

Trent University Archives

Gavin A. Gibson fonds
Accession 76-010 Box 1 Diary 6

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of an account book of the general store of G.A. Gibson, Kent Street in Lindsay, Ontario for the period of May 1888 to December 1888; four diaries, May 1898 to July 1906, in which Gibson records the chores performed daily by himself and his family as well as money received (for the sale of produce) and money spent. The fonds also contains one additional diary, January 1910 to April 1914, which records chores and events on the farm. It is possible that the diary was written by Gibson's wife, Alice, but written as if Gibson had written it himself.

Transcription Decisions:

In this transcription, most misspellings and grammatical anomalies which occur in the original text have been maintained. Occasionally commas and periods have been added to assist in clarifying the sentence structure. Square brackets [] indicate indecipherable text.

TRANSCRIPTION

January 1910 February

Jan. 10. In the afternoon W.J.[] drew a small load of stone. Weighing 3500 lbs. Nett from the bank of the open drain at the north west corner of G.A.G. lot.

Jan. 14. In the afternoon W.J. [] drew one load of stone weighing 5400 lbs net from the eastern of the two stone piles at the centre of the western side of the lot.

Jan. 24. In the afternoon G.A.G. split some of the mined hardwood brought one wheel-barrow load to the house containing five armfuls. Carried it into the house and piled it behind the stove.

Jan. 25. In the afternoon G.A.G. threw down 4 stooks of barley in two lots; threshed it in six floorfuls and a little loose stuff in a small floorful. Then she showed up into the narrow loft accordingly. She threshed it, swept up the floor and then shovelled the threshed stuff into the north western bin.

Jan. 27. In the afternoon G.A.G. split some hardwood. Brought two wheel-barrow loads of wood to the house. Containing [] armfuls of hardwood and one of mixed hardwood, carried it into the house and piled it behind the stove.

Jan. 28. In the afternoon G.A.G. threw down four stooks of barley. Threshed it in six floorfuls and the loose stuff that came down with the [] in a small floorful, threw the straw up on to the narrow loft accordingly as he threshed it, swept up the floor; and shovelled the threshed stuff into the north western bin.

Jan. 29. A.S. churned in the afternoon. There were 3 lbs 2 ½ oz of Butter.

Jan. 31. In the morning, G.A.G. split some hardwood; brought one wheel-barrow load to the house, containing five armfuls, there being a few sticks of mined hardwood in the last armful carried into the house; and piled it behind the stove.

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Feb. 1. In the afternoon G.A.G. split some cedar blocks into building wood; brought a small wheel-barrow load to the house; carried it into the house; and piled it underneath and alongside the stove.

Feb. 2. In the afternoon G.A.G. dug out the rest of the mined hardwood [excepting] one block that was frozen down too hard; split it; brought a wheel-barrow load of it containing five armfuls to the house; carried it and piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 3. In the afternoon G.A.G. saved some of the long hardwood that he had bought J. Mander [] 1909.

Feb. 4. In the morning G.A.G. threw down four stooks of barley and threshed them in one floorfuls. In the afternoon he threw down

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Feb. 4. Four stooks and one sheaf of barley. Threshed them in six floorfuls and a little bit of loose stuff in a small floorful; threw the straw up onto the narrow loft accordingly as he threshed it. Swept up the floor and shovelled the threshed stuff into the north-western bin.

Feb. 5. In the morning G.A.G. split the wood that he had cut on the 3rd instant out of the cord of long hardwood that he has bought from Jas. []; brought it to the house in one wheel-barrow load; carried it into the house and piled it behind the stove. In the afternoon he threw down two stooks of barley and a little loose stuff; threshed in four floorfuls; threw down two stooks more of barley; threshed it in three floorfuls. Pitched the straw up on the narrow loft and the barn loft; swept up the floor and shovelled the threshed stuff into the north-western bin.

Feb. 7. In the afternoon G.A.G. split the rest of the hardwood, that he had cut out of the cord of long hardwood that he had bought from J. []; bought one wheel-barrow

load to the house containing four armfuls of hardwood and one of mined hardwood. Carried it into the house and piled it behind the stove; after that he brought a small wheel-barrow load to the house containing one and a half armfuls being the rest of the mined hardwood and the stacks of hardwood; carried it into the house; & piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 8. In the morning G.A.G. threw down two stooks of barley, which he threshed in three floorfuls; & threw down two stooks more. In the afternoon, he threshed the two stooks, which he had thrown down in the latter point of the morning in three floorfuls. Threw down two stooks more; threshed them in three floorfuls and a little bit of loose stuff in another small floorful; pitched the straw accordingly as he threshed it onto the

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narrow loft and the straw from the first four stooks on to the barn loft. Swept up the floor and shovelled the threshed stuff into the north-western bin.

Feb. 9. In the morning G.A.G. threw down two stooks of barley; and threshed one floorful of eight sheaves. In the afternoon he threshed the rest of the two stooks, that he had thrown down in the morning, in two floorfuls; after that he threw down two stooks more; threshed them in three floorfuls; pitched the straw up onto the narrow loft, accordingly, as he threshed it and from there on to the barn loft swept up the floor and shovelled the threshed into the north-eastern bin. A.G. churned in the afternoon. There were 1 lbs 12 oz of butter.

Feb. 10. G.A.G. sawed the rest of the long hardwood, that he thrown over at the south of what was left of the cord of long hardwood that he has got from Jas. []. Excepting that cross sticks that had piled the wood on in the morning and afternoon. After that he split the most of the wood that he had cut, brought one wheel-barrow load to the house containing five armfuls, carried it into the house; and piled it behind the stove. After that he carried another small armful into the house and piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 11. G.A.G. threw down two stooks of barley in two different lots, threshed them in six floorfuls, swept up the floor and shovelled the threshed stuff into the north-eastern bin. He put the straw away in the usual manner.

Feb. 12. In the morning G.A.G. threw down the rest of the barley. $1 \frac{2}{3}$ stooks (20 sheaves); threshed them in three floorfuls (8, 7, 25 []); pitched the straw up onto the narrow loft.

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Feb. 12. Swept down the eastern half of the stable loft where the barley had been swept up the floor and shovelled. The threshed stuff into the north-eastern bin. In the afternoon he saved some more of the long hardwood that he had bought from [Mrs] [], split enough for two armfuls, brought it to the house in the wheel-barrow; carried it into the house; and piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 14. In the afternoon G.A.G. split up what wood he had cut out of the cord of long hardwood that he had bought from Jas. [] son containing nearly five armfuls; A.G. carried the most of it in the house. G.A.G. carried the rest of it in and piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 15. In the latter part of the afternoon G.A.G. piled some of the cord of long hardwood that he had brought from Jas. [] & son, in the south of what was left of the cord of long hardwood that he had brought from J. [].

Feb. 16. In the afternoon G.A.G. sawed some more of the cord of long hardwood that he has bought from Jas. [] & son; split it; brought one wheel-barrow load to the house containing four armfuls; carried it into the house and piled it behind the stove.

Feb. 17. In the afternoon G.A.G. saved some more of the long hardwood that he had bought from Jas. [].

Feb. 18. In the afternoon G.A.G. split the hardwood that he had cut on the afternoon of the 17th instant; brought to the house in the wheel-barrow (there were nearly three armfuls); carried it into the house; and piled it behind the stove. After that he split some cedar blocks into kindling wood; brought a small wheel-barrow load of it to the house; carried it into the house; and piled it underneath and alongside the stove.

Feb. 19. In the morning G.A.G. opened the salt barrel; and [] a [].

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Feb. 19. In the afternoon G.A.G. sawed some more of the cord of long hardwood that he had bought from Jas [] & Son; split it up; brought to the house one wheel-barrow load, containing five armfuls; carried it into the house; and piled it behind the stone.

Feb. 18. A.G. churned in the afternoon. Three were 1lbs x oz. of butter.

Feb. 21. G.A.G. sawed some more of the cord of long hardwood that he had bought from Jas. [] & Son in the latter part of the afternoon.