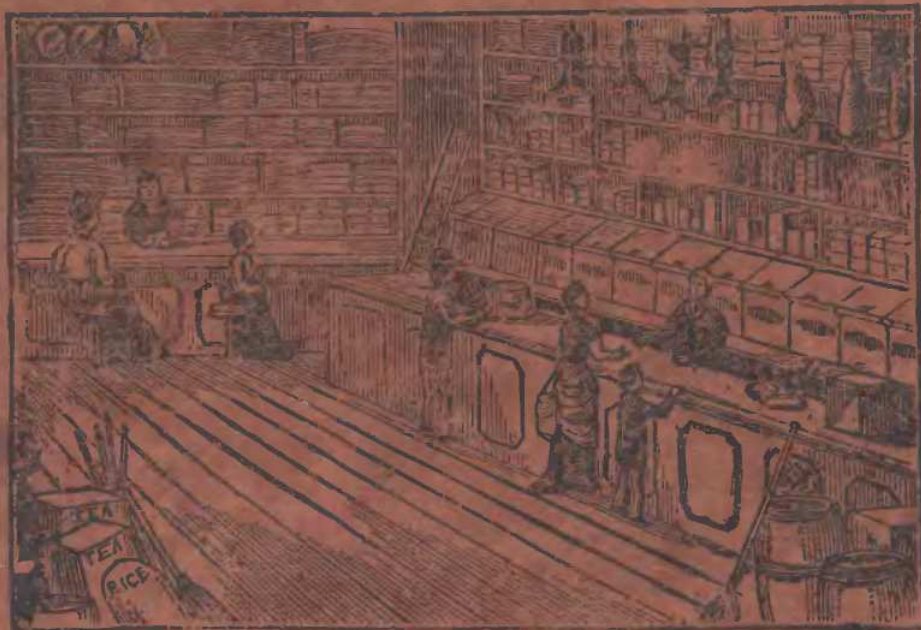


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ALWAYS BRING THIS BOOK.



Wm. G. W. L.
IN ACCOUNT WITH

Wm. G. W. L.
DEALER IN

DRY GOODS
AND
GROCERIES,
Hardware, Crockery,
HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES,
CLOTHING,
Fancy Goods, Notions, Etc.

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George M. Poulson

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George M. Poulson

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Beginning at July 5th 1890
George M. Poulson
July 5th. The 4th of July passed
off as usual with a heavy
thunderstorm in the after-
noon commencing half past
5 P.M. and lasting till nearly
7 P.M. The lightning struck
the hotel sheds & Plickham
and barn belonging to
Stewart Brown and burnt
them to the ground; it also
burnt a rye thrasher belonging
to John Jenner valued at \$600
He hauled in the last of our
hay Thursday morning. He
got it all in with out
getting wet; it just began
to sprinkle a little as we
went for the last load; it
had been dry weather for 10 days
before anything but hay weather. To-day
has been cutting wheat. OVER

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home in the lower field: has $\frac{2}{3}$ cut.
10⁴ Thursday. We finished drawing
our wheat from lower field yesterday
morning: there was 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ sheaves of
cradled wheat: This morning we
finished up Mrs J. Birds (the field
next to road) was 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ sheaves of
machine sheaves. Mr Robert B
Perrins cut it Tuesday afternoon
beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 & ending $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8
Tuesday was the hottest day we ever had
this year, the thermometer was 92° ^{shade} in shade
Friday 11th I sent my Waterbury watch to
Somerville with Grandpa to get
it cleaned for the first time since I
bought it This morning Papa
sold 8 chickens to C B Schly for
16 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ pound which came to \$4.08
or \$1.02 @ pair The 8 weighed
25 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. G. M. Poulson

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July-15-23

15th Sunday George M. Poulson.

Papa and I went fishing
with bank lines last night: the
eels didn't bite good, we only caught
3. the 3 weighed 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs not bad eels We
also caught 2 snappers (turtles)
I was over helping John Breese
in hay Saturday after-morning expect
to go again to-morrow if it don't rain
John Bird of Mendham
formally of this place died at
Mendham the latter part of last
week. was buried Monday July 14th 1890
23 God. Monday 21 I took Ben's dale
who lives on the left hand
side of the road to Pluckemin
first house below John Rhynearson's
had his barn + horse burnt down about
1. P.M. 10 loads hay + all his wheat
burnt. it scorched his wagon house
barn was insured OYER
BENJAMIN 24 ER. 20 M. CO N.B.

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4 July 24th 1890 Rainy
24th

Thursday Grandpa brought my watch from Somerville to-day where I was having it fixed cost .65⁰⁰ Bring to-day.
We had our new stoop built in front of kitchen door. on Monday the 2nd of July Grandpa Papa done the work.
Last Sunday Grandpa's horse "Dick" run a small iron rod $\frac{1}{8}$ of inch thick in his front leg near his breast: It swelled up very large: to-day the swelling has gone down.

Grandpa got a mixture of burnt red salt + chamber lye from Leback of Todd's which started it running: it is better now. He has to drive "Holl" to the butcher wagon since which is not able to travel.

Population of Bodminsh 1,255. 125

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27th July + August
Sunday 27-3rd George V. Poulson.

The D & W. R. R. is rapidly progressing. The track is laid down to Whistlecrafts nearly opposite the M. Brook School-house about 3 miles done + gravel train running: They expect to finish up to Fernando corner the last of this week + by the 1st Sept to have it finished to Peapack. I got me a rubber stamp last week with name **GEORGE M. POULSON** for 17th Sept. Papa finished cutting oats this morning: the oats crop is very poor this year all over the country. It has been very rainy for more than a week but is clear to-day. Aug 3rd 1890 Sunday Have our oat all gathered finished. Friday 1st of August. Geo. M. Poulson OYER

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August 3rd

Finished our home Wednesday
after-noon: it was back of the barn
There was 4 small loads. Thursday
I went to R B Keim and helped
him in the afternoon Friday
we finished Mrs J Birds
oats had 4 large loads. We
stacked our oats and some of
our wheat. Saturday Papa and
I made fence in the fore-noon
and in the after-noon went
down to the lower field + fixed
the fence + turned the cows in,
then we went over to the rail-road.
Up to Peter Vanbradale there are 24 co
carts working, also 6 back of Henry Hemmings
+ 4 over on John Breese making a
total of 34 carts from Breese's to
Peter Vanbradale. The track is
G. M. Paulson Bedminster Son

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3rd 1890
3rd August 17th

laid as far as the Pine-Brook
bridge + cars are running Looks
raining this morning 11:00 Sunday
Rev J & McHair was married Tuesday
5th inst to Miss Louise Hunt at the residence
of Rev. C H Pool, by Rev C H Pool
His (J L McHair) wife had been dead 2 yrs
the last of July. Yesterday Papa + I went
over to Chas Bachus for carp
Papa caught 2 with worms
1 weighed 1 1/4 lb the other 1 lb 11
17th Have our manure all
hauled finished yesterday
morning. We have our wheat
ground home ploughed +
1/2 Mrs J Birds The Railroad
is finished up to Henry
Hemmings or more nearly
1/2 way across him.

G M Paulson OVER
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8 17th August 30th

The depot ground is nearly all graded, they ran 3 grain trains down yesterday & intend to run the passenger train Monday. The pay car was run down the 15th to pay the men. Papat Abram & Ann commenced.

Abram Kuchoffs bridge across the North Branch on his new road, Friday 15th inst 30th. The 26th (Friday) of this month Bert Lou & I went to an excursion to Glen Island the fare was \$1.25. Thursday we had our Sunday School picnic. We went to Mount Tabor. Our Plaque the chief engineer gave us all a free ride there. We started at Lemmings Station about 2:30 went

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2nd September 2nd

Tuesday 2nd To-day is my birthday 18 yrs old, it dont seem possible. School begins to-day Miss Glossin is teacher. We finished digging our potatoes, Sat 30th have 37 bu. just as they are picked from the ground Grandpa has built or had Reepa & I to build a ^{line} fence between Mrs M. Lance and him finished it Sat. George Barker died Wednesday 25th inst of consumption at his brother house. Funeral was Friday. Yesterday we manured our potato patch over with cow manure & put lime on it 8 parrel of fence up from the lower end. We expect to plow it up so this fall so the manure can rot OVER

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6th September 13th

Saturday Papa bought
a new coal sieve the 4th Sept
& got me a pair of 12 1/2 shoes 1st
Have our wheat ground some
harrowed twice over.

13th Papa Mamma Bert Lou & I
went to Somerville. Fair
Thursday 11th the fair didn't
amount to much this year
as it rained nearly every day
Lou & I walked home from
Somerville in 1 hr 30 min.

Henry Sloan who lives
down near Mills shot himself about
2 weeks ago. He went
in the poultry penitry got
the gun & said he was
going to shoot he placed
the muzzle against

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13th September 20th

his breast and pulled
the trigger with a fork
This all happened in the
room where his mother was, he
lived 6 hrs after ward.

20th Finished harrowing our
wheat ground some to day
have harrowed it 5 times
Have Mrs W Bird harrowed also
3 times expect to harrow
twice more. Grandpa got a
buggy from Mr Joseph Jermies
to square out the meat bill
He allowed him \$72.00 for
it which was just the amt of
the bill. It cost ~~110.00~~ \$110.00
when new, and has been new but a
few times. Papa Con Char Blain Bert
Lou & I last week cut 2 be trees 1 in
White oach wood the other on a Mychiffy river
above bridge got 50 lbs honey

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20th Sept + Oct 6th

Finished sowing our wheat
 Tuesday (23rd) Wm Jacob drilled
 it in for us. Finished cutting our corn
 Yesterday had a few over 100
 shocks 15 or 20 over First frost
 Thursday night (25th). no dancey done
 6th Papa Bonnie Mastering but I cut a bee
 tree on G B Schley (on the old Cooper
 place) near line between Hemmings
 and Schley. Last Monday night
 got about 10 lbs honey. Last Friday Con
 Papa I cut one in a filley wood - let
 in a butternut. there was
 between 50 + 60 lbs
 honey. We brought home 40 lbs
 We only took the strainer pail
 + didn't expect to get much
 but when we got there and
 got the tree cut we found
 G M. Paulson

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6th October 8th

we couldn't get it all home
 and then the bees that were not
 all killed were very cross
 and we had to hurry to
 get the honey out. we
 cut off all the brood-comb
 (about 10 lbs) + as we had to
 break it up in our hurry to
 get it out there ran out 546 lbs
 of pure honey. what we brought
 home was all honey no waste.
 Uncle Stelle + Aunt Ruth were
 up Sunday. Friday week ago 26th Sept
 a couple of tramps broke in G B
 Can Als Sales Store at Bodminster
 + changed out all the knives
 + jewelry + other things the amt
 stolen was about £. 100 10.
 hundred dollars. They broke in
 George H Logans shop + stole
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a chisel ^{they broke the chisel} and brace + bit and
bored through the panel of the front
door on a moon light night too.

The vigilant committee scoured the
country for them for miles:

Crow ^{Grimmer} Timmer saw a smoke on
Pluckemin mountain and
told Manning Crow (who happened
to be in Pluckemin) and Mr. Burns.

that he guessed they would find them
there & sure enough they did & are
now a Somerville. I avoid
Dumont has the coal &
lumber yard over to the depot, Papa
gets his coal there this year.

5 tons, it is at the depot now.
I have shot 8 grey squirrels
this year. 6 the first day &
1 the next & 1 the next Papa has
shot 18 squirrels & 2 wild pigeons

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Democratic
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9th October 24th

Papa bought me a pair
of Sunday shoes today to Pluckemin
cost \$2.00 The thieves of G. S.
Van Radales store got 7 years
hard labor in State Prison.

10th Papa & I have been to G. S.
Logans setting posts, also at House

12th Joseph Gurnoe the former sexton
of Westminster Church died at
his sons James on Wednesday
morning a 5 o'clock was buried
yesterday. (Sat 11th)

24th The Democratic convention
nominated Wm J. Keys of Branch
burg township for Senator
Jas J. Bergen for Assembly, Matt
Vander Veer for Co Clerk & Samuel
Fowler for Congress Oss

Wortman was a ment
Mr. Gurnoe Westminster
from Col 2 OVER

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24th Friday to24th

crazy a few days ago and yesterday Joseph Perkins took him to the Cuyahoga, trouble with his kidneys was the cause of it. ^{La Grippe} Wednesday (22nd) while Grandpa was sawing meat he was taken with a dizzy spell and had to set down. Bert + Papa had to carry (he stood up but could not use his legs or see either) him to the house. He said it came on him all at once; every thing went around so fast he could not see. The Dr. said it was biliousness caused by his liver, he is in the bed yet but is better. Papa went out with the butcher-wagon this morning. It has been stormy for two days. G. W. Coulson

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The first day Lou and I went hunting. Lou shot 7 rabbits + I 6 rabbits + 1 quail. Papa had to stay home to run butcher wagon. Some boys from Karitan while hunting with Geo. Todd found the body of an Italian at the foot of the hollow that runs from Joseph Perkins down to the woods. The Italian disappeared 3 weeks ago Sunday night. His head was all gone except a few broken bones and the rest of his body more or less decayed. He had been killed for his money, his (the front) head was smashed in with a big stone which was found near the body covered with blood. His throat was cut from ear to ear and down the right side to the

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chest (lower part) the inquest was held yesterday, was adjourned till to day & again till Thursday: It is very hard to get anything out of the Italians concerning it, but it is supposed 3 men which were with him that ^{fatal} afternoon did it. He had \$125.00 on his person. The 3 Italians have shipped but the jurors have their names: There was over 200 persons up to see the body ^{buried} Sunday. Wm P. Sutherland (foreman) Wm. Logan, Wilfred Horton, Anderson Smith, Andrew Bird, Abram Henny, C. H. Todd, J. D. Harris, & Peter Blair, were the jurors; Dr Henry Wagoner ^(County Physician) of Somerville was up. Squire David M. Todd acted as coroner, & Thos Moore cons table: The body was buried at Peapack: Later a shoe maker by the name of Tony is supposed to have killed him alone

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November

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6th

The Democrats elected the whole ticket in Som. Co by 700 maj' 150 Maj' in the town ship. For Congress. Samuel Fowler 148, Senator Wm. Keys 131, Co Clerk Matt Vandewater 138. Andrew Melick was up on the 4th he drove up from Plainfield With (George M. & his wife Ellen) & driver they called at Uncle Haves H. One place Andrew Oppenmans, & Wm. P. Sutherland, he was in house there: They took dinner at the hotel; Finished husking corn some 27th October, 113 shocks, 111 bu good corn & 9 bu hog corn. Have husked some for David Humont last & this week. G. M. Paulson

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9th Sunday to 27th

The passenger trains began running to Peapack regular Thurs. by 6th inst. there are 5 trains in + 5 out, they run to Gladstone Richard Potters house is raised + partly enclosed. We have 250 of David Hummerts corn husked, there was 300 shocked I husked 200 shocks. 10th Papa bought a black shank of Harry Stratton for. 25[¢] Papa bought Bert & I each a pair of boots the first of November (1st) Bert has hired to David Hummerts for a month for \$15.00. He went there the 3rd of November. Grandpa went to Peapack to-day, I husked 40 shocks of corn to-day. Abe McCollum of Peapack died Wed. (5th Nov.) of stomach trouble 27th Thanksgiving: Folke + P How died last Tuesday night 9/30 P.M. (18th inst) Was buried Friday at 11.30 at house +

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27th November + December 2nd

12th M. + church. C L Layton. W. P Sulphen, Henry M. Edmund, John G Schomp, Peter Canalsdale, Joseph H Chorus, were bearers, Set traps the 12th of this month. I went to Pluckamin yesterday and bought myself a pair of rubber-boots cost \$2.75 I finished of Hummerts corn Tuesday this week, I husked 363. Bert 56 + Peter Canalsdale 100. total. 519. Paid x Papa got a pair of pigs of Jake Helderbrant about 2 weeks ago. \$3.50 pair: John Stipple was married a week ago to-day, to a girl by the name of Schuyler, who lives near Fox Hill. December 2nd First snow fell last night 1 1/2 inch 4th A light snow fell the night of the 2nd but turned to rain. 19 snows this year. OVER

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10th December

Wednesday

Killed pigs yesterday; we had 3 Grandpa I + Mr A Johnson 1 making a total of 6 pigs; We (Mr A Johnson + Grandpa I) began at 7 A.M. + were through by 15 minutes of 1 P.M. Our large hog weighed 400 lbs, + the other 2; 171 + 163 each. Grandpas weighed 206 + 240 " Mr A Johnson's 320 lbs.

26th Christmas has been + passed. It was a green Christmas as usual, the boys went skating in afternoon, Last night it snowed + is still snowing + drifting, the snow is about 4 in deep so far. The 14th (Sunday) of this month a son was born to Carrie + Andrew Amerman. Grandpa P + Lou went to Somerville Monday with a load of hides.

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December

Monday. Perhaps this is the last time I will write in this book this year. The next page will be headed, Jan / 91 its going on 5 years since I first began to keep diary, it hardly seems possible. How many changes have taken place in the last year. In this place, some people have died some born + some married. A Rail-Road has been built. Murder has been committed, the store broken in, + a new house built. A light snow fell this morning. Lizzie Smith + Malin Samuels of Liberty Corner were married the 17th Dec 1890. We thrashed 350 sheaves of Mrs H. King's wheat yesterday + 175 sheaves for this morning. I'm Ponder
J. C. Pullid, OYER

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January



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10th It day the thermometer has
 stood at 40°. Yesterday I was
 over to Mr. Todd's and helped
 draw in a couple of stacks of
 hay. Today Papa finished tending
 season for John Little of Richardson
 Potters house. 25th Sunday. Last
 night it began raining about 10 P.M.
 but turned to snow before
 morning. This morning the trees
 were all loaded with snow, the
 snow was about 3 in. deep, but
 melted fast all day. Yesterday
 Papa and I went fishing.
 Papa caught 19 suckers & I
 4 (23) Monday Papa caught 22 suckers
 Tuesday He (Papa) caught 23
 more. Wednesday night it
 began raining and Thursday
 the water was as

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~~23rd~~
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high as it was in oats harvest in 1887
 8th It has been very rainy for
 the last 2 weeks. The G. L. & W. R. R.
 will start to drill a well at the
 Station for drinking purposes.
 Papa caught a trout at the
 Mine Brook Hole, sometime ago
 and brought it up and put
 it in George H. Legans spring.
 It lived a few days but finally
 died. Papa took it out it
 weighed 15 oz + measured 13 inches.
 Papa & I have caught 194 suckers up
 to present date.
 12th Thrashed our oats crop home
 to day. had 30 bu, Have Mrs. H. Birds to
 thrash yet.
 15th I went a fishing Friday and
 caught 11 suckers & 1 trout. The trout
 would weigh a little over
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15 1/2
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February + March
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1/2 a pound, I caught them down in the "Vanderender" hole near Kline's mill, I brought the trout home in a pail, which I borrowed of Mr J Moore, + put it in Geo Logans spring.

Papa + Steven Latsurette went the same day and Papa caught 16 + Steven 5, they caught 19 of them at Peter Van Audales watering hole. Lou also went and caught 2 at the Mine Brook one of them weighed a pound, We have caught nearly 250 fish this season so far, and sold nearly \$6.50 worth.

March 7th To day has been the first warm day in 2 weeks It has snowed 2 times this week + the snow is not all of yet, I finished thrashing yesterday Grandpa had about 41 bu. of wheat.

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March
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7th Saturday
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out of 1075 sheaves. I can't tell how much Mrs H Birds had, but some where between 30 + 35 bu. I sent + got a penknife of Maher + Gresh. of Toledo Ohio, which cost me 70¢ It is a very nice knife though. Last Monday the congregation of Westminster, Dutch Reformed Church, had a meeting to decide whether they should tear out the galleries, turn the seats around or rather get new seats (Opera Chairs) place the pulpit in the back of the Church and make a low flat ceiling, in fact change the whole interior of the church, costing \$400.00 a more, or let the

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28 17th March

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15th

church be as it is. The Church repairs were debated the vote standing 11 to 34. eleven to tear it up & 34 to let it be. Papa has 3 hens setting 1 he set to-day. The other 2 about 2 weeks ago.

13th Bessie (Our Cow) had a heifer calf at noon (M) yesterday, we expect to raise it. We had a hen to come out yesterday, she only hatched 6 chickens. She left her nest & the eggs got cold, killing most of the chicks. We have another coming out to-day, she had 16 eggs, of them was rotten 2 others were smashed yesterday, the chicks dying 2 others have hatched out and the rest of the eggs have chicks in. R. A. Potter was elected

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Mar. & April 1st 29

15th Sunday

town-ship by a majority of 9 votes. Wm. P. Stephen re-elected for Assessor. A. Vanderbilt, collector, J. & Merius Overseers of poor & L. A. Vanderbilt for committeemen. e. t. Apr 1st We had a little snow squall last night, but the roads are better than they have been for years before. We have 20 chicks & one hen setting, set her yesterday. I went down to John Tittle's yesterday & dug an hour for his garden, but had to quit on account of the storm. Quite a number of farmers commenced ploughing the 30th March. Grandpa ran the butcher wagon for the first yesterday. There has been a large amount of sickness in Peapack this spring a large
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1st
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April
11th
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number of old people have died;
at one time last week 3 corpses
lay about 1 mile apart, Andrew
Huffman, little boy (died) Pat & Con Roy
& John Con Roy (Squire) young John's
father. There is a case or
two of scarlet fever. Jim Smith
boy & Elmer Crater & his
wife. About 12 people in all
have died in Peapack in
about 1 month, or 6 weeks
H. S. Sowed our oats yesterday.
It began raining last night &
is still raining. Joseph
Meekers house caught
fire Wednesday near the
chimney but was put out by
John Shry & Mr A Johnson. Gov
Jeroliman is a very sick
man. & a Grippe the trouble.

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19th Sunday
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Papa planted our potatoes
yesterday. He manured the ground
over last fall, and lined it
all except the two middle
rows and the upper ends.
He lined all the lower ends.
Papa also got some Fertilizer
(\$30.00 for) & David Mumont and put
it on the first 7th part of the 8th
row, so I think if the weather is
favorable we ought to raise quite
a lot of potatoes. First 3
rows. Beauty of Hebron
" 4-6 row " Everetts
5 " " of Hebron
6 White Stars.
7th. Beauty of Hebron
8th White Star
9th + 10th Everetts
Beginning from west side
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April 25th

Finished ploughing our corn ground yesterday. The weather has been very warm for the last 2 weeks the cherry pear & peach blossoms are all out, cherry blossoms came out some last Sunday 18th.

The weather is cooler to night & we are likely to have a heavy frost.

Grandpa P. cow had twin calves last Sunday (Bull & Heifer). I have dug garden for John Tuttle, Ben Schamp, Jas. Garwood, Peter Blair, R. & Howell.

Mrs. J. Bird & Grandpa P. & home & expect to have to dig a little more yet.

Stephen G. Lorette has bought Mrs. Jagers lot last night for \$1200.00.

Papa & I have been setting posts for R. V. Potter this forenoon, this afternoon.

Papa went to "Conways" sale up to Peapack, I saw Popple.

to Peapack, I saw Popple.

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May

7th

Tuesday. Finished harrowing our corn ground to day the (4th) last time.

There has been 2 or 3 frosts lately & has hurt the fruit some.

7th Planted our corn to day in the field below the barrack next to the woods. Grandpa P.

got a shote of (Houghawright) the sniller up to Mr. Schump's it is the same age of our pigs but is a little smaller.

Yesterday (6th) I planted corn to R. B. Harris, & it snowed so that we could not see. It was squally all day long and the thermometer was 27^o in the morning and stayed there about there all day. I the Northern part of New York State

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May

the thermometer was but 3°
above zero, killing everything
13°. Finished digging our
garden yesterday & Grandpa's ^{to-day} garden.
The weather has been very warm
ever since the snow squall.
It has not rained, any in
over 1 month except a little
shower 2 weeks ago Sunday (3rd)
21st Thursday. Yesterday while Lou was
catching a colt at Henry Demers' (where
he's working) slipped & fell with his
arm over a rail which was
lying on the ground, & the colt
being scared, sprang and
both hind feet landed on his
right arm and broke it
square off a short ways above his
wrist. David Demers took him to
Chatham where he had it set by Dr
J.B. Beckman.

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May 21st 106

Yesterday we had a fine rain
and at night Papa & I went
- caught 14 eels: all were
small but one, we had
4 or 5 to get away. if we had
had a bob we could have
caught a peck. Papa & I have
been working the road for Henry
Demers for 2 or 3 days. Yesterday
with 4 teams & 4 shovellers & working
till 4 o'clock we hauled out 95
loads, & 1/2 a day last week we drew
74 loads. We drew it from below
Schomps (bridge) on new road from
Branch Bridge on to wards Peter Cunniff's
we had it gravelled from
the bridge to the top of the
hill on the North side of stone
arch above Peter Cunniff's & some
on flat this side & on bridge OVER

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22nd May

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This morning 'Polly' Grandpa P (mare) died of kidney trouble she died about 5 A.M. + was taken sick ~~the~~ yesterday at 10 A.M. Mr C W Todd came up at noon yesterday + gave her a vial of "Sweet Spirits of Nitro." + as she got no better Grandpa + I gave her a bottle of Laudnum + some whiskey, at night she seemed a little better, but the next morning as Grandpa went out to feed the horses he saw she was in great pain + he intended to take her out of the stable but she was taken with a spasm + died in 5 minutes. Mr R B Perkins came up + drew her out + Papa + I buried her in the lower field nearly in a line with the old ^{east} butternut tree and apple tree ^{west} along ^{the} fence

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She (Polly) was 25 1/2 yrs old. Grandpa got her from Budd + ^{Peter} Aggar for \$275.00 + had had her 21 1/2 yrs + had driven her to the butcher wagon 14 yrs 30¢ Ploughed over potatoes with a cultivator for the first time + some of them are coming out in blossoms and are setting. Last night the store of Brown + Smalley belonging to J D Perkins at Pluckham + 2 houses joining it were burned between 11 + 3 (midnight) Browns goods in house were burned, up stairs but those down were mostly saved. Smalley got his things out + so did John the boy who lives in house with him. Stewart Brown's across the road was a fire twice + so was the (Chapple) If it hadn't been raining + no wind the whole of Pluckham might have burnt. Insurance on store goods \$3000.00 + store none on Browns household goods \$450.00 (The End)

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Geo Barker died, Lined + manure potatoes patch
Fair, Terry Sloan killed himself
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21 December. Rubber boots / pigs John
Sippl married. first snow. finished corn
22 Killed pigs Skating 23 New Year
24 January High water
25 Caught trout. thrashed
26 Fishing March 27 " Knife hunt
28 Bessie had calf / set hen / chicks / R V
Patterson elected S. Clerk.
29 Election. digging garden
30 Deaths in Peapack. Fire at 8 markers
31 Planting potatoes.
32 Apr Twin calf calves. Ploughing crazy
33 34 got pigs cold weather. broke arm
35 36 Working roads. Dally's death
37 38 Fire in Pluckemin. Inquest

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