

# Life in the Past

From the daily journals of  
**Nelson Hicks, great grandfather of  
 Vicki Emlaw, at Hix Holme,  
 South Bay - June, 1896**  
*(Reprinted from an early issue)*

*Nelson Hicks, my great grandfather, feeding the pigs*



*and chickens.* - Vicki Emlaw

Tues. 2 Cultivated to day and sowed 8 bus. of Barley in the final field on the flats. We are having lovely spring weather only a little dry.

June 2 Jake and Dan come up to help work at the Barn Finished Sheating it and siding it up. I was out to Colman Wattams helping him raise his Barn. After I come Back I planted some beans in the Garden. Maw set out some tomatoes plants.

June 3 Calvin Lowry and Wife came to our place to spend a week or two visten his Friends.

June 4 Manse Head and I commence to Shingle the Barn. It was very warm.

June 5 Manse finished puting the rest of the cornish on the Barn then we Shingled the rest of the day.

June 10 Manse put the track in the Barn. Maw took Cela Lowry up to Milford to Mr. Perter Lowry. Calvin went up on his Bysickle.

June 12 Manse made the gable end doors for the barn. It is nice weather after the rain every thing is began to grow and look good.

June 13 Paw and Archie, I started to hoe the corn in the point field. After dinner I cultivated the potatoes on the point. Mary Ellen and Lillie Thurston , Arther Bongard went to the Sand Banks Paterons of Industry had a picnic there.

June 19 William Lowry come out after our Bull he is going to pastor it the rest of the Summer.

June 20 Manson finished working at the Barn. He has just been 51 days. And all ther is to do is to finished off the stables and Grainery. His charge is \$1,50 cts a day which amounts to \$76,50. I finished cultivating the corn on the point. It was very warm.

June 22 Paw and I hoed the peas in the swamp. Archie finished ploughing the third field for BuckWheat. I took the Buggy down to Jakes to paint it in his drive House.

June 23 Jake come up with his team and we ploughed in the ditches along the road. So as to have it ready for to do the road work on Wednesday.

June 24 Dan Palmateer had a little bea ploughing Jake and Archie I were helping about one o'clock . Smith McLaughlin Cheese Factory took fire and burned both the Factory and barn come very nigh burning the house. Paw commenced to do the road work.

June 27 We had two Swarms of bees and this makes five Swarms this Spring up till now from three hives to start on.

- Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

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