

Life in the Past

Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' journal at Hix Holme, South Bay May, 1982.

May 1 Maw and Paw Dan and Ida went down to Mr. Wardforth, for a visit.

2. It rained most all day. We put in 40 grafts.

3. In the am we manure the young trees and planted 1 bus and a Peck of potatoes in the garden and some curns bushes and in the afternoon it rained.

4. Gespy had her coalt. We move in the room.

3 Jane Loney died about 12 o'clock. Her funeral Surman was preach at the head of the Bay. Then they took her to Milford and Berried her.

5 Paw and I went to Milford with 10 bags of oats to get crack.

6. It rained a little.

7. Paw and Annie Maud went over to Picton. We rowled back.

8 Ida and Dan went down to Willits.

9 Archie commence to Gang the Peck Follow and we cultivated the berries.

10 I painted the buggy fillers. Archie gang and Paw and I cultivated and hoed the berries.

11 We made a new tung for the wagon. Ida and Dan came up from Willits. It rained almost all day.

12 Maw and Ida went over to Picton. Ida got a new pair of boots

13 Paw and I grafted 52 sets. Dan commence to paint the house. We turn the coalts out to get their own living.

14 Paw and I put in 25 grafts. And we plant some seed in the garden.

15 It rained some.

16 Dan and I draw 6 load of manure on the ground on the point. Lydia Jane come here.

17 Paw and Jacob Collier went over to Picton after Uncle Saul Coffin.

18 Uncle Saul Funeral Surman was preach in the church at the Head of the Bay. Then he was taken to Picton and put in the vault

19 Archie rowled the Peck foller and Dan and I howed the Berries and paw cultivated them. That night it commence to rain.

20 George Collier and Wife was out here. it rained most all day.

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22 It rained some. Paw and Maw Ida and Dan went over to Mr. Duetta's. Wind was north east

23 Annie Maud and I took Lydia Jane home then we went to Mr. Lighthall and stayed all night. It rain

24 We went down to picton Paw and maw Ida and Dan went over with the Democrat. Annie Maud and I stayed all night

28 We trimb the house Paw and Dan went up to Milford.

25 I went down to Picton from Mr. Lighthall and then come home down to Nelson Ostrander and stayed all night. It rained some.

26 I come home. Dan painting the house again.

27 We finished painting the house in the afternoon it rain a little.

29 It rained most all day. Annie Maud come home from Mr. Lighthall with Nelson Ostrander.

30 Paw and Maw went up to Joseph Collier. We finished manuring the potatoes patch.

31 We cultivated the ground we turn the horses out for the first. The old sow had her pigs 5