

Life in the Past

From the daily journals of Nelson Hicks'
great grandfather of Vicki Emlaw,
at Hix Holme, South Bay

July, 1896

July 1 It was very warm Jake was up and help us work at the Barn.

July 2 Archie and I scraped some gravel up by the barn door to make a bridge. Then Paw and I layed a cupple of hide walls for the bridge. A baby boy came to Jakes to day. He is feeling quite proud.

July 3 It was very warm. Paw Archie and I were making a bridge for the barn. It is getting very dry wish that we could get a nice rain.

July 4 Paw and Ma went over to Picton. It was very cloudy all day and looks as if it might rain every minute. Archie and I finished the bridge for the barn.

July 5 Sunday Paw and Maw went out to Annie Mauds. Mary Ellen and I went down to Jakes.

July 6 Paw bought a Massey Mower of Clark. Mr. Thomas Dunn fetch it out to day price of mower \$42.00. He fetched the rope for the Hay fork it took 33lbs and it cost 10 cts a pound. Archie and I commenced to cultivated the corn again in the point.

7 I finished cultivating the corn and cultivated the potatoes. Paw and Archie sowed the third field back with buckwheat. In the after noon Paw and I painted the waggon.

8 Paw went back and mowed till noon and in the afternoon I raked it up. Archie rolled the third field back.

9 Paw and I made a waggon rack. We had a little shower of rain in the fore noon. It has been quite cool to day and looks very much as if it might rain more.

July 10 In the fore noon I went down to the Flats and mowed part of the first field. In the after noon we raked it up and drew one load in from back. It was the first load we drew in the barn on load with the hay fork and every thing worked fine.

11 Paw and I sowed the second field with B. Wheat. Archie draged it in. I went down to Jakes then helped him rake up some of his hay then Jake come up and we drew two loads of hay in off from the front in the first field. Hay is very light this year we only hot two small loads of from half of the field just mention.

12 Jake Lib Ida and Dan were up. It was very warm.

13 I went down to Jakes helped him draw in a load of hay then it commenced to rain and rain till about noon. In the after noon we went back and started to pull his Kents peas.

July 14 I went down to Jake's too the Reaper down and we reaped the rye by the barn and drew in a load of hay.

After dinner we went back and bulled Kents peas. Stratton were down for a little visit he is talking of going on the Steamer Boat North King waiting on tables.

15 It rained some in the morning. I half sole a pair of boots for Mary Ellen. After dinner Paw and Jake Archie and I went back and commence to cut Jakes Rye on Robert Metcalfe.

16 Paw and Archie went back working at Jakes rye. Jake and I cut peas. Then after dinner we went back and bound Rye.

17 Paw Archie and I were helping Jake with his rye on Robert Metcalfe. After tea Paw and Maw went over to Mr. Lighthall.

18 Jake and Archie and I finished reaping, binding and seting up the rye on Robert Metcalfe there were three thousand and ninty sheaves. Paw and Maw were to Picton fetch the Geese home from Mr. Lighthall.

19 I went down to Jakes. Sarrah Eliza Rorke and Myrtle Spafford were there. Jake and Lib went down to Mr. Spaffords

July 20 It rained all day just fine. One of the finest rains we have had since last spring. It has just struck the buck wheat. Every body feels rejoice to night there is a quite a fog and the rain does not look over with.

21 Every thing looks fine after the rain the ground is very wet. Archie went down to Jakes to help him sow a field of buck wheat. Paw and I paris Green the potatoes on the flats drew one load of hay of from the first.

July 22 Paw mowed the hay in the peck faller. I went down to Jakes helped him finished his peas.

July 23 Paw and Archie went down to Jakes helped his draw in his Kents peas. I started to cut the Jema peas in the swamp.

24 I cut peas in the swamp Paw raked them. Jake come up After dinner and we finished them. Archie cultivated the beans in the swamp and commenced to cultivated the corn on the flats.

25 Paw and I took a load of hay over to Picton. Sold it to Lighthall @ 15.00 per ton. There were 2370lbs.

26 Sunday Mr. Anderson preach a Serman to the Chosen Friends at the carman church. There were a very large crowd. Effie Thompson is very sick had Dr. Carn from Picton.

27 I went down to Jake's and helped him thrashed Kent peas with the Horses.

28 I were down to Jakes we finished thrashing the kent peas and cleaned them up. There were 29 bag's full and we helped Uncle Nath thrashed his peas with the machine.

29 Jake come up we went back and drew in two loads of rye from Robert Metcalfe place. Paw reaped the Barley on the flats.

30 Jake Paw and I went over to Picton. Paw and I took a load of Hay over for Jake. Sold it to Mr. Carrington, it

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