaret Ball are buried.

Children of George Stewart and Clara Mann are:

- + 8 i. George Lionell<sup>4</sup> Stewart, born December 3, 1879 in Austin Tx; died November 3, 1951 in Lakewood OH.
- + 9 ii. Daniel Thurston Stewart, born May 24, 1884 in California MI; died June 25, 1966 in Mt Clemens MI.

**6. Angus<sup>3</sup> Stewart** (Angus<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>) was born September 14, 1845 in Covington Wyoming Co NY. He married **Martha Jameson** 1875 in Branch Co MI, daughter of John Jameson and Leah

Dickson. She was born December 1847 in Ohio, and died in St Louis? buried in. Notes for Angus Stewart: Narrative on Angus Stewart b1845. He grew up on his fathers farm where his father died when he was only six years old. His mother purchased an eighty acre farm from John French and his wife Margaret on Sept 2 1867 (2 9 400 600 township 12-8-5) Note French's father or brother had purchased that farm from a " J. J. Stewart." His mother sold a farm through her son Daniel J Stewart to their uncle John A. Selfridge of Jonesville MI on Jan 29, 1889 for \$3,630. The 1880 Census taken in June shows in California Michigan an Angus Stewart age 33 his wife Martha age 31, son George age 4 and an unnamed female baby. Also living there was Seah Jameson his wife's mother who was born in PA, Phebe Jameson age 34 his wife's sister and an Elenor age 35. Martha is buried in St Louis.

George an artist married Helen or Nellie moved to Denver Colorado and lived at 2152s. Downing or Dowining St He lived there in the 1950's. In 1952 he made a trip with Daniel Thurston Stewart and visited his fathers grave in a cemetery in Montgomery MI. They had a son William A Stewart who was a PFC in the army and visited DTS on 8-1-53 The name Tom was mentioned in the visit by DTS who was ill at the time and didn't allow him to stay long in fear of giving him the flu.

The 1900 census of California MI page 7 line 28 shows Angus age 54 occupation day laborer, could read and write, living in a rented house with wife Martha who was born Dec 1847 age 52, married 24 years of three children only one was living as of June 1900, she was born in Ohio both of her parents were born in Penn. The soundex code is S363.

Children of Angus Stewart and Martha Jameson are:

- + 10 i. George E<sup>4</sup> Stewart, born April 21, 1876 in Branch Co MI; died April 1964 in CO.
- 11 ii. Mary A Stewart, born April 19, 1880.
- 12 iii. Unknown Stewart, born June 10, 1885.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**8. George Lionell<sup>4</sup> Stewart** (George Elliot<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) was born December 3, 1879 in Austin Tx, and died November 3, 1951 in Lakewood OH. He married **(1) Lucinda Edith Jennings** February 20, 1901 in Caro MI, daughter of Emory Jennings and Margaret Bedell. She was born February 24, 1880 in Fairgrove MI, and died November 3, 1971 in St Charles MI. He met **(2) Margaret Alice Burch** Abt. 1903 in Cleveland ? OH. She was born September 12, 1878 in N. Fairfield OH, and died June 27, 1952 in Rocky River OH. Notes for George Lionell Stewart: George first married Lucinda Edith Jennings dau of Emory B Jennings of Fairgrove on Feb 20, 1901 at the Evangelical Church at Caro MI. They had a daughter Ruth Elvira Stewart b Dec 19, 1901 at Fairgrove MI. Ruth had a son Richard Prior b 1927 who married Carol Fogt of Fenton. Richard became a Doctor and was researching the family history. After his daughter Ruth was born for some unknown reason George left the family and established a new identity and life in near Cleveland Ohio. He changed his name to "Stuart" He married Margaret Alice Burch (b Sep 12, 1878 in N Fairfield Ohio died June 27, 1952 Rocky River Ohio) They had a daughter named Margaret who lived at 1334 Beach Ave Lakewood Ohio near Cleveland. She married Richard A Strouse. The Strouse family later moved to Plant City Florida, near Ft Meyers and had a house on a canal. Dick had a job in real estate. The Strouses know TDS as Uncle Thurston. Ruth was in attendance at George's death and stated that, "He died a terrible tortured death and wanted to tell her something but Alice wouldn't allow it. This caused George great anguish on his death day." George died Nov 3 1951 of a hemorrhage at Lakewood OH is buried in Lakewood Park Cemetery Rocky River Ohio lot 628-6. Notes for Lucinda Edith Jennings: Ruth reported that her mother Lucinda had a psychic sense that she was sometimes able to foretell events, letters coming etc. Ruth told how one day in the morning Lou was very disturbed and distraught but wouldn't talk. Finally she stated that a white car was going to kill a relative that day. Later as the family was sitting on the porch Lou stood up and pointed at a white car coming in the distance and stated that is car 13. Couple minutes later there was a terrific accident at the corner crossing and a member of the family was killed. Lou cried. I was assured that this was a true story being personally told this by Aunt Ruth while working on this family history. I was in my thirties at the time so she had no reason to entertain me. Long after Ruth was born and Ruth's dad deserted them she married Jesse Bennet, then Bert McFall of Brant MI and after he died she had married Bristol Burgess who died in 1858. In 1934 they lived on a farm 3-4 miles southwest of Brant Mich. They moved to St Charles Mich. They traveled a lot saw Chicago Fair, Florida, California. Both buried at Brant cemetery.

I do remember going with my mother and her father Thurston Stewart to visit Aunt Lou and Mr Bristol. Aunt Lou who was a wonderfully pleasant and warm person. I remember her home in St Charles Michigan filled with

interesting nicknaks, an old piano, a big swing in the yard, and good cooking. There was a sort of long dirt drive along the side of what now is remembered as a somewhat long white house. As a lad I liked to explore the long back garden yard. I regret that the idea of recording the family history had not occurred to me then as she, my grandfather and others alive then and could have given us much interesting information to pass on to future generations. She died in St Charles Michigan in 1971.

Child of George Stewart and Lucinda Jennings is:

- + 13 i. Ruth Elvira<sup>5</sup> Stewart, born December 19, 1901; died October 2, 1989 in Reese MI. Child of George Stewart and Margaret Burch is:
  - + 14 i. Martha Alice<sup>5</sup> Stuart, born Abt. 1904.

**9. Daniel Thurston<sup>4</sup> Stewart** (George Elliot<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) (Source: Record of Birth.) was born May 24, 1884 in California MI, and died June 25, 1966 in Mt Clemens MI. He married **Flossie Mable Shaver** (Source: Marriage Certificate.) May 24, 1906 in Saginaw MI, daughter of Philander Shaver and Louisa Aldrich. She was born December 18, 1887 in Faigrove MI, and died March 8, 1949 in Center Line MI. Notes for Daniel Thurston Stewart: Daniel Thurston Stewart born 1884 May 24 California MI Thurston, as he was known by was born in a farmhouse in a rural area near California, Branch County Michigan. The farmhouse is located one half mile east on the south side 1229 Haight Road from Locus Road. The eighty acre farm was located on the east half of the southwest quarter of section twelve of California Township 8 range 5 west. See map. Uncle Daniel J. Stewart noted in his diary "Georges folks had a son born shortly before midnight. Dr Merry Physician. " Thurston's mother was from a plantation at the mouth of a river near Corpus Christi Texas or further East. His family used his middle name because there were so many Daniels in the family.

It should be noted that although Thurston may have been taken advantage of by his brothers he remained a very kind and considerate individual. (This historian was raised by him and can testify to his kind and considerate nature.) Thurston was the youngest of three brothers (Warren and George). His parents dumped the three boys on Daniel J. Stewart and his wife Elvira Margaret Ball Stewart their uncle and aunt. Also living in the home was Margaret Elvira Selfridge Stewart Thurston's grandmother. His father George had been a judge in Texas who turned salesman who traveled a lot and suffered quite a bit from poor health. Clara was busy writing, selling books and traveling. George and Clara gave custody of their three sons to Daniel J Stewart and his wife Elvira who was called "Aunt Vie." Thurston grew up working hard on the farm. From what I as his grandson heard from others he was the least favored child. His parents helped his two brothers go to college but he was left out. Thurston wrote that he lived for ten years (memory error) with "Uncle Dan, Aunt Vie, Grandma, and Brother George near a cider mill near Ray Indiana." A favorite joke was that the family had one room in Michigan and one in Indiana and that the train would pass by in between. Uncle Dan J Stewart and his mother E. M. Stewart did grant a right of way to the Ohio & Michigan RailRoad and cut a lot of wood for the RR but the tracks were never laid. As of 1977 the old farm house where he was born was still in use and had two big hemlock trees in front. In March 1889 the farm was sold to Uncle John A Selfridge of Jonesville for \$3,630. The family relocated to the EB Jennings farm near Fairgrove MI where the house was located two miles south of Fairgrove and four tenths of a mile east on Gilford from Hinson Rd. Several trips to Fairgrove were made by horse drawn wagon although members of the family also used the trains.

In the 1890's many students either did not go to school or went to a one room schoolhouse. Thurston had one teacher for several grades but in his last year, he wrote "the year... I being 15 finished my school term in the 8th grade, and here is where we had teachers that were teachers, the school a great big building, there were at times 65 to 70 scholars, from 1st grade to the 8th grade reg. But our teacher was very pleased to give some of us work in some advanced work that came up in the 9th and tenth grade as there was no high school anywhere near us at that time. I carried ten subjects and an extra one at times this happened in the year 1899 and the class had its graduation in June 1900. There were about 17 of us. One girl the Valedictorian...in her address mentioned 'We have reached the summit, but there are peaks beyond.'" In 1900 at age 16 he tells about his daily life. First he "had chores to do, then look after four acres of potatoes, six acres of corn, and a bog garden, all of course for the benefit of the family, as my uncle with whom I had lived all my life, went out to work for others, so to bring in a little extra money. Then through the year there were other things that came up to work at, and then that same year I had the chance to weed and thin out sugar-beets ...and could make about one dollar a day.... I had a job on the farm arose 4:30 AM to kurry and harness four to six horses and feed them, milk two or three cows before breakfast and be in

the field by seven AM or earlier. One hour and fifteen minutes for dinner and feeding 2-6 horses, in the field until 6 PM. Later some chores but in bed at 9 most of the time. Don't let anybody tell you that everybody worked eighteen hours a day, they didn't except once in a while for a few days when necessary..." In my seventeenth year I worked out by the month on a farm, at fifteen dollars a month." "In 1901 President McKinley was shot and I was in Cleveland at this time." "In 1902-3 my brother and I worked together on a farm of 120 acres, had 20 acres sugar beets. Lots of work. Then in 1904 we moved to Caro, and I worked in a shoe factory and also in the sugar factory there. I saw piles of light brown sugar as big as our house and four to five feet deep and men had to walk around in it with rubber boots on as it had to be moved and shoveled over somewhat, and workers could go there and fill their empty lunch box at going home time, free. In that year my father died, after quite a long illness, in which I was with him most of the time. This was in a hospital in Alpena Mich. He had kept up a little insurance so after the expenses were met there was about two hundred dollars for each, my brother and I. So that year in the early spring I purchased a pair of young horses, wagon and some farm tools and went to work, on some rented land, put in five acres sugar beets, 12 acres of corn, 10 acres of field beans, and ten acres oats. Then my brothers work took him to another city and I found myself without a home, this was not so good, so after a while I dickered around and got rid of the farm crops, sold off everything and went to Saginaw." "There I went to work for the Herzog Art Furniture Co. for four years. During that time I married to your grandmother (Flossie Mable Shaver) We were married on May 24, 1906 on my 22 birthday, and Mother [his wife] passed away on Mar 8, 1949. This gave me about 55 years of married life." Thurston had been active in young peoples groups in the local church and had met Flossie Shaver there. Her father was choir director. Thurston and Flossie enjoyed picnics, walks, and horse drawn carriage rides. "In march of 1910 we moved to Indianapolis Ind. We were there three years, then moved to Lansing so I could go to Michigan Agricultural College ..." He then worked at a big farm near Oxford Mich. For two years. They moved to Pontiac in 1914. In 1920 they moved to a farm in Milford Mich. In 1924 they moved to Detroit. TD adds "Now this looks like a lot of Moving, but it seemed OK & everything worked out fairly well, except that Mother was sick for a lot of the time, and that made it hard for her."

They raised sheep, sheared off the wool and the women spun the wool into yarn which was either sold or made into garments.

He tried to better himself by taking International Correspondence School courses in carpentry, masonry, building etc. Later he became an excellent carpenter. He built several houses. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masons and very active in providing leadership to the Boy Scout movement. He was a generous and friendly person and often helped others. He was a Christian believing in the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. He took bible study classes in church and was active in Sunday school. Thurston and Flossie adopted Dallas John Stewart as an infant. Dallas was born Feb 22, 1918 in Ann Arbor. About fifteen months later on June 13, 1919 Dorothy Jane Stewart was born in the old house 290 Oakland at Dixie highway in Pontiac Michigan.

In 1920 they moved to a farm out in Milford Michigan near West Highland near M56. It may have been the Avory Farm, anyway it was owned by Brace Beamer who was the actor who played The Lone Ranger. Thurston continued to help perhaps hundreds of boys by being a leader in the Scouting movement.

His mother died in 1928 when he was 44 years old. Dorothy remembers going to the funeral. The family lived at 8616 Traverse St. Detroit. He had a lawnmower sharpening business on the side for extra income. Now a carpenter he built several houses including 11493 Whithorn Ave. Detroit which was taken away from them during the depression. The family went through some very hard times. Rationing, bread lines, doing without many necessities. He even tried to eek out a living selling ScotnFetzer vacuum cleaners, and other items.

In 1934 Thurston now fifty years old worked at Motor Products Corp in Detroit. In 1938 his daughter Dorothy was run over along with several other people by a drunk driver. The aftermath drained the family. About 1939 the he bought a vacant lot in a suburb of Detroit named Center Line. There he started over again and with worn out tools built another house. They saved money by living in one room as it was built. This became the final family residence which they lived in until their death. They raised chickens and rabbits. It is noted that he chose to spare a chicken thief's life one evening. In 1942 Dorothy left for Texas to get married. In 1944 Thurston was sixty and still working hard at the motor products and doing carpenter work on the side to help pay the bills. One day he surprised Flossie with an addition of an instant bay window for the kitchen. Actually he had done most of the work the day before and just assembled it before she awoke. There was mutual love, understanding, cooperation, and trust in the family. Son Dallas went off to fight in World War II. Dorothy's husband Beamon was in the Normandy Invasion and spent many months in combat. Flossie died at home March 8, 1949 from an illness that caused thick

stringy brown flem. I remember standing behind the closed kitchen door listening and not being allowed to peek while the undertakers carried grandmother's body out. And that was the first time I saw my grandfather cry.

I remember in the 1950's Grandfather Thurston would get up early fix breakfast for everyone, go off to work. Upon his return he would help with dinner and do the chores. Sometimes I would help him feed the animals. Dorothy had left her husband because he was cruel to her and moved back in with her mom and dad. Grandfather Thurston often fell asleep while watching the 11 oclock news. He raised me as if I were his own son. I cannot even once think of an instance when he was unfair to anyone even though I do remember at least two spankings which I probably deserved. But he explained that it hurt him as much as it hurt me.

In 1952 Thurston, Dorothy, Wesley, Cousin George Stewart and his wife Helen made a trip to Reading and Montgomery Mich. To visit Angus's burial place and Thurston's birthplace.

In June of 1952 now at age 68 Thurston retired from Motor Products after nineteen and one half years because he had to have a hernia operation which was causing him great pain. He had to sell half of his lot to pay for it Clem Weingartz bought the lot and built a house on it. Clem and his wife Catherine were the great neighbors. The Mosiers a retired couple lived on the other side and had a boarder Frank. Across Lillian Street were the Martins. The street was one of packed dirt with lots of shady elm trees on both sides. In later years it was paved. Thurston has hospitalized again in 1953.

In 1954 Thurston was 70 years old and still doing good only visibly slower. He still did odd carpenter and other jobs to support, Dorothy and Wesley who was now age 11. Dorothy's husband did not support her or the child. So it was all on Thurston. Dorothy was still crippled from the accident. Wesley attempted to get paper routes and subbed on paper routes occasionally. The family was very poor but I can't remember when we were without food. I remember watching grandfather butcher chickens and rabbits to eat. Often on winter days after fixing everyone breakfast he would drive me to school which was about a mile away. We always had old cars which Uncle Dallas, Thurston's son, fixed when needed.

I remember with great fondness how Thurston took us on camping, fishing, picnic, boat trips, trips to cider mills and other outings. The boats were the great sidewheelers the SS Western States, SS Put in Bay, Bob Lo boats, and the Greater Detroit.

In 1957 at age 73 he rescued Boy Scout Troop 1430 from folding when the scoutmaster quit. And he provided active leadership, true friendship and help to scouts and scouters for many years. He often put others before himself. He often put off buying things he needed so that Dorothy and Wesley could get things they wanted. The family was poor but he would not allow us to buy him things. He was not a fool at all rather a very good, decent, considerate human being and Christian.

He and Dorothy made very good chilly sauce and ketchup. They also canned and preserved other food items. Gradually his age placed greater and greater limitations on him and he could no longer compete in the business world of carpentry. Even so into his eighties in spite of pain, fatigue, weakness and illnesses he kept up trying to earn a little extra to help with the bills. The grandson gradually helped support of the family and decided to work full time to bring in money rather than go to college. An army recruiter changed things a lot when Wesley fell for the promise of college credits and embassy duty overseas in exotic places. Thurston cried when we parted at Ft Wayne. We were very close.

In 1964 Thurston was 80 years old. Grandson began writing to him asking him to write down his life story. (Wesley was in the army stationed in Germany.) I have preserved the letters he wrote. Unfortunately I did not realize the importance of asking him about his parents and family and about their lives. Perhaps the only fault anyone found with him was that since he had been through the depression and had lost everything more than once, he tended to save anything that he thought might come in handy later. The garage and shed were filled with various tools and objects. It was reported to this historian that a relative came over and commenced to burn some of Thurston's stuff. Thurston protested, became upset and later had to be hospitalized. Later stomach cancer was discovered and Thurston lay in pain in Memorial Hospital on Van Dyke Ave in Warren. Family was summoned to the hospital. When I arrived on emergency leave from Germany I saw a man with great pain and suffering. There did not seem to be anything we could do to help him. It was hot and I asked for permission to bring in a fan but it was not allowed. We tried to cheer him up but his pain was great. I asked the doctor to give him something to stop the pain but whatever they gave him did not help him much. Wesley had to return to the army in Germany. He died almost a month later on June 25, 1966 at Martha T Berry Hospital in Mt. Clemens MI. What a miserable end for such a fine, loving, considerate person.

Before he died he was awarded a medal for the many years of service and veteran status by the National Council Boy Scouts of America. Those scouting ideals were the ideals he lived by, and there are many of us in the community that are grateful for his many good deeds. We salute you Daniel Thurston Stewart. May your dream of peace, freedom and justice for all come true for mankind and may your hope in the eternal life with Jesus come to pass.

He was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit Michigan (section 40, lot 73 1 ½ grave 8) as was his wish in his scouter uniform. He was 82 years old.

Children of Daniel Stewart and Flossie Shaver are:

- + 15 i. Dallas John<sup>5</sup> Stewart, born February 22, 1918 in Ann Arbor MI.
- + 16 ii. Dorothy Jane Stewart, born June 13, 1919 in Pontiac MI; died March 27, 1982 in Mt Clemens MI.

**10. George E<sup>4</sup> Stewart** (Angus<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) was born April 21, 1876 in Branch Co MI, and died April 1964 in CO. He married **Helen Stewart, Mrs** Abt. 1905. She was born 1880 in Scotland, and died in Denver Colorado.

Notes for George E Stewart: Social security death index gave verification of birth and death dates 521 46 7884 Thurston claimed a William or Tom grandson of George visited him about 1965 but Thurston was sick and had to send him away. The 1920 census indicated George E faher born in NY His mother born in Ohio. Occupation farmer. Notes for Helen Stewart, Mrs: The 1920 census she reported that she was born in Scotland and borh of her parents were born in Scotland Colorado County Cheyenne Precinct 7 roll T625\_156 page 1b Children of George Stewart and Helen Stewart are:

17 i. Elbert<sup>5</sup> Stewart, born November 11, 1907 in Missouri; died October 1970 in Englewood Arapahoe Colorado 80110. Notes for Elbert Stewart: 1920 census indicated his language was scotch. Search shows an Albert E Stewart married a Bertha Swena, Mrs Nov 22, 1938 in Gilpin Co Colorado. don't know if this is same person. Search done on ancestry.com nothing else found on him.

18 ii. Grace Stewart, born 1911 in Unknown was adopted.

#### *Generation No. 5*

13. **Ruth Elvira<sup>5</sup> Stewart** (George Lionell<sup>4</sup>, George Elliot<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) was born December 19, 1901, and died October 2, 1989 in Reese MI. She married **Walter Francis Prior** Abt. 1926 in MI. He was born March 24, 1902, and died February 1, 1948.

Notes for Ruth Elvira Stewart: Ruth Stringer lived at 1623 Meadow Lane Reese MI 48757 Ruth became a teacher. She stated that Lucinda had a psychic sense and that she could occasionally foretel events. Child of Ruth Stewart and Walter Prior is:

- + 19 i. Richard Walter<sup>6</sup> Prior, born April 28, 1927 in Saginaw MI.

**15. Dallas John<sup>5</sup> Stewart** (Daniel Thurston<sup>4</sup>, George Elliot<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) was born February 22, 1918 in Ann Arbor MI. He married **Georgette Julia Marie Provier** Abt. 1947. She was born in Oran Algiers. Notes for Dallas John Stewart: He was adopted.

**16. Dorothy Jane<sup>5</sup> Stewart** (Daniel Thurston<sup>4</sup>, George Elliot<sup>3</sup>, Angus<sup>2</sup>, Danielordonald<sup>1</sup>) was born June 13, 1919 in Pontiac MI, and died March 27, 1982 in Mt Clemens MI. She married **(1) Beamon Edward Arnold** (Source: Marriage Certificate.) July 18, 1942 in San Antonio Tx, son of Thomas Arnold and Amanda Edwards. He was born February 2, 1914 in Piggott Ark, and died February 14, 1994 in Popular Bluff Mo. Notes for Dorothy Jane Stewart: In 1918 when she was eighteen she and others were mowed down by a drunk driver as they stood in a safety zone in Detroit. She overcame many medical problems. Her first child was born on her birthday in 19. She and her husband purchased a little house on Lillian next to her parents. She had two other children James Lemeul b May 1948 who lived nineteen hours died of medullary Paralysis 5 25 48 at Highland Park MI; and Sylvia Ann born , 1949 who lived two days died 2 23 49 of ateledosis at Highland park MI. Forest Lawn Cemetery however shows James Lenord Arnold interment number 34171 section 37, 200, 3 and a Sylvia Ann Arnold 34985 section 37, 200, 5. Dorothy and Beamon had moved to a ten acre farm in Piggott Arkansas. Dorothy claimed that both the war and religion had changed Beamon. Dorothy was very unhappy. Of course she had gone from living at home with parents where she was rather pampered to living a much more demanding life as a farm wife and mother with a man who was rather hardened by the war and by his farm upbringing. She said she still had internal injuries resulting

from being run over by that drunk driver. Marriage problems arose and Dorothy returned with Wesley to her parents home in 1948. Dorothy was a good mother to Wesley although she suffered many ailments. Because Beamon did not support or even visit and because she was disabled, they were very poor. Wesley felt bitter against his father for not visiting or helping but later discovered that Dorothy's attorney had sent Beamon a letter that if he ever visited Michigan he would be arrested. Still there was a lack contact from Beamon. Whether it was from him losing interest in his son or from Dorothy throwing away mail which was rather unlikely as Wesley often got the mail from the mail box when he was not in school. Dorothy lived at 8165 Lillian in Center Line MI until she moved to the Center Line Park Tower for senior citizens. The city offered to buy her house and put her up in the new apartment tower in her city. She thought she would be better off there and have more of a social life. And she did like that better than living alone in a house. Not knowing much about real estate she accepted the city's offer even though she only got perhaps only a quarter of the value of her property's value. She enjoyed playing the clarinet, accordion, organ and her famous Ocarina. (An instrument that sounds like a flute and looks like a sweet potato. She could sit on her third floor balcony and watch parades on Van Dyke. After a hospital stay she was having difficulty getting up from sitting position and decided she wanted to go into Nursing Home. I suspect looking back on things that she may have contracted an illness from blood transfusions she received here. Wesley was unaware of this at the time. Wesley suggested enhancements to her apartment. He was told by Dorothy's doctor, and nurse that she should go into a nursing home. He argued to the contrary because she could still do most everything but was out voted and Dorothy insisted. Dorothy went into Clintonview nursing home. We took her out nearly every Sunday. She lasted only six months and died at almost three months short of age 63. Her son stated that she was a good mother and a good person. She had a nice personality. Her hobbies were many including playing Clarinet, accordion, mandolin, organ, collecting salt and pepper shakers and owls, crocheting, spinning wool from the rabbits we raised, making fudge, chili sauce, ketchup, sewing, and listening to old records. She is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit MI.

Notes for Beamon Edward Arnold: Beamon Edward Arnold as a lad worked in the fields, and helped on his parents farm. He entered the US Army in 1941 saw action in Northern France and Belgium and spent time in England. He was in the Infantry and the Normandy Invasion (D-Day) and went to the front every three months. He received an honorable discharge in July 1945 after four years service. He joined the Ms Willis Christian revival group and helped build tabernacles. This is how he came to S. Lyons Michigan where he met Dorothy. They bought a small house in Center Line MI then a little house on a ten acre farm just west of Pocahontas Ark just west of Highway 62. He worked at the Salee Handle Company. Beamon did mostly general labor work all of his life. The marriage to Dorothy ended and He married Naomi Thompson Aug 18, 1951. Wesley stated that his dad was one of the most gentle persons he ever knew. Beamon and Naomi adopted a boy, Philip. Beamon did everything he could to help Philip and his ailing wife Naomi. The family moved from Rockford Ill to Pocahontas Ark to be with Naomi's aging parents. Beamon was always active in church work even distributing tracks he had printed. In retirement he did beekeeping and gardening. He helped his son Wesley with this family history. He stated that family legend had it that his family dated back to when three Arnold brothers came over on a ship from England. They had red mustaches. Wesley has a few red hairs evident if he doesn't shave. He stated that the family was English and Irish. Short biography:

**Wesley Edward<sup>44</sup> Arnold** (Beamon Edward<sup>4</sup>) . He married **Margaret Elizabeth Schepke** ) daughter of John Schepke and Beatrice Claeys.

**Wesley is our family historian soon entering his 80<sup>th</sup> year.** He is compiling an extended family DVD with hopes of including OVER 100 FAMILY LINES which he will send for FREE to any proven family member.

He does not expect to have all recent children listed as **he is not looking for birthdates or personal information. This DVD already has many family stories, pictures and information not to be found on Ancestry. In Jan of 2022 he began sending out emails and letters to the few addresses he had of family members BUT NEEDS HELP TO GET EMAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS TO OFFER THEM A FREE DVD before he dies. Also please send me an update on those who have died or were born in the last 20 years. If you have any family stories please email them to me.** To protect privacy no birth date. Include decade. Example for year 2020 may show 202E, 202M 202L early-middle-late in decade. Since this DVD is going out only to family members All persons will have names but younger



persons will only show decade. The Family also needs old fotos and stories to be e-mailed to  
**professorwesarnold@gmail.com**

Short history of professor Wesley E. Arnold: raised by his mother and grandfather Stewart in Michigan. The family was very poor as his father did not help at all with support or ever visit. Wesley was: active in scouting, was a scoutmaster and spent four years in US army, was a volunteer fireman, worked his way thru college while supporting his wife and daughter receiving three college degrees and did work on a Doctoral; had careers as a professional photographer, as a social worker for the Red Cross, and as a teacher, and became a College Professor. He was a good and caring teacher. But perhaps his greatest achievements were the 236 books he wrote that preserved history and provided answers to problems. He was a Golden Rule advocate, and compiler of many useful books **which are free online at dogoodforall.today, or amazon.com.** His most valued book is Be a Success with Proven Success Practices. **His favorite saying was "BE KIND DO GOOD"** He stated the world needs this most with peace.

Too Long biography:

Wesley was raised by his mother and grandfather Stewart. The family was very poor as his father did not help at all with support or ever visit. Wesley was active in scouting, was a scoutmaster and spent four years in the army. He was a volunteer fireman and was active in the Goodfellows. He worked his way thru college while supporting his wife and daughter receiving three college degrees. He had careers as a professional photographer, as a social worker for the Red Cross, and as an adult education teacher, a teacher of software programs for CompUSA a Nation wide Computer store. And of greatest importance **became a College Professor. He was a good and caring teacher.** He helped his college students learn useful and practical things and helped them get good grades. He compiled and shared thousands of Scholarships to help his and other students.

But perhaps his greatest achievements were the books he wrote that preserved history and provided answers to problems. He did graduate research into the world language problem. The purpose was to find information that would help save human lives. The research he did had the potential of saving thousands of lives and also saving taxpayers millions of dollars. He was also a loving caring father and grandfather who tried to help them as much as he could.

Wes uncovered research by others and also verified that research by his own graduate university work that indicated the following: There is much non understanding and misunderstanding when people try to communicate between the over 1000 languages currently being used in the world. Many lives have been lost in emergencies, and in aircraft and ship accidents, and from medical problems due to language misunderstanding or non communication due lack of ability to understand another language and mistrust. There is an international vocabulary of international words with a grammar that can be learned in one forth the time of any other language in the world because it uses simple prefixes and suffixes to build words. It is not meant to replace anyone's language but rather to provide a quick, time efficient way to communicate between languages. If a person learned 300-999 international word roots and spent only one hour studying the scientifically designed grammar of Esperanto which fits on just one sheet of paper, they would be able to understand ninety to ninety nine percent of all basic human communication with any other person who had done the same. The rest could be easily looked up in a pocket dictionary. (Wes even wrote the dictionary.) To test this research and prove it, Wes went

to San Francisco State University, learned Esperanto in three weeks and was able to communicate with others around the world within a month. He later received over 700 letters from around the world successfully using this basic vocabulary to communicate with others from over eighty countries most of whom did not understand English. (About ten percent of all persons understand English or will have the time to learn it in their lifetime. One in seven Americans do not understand English.) His book "Important International Language Research with References," "International Vocabulary," and "Esperanto the International Language," have received orders from around the world.

Over several years he compiled a family history with over 3000 records and narratives. Many relatives wanted copies so he made copies and gave them away. He made it available free to family members. What is good is that the history of many families is now preserved for future generations. There is more than just family records. It tells how people lived at different times without all of our modern appliances and improvements. This hopefully may also give perspective to future generations.

In doing the above history. He discovered in his grandfather's attic some diaries written by a great Uncle Daniel J. Stewart. These old faded pages told about everyday life back in the 1800s, listing births, deaths, cause of death, daily activities, the weather etc. He researched the History then carefully copied the fragile pages. The resulting book was named Diary of an American Farmer had notes, maps and records that The Branch County clerk does not have. So it is a major first hand source for historical information about Michigan families. The book ended up being over 1000 pages long. He donated copies of this book to several libraries so that the information in it will be preserved for future generations. It cost him well over \$1000 and took several months of his life to do. He also published these diaries as Diaries of An American Farmer. He made them free to all.

He researched and wrote "Amplenomics Ample For All Can Be Created Workable Solutions To The Problems Of Our Time." There are many problems in the world. He researched the best solutions for them and put it down on paper. The book also tried to show how Ample for all can be created. For example There are enough materials in the world to make it possible to create enough shoes (and all other needs) for every human. His purpose was not money but rather to share ideas on how to help create a better world for all of us.

He wrote 150 books, 136 on The history of Center Line and Warren and published them free to all. He donated thousands of historical pictures to libraries. Not for money but rather so historical information could be preserved for future generations. He became known as the humble historian because he spent thousands of hours recording our local history and put it up on a free website. [macombhistory.us](http://macombhistory.us) and [dogoodforall.today](http://dogoodforall.today) Also **on this site** he **helped hundreds of students get college scholarships** and helped people get better jobs. Did volunteer work in aiding the homeless. Was a witness for homeland security against a local terrorist cell. Encouraged people to help each other and help preserve our history, freedom and American Way of Life.

He also Installed solar collectors. Now gets free electricity from our free sun. Best thing is feels independent does not have to worry about power outages. He stated 100 watt solar panels can be had for around \$100, get at least 2 hook up to a battery add a controller \$20. Then you have free power. If you use the new 8 watt LED bulbs they put out light that equals a 60 watt old bulb. You can run 7 of the 8 watt bulbs for less power than 1 of the old ones. You can also run your TV and laptop computers off of this set up with free dependable electricity. Use rain barrels for free water. Have an emergency back up

heat via wood stove which can be hooked up in case gas goes out. Independence and freedom are great.

He was working on "Bits of Wisdom". He also promoted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. His intention was to help stop the suffering on our Spaceship Earth. We cannot create a better world without a decent code of human conduct, and recognition of human rights. He still believes that in the future all humans should be able to understand other humans especially during emergencies. If children around the world could learn to use 300-999 basic international words for use between languages, within a generation much human suffering and misery could be prevented and a better safer world created.

Compiled Modern Languages Compared and other language books The Easiest Language, International Vocabulary to increase understanding and as a result save lives. All published for free to all.

He researched and shared lessons for the world on Wiki University

He also did other humanitarian work.

He placed the following letter in his will to be given to his grandchildren.

"There is a possibility that I will not be alive to explain some things to you so I am writing you this letter for your knowledge. Most important no matter what ever happens, I will always love you and will be concerned with your welfare. I will always be your grandfather and your friend. As you go through life you will find that true friends are rare. After I am dead my wish is that I could be your guardian angel to help you in times of need but I don't know if this is even possible.

We all make mistakes and I have made many. What is important is to learn from them. As long as you are alive there is hope. Sometimes we make bad decisions because we have not taken the time to think. You are blessed with a good brain; use it and take care of it. If you ever doubt that look out in the world and you will see many others that are not blessed with your intelligence, abilities and health. And many do not even use good common sense. It is best to find and keep/maintain good friends with good judgment. Your choice of friends can make you or break you, particularly when you are young. Bad friends are like a contagious terminal disease.

Do not fall into the trap of negative thinking. If you only allow your brain to think negative thoughts you can destroy yourself and others. Worry is a waste of time and energy. When you have a problem first try to reason out what the real problem is. Define the real problem. When one is depressed one tends to find many things that look like big problems but in reality when you look back later on you will find that most of them were just little stumbling blocks that can be resolved without too much work. You can work your way out of most situations one step at a time. Sometimes it is good to get a little help. If you have good friends sometimes they can help. The crisis center can often give references to resources you are unaware of. My grandfather went thru the great depression when they didn't even have enough food to eat. And there were no food stamps then, or welfare. My father was in a war and saw hundreds around him die. He carried a New Testament that saved his life emotionally and once when it stopped a bullet. I have found myself down in seemingly hopeless situations many times but I said a prayer and used my wits and worked my way out. Depression can also be the result of a chemical

imbalance. If it keeps on get a medical exam and perhaps psychological help. I am not saying you have depression. But many people suffer for years with a chemical imbalance that could be cured.

When in doubt ask the infinite intelligence about it (pray). If possible pray for an answer and sleep overnight. This lets the subconscious mind work on it. Often serious problems take days or weeks to resolve. Keep seeking solutions. Never give up! Winners don't quit and quitters don't win. Seek and you will find. It often takes some work and planning.

Take time to think and plan a little each day. If you fail to plan you plan to fail. Wisdom stands the test of time. The best thing to do may be to do what is best in the long run rather than the emotion of the moment. Set reasonable goals. Decide what you want to do. Make a plan to do it. Determine if it is right, just and fair, then go to work step by step. The longest journey starts with but a single step.

Following emotions can get us into trouble. Emotions can blind your reasoning. I am not saying one should be cold and uncaring but emotions of anger, fear, hurt, depression and so on are controlled by your thoughts to a large extent. You are what you think. You can control your thoughts. You should control your thoughts. You must control your thoughts. If you want to be happy, think happy thoughts. We all make our own happiness to a large degree. I have been very poor for long times and yet was happy. Music helps a lot of people be happy. Helping to make a better world made me very happy. If you want to be a success, think success. Strive to be the captain of your ship always in control of yourself and your reason. Be a thinking intelligent person rather than an ignorant unthinking fool. (We all do stupid things sometimes.)

Always do what is right. Make sure you are right then go ahead. Be prepared, be persistent, be determined, Be Enthusiastic!!! Think. Ask questions. Ask what, why and how. Examine your life. Know yourself.

May I recommend the following books to you: The Boy Scout Handbook; How to Make Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie; Think and Grow Rich by Napoleon Hill; As a Man Thinketh by James Allen; Johnathan Livingston Seagull; Your Family History by Wesley E, Arnold also by the same author Diary of an American Farmer; Amplenomics Ample For All Can Be Created Workable Solutions To The Problems Of Our Time; Esperanto The International Language; Bits of Wisdom. The New Testament- 1 John 3, 1 John 4, 1 Corinthians 13 & 14, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Socrates, Jesus and Ben Franklin among many others had many good ideas. Reading is a good habit.

Here are Franklin's Maxims:

Silence. Speak only what will benefit others or yourself.

Order. Let all things have their places. Let each part of your business have its time.

Resolution. Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.

Frugality. Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; that is; waste nothing.

Industry. Louse no time. Be always employed in something useful. Cut off all unnecessary actions.

Cleanliness. Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes or habitation.

Tranquillity. Be not disturbed at accidents, common or unavoidable, or at trifles.

Example. Imitate Jesus and Socrates. Practice Love and Kindness and ask questions.

I would add look for opportunities. I wish you happiness. Be careful. Wesley Edward Arnold

He donated his organs to help save lives and will be cremated then buried at Forest lawn Cemetery in Detroit MI. His grave stone "Wesley Edward Arnold BE KIND DO GOOD. PRACTICE LOVE AND KINDNESS TO ALL. AMPLE FOR ALL CAN BE CREATED. WISDOM STANDS THE TEST OF TIME. STOP THE SUFFERING AND DYING ON SPACESHIP EARTH. BE CAREFUL. To find it go in main road, right at Ennis Crypt, left around Bishof Crypt, take next left (section 40) park when you see Castilonie stone at right. Walk towards Castolonie look down. BE KIND DO GOOD

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