

Preface

James Healy Alexander (“JHA” in this document) operated Endwood Farm in Lockport and DuPage Townships, Will County, Illinois, in the latter half of the Nineteenth Century. The farm was established by his father, James Lewis Alexander, in 1859. Over 110 years later, in 1968, a developer took last parcel of the land as Will County became more suburban than rural and the last Alexanders left the farm and moved west to Colorado. In 2014, I discovered JHA’s notebook among the materials I had collected when my siblings and I vacated our parents’ home in Montrose, Colorado.

The first entry in the notebook is Friday, March 19th, 1878: “Planted early potatoes . . . ’ and JHA’s last entry appears in January 1884: “Nothing special. . . good sleighing.” In between those two entries, JHA notes the condition of crops (“Corn, my best, rubs under the axle of the cultivator”), farm operations (“Commenced Cutting and Binding oats”), the weather (“Lots of snow on the ground yet and the drifts Are in many places higher than fences.”), mundane family coming and going (“Mother went to Joliet”) as well as more sensitive family observations (“Today heard That Sarah had tried to borrow money. For what purpose I cannot imagine”), opinions of hired help (“My man in a drunk again today. It seems as though it were impossible To get help that will be anything near What they should be.”) and an interesting entry regarding farm safety on 11 February 1881. A recurring theme is setting drainage tile to improve the fields. JHA made nearly 30 entries regarding tiling.

This document consists of two major elements. The first element contains the scanned images of the original notebook in JHA’s cursive handwriting along with a page-for-page typed “translation” to simplify the task of reading the document. The softcopy version is set up for two-page viewing with the original page on the left and the “translation” on the right. It may be prudent to check the setup, otherwise you may be flipping back and forth to view both the original and corresponding translated pages. The [bracketed text] and “_____” in the translated indicates I could not make a reasonable guess about the original material. Any assistance, or corrections, is welcomed.

The complete document runs over 200 pages, so printing a hard copy may not be a good solution. The soft copy may be more useful since the reader can zoom in on particular entries especially on the maps and aerial photos. If the reader is not familiar with the field layout, or haven’t thought about it in while, I recommend reviewing some of the aerial maps (e.g Figure 11) in the Appendix to gain an understanding of what JHA is writing about.

The second element is an Appendix containing some detail (and perhaps speculation on my part subject to further research) on the Alexander family migration from New York State to Will County, the origins of Endwood Farm, and farm operations in the late 1800s. For some of the topics (the geology comes to mind) it may be “too much information.” I suggest skimming the Appendix Table of Contents for topics of specific interest.

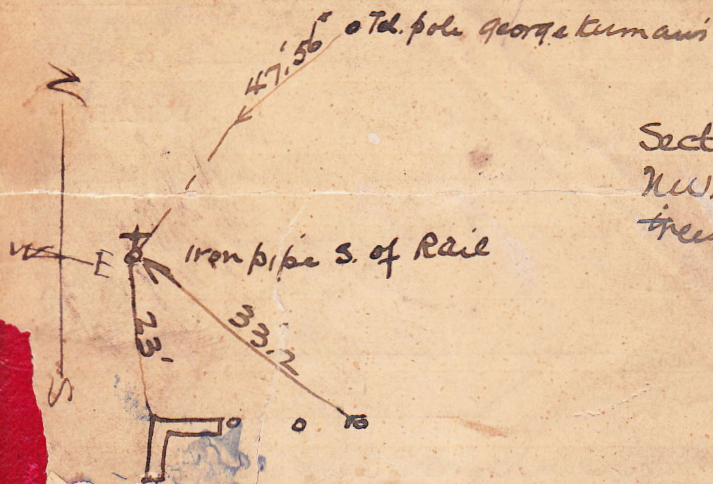
The majority of the background on the canals, Illinois and Will County history has been collected from published sources mainly from the internet and is not original research. There is a wealth of information on these topics, and citations in the end notes are still a work in progress. I’m an engineer at heart, so if something appears to be well-written and not properly cited, I need to fix that.

By the time my generation was on the farm (1930s-1960s), farm operations were highly mechanized with gasoline and diesel tractors, grain combines and corn-picking implements, and hydraulic and electrical power assistance for tasks that were manual or horse-powered in JHA’s time. I believe it is important to understand these operations to appreciate the effort, risks, and benefits involved with agriculture. In the late 1940s the farm transitioned from a sustenance and cash-crop operation to a full cash crop operation growing corn, soybeans, and wheat. Later versions of this document may cover some of the transition from horsepower to internal combustion engines.

I don't recall much discussion while growing up of how the farm operated in the "old days" nor do I recall many old implements in the sheds or junk yard. JHA only mentions implements three times, but I believe his time preceded steam-powered equipment. Through the technology of the internet, especially YouTube, there is wealth of information on early horse-powered farming techniques. I've relied on these sources extensively which may not be the most accurate description of specific Endwood Farm operations. I am researching the topic more thoroughly.

R. W. Alexander, Springfield, Virginia, 6 September 2021

Description + location of Tide
Gauges as laid by J. H. A.



Section line 304
NW. cor. Calappa
trees in Road.

Description and Location Of
Drain Tiles Laid by J. H. A.

Employment agency of
Employment agency of
Chicago group

10 10 20

June 1880

months

Eight

June (9)

months (9)

Eight
months

11 25

9 4 7 50

3 1 7 50

2 7 5
11 6 9 11 4

years
January

100

40

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100

new

100

3

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1869

12 8 30

85

Inside Cover

19 to 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

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James Gage
Gage

James H. Alexander
Alexander

James H. Norton
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2 change of breaking know
1 better sections

Wood

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Flyleaf

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78 Friday March 29th. Planted Early potatoes
1/2 acre or more west of Big Barn

Saturday Mch 30

Nature's sake snowed all day
but not cold.

Monday. Apr 1. Shall not go to Chicago
this month

Tuesday Apr 2. Sowed 7 acres south of
Ravin (Middle 40), to oats

Monday Apr 8th Finished sowing and dragging
oats. - Have put in about (in
Olding Ravin) 75 acres

Wednesday Apr 10. Got 12 Hard Maples from
the Grove & planted them around
the Tenant House

Thursday Apr 11. Began digging the ditch for
Tile - Branch extending S.W. from
the main 5 inch drain on the
Back 40 to foot of Hill by Peter
Also am hauling out manure by
C.B. Bears.

Friday Apr 12. Same work

Saturday 13 Do Do. I put on boards on posts
on the 110 north side path, of 40, a in Dupage.

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but not cold

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Oats. – Have put in about (In
Cluding [Basin]) 25 acres

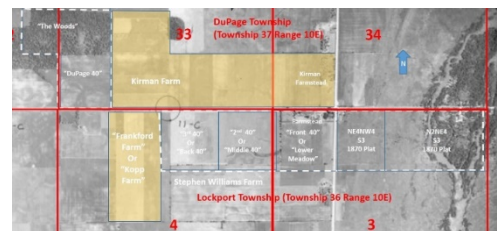
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the Grove & planted them around the tenant house

Thursday Apr 11. Began digging the ditch for
Tile – Branch Extending S. W. from
the Main 5 Inch drain on the
Back 40 to foot of hill [by ____]
Also am hauling out manure by
CB Sears

Friday Apr 12. Same work

Saturday _ 13 D° D° I put on Boards on posts
On the W & North side [partly] of 40 a in DuPage

*Editor's Note: The "Grove" is probably the wooded lot called the "Woods" in
the 20th Century.*



1878

Sunday Apr. 14th 13 years to day since A
Lincoln was assassinated
Raining to day.

Monday Apr 15th

Made fence in Grove. Dug ditch
& got out manure

Tuesday Apr 16.

Dug ditch, got out manure
& began Cultivating face soil
ploughing

Let Kerman have 62 Bushes

Oats @ 22¢

7 13 64 paid

Wednesday

Do - Do - & got some
Lumber & posts home in P.M.
for Kopp Saw

Thursday

Apr 18. Got Pile from Joliet
Hauled manure & dug
post-holes at K farm

Friday

Apr 19. Put in the tile about
400. & covered them also
ploughed &c

Healy helped a good deal

putting in the tile

The west end of said drain is over with willow tree

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Lincoln was assassinated
Raining to day

Monday April 15th
Made fence in Grove. Dug ditch

& got out manure

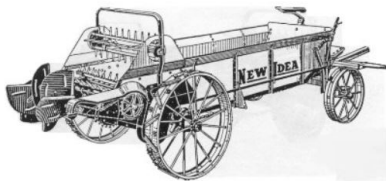
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& began cultivating Fall sod
Ploughing
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Wednesday D° D° & got some
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Fr Kopp Farm

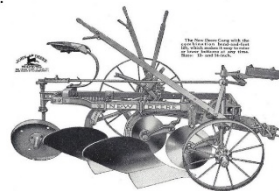
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putting in the tile

The west end of said drain is even with the willow tree

Editor's Note: On April 19, 1878, Healy H. Alexander was about 3 years, 10 months old! Perhaps there was a "C Healy" around, but there is not record of them.



New Idea Manure Spreader

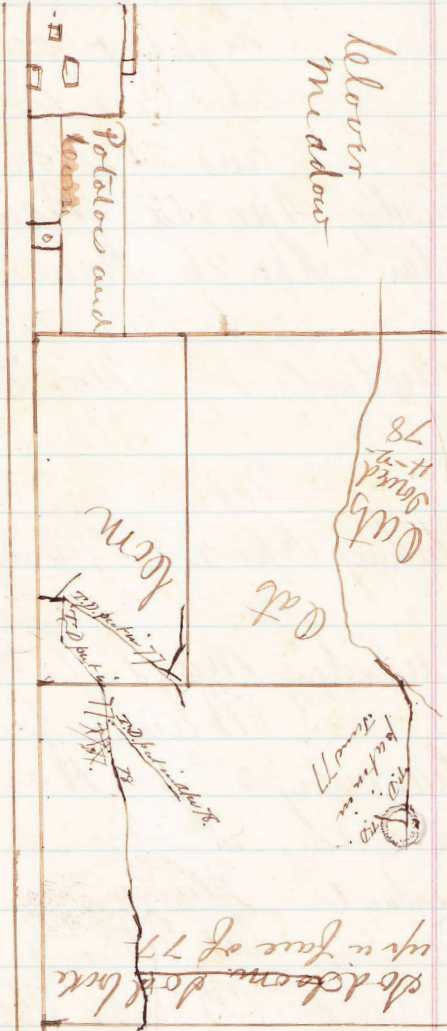


Horse Drawn 2-Bottom Sulky Plow

1898

Saturday Apr 20 - Ploughed - dragged & planted
Peach-Blow Potatoes.

McTigue drove to ranch intending to the blue line & put
a row of things back in Apr 28 six kinds of fair seeds
as the potatoes live in some soil of the field



Sunday Apr 21
Mother and I
attended
Church at
Dupage
Rained in
P.M.

Monday Apr 22
Ploughed
dragged
Cultivated

Kope Farm

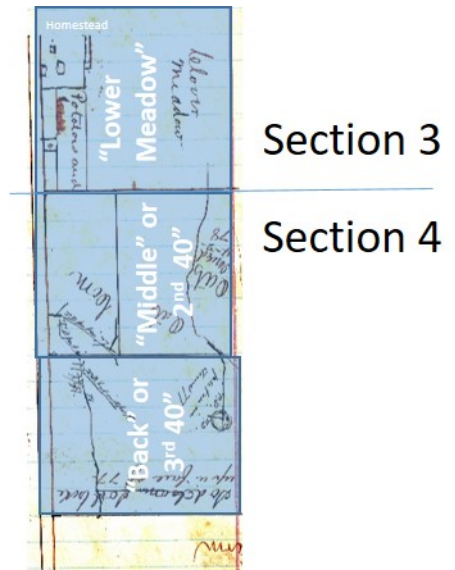
1878

Saturday Apr 20 Ploughed, dragged & planted
Peach-Blow Potatoes

Sunday Apr 21 Mother & I attended Church at
DuPage

Rained in P.M.

Monday Apr 22 Ploughed
Dragged
Cultivated



Editor's Note: The JHA and Laura probably attended the DuPage Presbyterian Church, later renamed the First Presbyterian Church of DuPage. The Herbert Hayes Alexander family attended the church in the 1950-60s.

Tuesday, Apr 23 Rained hard last
night & good part of this a.m.

Wednesday, Apr 24 Rained all last
night & all this day. Sheered
seed Corn 4 1/2 Bu. got of Saml Haywood
and 2 1/2 Bu. of my own. (By hand)

Thursday Apr 25th. Rained all day

Friday Apr 26 Hauled rails from near river
to fence. Night pastured

Saturday the 27th. Mr Haywood and
mate " here
Mother went to Salist

Monday Apr 29. Ploughed Cultivated
& ditched

Tuesday May 1. Went to Chicago.
Rained part of the day

Wednesday 2nd " Hard.

Thursday 4th Finished ditch at Grumborough

Friday 6th Planted 13 acres Corn to day

Saturday Got. Tils & C

Sunday Rained Hard all day

Monday Laura went home

Tuesday. Fitting Corn Land
and ditching

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 To fence night pasture
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 Mate “ here
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 Thursday 2nd “ Hard
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 Monday 6th Planted 13 acres corn to day
 Tuesday Got tile & [_____]]
 Wednesday Rained Hard all day
 Thursday Laura went home
 Friday Saturday [_____] Corn Land
 And ditching

Editor’s Note: Unlike sweetcorn, field corn kernels are dry and hard. “Shelling” corn in the 1870s was the manual task of separating the kernels from the cob.. 47 bushels of corn on the ear weighed about 3,200 pounds.

1878

Monday May 13. Filling Com Land & ditching

Friday 17. Began planting sod.

Thursday May 23 Finished planting

Had a great deal of rain this
Spring in the month of May.

Friday May 31 Laura & Coys went to
Joliet & I got Load of Tile

This has been the wettest May I ever
remember. rain rain rain nearly
all the time

May 15, 1884 Finished planting 55 a in 84

1878

Monday May 13 [_____ Corn Land] & ditching
Friday 17 Began planting sod
Thursday May 23rd Finished planting
Had a great deal of rain this
Spring in the month of May
Friday May 31st Laura & Boys went to
Joliet & I got a load of tile

This has been the wettest May I ever
Remember. rain rain rain nearly
all the time

*May 15 **1884** Finished planting 55 a in 84*

*Editor's Note: The main entries are for May 1878; the last entry is for May 1884.
It appears JHA used the book to compare the timing of activities from year-to-
year.*

Saturday June 1 1878

at this time corn (the largest)
is not more than 2 Inches
High & a great deal of
corn is just coming up
I have one piece that I started
to go through the second
time to day

Old Corn worth 93¢

Oats " 20 to 23¢

Rye & Barley about 50¢

Sunday June 2. Heavy rain
of about 2 or 3 hours
to day. To day for the
first time since I tiled
across the road the water
ran on the surface over
the surface on to Keenan
& to day there was a
large body of it that
did so.

Saturday June 1 1878

At this time corn (the largest)

is not more than 2 inches

High & a great deal of

Corn is just Coming up

I have one piece that I started

to go through the second

time today

Old Corn worth 33c

Oats “ 20 to 23 c

Rye & Barley about 50c

Sunday June 2 Heavy rain

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First time since I tiled

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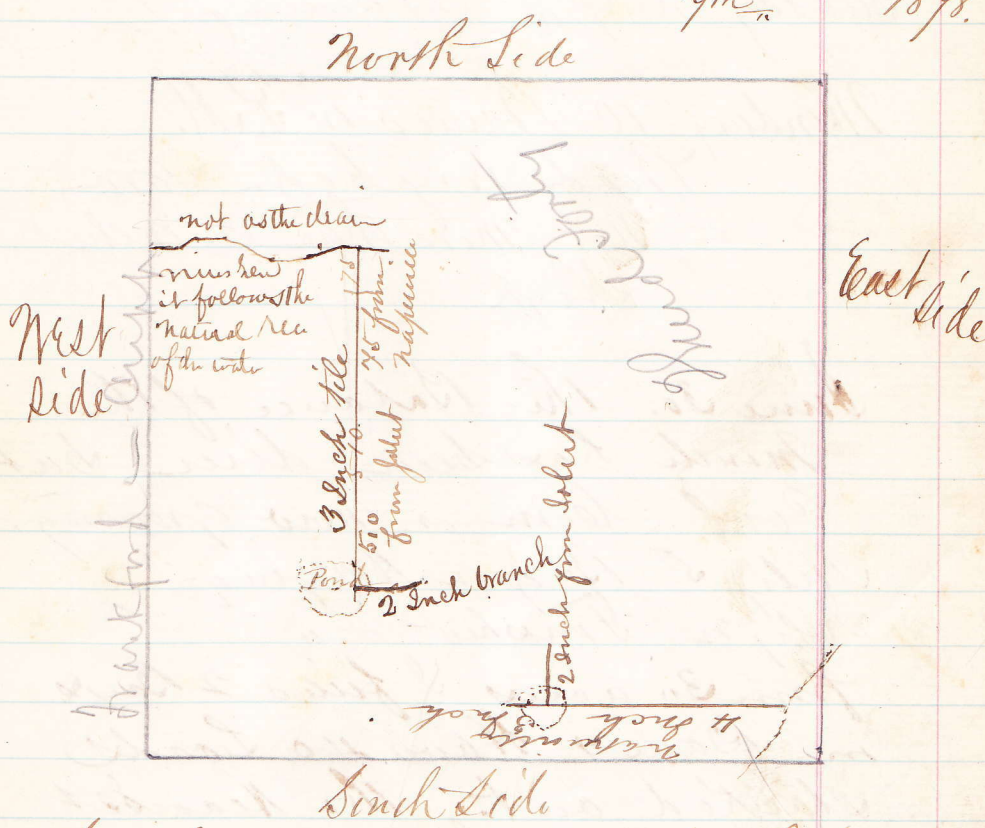
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Tile

1878

Today I have finished putting in tile in drain running due south towards the Cherry tree to the place where there has always been a kind of basin

The cut below shows the location of the afore mentioned drain. Lockport June 1878

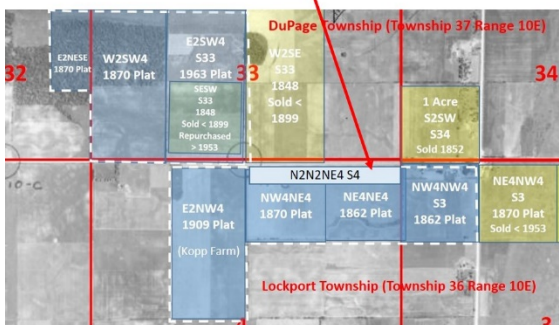
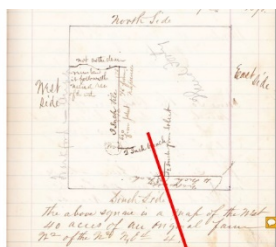


The above square is a map of the West 40 acres of an original farm N² of the N² 26th 4.

Tile 1878

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Cherry tree to the place where there has
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The cut below shows the location of the
Afore mentioned drain Lockport June
7th 1879



The above square is a map of the West
40 acres of [our] original farm
 N^2 of the $N^2 NE^4$ {Section} 4

Editor's Note: JHA's comment about the "square" map of the west 40 acres is not consistent with the parcel reference of $N^{1/2} N^{1/2} NE^4$ as shown above. The light blue area is 40 acres, but not square. The two parcels (basically the North Half of the NE Quarter of Section 4 do coincide with ownership in the available plats (1862 and before 1870.)

Friday June 7th
Rained during the P.M.

Saturday June 8th
Rained all the a.M.

Sunday the 9th Raining

Monday 10 Rained in P.M.
Roads very bad - Corn
Not more than 3 inches
High

June 30. The Balance of the
month has been drier but
Cool. Corn is now growing.

July 5 Began Haying

July 24 Finished "

1878

from 30 acres I filled 2 Bays
in Barn & Have 40 Loads
stacked out. The heaviest
Hay we ever had

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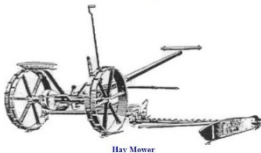
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Editor's Note: Haying in 1870-80 was a three step horse-powered process: cutting the hay, raking the hay into windrows to dry, and loading and unloading the hay wagons. Hay was stored in the barn or in outside stacks.



Raking and windrowing



Loading the Hay Wagon

July 24th Began Cutting Oats
July 25 Working at the oats.
" 26 Rained last night Had.
" 27 at the oats.

July 31. Finished binding and
Stacking oats. Had
About 23 acres

August 1. Went to Ricayo -
My men kept Grubbers
August 2. Hauled off some oats

August 3 Began stacking oats
" 8 Finished " "

878 Aug. 19 " Making 40 Poles
of fence on north side of
4.6 in Dupage & East of
Wiley

Aug 21. Will Haywood went Home
" 24 Went to Joliet with Mather
& stoned up the well at the
Kopp Farm

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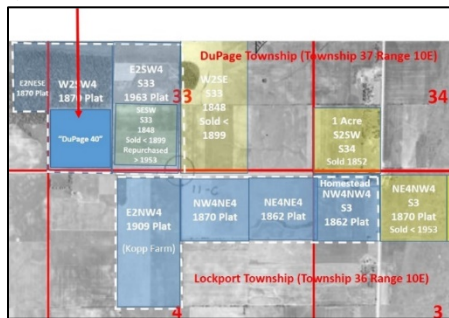
August 2 Hauled off some oats

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Aug. 19 “ Making 40 Rods
 Of fence on North side of
 40 in DuPage & East of
 Wileys

Aug 21. Will Haywood went home
 “ 24 Went to Joliet with Mother
 & stoned up the well at the
 Kopp Farm

Editor’s Note: 40 rods = 660 feet. One side of a quarter-quarter like the DuPage is ¼ mile (1,320 feet.)



September 1878

3 Began threshing in the A.M.
5 Finished " " " A.M.

Oats were a good crop this year but owing to heavy & frequent rains we had in the month of Aug the stacks were in bad order.

The proper way to stack grain is to take pains & be thorough & pay every time.

5 Began cutting up corn
14 Finished " " "

About 12 or 13 acres

See plat Below
Stephen J. Williams Farm

North Road

27

30 acres
2000 bushels

27
3000 bushels

Stack 40

all to be
year 1878

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Editor's Notes: Harvesting corn was a multistep process similar to oats: (a) cutting the corn stalks and binding them into sheaves for drying and (b) husking (separating the ears from the stalks). JHA does not mention the equipment used, but by 1870-1800, corn binders were available to mechanically cut and bind the corn. Husking was essentially a separate, manual task. Given the level of mechanization for other tasks, JHA probably had a corn binder.



21 September 1878

In company with Mr Haywood
and Mr Hopkins I attended the
"plowing match" in the farm of
Robt. Clow. There were 18 competitors,
3 or 4 of them boys, & not one
of them but was an excellent
ploughman. I approve of
exhibitions of this kind

Alexander
Lockport Ills. Sep 21-78

October 11, 1878

Went to Napoleon and got 300 4 Inch
and 50 3 Inch tile for the drain
running north on the middle 40 from
the Barn to drain off the wet
place I was troubled so much
with in the Spring of 78. when Charles
Leas was here.

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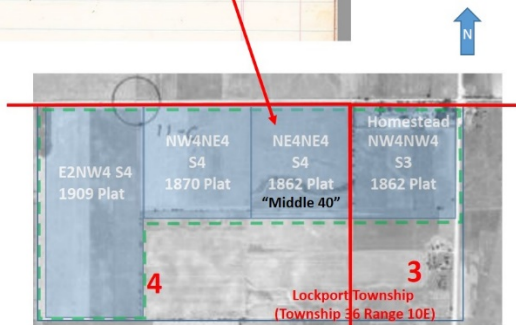
J. H. Alexander

Lockport Ills Sep 21—78

October 11, 1878

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the Ravine to drain off the wet
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with in the Spring of 78 when Charley
Sears was here



October 1878

12, Mr + Mrs Darling here

12 Sold 13 Hogs to 2 Bathmen
to day for one Hundred and
ten dollars. Pork very cheap
worth only 250 to 290 per Hundred,
Live weight.

15 Began Husking corn

Finished " " Nov 14th

16 Delivered 13 Hogs at Outlet
They averaged, including the old
sow, 269^{lb} Total weight 3500

16 to 25 Splendid weather for husking

26 This a.m. It began to drizzle + in
the P.M. it turned to snow. Dual Patterson
here. Made Barrel Cider

27 Sunday Morning about 2 inches
of snow on the ground. Not
Cold but Draw

October 1878

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- 13 Sold 13 hogs to [Barthun]
To day for one hundred and
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- 15 Began husking corn
Finished “ “ Nov^{er} 14th
- 16 Delivered 13 hogs to Joliet
They averaged, including the old
Sow, 269# Total weight 3,500
- 16 To splendid weather for husking
- 25
- 26 This am it began to drizzle & in
The pm It turned to snow. [Duul] Patterson
Here. Made Barrel cider
- 27 Sunday morning about 2 inches
Of snow on the ground. Not
Cold but Raw

November 1878

14 Finished Husking Corn - A very good
crop. In the fall I fattened 13 Hogs
& have kept 17 shoats besides.

To night both sides of the
Corn-House are as full as they
can be & I have a rail pen
full - about 250 In - Besides
also one large load on the floor
of the Pig-Pen.

15 attended sale at Est. Morse's

26 Mrs Williams Buried

27 Went to the grove & got 8 Hard Maple
Trees set 7 of them along the stone
wall west of the Horse Barn

28 Spent To day - Thanksgiving with
Mr Melus & family & had
a pleasant time

30 Went to the grove & got 12 Hard
Maple trees to set out in the
line between sections 3 & 4

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Wall west of the Horse Barn
- 28 I spent To day- Thanksgiving with
W^m Milne & family. Had
a pleasant time
- 30 Went to the grove & got 12 Hard
Maple trees to set out on the
Line between Sections 3 and 4

Editor's Note: "The grove" probably refers to what we called "the woods" in the 20th Century. "Grove Farms" was the name of John Baker's (Healy Hayes Alexander's future in-laws) farm in Manhattan, Illinois, but that relationship was more than 20 years in the future.

William Milne was probably the son of Robert Milne, an early Lockport settler and I&M Canal contractor like JHA's father.

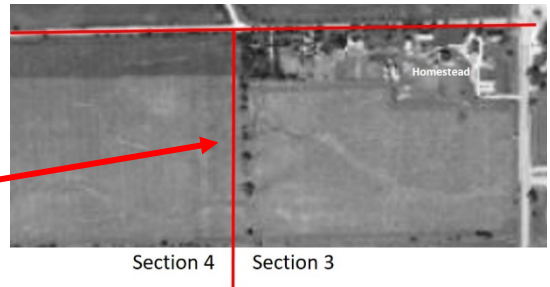
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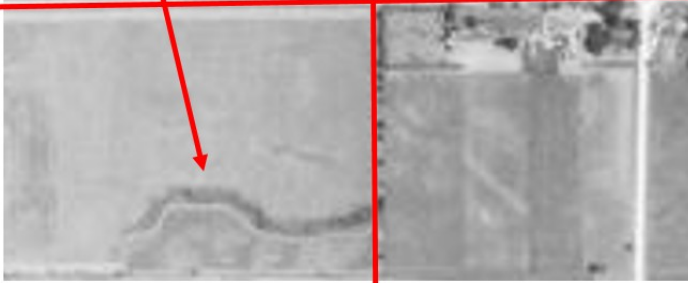
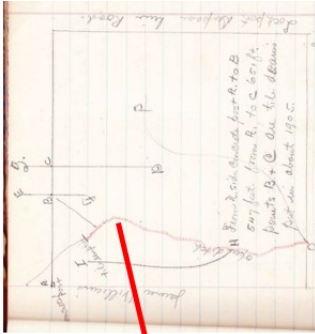
- 2 Went to the grove & dug 9 Hard Maple trees to finish the row Extending North & South along the line between Sections 2 & 3 Rockport.
- 3 Went over to Thos Clow's and bought Eight (8) hufes.
- 4 Mother went to Chicago
- 6 " " Veterans
- 10 Purchased Miss Wild Cow
- 11 Went to Harry Hopkins's
- 12 Mother went to Jabit
- 13 Purchased 2 pigs
- 14 Snowed all day - and up to Monday Jan'y 27th we have had most beautiful sleighing uninterrupted weather quite cold ranging from zero to 18 deg Below-
- 25 Staid at home made long sack
- 29 Two years ago to day My father died
- 31 " " " " " " Buried

Sunday Dec 15th 1878
15. 1878
departed

December 1878

- 2 Went to the grove and dug 9 Hard Maple tree to finish the Row Extending North & South along the line between Sections 2&3 Lockport
- 3 Went over to Thos Clow's and bought Eight (8) heifers
- 4 Mother went to Chicago
- 6 " returned
- 10 Butchered Miss [Mild] Cow
- 11 Went to Harry Hopkins
- 12 Mother went to Joliet
- 13 Butchered 2 Pigs
- 14 Snowed all day and up to [Monday January 27th] we had most Beautiful sleighing uninterrupted Weather quite cold Ranging from Zero to 18 deg Below
- Sunday December 15 CB Sears departed
- 25 Staid at home Made long [sack]
- 29 Two years ago today My father died
- 31 " " " " " " buried





Section 4

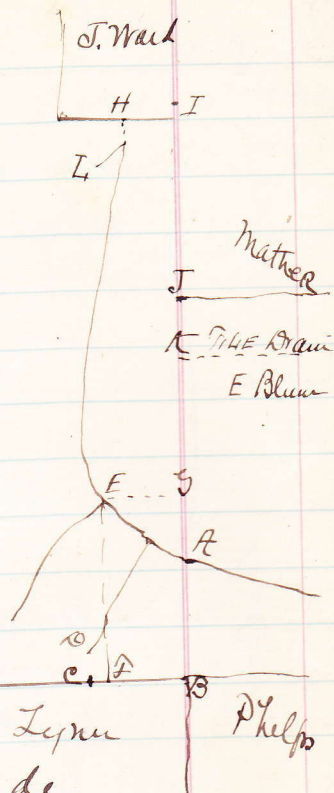
Section 3

How far they run W I do not
 Know Think they run nearly E +
 Connect with O.P.

*H. I also dug same [tile] +-A 1925
 In 1920. Pulled fence [in] line 2nd & 3rd
 40's and began plowing E+W 1 mile
 Rounds. 1934 Plowed N+S to more properly prevent
 erosion*

Plat of tile N. side Lily Coche
 put in 1915 or 16-

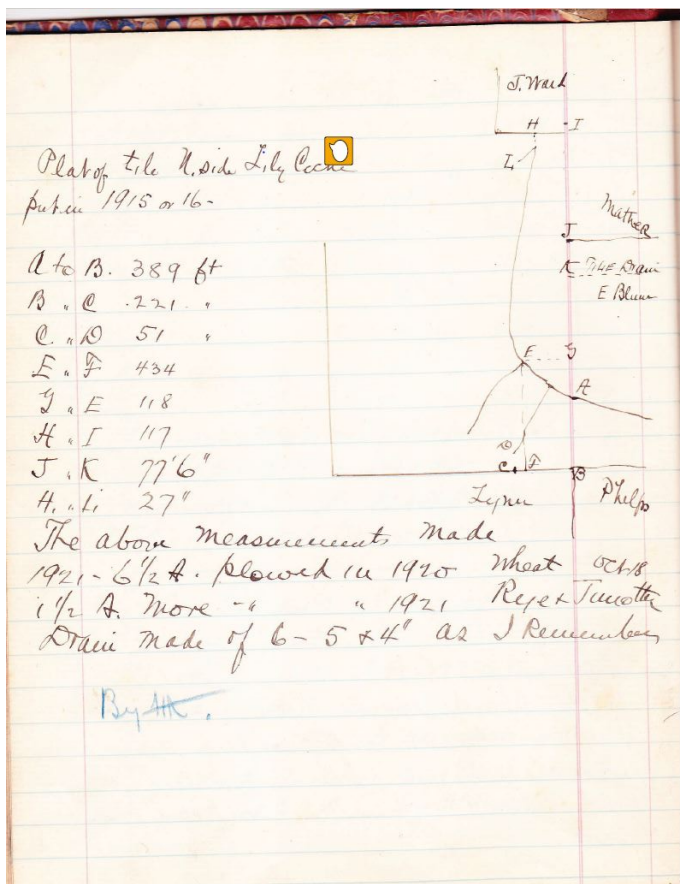
A to B. 389 ft
 B " C . 221 "
 C " D 51 "
 E " F 434
 G " E 118
 H " I 117
 J " K 77'6"
 H " L 27"



The above measurements made
 1921 - 6 1/2 A. plowed in 1920 wheat Oct 18
 1 1/2 A. more - " 1921 Rep + Juroth
 Drain made of 6-5 x 4" as I remember

By ~~AK~~

Plat of tile N side of Lily Cache
Put in 1915 or 16



The above measurements made
1921 6 1/2 /a plowed in 1925 Wheat []
1 1/2 A More " " 1921 Rye + []
Drain made of 6-5 + 4" as I remember
By H.A.

Editor's Note: This is the first mention of wheat or rye being grown (1921 and 1925)

January 1879

- 1 Sam'l Haywood and Daughter [Mate] here
 - 2 18 degrees below zero this a m Wind N.W.
 - 3 24 " " " " "
 - 4 18 Degrees " " " "
 - 5 19 Degrees Below Zero this a m
 - 9 Mr + Mrs Milne, Mr + Mrs Farley, Mrs Eddy + Mrs Thomas here 10
Below Zero
 - 11 To day for the first time for Exactly 4 weeks
The South Eaves dropped
 - 12 Mother, wife, Boys and self attended church at Homer
" stopped with Mrs Farley on return
 - 12 10 degrees Below Zero this A.M.
 - 13 Helped Kirman haul ice
 - 18 Beautiful day Splendid Sleighing and
Since December 14 (5 weeks ago to day)
The sleighing has been splendid. Go where
You may no bare spots of ground can
Be seen and good prospect now for
Much more
- 1879
- 22 Wm McKees wife, Mrs Thomas, Mrs [Layden]
Mrs Doc Bradley here
My wife Laura (worth half a dozen of
Them) at Mrs Haywoods in Lockport.

January 1879. Continued

26

26 Mother, Mrs Robinson & Nettie, Mr & Mrs
Faulk & self went to Home to
hear Mr Storm preach
good singing

29

Mr & Mrs J. E. Storm and Mr & Mrs
Henry Hopkins here. good singing ^{including}

January 1879 Continued

26

26 Mother, Mrs Robinson & Hettie, Mr & Mrs
Farley & self went to Homer to
Hear Mr [Horn] preach
Good sleighing

29

Mr & Mrs J . E. Horn and Mr & Mrs
Henry Hopkins here. Good sleighing-wheeling

Editor's Note: The change from "sleighing" to "wheeling" may indicate a lack of snow for the sleighs.

February 1879.

- Febry 1 attended Eugene W. By's Sale and bought
Cow & Steifer
- 2 Took mother to Joliet
- 3 went to By's & got the Cow & Steifer
- Febry 6 Went to Joliet and got Mother and sister and
up with Mrs Robinson on My return.
- " 18 Mrs Finch came up here returned Febry 21.
- " 22 Mr David Hayward & Mate here.
- " 23 Snow Storm of 2 Inches last night. New day.
- " 27 Laura went to Her Father's with Beef.
- 27 10 Degrees Below Zero this A.M.
- 27 My natal day. 33 How short
of what a young man should be
at that age. My Mother gave
me pair Boots.
- 28 20 Degrees above zero this A.M.

February 1879

Feb 1 Attended Eugene [] sale and bought
Cow & heifer

2 Took Mother to Joliet

3 Went to [] go the Cow & heifer

Feb 6 Went to Joliet and got Mother and [settled] all
Up with Mrs Robinson on my [return]

" 18 Mrs Finch came up here Returned Feb 21

" 22 Mr [Sam] Haywood + mate here

" 23 Snow storm of 2 Inches last night Raw day

" 27 Laura went to Her Father's with Beef.

" 27 10 Degrees Below Zero this A. M.

" 27 My natal day 33 How short
Of what a young man should be
At that age x x x My Mother gave
Me pair Boots .. x x x x

28 20 Degrees above zero this A. M.

March 1879.

3 Brought in the last shock Corn.
Now have the south Bay full of
Clover Hay, and the north Bay full
16 feet up with Timothy the most
of which was put in, in $\frac{1}{5}$.
The north side of Corn House
full of Corn the south side about
 $\frac{3}{5}$ full.

on Hand 38 Cows, 2 Bulls, 8 Heifers Comg.
2 yrs old 9 calves Comg. 1 year
3 small calves + 73 Hogs old & young
4 of which I shall soon butcher

3 Peterson Pequin work.

11 Began ploughing

12 ploughed Mother & Nealy went to job

13 "

14 "

14 Butchered 4 Hogs this P.M.

15 Froze up Hand this A.M.

No ploughing to day

25 to 29. Cold 16 to 20 Below Freezing

March 1879

- 3 Brought in the last shock Corn
Now have the south Bay full of
clover hay and the north Bay full
16 feet up with Timothy the most
Of which was put in [_____]
The north side of Corn House
Full of Corn the south side about
3/5 full
On Hand 38 cows, 2 Bulls, 8 heifers [_____]
2 yrs old 9 calves [Coming] 1 year
3 small calves & 25 Hogs old & young
4 of which I shall soon butcher
- 3 Peterson begins work
- 11 Began ploughing
12 ploughed Mother & Healy went to Joliet
13 "
14 "
14 Butchered 4 Hogs this P. M.
15 Froze up Hard this A. M.
No ploughing today
- 15 to 21 Cold 10 to 20 Below Freezing

March 1879.

Mch. 22 38 Inches snow fell last night

Am working at odds and ends
on the farm. ^{mulching} Mulching trees, Trimming
Hedge, &c. &c.

Mch 22. Laura and the Boys returned from
Her father's.

Mch 31 Monday March 31 Sowed about
14 acres oats a splendid day
for sowing. No one else in the
neighborhood has put in any oats
yet save myself.

Mch 30, 1880 Sowed oats today

March 1879

Mch [2__] 3 Inches snow fell last night
Am working at odds and ends
On the farm. ~~Muching~~ Mulching, trees, trimming
Hedge &c &c

Mch 22 Laura and the Boys returned from
Her fathers

Mch 31 Monday March 31 Sowed about
14 acres oats a splendid day
for sowing. No one else in the
neighborhood has put in any oats
yet [soon] myself

Mch 20, 1880 Sowed oats today

Editor's Note: The main entries are for March 1879; the last entry is for 1880. It appears JHA used the book to compare activity from year to year

April 1879

1 Election day.

2 Went to Mr Simmonds' and got
#2 Pushe. White Oats and
as I started home and it began
snowing & stormed hard all the rest
of the day.

Apr 1

Mother went to Juliet. Today I heard
that Sarah had tried to borrow money, what
for I cannot imagine - but I have
my fears that she is managing her
matters badly. - a few downward
steps and a person soon becomes
drawn almost irresistibly to ruin.
financial, social or religious ruin.
I hope she may pause yet in what seems,
to all her friends, a dangerous path.
Stop in time and retrace her steps.

April 1879

- 1 Election day
 - 2 Went to Mr [_____] and got
42 Bushels White oats and
as I started home it began
snowing & stormed hard all the rest
of the day
- Apr 1 Mother went to Joliet Today heard
That Sarah had tried to borrow money. What
For I cannot imagine. But I have
My fears that she is managing her
Matters badly.—a few downward
Steps and person soon becomes
Drawn almost irresistibly [ruin]
Financial, social, or religious ruin.
I hope she may [pause] yet in what seems,
To all her friends, a dangerous path.
Stop in time and retrace her steps.

main road

Stephen Williams

Clover Haystack
cut 24/77

Green Haystack
cut 24/78
white oak

Corn on the
back 20

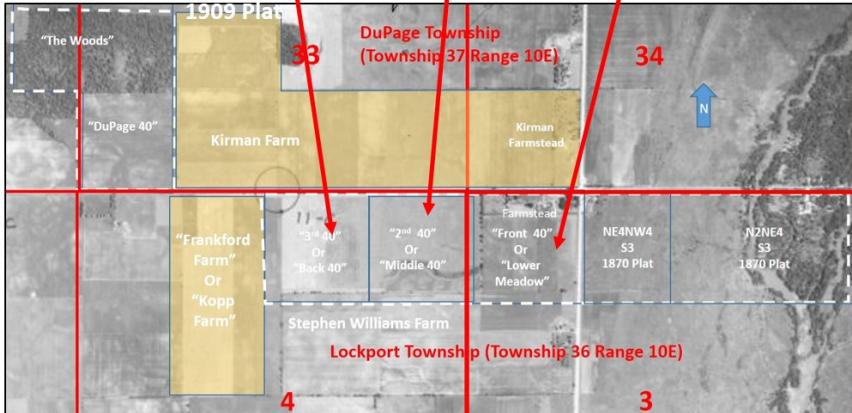
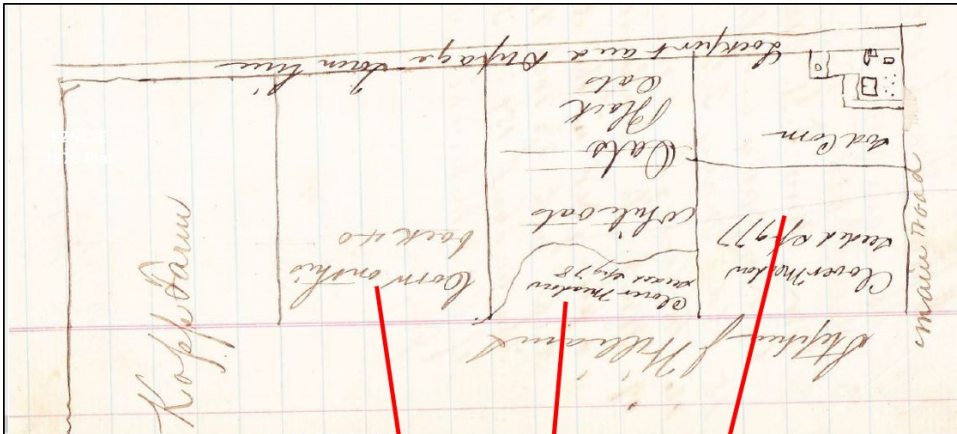
red corn

late
black
oak

Stockport and Rappahannock River



Kaplan



8 April Finished sowing oats and
dragging in the same one way
8 Nell Abbott took Storms off horse
8 Mr & Mrs F. G. Smith here today
Accompanied by their son!

15 old Mary took Storms off horse

16 M. Leozan & man began ditching for me

19 Went to Naperville & got sile
& ploughed in the drain 3 inch, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet
deep with $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch & 3 inch $3\frac{1}{2}$ deep.
There are about 150 $2\frac{1}{2}$ sile at the top end
of the 3 inch drain see cut on opposite
page.

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Dragging in the same one way
8 Nell Abbott took [_____] off horse
8 Mr & Mrs [____] Smith here today
Accompanied by their son!
15 Old Mary took [_____] off horse
16 Mr [_____] & man began ditching for me
19 Went to Naperville & got tile
& ploughed in the drain 3 inch. 3 ½ feet
Deep with 2 ½ inch [_____] 3 ½ deep
There are about 150 2 ½ Inch tile at the Top End
Of the 3 inch drain. See Cut on opposite
page

Wm. Williams

173 Corn Acres from the
place to here
117 Corn Acres to wit
from place to wit
of which 36 Rods long

36 Rods long
from the place

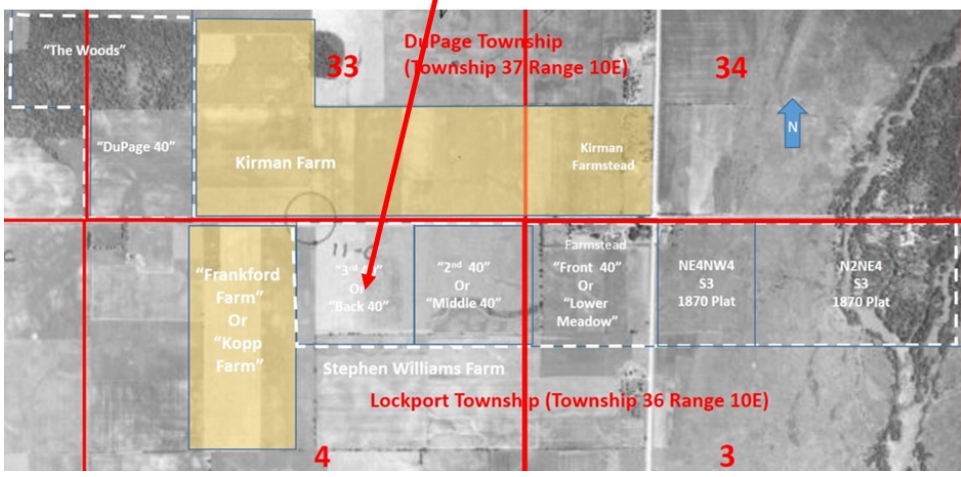
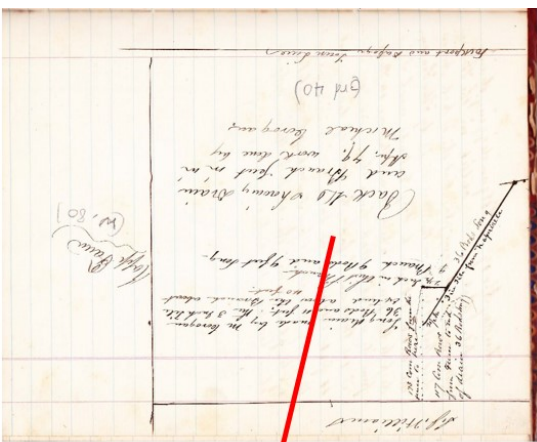
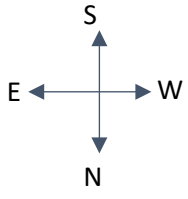
2 1/2 Rods in the 1st Branch
of Branch of Rods and 9 feet long
Long Branch made by the baroque
36 Rods and 11 feet. The 3 Rods like
as have above the Branch about
40 feet.

Back to showing drain
and Branch feet in in
of the 79. work done by
Michael Bergman

(End 40)

Support and support from above

Wm. Williams
(No. 80)



Saturday Apr 19. Began digging drain
for tile that has its outlet in the Prairie
(made 40) at same place that the 4 inch drain
does that I put in in the fall of 78 by Peter Pearson.
the ditch I began to dig extends west 3 feet
deep to the fence (which is a little over 14 Rods
from its outlet), and from the fence on it
is 14 Rods and 7 feet to head of drain and
4 feet deep. 3 inch joint tile all
the way except a few 5 inch at outlet
up to place where the 4 inch drain ~~noticed~~
above ~~comes in~~ see cut on next page

5" outlet - 'few'
4" N+S - 1878
3" West 14 Rods
14 RT'
total 28-7'

Saturday Apr 19 Began digging drain
For the tile that has its outlet in the Ravine
(in Middle 40) at the same place that the 4 inch drain
does that I put in in the fall of 78 by Peter Pearson.
The ditch I began today extends west 3 feet
Deep to the fence (which is a little over 14 rods
From its outlet. 3 Inch Joliet tile all
The way except a few 5 inch at outlet
Up to place the 4 inch drain [_____]
Above [_____] in the cut on the next page

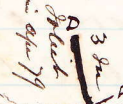
5" Outlet – 'few'
4 " N&S 1878
3 " West 14 Rods
 14 R 7'
Total 28-7'

Tile

Kopp 80

It is 18 Corn Rows from
 when this drain goes
 under the fence to get
 due East of it Head
 and is 57 Corn Rows
 to Head of drain
 from fence

← head 240' = 1st 80 1930



4. In. Swaperole tile
 feet in in face 78

Open ditch

2nd 40.

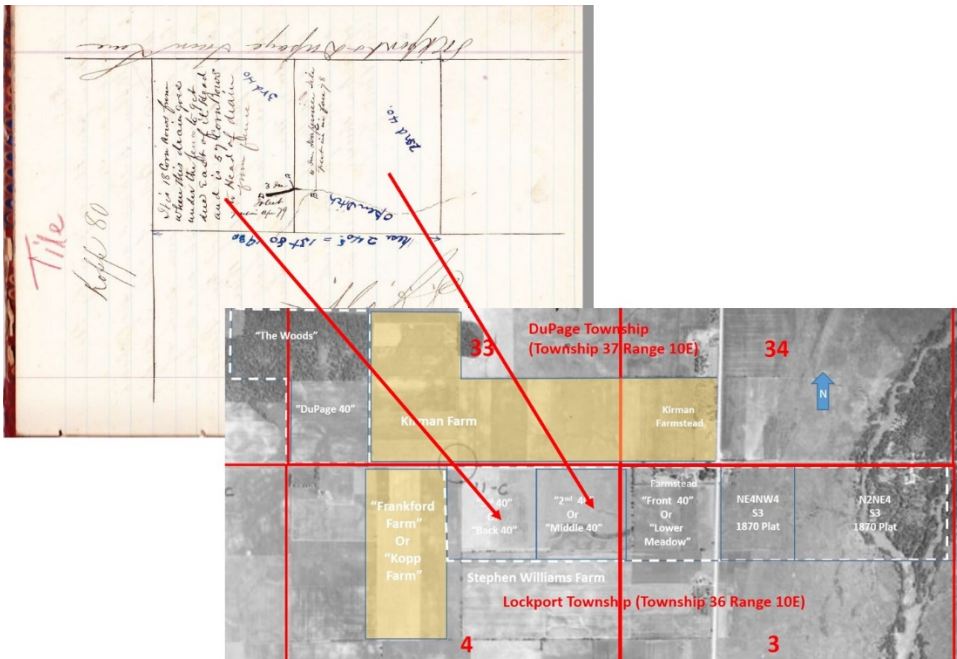
3rd 40

This matter 1935

- B-C = 7 + 5 - 4"
- A-B = 14 Rods + "little over"
- 5" at outlet.
- #D. = 14 Rods 7 feet.

J. J. M.

1st 40 to 2nd 40
 2nd 40 to 3rd 40
 3rd 40 to 4th 40



This month 1935
 B-C=N-S 4"
 A.B = 14 rods + "little over"
 5" at outlet
 A.D = 14 Rods 7 feet

May 1879

May 1. Began planting on prairie by P. B. B. about 8 acres.

May 6. Stephen J. Williams and Self closed the trade in Potomac Lands. I deeding him all the Land I own south of a Line running East and West through the Middle of the North East quarter of Section Three. Consisting of 400 acres more or less and He deeding me all the Land He owns north of a Line running East & West through the North East quarter of Section Three. Even trade - good, for Post parties

May 1879

- 1 Began planting on the piece by Barn
About 8 acres
- 6 Stephan J Williams and self closed
The trade on Bottom Lands. I deeding
Him all the land I own south of
A line running East and West
Through the middle of the North
East Quarter of Section Three Consisting
Of 40 acres more or less and he
Deeding me all of the land He
Owns North of a line running East
& West through the North East quarter
Of Section 3. Even trade. Good
For Both parties

Editor's Note: The parcel description of the above transaction would be the North Half of the NorthEast Quarter of Section 3, Lockport Township (N2NE4 S3). The 1870 Lockport Township Plat, printed 9 years before the above transaction shows "Jas." Alexander as the owner of record of the N2NE4 Section 3. This is probably James L. Alexander, since other land records show James Healy's ownership as "J. H. Alexander."



The 1862 Lockport plat shows James L Alexander owning only the N2NW4NE4 of Section 3 plus some land on the Isle De Cache.

The May 1879 transaction may be more of records cleanup than a significant change in ownership.

May 12 Began replanting the corn that was planted
May 1 Not one kernel in 40 grew -
that seed was taken from the crib
But I think it was the Exceeding
Cold weather we had after planting
that killed it

17 Finished planting Corn. Have planted
about 48 Acres

21 Finished the fence along the road that leads
through the Island

22 Mr. Williams, Mr. Prance (Trustee) and Bobb
Gandy assisted by myself plotted the
Cemetery located in the Corn field.

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But I think It was the exceeding
Cold weather we had after planting
That killed it
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about 48 acres
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Through the island
- 22 Mr Williams, Mr Ranch (Trustees) and [Robb]
[Gondy] assisted by myself plotted the
Cemetery located on the [____] farm

June 1879

June 7th Planted 7 acres Corn that had
 been planted 2 (Two) Times before
 this season

* 6
 +
 a
 -
 a
 -
 6

June 7 Geo. Dixon Began painting Cemetery fence

.. 21 Planted 5 Rows Beans.

21 Corn 5 or 6 Inches High

Ground wet enough. Potatoes, Oats &
 grass look well

a 6
 -

June 30 Cut 3 acres clover.

July 1

a +
 -
 26

a 6 6

6

June 1879

June 7th

Planted 7 acres corn that had
Been planted 2 (two) time before
This season

June 7

Geo Dixon Began painting cemetery fence

“ 21

Rained 5 hours Hard

“ 21

Corn 5 or 6 Inches High

Ground wet enough. Potatoes, Oats &
[grass] look well

June 30

Cut 3 acres clover

July 1

July 1879

July 1 Bore my best, runs under the axle of
the Cultivator. The Imelish (6 Inds) High
Cereals are now today

July 4 Finished, Haying same place

July 21. Commenced Cutting + Binding Oats

July 29 Finished

Except about 4 acres that are too
green + will be for a week to come

Aug 1 Began stacking Oats

" 2 Finished

Except about 4 acres that are ^{2nd} of
which are too green ^{yet} to cut.

Aug 9 Finished all the stacking

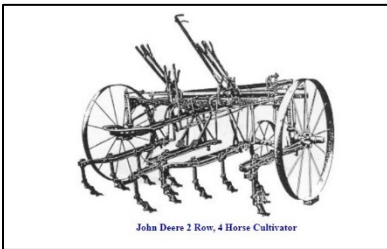
July 1879

July 1 Corn, my best, rubs under the axle of the cultivator. The [smallest] 6 Inches High
4 Cultivated corn today
July 19 Finished Haying Barn full

July 24 Commenced Cutting and Binding oats
July 29 Finished " " "
Except about 4 acres that are too Green and will be for a week to come

Aug 1 Began stacking oats
" 2 Finished " "
Except about 4 acres that are 2 ½ of Which are too green yet to cut

Aug 19 Finished all the stacking



Cutting And Binding Oats

Editor's Note: The cutting and binding were mechanized. The stacking/shocking was a manual task.



Shocked Grain

~~4~~ 110

12 x 53
8
At 24

Acery of Florida

At 7, 12 x 53, 8
& and 9

Ma Re

<p>#110</p> <p>12 x 53⁸</p> <p>8. vacant</p> <p>Apr 94</p>	<p>Account of Florida</p> <p>Apr 7 12 x 53⁸</p> <p>8 and 9</p> <p>Done</p>
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Lot ~~33~~
33

Lot #
23 x 50

17

Lot ~~34~~
34

Lot #
14 x 50

18

Lot #
35

Lot #
7 x 50

19

Lot #
36

Lot #
26 x 50

20

Lot #
37

Lot #
21

21

Lot #
38

Lot #
10, 16 x 50

22

Lot #
39

Lot #
12 x 50

23

Lot ~~1~~ owned by Alexander
53 ft x 8 inches wide long 23 wide

Plots 1 and 16

Alley # 6 ft wide

Lot ¹⁵ two owned by Taylor
34 ft x 8 in x 14 ft
Plot 2 & 15

Alley # 3. 6 wide

Lot Three
17 ft x 53 ft

Plot 3 & 14

Alley # 4 11 wide

Plot 4 & 13
26 x 53 ft 8 in

Plot 4 & 13
" 5 & 12

Alley # 5. 6 wide

Lot 5. Vacant.
No. x 53.8
Plot 6 & 11

Alley # 6. 5 ft wide

Lot 6. Vacant
17 1/2 x 53 ft 8 in
1 and 10

lot 17 33	lot 17 23 x 50 lot 22 17	lot 16 owned by Allander 53 ft 8 inches wide long 23 wide lots 1 and 16
lot 16 34	lot 15 14 x 50 lot 21 18	Alley A. 6 ft wide lot 15 owned by Taylor 53 ft 8 in x 14 ft lots 2 & 15
lot 15 35	lot 14 17 x 50 lot 30 19	Alley B. 6 wide lot 14 Williams 17 ft x 53 ft 8 in lots 3 & 14
lot 14 36	lot 13 lot 29 lot 20 lot 26 lot 21	Alley C. 4 wide Williams lot 4 & 13 26 x 53 ft 8 in lots 4 & 13 " 5 & 12
lot 13 38	lot 12 10.16 x 50 lot 27 lot 22	Alley D. 6 wide lot 5. vacant. 16. x 53.8 lots 6 & 11
lot 12 39	lot 11 12 x 50 lot 26 23	Alley E. 5 ft wide lot 6. vacant 17. x 53.8 7 and 10

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1879

August 1879.

- Aug 7 Began filling up mud hole in pasture
Aug 8 " " " " "
" 9 Stacking oats at Mr Keimast
" 11 " " " " "
" 12 put poles in mud hole in pasture
" 13 finished filling up " " " "
Aug 18 attended Farmers' Show - at Joliet
" 19 ~~Married & Hauled~~ Finished stacking oats
20 Hauled Manure
21 Married, & Hauled stone
22 Went to Mr Haywoods & got Pull.
23 got out Manure
25 " " " 26th Do. 27th Do.
28 got out Manure
26 27 Mother Mr & Mrs. Adams & Mr H Clow went to Joliet
28 getting out manure &c 29 Do
26 Mr & Mrs Storm & Child here
29 saw Raley Horse cant see Nell & May
30 saw May, also on Aug 31. "
30 Found Nell dead on Bottom. a great
Loss as she was a splendid animal

1879

August 1879

Aug 7 & Began filling up mud Hole in pasture
 " " " " "
Aug 8
" 9 Stacking oats at Mr Kirman
" 11 " " " "
" 12 put poles in mud hole in pasture
" 13 finishing filling " " " "
Aug 18 Attended Barnums Show at Joliet
" 19 ~~Quarried & Hauled~~ Finished stacking oats
20 Hauled manure
21 Quarried & Hauled stone
22 Went to Mr Haywoods and got Bull
23 Got out manure
25 " " " 26th Do 27th Do
28 got out manure
26 ~~27~~ Mother Mr & Mrs [Andrews] & Mrs H Clow went to Joliet
28 getting out manure &c 29 Do
26 Mr & Mrs [] & child here
29 Saw Charley Horse cant see Nelly & May
30 Saw May also on Aug 31
30 Found Nell dead on Bottoms a great
Loss as she was a splendid animal

Editor's Note: The "Bottoms" may have been the pasture between the house and Isle A La Cache near the Des Plaines river.

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September 1879.

- Sept 1 Went to Chicago
" 2 Hauled milk to Rockport. also the 3, 4, & 5
" 4 Began cutting up corn
that was planted June 7.
5 cutting corn.
6 " " 8 & 9 do
10 " " Mr Porter. Mrs Frow & Mrs
10 Wm Milne & children here
11 6 years to ^{day} since I was married. My wife
smart woman. Nine or five, trash
12 Went to Robt Milnes in visit, there were
present Mrs Mrs Wm Milne & Mr Frow
12 Cutting corn. 13th Cutting corn
11 Began cutting piece clover for seeds
13 Finished ^{at noon} " " " " "
13 Tied up stock corns 4 Rows in $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
15 ~~th~~ Tied up " " 4 Full Rows and 13 shocks over beginning
after coming from the station and getting
corn for Hogs before dinner.
If I sent 2 hired men out they
would have tied up about 1/2 Rows
and got in late to dinner in the
Barragan

September 1879

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" 2 Hauled milk to Lockport also the 3,4,&5
" 4 Began cutting up corn
That was planted June 7
5 Cutting corn
6 " " 8 & 9 Do
10 " " Mr Porter Mrs [Frow] & Mrs
10 W^m Milne & children here
11 6 year to day since I was married. My wife
Smart woman [_____]
12 Went to Rob^t Milnes to visit. There were
Present Mr & Mrs W^m Milnes & Mrs [F]row
12 Cutting corn 13th cutting corn
11 Began cutting [piece] clover for seed
13 Finished ^{at noon} " " " " "
13 Tied up shock corn 4 rows in ½ day
15 14 Tied up " " 4 full rows and 13 shocks over beginning
After coming from the station and getting corn for Hogs before
dinner
If I had sent 2 hired men out, they could have tied up about 1 ½
rows
And got in late to dinner in the
Bargain

Editor's Note: By 1879, mechanical equipment for cutting and binding ("tying up") corn in one pass was available. The entries above sound like JHA had to cut, tie up and shock the corn in separate passes. If so, the cutting was probably horse-powered, but the tying up was manual.

JHA's observations on hired help is consistent with other entries (e.g. 10/14/1879, 2/25/1880, 2/22/1891)

Sept 1879 Tile

- 15 In the p.m. cutting Corn by man
15 Saving seed Corn by self
16 " " " " " " " " " " " "
16 cutting Corn by man
17 Mowed along ditch on Kopf ⁴⁰
in a.m.
17 Went to Naperville & got 215 5 Inch Tiles
18 Put in 375 Tile (5 Inch) on East & N ditch dug by Kopf
19 Went to Naperville & got 180. 5 Inch 50 3 Inch
20 Put in Tile on ditch securing nest from
Mr Keenan

There are $\frac{215}{180} = \frac{510}{510}$ 510 5 Inch Tiles and about
150 6 " " in the ditch

from line between Mr Coats' nest 40
and my 40 in Dupage ^{to ditch} ^{coming from the south} perhaps not quite
so many of either there were a few
that were broken. The pipes were
well laid snug together, and I hope
it may prove permanent.

Tile Dupage 40'

Sept 1879 Tile

- 15 In the p m. Cutting Corn by Man
- 15 Saving seed Corn by self
- 16 " " " " "
- 16 Cutting corn by man
- 17 Mowed along with ditch on Kopp 40
In a.m.
- 17 Went to Naperville & got 215 5 inch tile
- 18 Put in 325 (5 inch) on East & N ditch dug by Kopp
- 19 Went to Naperville & got 180 5 inch 50 3 inch
- 20 Put in Tile on ditch running west from
Mr Kirmans

There are

215
115
<u>180</u>
510

 510 5 Inch tile and about
150 6 " " in the ditch

From line between Mr Colt's West 40

To ditch coming from the south

And my 40 in DuPage Perhaps not quite
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That were broken. The pipes were
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It may prove permanent

Tile DuPage '40'

Sept 1879 and Oct 1879

- 18 Red Eye low hit by dog supposed Mad.
19 to Naperville for Tils. To put them in
22 & 23 Helping Kemman thresh
26 To Solist at County fair. (A Fizzle)
27 Oct Post west of Pauls Yard. 28. Threshed at Singleterry's
28 Put some wood in woodhouse
30 Begun Threshing
Oct 1 Finished
" 2 Mrs Morrell here
4 Mrs Halley and w went to Chicago
6 w " " Returned from "
5 Mr & Mrs Henry Baker here
Oct 6 Laura came back from Chicago
" 7, 8, & 9 Miscellaneous work
10 finished digging potatoes
10 Mr Haywood & mate. Uncle Bradley
Fanny Milner & their children here
10 Got 4 Loads sand from Spragues in p.m.
11 I went to Chicago
12 Will Milner & wife here
14 Hauled gravel at Armstrong

Sep^t 1879 and Oct 1879

- 18 Red Eye Cow bit by dog supposed mad
- 19 to Naperville for tile 20th put them in
- 22-23 Helping Kirman thresh
- 26 To Joliet at County fair (A Fizzle)
- 27 Set posts wet of Barn Yard 28 Threshed at [Sing]leterrys
- 28 Put some wood in wood House
- 30 Began threshing
- Oct 1 Finished “
- “ 2 Mrs [Monk] buried
- 4 Mrs J H Alexander went to Chicago
- 6 “ “ returned from “
- 5 Mr & Mrs [H_____] Baker here
- Oct 6 Laura came back from Chicago
- “ 7, 8 & 9 Miscellaneous work
- 10 Finished digging potatoes
- 10 Mr Haywood & Mate [_____] Bradley
Fanny Milne & their children here
- 10 Got 4 Loads sand from [Spanglers] in p.m.
- 11 I went to Chicago
- 12 Will Milne & wife here
- 14 Hauled gravel at cemetery

10/14.79 October 1879.

My man in a drunk a gain today
It seems as though it were impossible
to get help that will be anything near
what they should be. They are either
drunkards, shift-less, thieves or
sauce boxes. Care but little how late
time they stop in a place.

No dependence can be placed on them.

10/15. Ploughed south of Garden

In the past 10 days the weather has
been as hot as any 10 days ~~by~~
I almost ever saw in the summer
Every body says "how hot" "More
like July than anything else"

10/16 Ploughed

10/16 Began Husking Corn.

~~10/17~~ Nov. 15, Finished "

10/20 Husking 10/21 got through with Lower piece

10/22 Ira Williams sent up New Sucky Plow

10/23 nt 25 27+28 Husking & ploughing

Oct 28 Took Road of Hay to Kormire

" 29 Stacked Clover seed and
Husked corn

- 10/14/79 October 1879
 My man in a drunk again today
 It seems as though it were impossible
 To get help that will be anything near
 What they should be They are Either
 Drunkards, shiftless, thieves [or]
 Sauce boxes. Care but little how little
 Time they stop in a place.
 No dependence can be placed on them.
- 10/15 Ploughed south of [Garden]
 In the past 10 days the weather has
 Been as hot as any 10 days [everywhere]
 I most ever saw in the summer
 Everybody says "hot hot" "More
 Like July than anything Else"
- 10/16 Ploughed
- 10/16 Began Husking Corn
 Nov 15 Finished " "
- 10/20 Husking 10/21 got through with lower piece
- 10/22 [_____] Williams [went w/_____]
- 10/23 24 25 27 & 28 Husking and ploughing
- Oct 28 Took load Hay to [Kornmere]
 " 29 Stacked clover seed and
 Husked corn

Editor's Note: The 10/14/1879 entry reflects JHA's general outlook on hired help. Other entries follow the same pattern.

October 1879.

- 10/30 Mrs & Mrs Fairly, Mrs Robinson Mrs Gale
Miss Turner and Peed Fox Here
- 10/31 Ploughing & Husking

November 1879

- Nov 1. Ploughing & Husking. got Load coal
- Nov 2. Snowed 2 inches last night. Rain
and Wed to day. Miss Hawley
went home.
- Nov 3 Ploughed in the P.M. Mercury 22 deg this a.m.
- " 4 Election of County Treas & Sur. " 8 above Zero "
- " 5 Husked no Corn these 2 days
- 5 & 6 " Corn & ploughed
- 7 " Husked Clover in P.M.
- 8 Set fence over North of Barn
- 10 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Husking
- Nov 15. Finished Husking. Have got the North
side well filled & south side 16 1/2 feet
long well filled about 16 1/2 feet
- Nov 18 Day drunk for foundation of Ice House

October 1879

- 10/30 Mr & Mrs Farley Mrs Robinson Mrs Gale
Mrs Turner and Belle Fox Here
10/31 Ploughing & Husking

November 1879

- Nov 1 Ploughing and Husking. Got load coal
Nov 2 Snowed 2 inches last night. Raw
And Cold to day Miss Hawley
Went home
Nov 3 Ploughed in the P. M. Mercury 22 deg this a.m.
“ 4 Election of County Treas and [_____] “ 8 above Zero “ “
“ 3 / 4 Husked no Corn these 2 days
5 & 6 “ Corn & Ploughed
7 “ Hulled Clover in P. M.
8 Set fence over north of Barn
10 9 , 11,12, 13 and 14 Husking
Nov 15 Finished Husking. Have got the north
Side well filled & south side 16 ½ feet
[_____] Well filled about 16 ½ feet
Nov 18 Dug trench for foundation of Ice House

Nov 19 Put stone in trench for foundation
of Ice House & Milk Room to be $13\frac{1}{2} \times 24$
on the outside. with the design of laying
the wall above the surface on a line
with the East side of Pig Barn, ^{wall} to
extend north $13\frac{1}{2}$ feet and west 24 feet.
I laid the trench wall 3 inches more
(13 ft. 9 inches) (and 24 feet 6 inches)
with the plan of making the wall
above the ground one foot thick
and about 15 or 16 inches high.

Nov 19 Ploughed in P.M.

Nov 20 Cold this A.M. 16 deg above zero
Cannot plough to day
and could not plough again
till Nov 28.

Nov 24 Began laying wall for Ice House
24 I went to Follet & got Laura
and Zarah.

Nov 26. Rained. Nov 27. Thanksgiving

Nov 27 4 Hard

Nov 27. Began Carpenter work
on Ice House

Nov 19 Put stone in trench for foundation
Of Ice house & milk room to be 13 ½ x 24
On the outside. [] the design of Laying
The wall above the surface on a line
With the East wall of Big Barn and to
Extend North 13 ½ feet and west 24 feet
I laid the trench wall 3 Inches more
(13 ft 9 Inches) (and 24 feet 6 Inches)
With the plan of making the wall
Above the ground one foot thick
And about 15 or 16 Inches High

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Nov 20 Cold this A. M. 16 Deg above Zero
Cannot plough to day
And Could not plough again
Till Nov 28

Nov 24 Began Laying wall for Ice House
24 I went to Joliet & got Laura
And Zarah

Nov 26 Rained Nov 27 Thanksgiving
Nov 27 “ Hard

Nov 2[] Began Carpenter work
On Ice House

79 December

- 3 Ploughed
- 4 " 40 degrees above zero.
- 5 " 50 degrees above zero. warm
- 6 " in P.M.
- 7 Sunday Warm
- 8 Ploughed
- 9 Rained all day, Warm.
- 10 Ploughed. Raw wind all day
- 11 Froze up hard this A.M. 10 degrees above 0
- 11 Peterson dressed old Colt Gun
- 12 " went to Sockport in the P.M. Post
- 13 " cut wood in A.M. I in P.M.
- 13 Ice 2. Inches thick on river. weather mild
- 24 got 2 Loads Tan Bucke broke down.
- 25 Christmas. 3 Below Zero.
- 25 Sarah & Ollie here. Laura & Joz at Mr Sam Haywoods.
- 25 Discharge d. Gault Peterson.
- 29 Went to Batavia for saw with McKenna
- 30 Hauling Ice Sprague & Williams
- 31 " " " " & McKenna

December 79

- 3 Ploughed
- 4 " 40 degrees above zero
- 5 " 50 degrees above zero warm
- 6 " in P. M.
- 8 Ploughed
- 9 Rained all day, Warm
- 10 Ploughed Raw wind all day
- 11 Froze up Hard this A. M. degrees above 0
- 11 Peterson Dressed old Colt Cow
- 12 " went to Lockport in the P. M. Lost
- 13 " & I cut wood in A. M. I in P. M.
- 23 Ice 2 Inches thick on river, weather Mild
- 24 Got 2 Loads [Tan Burke] broke down
- 25 Christmas 3 Below Zero
- 25 Sarah & Ollie here Laura & Boys at
Mr Sam! Haywoods
- 25 Discharged Charles Peterson
- 29 Went to Batavia for [saw] with Mr Kirman
- 30 Hauling Ice Sprague & Williams
- 31 " " " " & Kirman

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January 1880

- 1 Began putting in Ice 5 Loads
- 2 Finished " " " 36 " " 41
filling the House & 3 Inches Higher
than top of East door.
- 3 Rained nearly all day
- 4 Sunday " " " last night
- 5 Not one mite cold Mercury 38°

Lots of muds Warm 38 to 40°

6 " " Insurance Meeting Warm

July 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Lots of muds Rained on the 9th

July 11 Rained hard 2 or 3 hours today awful muddy

July 11 50° degrees above zero.

July 12th, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 warm

July 15th ploughed with two teams to day

" 16 Went to Lockport Roads Bad

" 17 " " " in the P.M. & got lost & shavings

" 18 Weather warmed no frost in ground.

July 15 James Fox came up.

" 16 Went Back.

July 19. Ploughed all day back of Big Barn

" 20 " " " July 21. Ploughed

July 22. Ploughed ⁹⁷ & began to dig well north
of Big Barn

January 1880

- 1 Began putting in Ice 5 Loads
 - 2 Finished " " " 36 " 41
Filling the House & 3 Inches Higher
Than top of East door
 - 3 Rained nearly all day
Sunday
 - 4 " " " last night
 - 5 Not one nite Cold Mercury 38°
Lots of mud Warm 38° to 40°
 - 6 " " " Insurance Meeting warm
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- Jan 11 50° degrees above zero
- Jan 12th , 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 warm
- " 17th Ploughed with Two Teams to day
- " 16 Went to Lockport Roads Bad
- " 17 " " " in the P. M. & got load[_____]
- " 18 Weather warm no frost in ground
- Jan 15 James Fox Came up
- " 16 Went back
- Jan 19 Ploughed all day back of Big Barn
- Jan 20 " Jan 21 Ploughed
- Jan 22 Ploughed Began to dig well north
Of Big Barn

January 1880.

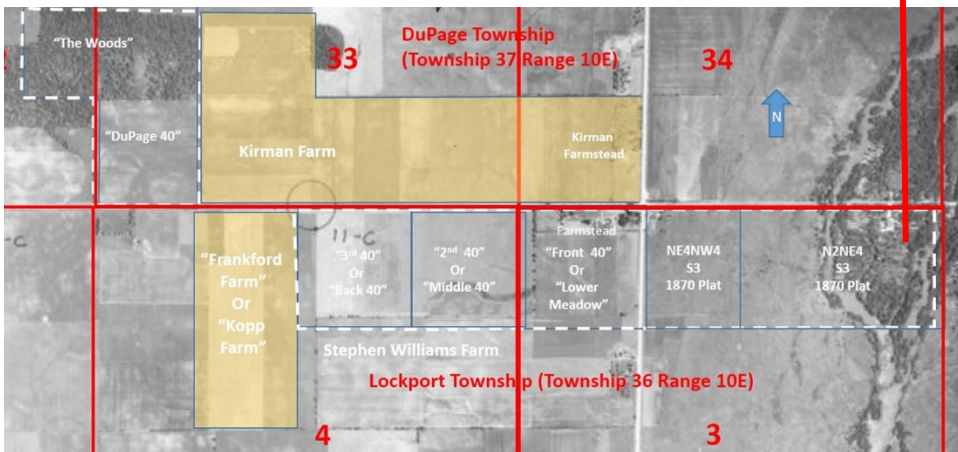
- 23 Froze enough last night to stop ploughing
and I hope it may stay frozen
- 24 beamed plough to day but did not
- 24 Hauled some wood from island very
24 muddy there has ~~not~~ been ^{no} good
~~time~~ ^{roads} yet this winter to get wood
home except the few days that were
spent getting ice
- 25 Sunday P.M. warm. did not freeze
- 26 No frost in the ground at all.
Ploughed this P.M.
- 27 Went to Lockport
- Jan 29 Began digging well north of Big Barn
- 30 digging on well in P.M. Hauled gravel at Rome in A.M.
- Jan 31 Finished digging north of Big Barn
- " 31 Took Mother to Lockport to train this P.M.

January has been a very warm January indeed
Terrible Roads all the time

January 1880

- 23 Froze enough last night to stop ploughing
And I hope it may stay froze
- 24 Could plough today but did not
- 24 Hauled some wood from island very
- 24 muddy There has ~~not~~ been no good roads yet this winter to get wood home except the few days that were spent getting ice
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- " 31 Took Mother to Lockport to train this P.M.

January has been a very warm Janry [indeed]
Terrible roads all the time



- February 1880
- 1 Sunday. Coldest for 4 weeks Mercury
about 15° above 0
- 6 Went to Joliet and got load meal
& Mother came home with. Took Pig
165# __to Sarah__ no charge
- 7 Finished Hauling up wood Have got
good 16 [_____]
- 7 Got Load straw from [Mauberg]
- 9 " 2 " " " H [Mauberg] and [Mrs] Rathburn
- 9 Began stoning well north end Big Barn
- 9 Finished " " " " " "
- 12&13 Cut 20 Cords wood in 1 ½ days
- 13 Peterson got moved away
- 15 Hollis moved in to work for me one year
- 22 Got load straw from Sarah's place
- 25 David Steward & associate run away
- 29 Went to Chicago; failed to find them
- 29 Sunday froze up this A.M. Could plough the 27 & 28
No news of the boys. Hope they may succeed
In keeping out of sight & prove themselves smart
enough to elude their followers

Editor's Note: JHA doesn't provide any details on the 2/15/1880 and 2/29/1880 entries regarding the cause of the runaway or the resolution.

March 1880

- 6 Got up 8 Loads of wood for Hallis
8 Paid Balance Taxes, 102⁰¹
9 Cut Hallis wood & took Power Jack home
15 on jury in the Matter of Wending
17 Drifuse & John Schroder against
18 Town of Himer.
on
22 Mother started for Cleveland
23 Took 2 Loads wood to Joliet to Sarah
24 " 1 Load " " "
25 Began ploughing. Cured have
ploughed as early as March 20 -
or 22
30 Sowed 10 acres white oats
South & west of Pig Barn

March 1880

- 6 Got up 8 loads of wood for Hollis
- 8 Paid Balance Taxes 102⁰¹
- 9 Cut Hollis wood & took Power Jack home
- 15 On jury in to matter of [Wenshing]
- 17 [] & John Schroder against
Town of Homer
- On
- 22 Mother started for Cleveland
- 23 Took 2 loads wood to Joliet to Sarah
- 24 " 1 " " " " " "
- 25 Began ploughing. Could have
Ploughed as early as March 20
or 22
- 30 Sowed 10 acres white oats
South & west of Big Barn

April 1880

- Apr 1. Sowed ~~1st~~ a Box oats E side N forty
" 12 " " " " " Middle " "
" 13 Took Load wood to Sarah & got back Load Meal
" 14 Stretched wires across river.
Apr 26. Uncle John died -
Apr 30 I went to Chicago -

May 1880

- May 6. Mother returned from Ohio
" 7 Began Planting Corn
" 17 Finished " "
" Every Kernel of Corn grows this spring.
May 21 Dug post holes -
" 22 Dressed " & Cultivated
" 22 Mrs Robinson here & stayed ^{over} night
" 15 Andrew Swede began work
" 26, 27, 28, 29 Cultivating & hoeing Tomatoes

April 1880

Apr 1 Sowed [2] a blk oats E side W forty
" 12 " " " " Middle " Forty
" 13 Took load wood to Sarah [brt] back Load Meal
Apr 26 Uncle John died
Apr 30 I went to Chicago

May 1880

May 6 Mother returned from Ohio
" 7 Began Planting Corn
" 17 Finished " "
" Every Kernel of Corn grows this spring
May 21 Dug post holes
" 22 Dressed " " & cultivated
" 22 Mrs Robinson here & stayed overnight
" 15 Andrew Swede began work
" 26, 27, 28, 29 Cultivating & hoeing Corn

Editor's Note: Not sure who Uncle John was. No "John" among relatives (Haywards, Akins) living in Lockport area.

June 1st June
June 30 ~~March~~ 1880. June 1880

June 1 to 6 Rains nearly every day

June 5. Mrs + Miss Lottin Akin here

June 6 Wet + Windy

June 16. Saturday Evening. Oats are headed
out and heavy, badly lodged
corn 2 feet high and seldom ~~has~~
looks finer at this season of the year
than it does now.

Markets: Corn 34^c

" Oats 27^c

July 3rd 1880 Gil Baby Born.

July 3rd Began cutting grass

" 16 Finished Hayin

" 17
1880 Bought the new Champion Reaper

July 17 Began cutting oats

" 17th Finished " "

Harv has a good deal of grain
this harvest

June 80	June 1880	June 1880
June 1 to 6	Rains nearly every day	
June 5	Mrs & Miss [Lottie] Akin here	
June 6	Wet & windy	
June 26	Saturday evening oats all headed	
	Out and Heavy. Badly [lodged]	
	Corn 2 feet high and seldom [____]	
	Looks [finer] at this season of the year	
	Than it does now	
	Markets Corn 34c	
	“	Oats 27c
July 3 rd	1880	Girl Baby Born [<i>Editor's Note: Laura Elizabeth Alexander</i>]
July 3 rd		Began cutting [hay]
“	16	Finished Haying
“	17	
1880		Bought the New Champion Reaper
July 17		Began cutting oats
“	27	Finished “ “
		Have had a good deal of rain
		this harvest

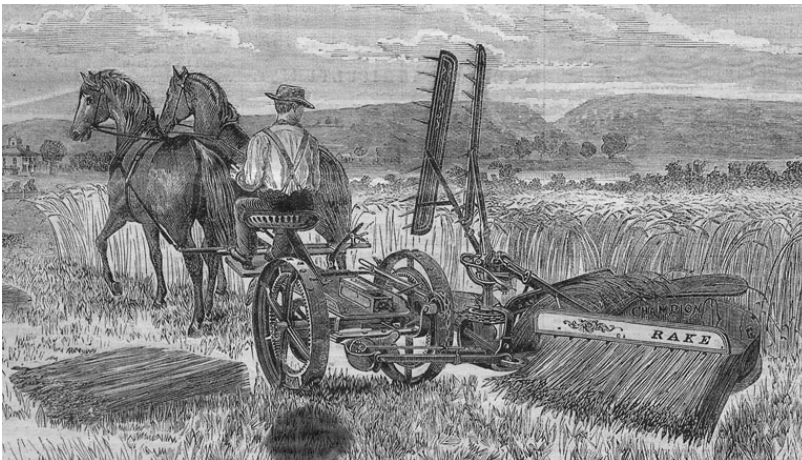


Figure 1 Champion Number 4 Reaper

July 1880 August

- 29 Began stacking oats
30 " "
31 Stacking "
31 Went toolicit for Mother.

August, 1880

- Aug 5 Finished stacking oats today
1880 Being the first in the Neighborhood.
Aug 21. attended Bees Milne's funeral
" 24 Thos Williams died
" 26 " " Buried very hot
" 27 Began Cutting Corn
" Have had heavy rains lately
" 28 Heavy Rain this P.M.
" "

May - 14 - 1933. I, Henry H. Alexander
was 6 years old. I remember the masonic
fraternity had charge of the services - they wore
plumes and swords,

July 1880 August

29 Began stacking oats

30 " "

31 stacking "

31 Went to Joliet for Mother

August 1880

Aug 5 Finished stacking oats today

1880 Being the first in the neighborhood

Aug 21 Attended Belle Milne's funeral

" 24 Thos Williams died

" 26 " " buried very hot

" 27 Began cutting corn

" Have had heavy rains lately

" 28 Heavy rain this P.M.

May-14-1933 I, Healy H. Alexander

Was 6 years old. I remember the Masonic Fraternity had charge of the services. They wore Plumes and swords.

September 1880.

- 21 Started for New York
- 22 Got to Cleveland
- 22 Went to Woodland ^{and} Lake View Cemeteries
- 24 " " Riverside
- 25 " " Painesville
- 26 Called on Gen. Garfield, the Republican nominee for Presdt,
- 27 Left Painesville
- 27 Visited Niagara Falls.
- 28 Got to Auburn at 8.30. and visited with Philo W. Healy & family (Wife, Mason and George and 165. north Street and Eliza Healy (Mrs. Davis).
- 28 went to Schuwater
- 29 at Elbride, Aunt Ruths: Grandfather and Grandmother Healy's graves
- 30 Left for Wolcott.
- 30 Got to Wolcott.

September 1880

- 21 Started for New York
- 22 Got to Cleveland
- 22 Went to Woodlawn and Lake View Cemeteries
- 24 “ “ Riverside
- 25 “ “ Painesville
- 26 Called on Genl Garfield _ the
Republican nominee for Presdt
- 27 Left Painesville
- 27 Visited Niagara Falls
- 28 Got to Auburn at 8.30 and
Visited with Philo W. Healy & family
(Wife, Mason and George and 165 North Street
And Eliza Healy (Mrs Davis).
- 28 Went to [Skaneateles]
- 29 at Elbri[d]ge. Aunt Ruth's, Grandfathers and Grandmother Healy's
graves
- 30 Left for Wolcott
- 30 Got to Wolcott

Editor's Note: In September 1980, JHA traveled to Ohio and upstate New York to visit relatives (and meet a future President of the United States). We don't have any indication if Laura or their children were on the trip. Given that daughter Laura was born in July, most likely they did not.

We have no information on the reason for visiting Woodlawn and Lake View Cemeteries in the Cleveland area. There is also a Riverside Cemetery in the Cleveland area. The city of Riverside OH is near Dayton, so it is more reasonable JHA visited Riverside Cemetery. Likewise there is no information on the reason for the stop in Painesville, a Cleveland suburb.

Auburn and Elbridge are associated with JHA's Mother's, Betsy Healy, family. Wolcott is the location of JHA's grandparents', James and Catherine Alexander, graves. There is no information on the stop in Skaneateles. Appendix [x] contains more detail on the New York locations.

October

4 Left Wolcott
5 " got Home

19 Began threshing

20 Finished "

22

22 Began husking

7 Finished " Nov 24.

Put in 52 Rods drain in Grubberg
pasture.

Put in 74 Rods drain in Groe Taylor
and MyLand above it

Tile

$$\begin{array}{r} 52 R \\ 74 \\ \hline 126 R \end{array}$$

October

4 I left Wolcott

5 " got Home

19 Began threshing

20 Finished "

22

22 Began husking

Finished " Nov 24

Put in 52 Rods drain in [Greenberg]
pasture

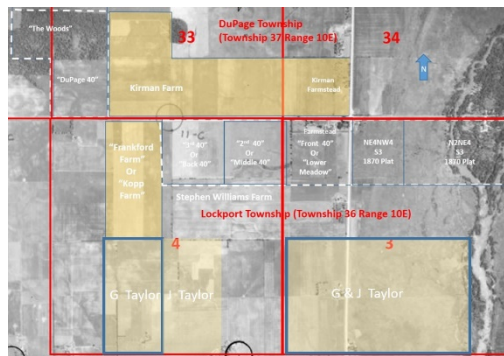
Put in 74 Rods drain in Grove Taylor

And My Lands above it

Tile
$$\begin{array}{r} 52 R \\ \underline{74} \\ 126R \end{array}$$

Editor's Note: The red and blue notes may have been made by Healy H Alexander to total up the drainage tile. It is not clear where the tile was laid; Grove Taylor appears on at least two parcels in Lockport Township. One parcel abuts the "Kopp Farm" which eventually became the Endwood Farm's "Back 80". "Greenburg", if that is the correct translation, does not appear on any of the available plats.

Justin Taylor was another early settler from Upstate New York and a leader in Will County schools. Taylor School, the one-room school attended by Alexanders, was located one mile south of Endwood Farm.



Nov 30 Dec

Nov 24 Finished Husking

Dec 10

Dec 10 Began hauling ice to my ^{Ice} house at
10³⁰ a.m.

Dec 11 Finished filling to day at noon.
Ice from 13 to 15 inches.
Very nice - Cakes not be better.

Feb- 6th 1905
Spec by Memorandum
on opposite page that things
all went wrong when I cut
not be present and Nov 24 years
after I am convinced that it is
Always this way -
It will be prove this way

Nov 80
Nov 24 Finished Husking

Dec

Decm 80
Decm 10 Began hauling ice to my ice house at
1030 a.m.
Decm 11 Finished filling today at Noon
Ice from 13 to 15 Inches.
Very nice-could not be better

*Feb 6th 1905
See by Memorandum on opposite page that things
All went wrong when I could not be present and now 24 years
after I am concerned it is
always this way.
However prove this way
Editor's Note: See the 22 February 1881 entry about the condition
of farm during JHA's recovery from his 11 February accident*

January 81

- 16 Began snowing to day and has
been good sleighing from that
time to Feby 25.
- 19, 20, 21 Jan 19. Went to Peoria
20 Day in Convention at Peoria
21 Returned Home

Feby 81

- 11 Lost my left Hand while
engaged in cutting wood with
Circle Saw. Thumb only left.
- 22 Got out of the house to day for the
first time since I was hurt.
found 2 cows ready to die
3 pigs unable to get up - their pen
the place of pollution!
- If a man can't be about himself
things go hard.
- 25 Went to Lockport
- 26 Rained like. Sleighing Splendid
- 28 Sleighing good.

January 81

- 16 Began snowing today and has
Been good sleighing from that
time to Febry 25.
- 19, 20, 21 Janry 19 Went to Peoria
- 20 I am in Convention at Peoria
- 21 Returned Home

Febry 81

- 11 Lost my left hand while
Engaged in cutting wood with
Circular saw. Thumb only left.
- 22 Got out of the house today for the
First I since I was hurt.
Found 2 cows ready to die
3 pigs unable to get up- Their pen
The place of pollution!
If a man can't be about himself
Things go hard.
- 25 Went to Lockport
- 26 Rained little. Sleighing splendid
- 28 Sleighing good.

March 81

- Feb. 1 Good sleighing Morn & I went to Lockport.
My hands healing. Fine days
- Feb 3 Storms sleet and snow all night
- " 3 Has snowed hard all the a.m.
- " 3 Queer weather and holds on well
- 3 From Nov 14th to the present time I think
it has been frozen up.
- 3 From Jan'y 15 we have had continuous
3 good sleighing.
- 4 " "
- 5 " "
- 6 " "
- 7 " " Day of Geo Norton's sale
- 8 " " Snow is going.
- 8 Swede man, David Johnson got here
this P.M.
- 9 Mr Horace Messinger & his two
9 sisters with Belle Fox and Miss
9 Turner here ^{came in cutter}
- 9 Mr Wheelock here a few moments
- 12 Pretty good sleighing to day
- 13 " " " "

March '81

Mch 1 Good sleighing Wife & I went to Lockport
My hand is healing. . Fine days.

Mch 3 Stormed sleet and snow all night

" 3 Has snowed hard all this a.m.

" 3 [Drear] weather and holds on as well

3 From Nov [11th] to the present time

3 it has been frozen up.

3 From Janry 15 we have had continuous

3 good sleighing

4 " "

5 " "

6 " "

7 " " Day of Geo Nortons sale

8 " Snow is going

8 Swede man. David Johnson got hurt
this P.M.

9 Mr Horace Messinger & his two

9 sisters with Belle Fox and [Mike]

9 Turner here Came in cutter

9 [Mr] Wheelock here a few moments

12 Pretty good sleighing today

13 " " " "

13

March 1881

- 13 Lots snow on the ground yet and the drifts are in many places higher than fences. the [^]miters Ice has not yet passed out of the River, though covered with water. Every prospect of a late spring.

Very unusual that we have winter here, on so late as this has.

- 16 Put Skis away to day.
- 17 Ground all covered with snow. Banks of snow by side of fences 4 feet high.
- 17 Lost by Kalle's with sore feet.
- 18 5 weeks this day since I lost my hands. It's now all healed up except 2 small places about this large O O
- 19 Great Storm of Snow. with N.E. Wind began last night and has continued all the day with great fury. Snow heavy. Mercury about at freezing. It is only once in many years that we get so severe a storm so late in the season.
- Great Storm.

Mich 20

Great Storm Mich 19 & 20

The great snow storm (wind N.E.) that began early yesterday a.m. continued all last night, though not quite so hard, and has only stopped at 8 a.m. this Mich 20.

Mich E

19 Edward Peters got here this evening

20 " " & David went on foot to the station this a.m. & brought the trunk as far as Landing.

21 Piles Snow on the ground.

Every fence in the country got snow banks each side high as the fence.

Snow, Snow, Snow.

Mich W.

Michael Fitzpatrick brought up the Clyde mare Jan.

23

Snow Snow Snow Snow

Piles of Snow

Thaws during the day. Freezes nights

Mch 20 Great Storm Mch 19 & 20

The great snow storm (wind N.E.)
That began early yesterday A. M.
Continued all last night though
Not quite so hard, and has only
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[trunk] as far as Landing.

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Every fence in the county got
Snow banks each side high
as the fence.

 Snow Snow Snow

Mch 22 Micheal Fitzpatrick

Brought up the Clyde mare [Fan]

23

Snow Snow Snow Snow

Piles of Snow

Thaws during the day. Freezes nights

Mich 23rd to Mich 31.

Very an Stormy Every day. Never
saw so much continued cold weather
day after day at this season.
Mercury stands about 20^o Every
Morn. Cold - N.E. Winds -
Never saw such a time. Banks
of snow in many places higher
than the fences.
Everybody speaks despondingly -

Mch 23rd to Mch 31

Cold and stormy everyday. Never saw so much continued cold weather day after day at this season.

Mercury stands about [20.9] every A.M. Cold N.E. winds

Never saw such a time. Banks of snow in many places higher than the fences.

Everybody speaks despondently.

April 1881

Apr. Cold NE Wind. Mercury 20°
So^s snow on the ground nearly
all the roads - are impassible in
places from drifts of snow
Snow, Cold, Snow,

Apr 11 About two (2) inches snow fell this
P.M.

Apr 12. Ground covered this A.M. with Snow
Not a furrow yet ploughed.

As the East & West roads are free
of snow from the storm of
Mch 19 & 20.

Everything looks dreary for Farmers

Apr
13 Pleasant to day Snow in the fields
is passing off but there are big
banks yet by the fences

April 1881

Apr 1 Cold N.E. Wind. Mercury [20]
Lots snow on the ground Nearly
All the roads are impassable in
Places from drifts of snow

Snow, Cold, Snow

Apr 11 About two (2) inches snow fell this
P.M.

Apr 12 Ground covered this A.M. with snow
Not a furrow yet ploughed

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- Apr. 24 First ploughing of season this day
" 29 ~~planting of corn to day~~
" 27 Began sowing oats. First in the
neighborhood
30 Finished sowing

May 87

- 9 Began planting
24 Finished " to day.
First planting up so the rows
can be seen whole length.
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October 1870.
29 Ollie buried..

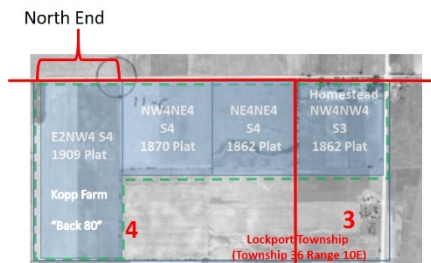
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April 81
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 “ 27 Began sowing oats. First in the
 Neighborhood
 30 Finished sowing

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*Editor’s Note: This is the first time JHA referenced work on E²NW⁴NW⁴ aka the
 “Kopp Farm”. The 1870 plat lists “Fitzpatrick” as the owner, but JHA may have
 purchased it between 1870 and 1881. In the 20th Century, this parcel was
 Endwood Farm’s “Back 80.”*



May^{and} June D.

May 29 delightful weather that we are getting though it is getting most too dry on the surface.

Tim is generally up & good stand, though there are some pcs. yet to be planted.

June D.

15. Aunt & Samyra with Harry came

17. Laura, Samyra & Self to Paul Patterson's

18. Had Mr & Mrs Thomas. Do Milne

Do Wm Milne. Do H Hopkins. Do

Mr & Mrs Farley, Mrs Robinson & Miss Turner. with us

29. Samyra, Aunt & Harry left us.

May and June '81

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17 Laura, [Lamyra] & self to Paul Pattersons
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D° W^m Milne, D° H Hopkins, D°
Mr & Mrs Farley, Mrs Robinson &
Miss Turner with us
29 [Lamyra], Aunt & Harry left us

July 81

July 11 began cutting grass.

22 Finished haying

25 Began cutting oats

30 Finished " " 55 ac
not good this year. worms
have injured them

Aug. 81.

10 Finished stacking oats,

10.5 used by regular fall work.

31. nothing special

July 81

July 21 Began cutting grass

22 Finished Haying

25 Began cutting oats

30 Finished " " [55] acre
Not good this year. Worms
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Aug 81

10 Finished stacking oats

[ald] used by regular fall work

31 nothing special

September 81

19 Garfield died.

26 " Burie d.

Sept 1 (about) Commenced cutting Corn

" 1 to 31 Used in regular Sept. work.

Oct 15. Mr. No Dunn brought horses.

October 81

20 Finished digging Potatoes in A.M.

20 Commenced husking Corn.

Keep two (2) hands at the husking
David & Seef at odd jobs; such as
Fixing fences, making new ones.

+ + + c + c + c

Lots of rain this fall commencing
about Sep 11 it rained nearly
every day for a week and at
times very hard.

Got Clover stacked at noon
on Oct 11. but fear at this date

Oct 28 shall near get it hulled.

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Editor's Note: The Garfield entries refer to President James Garfield who was assassinated in Washington DC on 19 September 1881. JHA had met candidate Garfield near Cleveland Ohio in September 1880. (See page [x]).

November 81

Nov 14 Henry Heim got through ditching and I took him to Naperville in milk wagon and brought back load of tile.

Sits rain lately cloudy and damp but not at all cold.

Nov 11 Great Fall Rain. Began this morning about 3 o'clock and rained continuously till 10 in the evening. Never saw such a rain at this time of year.

Nov 18 Snow Storm, Mercury about 28°

" 19 More snow, raw and cold.

" 19 Ploughed to day.

" 20 Froze up this a.m.

22 Cold, 23 do 24 Cold.

24 Thanks giving, Clear & Cold, froze over tank in milk room last night.

25 Friesked & Husking

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24 Thanksgiving. Clear and Cold
Froze over Tank in Milk Room
Last night
25 Finished Husking

December 81

- 8 Mother started for Newburgh,
11 Small ice snow last night.
Mercury 35°
9 & 10 Set my part fence over
between Steve & self
11 to 29 open weather and $\frac{1}{2}$ guide wet
no frost in the ground up to the 29,
30 froze up last night
30 got Stev's house down from the Koppfay
31 Last day of old year

The year 1881 has been remarkable in
many respects.

The spring was the coldest and
accompanied with the most
storms of snow of any within my
recollection.

It was also the latest I ever saw
being the 22nd of April before we
could plough

- December '81
- 8 Mother started for Newburgh
 - 11 Small fall snow last night
Mercury 35°
 - 9 & 10 Set my part fence over
Between Steve & self
 - 14 to 29 Open weather and quite wet
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 - 30 Froze up last night
 - 30 Got the Hen house down from the Kopp farm
 - 31 Last day of old year

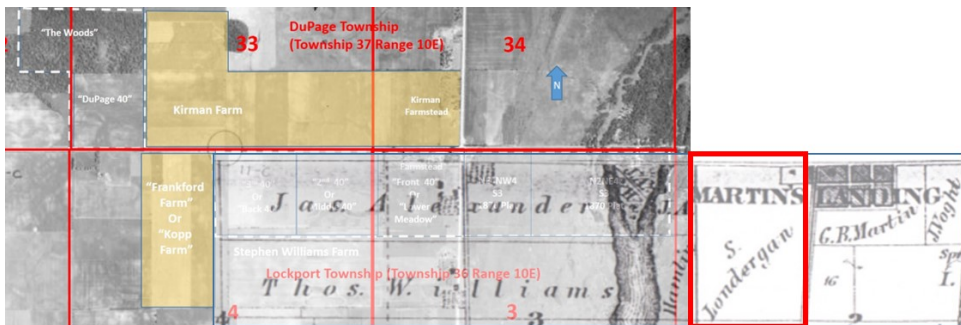
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January 1892

- 1 Sunday - pleasant. Not very cold 25°
- 2 Monday pleasant. Cleaned up woodpile
- 3 day of Insurance Co meeting.
- 4 Dan Patterson here and
remained all night ^{at home} good visit
- 6 Began to hew the clover.
- 7 Finished hulling "
- 7 Grove Taylor's Sale.
- 20 Began to get ice from Lonnergan Quarry
- 21 Finished getting Ice " " "
- 28 Visited with Geo Wrightman & family.
- 28 Bought Bay Mare Colt, Long, 3, 4 yrs of E. Hopkins
- 31 Cut wood at Eberharts. shot Bull dog.

- January '82
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Editor’s Note: Landergan’s quarry was east of the Isle a la Cache, the eastern most part of Endwood Farm.



February 82

Febry 11. Will Milne & Fanny Lane and
remained all night.

Febry 11 one year ago today Ima Host
my hand.

Febry 14 Mather returns from her Ohio
and New York visit.

Febry 14 I finished splitting & piling wood pile

Febry 18 Laura went to Juhet.

" 20 Day has Roth's Sale. plowing

" 21 Snowed some to day. Set by Hollis

" 22 Washington's Birthday Cold, freeze up

		February '82
Febry 11		[Will] Milne & Fanny came and Remained all night
Febry 11		One year ago today since I lost My hand
Febry 14		Mother returned from her Ohio And New York visit
Febry 14		I finished splitting and [piling] wood pile
Febry 18		Laura went to Joliet
"	20	Day [Chas] Roth sale. Ploughing
"	21	Snowed some today. [Lost] by Holles
"	22	Washington's Birthday Cold, froze up

March 1882

- 2 Beautiful warm day. Haywood's sale
3 & 4 Ploughing, 4 & 6. 7 Ploughing
8 Butchered 4 Good Hogs

April 1882

- 3 Began sowing oats.
14 Finished " " in all
about 90 acres.
May 1 about 2^a. of oats sown out on
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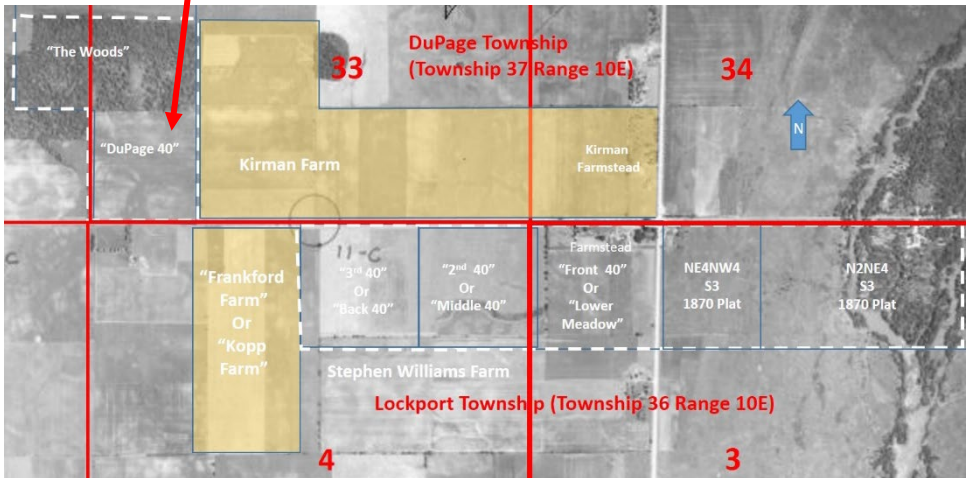
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May 1 about 2^a of oats drowned out on
The DuPage 40 Need more tile



May 1882.

May 10 Began planting Corn
" 20 Finished " " about 75^a
Bought the Barnes' Cheek Rower this year
Mrs. L. sits here and I like to have her.

June 5. Began Cultivating Corn
Hardly anybody else
Commenced Cultivating Yet.

June 9. Not $\frac{1}{2}$ the Corn in the country
high enough to see the rows
across the fields

12 Began shearing the sheep

13 Finished " " 76 Head
did not wash this year

May 1882

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Figure 2 Two Row Check Planter Example (May Not Be A Barnes)

82
June 1. Old Mary took
Daly's Horse

June 1. Pat took Daly's
Horse

June 15 old Mary took
Daly's Horse

June 30 Kit took
Daly's Horse

June 1 Old May took
82 Daly s horse

June 1 Pet took Daly's
Horse

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Dalys horse

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Dalys Horse

July 4th 1882

Went to Lockport to Picnic
at Fraction Run

5 Went to Binder Trial at R. Milnes

6 " " " " Plainfield
Corn, the best, 2 feet high
" " poorest 4 inches

11 Began cutting grass
Have only $\frac{1}{3}$ acres this year.

26 Esther Healy with Bert, Bruce &
Cecile came

29 Got the Binder out to try it
Oats quite green

31 Really began cutting oats
to day Rained

Aug 1 Rained

2 " Rained Every day

3 " for a week with

4 " heavy dews & thick

5 " fogs & cloudy weather

July 4th 1882

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- 5 Went to Binder Trial at R Milnes
6 " " " " Plainfield
Corn, the best, 2 feet high
" " poorest 4 Inches
11 Began cutting grass
Have only 23 acres this year

26 Ester Healy [took] Bert, Bruce
Cecil came

29 Got the Binder out to try it
Oats quite green

31 Really began cutting oats
To day Rained

Aug 1 Rained

- 2 " Rained every day
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Figure 3 McCormick Grain Binder

⁸²
Aug 17 Esther and Boys went away

Aug 7, 82. Cut oat

" 8 " " Finished the 2nd piece

" 9 " "

Aug 11 Finished cutting oat 78 acres

" 14 Began stacking "

" 22 Finished " " 78 acres.

oats good I never had such large
straw that stood up so well. I did
not lose 10 Bushels ^{small} on 78 acres.

Aug 22, 1882. My father James Lewis Alexander
would have been 77 to day had he lived.
Born Aug 24, 1805. Married May 17, 1834
died Dec 29, 1876.

My mother, Betsey Healy Alexander
Born Aug 12, 1808. Still living
& smart as a whip

82

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January.

15 Party of following named persons
here

Mr + Mrs Wm Milne 2

" " Geo Norton 2

1, Emily Daughter + Miss Bartlett 3

Mr + Mrs Thomas 2

" " H. G. Eddy + Marie 3

Mrs Bradley Miss Hatten + Miss Jennie Parker 3

Mrs Farley, Mr Myers, Miss Norton 3

Mr + Mrs Knowles, Mr Arnold 3

Miss Mess, Red Fox + Stella Robinson 3

Mrs Robinson.

Hauled Ice during January

Not any bad traveller all good sleighing

February 83

Nothing special

March 83

Nothing special

Cold March and not one
drop rain fell during the month.

January [83]

13 Party of following named persons

Here

Mr & Mrs W ^m Milne	2
“ “ Geo Norton	2
“ [Emery Daughter & Mifs Bartlett]	3
Mr Mrs Thomas	2
“ “ H. G. Eddy & [Mareic]	3
Mrs Bradley [____], Hattie [____][Mis] Jenni Parker	3
Mrs Farley, [Mr] Myers, & [____] Norton	3
Mr & Mrs Knowles, [Miss] Arnold	3
[Mis Ness], Belle Fox & Hetta Robinson	3
[Miss] Robinson	
Started Tile during January	
Not any bad travel all good sleighing	

February 83

Nothing Special

March 83

Nothing Special

Cold March and not one

Drop of rain fell during the month

- Apr
 4 Commenced plowing the first this Spring
 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 plowing
 10 Planted Early potatoes across the road.
 Gen Metz working at 10 Inch Tile Drain
 11 Sowed first oats to day } In all, 76. or 77. acres,
 20 " last " " " }
 24 Planted potatoes at Sanborn's
 First 9 Rows on west side Sanborn seed
 badly mixed
 Next 8 Rows pure snow-flake My seed
 next 28 1/2 " " Late Rose " "
 " 2 1/2 " Sanborn; Strawberry Red

May 17. Pet took McLaren's 20 Horse
 30 Sue " Coopers 7 1/2 "
 June 7 Kit " McLaren's 20 "

May 1883

2 Began planting corn Anderson Dupage 40
 20 Finished Dupage

Dupage
 40 a
 corn

young

oats 56 a	oats 74 a	corn 74 a
D. W.	corn 24 a	
	grass/loa.	
	meadow 20	oats 20 a
	Sheep pasture	

Kuman Corn ~~35~~ 35
~~20~~ 24
~~25~~ 24
 0 83 a

oats 20
 56
 76 a oats

corn

1883 1883

May 1883

- 2 Began planting Corn and on DuPage 40
- 20 Finished



June 1883.

6 Laura & Laura started for Colorado,
7 Coing. of Mesenger Reception -

11 July Laura returned from Colorado

26 July 26 Began cutting oats with Binder

Aug 7. Finished " " " "

Aug 8. Began stacking oats 170 acres,
" 15 Finished " " "

Have not had any rain since July 27.

Sep 4 Finished getting out manure.

5 Began cutting Corn

13 " Threshing } nice oats

15 Finished " }

Granary full. 2 Bins in horse Barn also
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October 1883

Oct 29 Began Husking } Lots Soft Corn
Nov 29 Finished " }

Dec 83 Nothing special

Jan 84 " " Cold & good sleighing

Feb

October 1883

Oct 29 Began Husking

Nov 29 Finished “



Lot soft corn

Dec 83 Nothing special

Janry 84 “ “

Cold & good sleighing

Febry

Barbara Friethie

I.

The meadows were up rich with
corn in a cool September
morning and the clustered
spires of Frederick stand
green-walled by the hills
of Maryland.

II.

Around them were orchards
filled ^{with} apples and peaches as
fair as a vineyard of the loess.
When on pleasant morn. When
* Lee marched over the mountains
Over the Mountains winding
down horse and foot into
Frederick town.

III.

Forty flags with their silver
stars. Flapped in the morning
wind and the sun looked down
and saw not one.

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Around them were orchards
Filled with Apples and peaches as,
Fair as a vineyard of the lord
When on that pleasant morn When
Lee marched over the mountain
Over the mountains winding
Down horse and foot, into
Frederick town.

III

Forty flags with their silver
Stars. Flapped in the morning
Wind and the sun looked down, and saw not one.

I V.

Then up rose old Barbara
~~with her three pound weight~~
Fritchie ~~she~~ she was
70 years old she was the
bravest of all in Frederic's
town she took up the flag
the men hauled down.
In her attic window she
set the staff to show that
one heart was brave yet.

V.

Up the street ~~it~~ came
Stone-wall Jackson under
his ~~hat~~ hat he glanced
the old flag met his sight
halt the ranks stood still
fire - out flayed the rifle
blast. It shivered the
window, pane and sash
it rent the banner with
scam and gasp.

IV

Then up rose old Barbara
[xxxxx]

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bravest of all in Frederick
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In her attic window
she set the staff to show that
one heart was brave yet.

V

Up the street came
Stonewall Jackson under
his [xxxx] hat he glanced
the old flag met his sight.
Halt— the ranks stood still.
Fire— out blazed the rifle-
blast. It shivered the
window, pane and sash;
It rent the banner with
seam and gash.

VI

so quick as it fell from the window Dame Barbara snatched the flag and she leaned far out on the window and shook it with a brave will. Shoot if you must my gray old head but spare your Country's flag. ~~She said she~~ said she.

VII

A shade of sadness a blush of shame over the head of the leader came and he said who touches a hair of my gray head. Die he said a dog. mark on said he.

VIII

All day long through Frederick street pounded the noise of marching feet. All day long that free flag waved over the heads of the rebels.

VI

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Window. Dame Barbara
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VII

A shade of sadness, a blush
of shame over the heart of
the leader came and he
said who touches a hair
of yon gray head Dies like a [x] dog! March on!" said he.

VIII

All day long through
Frederick street Sounded the
noise of marching feet:
All day long that free flag
Tossed over the heads of the
rebels.

I think the Barbara Fitchie poem
is my hand writing about 1887, I
recall owning an undelivered pencil.
N.A.A., ¹⁸⁷⁴ 1933;

MAR. 1-1947 Carol Alexander - age 8 - has read to her
G. D. A. Barbara Fitchie's story - 'Time marches on.
John's house is nearing completion. This winter has been
the 1st HA has not performed much labor. Tom + Hoze
William move today into John Liff's house. J. Li - goes
to the aid of Sgt. Thoresen in Wisconsin. In our old
home we have ^HH - Helen B. + HA. E. H. Troxell + Alan
JA + Mary P. HA Jr. (Captain) + Dorothy M. + Bob
Jack Jr. Marjorie - Joan - Carl + Ely with

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H H A 1874
1933

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The 1st HHA has not performed much labor. Tom & Hazel
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To the [aid] of Sig. Thorsen in Wisconsin. In our old
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JA & Mary P, HA-Jr (Captain) & Dorothy M & Bob
Jack Jr, Marianne, Joan Carol Elizabeth

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Lots of rain in Apr of 81 & 82
Labs 34

Lots of Rain in
Spring Spring
Spring



56 Road

Lots of rain in Spgs of 81 & 82

Lots of rain in
Spring Spring
Spring

Lots of cold, in the spg - 81,

7 Vesp. Cold in the Spg of 81

⁴⁰
H. Alex. ~~...~~
1891

Lots of cold in the spg 81
[Very of] cold in spg of 81

[J H] Alexander

Jobs of rain in 1881 & 82
Siboo 34

Ink 3
187
Dagge the dentist my hand at his
house in Fortp. cal.

Lots of rain in spg of 81 & 82
[xxxxx]

Upside down

Mch 3 Daggett dressed my hand at his
House in Lockport

Editor's Note: The "Mch 3" is probably 1881. JHA's left hand was cut off in a saw accident on 11 February 1881. "Daggett" was probably Dr John Daggett who started his practice in Lockport in 1838 and owned several parcels of land on the east side of the Des Plaines River near Endwood Farms.

Lots of cold in the ^{spg} - 81,

Lots of cold in the Spg of 81

Lots of cold in spg 81
Lots of cold in spg of 81

Reasons why you cannot go
Expense of \$30.00 - I will meet.

Nothing
Does not go alone where it is
Geo Flagg
Dislike to leave children
children can be left

Witup
Dislike
said
James H. Alexander
30
40

Co W
Co
Norway
Menomonee Co
Mich

Witup
Franklin Co
Co
Co
Norway
Mich

Norway
Mich
Chas Williamson
Norway

5656
Peira
Norway
Menomonee

Pay to the order
Peters
12346
Clega

Eugene
1100
70
25
32

Some of cuts on the way
I
II
III
IV
V
VI
VII
VIII
IX
X
XI
XII

Three months
I Alexander

Editor's Note: The following is a random transcription of the end pages in JHA's Farm Book. Some entries appear to be JHA (or HHA) practicing writing while others are "new" entries:

Reasons why you cannot go

Expenses of \$30

I will meet

Nothing not go along

Midtown

George flag

Dislike to leave blank

New line Cal D and beliefs

Dislike

James L Alexander Franklin County

Norway

Menominee county

Norton

Norway

Norton

M ICH

Charles Williamson

Nunaway Menominee

56 Pierce

Paid to the order

Blank

Old Mary took Spangler's horse may 18th 80

Old May foaled may 19, 1880

Nel took the same horse June 29th

To sheep's

William Thorne Esquire Lockport Illinois

William Thorne peers 30-30

Lawyer M Thomas Esquire Lockport Illinois Lockport Illinois

Yours truly

Stevenson Van shack and company

James Alexander By Hayes Alexander

Stevenson

Halas's Welsh

How paint

Old May took Spaulders' Horse. May 18th 80
Old May foaled May 19th 80

Will took the same Horse June 29th
2 Seais.

Wm Thorne Esq Lockport
I'lls.

Wm Thorne
56 Pieces 30 30

Wm Thomas Esq Lockport Lockport
I'lls. I'lls.
yours truly

30
40
70
35
105
50
5250

John
Stevenson Van Schaak
6000

James Alexander
by proxy

2000
600 oats
400 corn
200 sheep
100
5100
5400

Jacob Welch

Hal 20
Paint 15
10
15
10
10

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