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Pg 262 of James' farm journal [June 17<sup>th</sup> in Jas' writing, rest in Martha's]

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1853 – During my absence I wish in the first place John & David to haul in the oat & wheat then plough the corn on the hill. Coah & Israel [Isaac?] are first to get in the grass seed – then with the Dutchmen to take an early breakfast and their dinner with them to go up to Durbin's & hoe my vines planted there – that done they may haul the plank from Bellevue & pile it up. John & David after they finish the corn will haul a portion of the plank up to Koons & cover the barn floor. Coah is to get wood – look after the hogs keep up the fences – daub the apple trees with Isaacs help – drive stakes around the trees to keep the cows off – and all hands when not other-wise engaged can be employed in grubbing – cutting down bushes & briars. John has been directed to report to Mistress every night what all hands, including the Dutchmen have been doing that day.

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Coah & Daniel getting in grass seed & wood. John & Isaac the oats & fixing up sacks & c. The Dutchmen among the osiers

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Coah & Isaac hauling grass seed & thrashing. John & David ploughing corn

July 19<sup>th</sup> - Coah & Isaac & Dutchmen hoeing vines at Mr. Durbans [neighbor]. John & Daniel ploughing corn on the hill.

July 20 - gone to Petersburg (sic). Daniel ploughing. Coah & Isaac & Dutchmen hoeing vines.

July 21 – Coah & Isaac & Dutchmen hoeing vines – morning – afternoon planting trees. Dutchmen in the osiers. John & David hauling oats & wheat & hauled one load of Plank

July 22 - Coah working in the garden Isaac with the Dutchmen. John & Daniel hauling plank

July 23 – All hands doing chores & attending Pick nick. Antony gone to Cincinnati – Dutchmen in the Osiers

July 25 – rain last night & showers all day to day. John & David hauling plank to Mr. Coons. Coah in the garden Isaac with the Dutchmen in the Osiers. Antony lost Friday & Saturday & John half of Saturday.

July 26 – Cloudy & drizzling & cold – showers in the afternoon. John & Daniel finished hauling plank to Mr. Coons – cutting briars & thrashing grass \_\_\_\_\_. Isaac & the Dutchmen clearing Osiers & cutting briars. Coah in the Garden. Coah & Isaac staking apple trees.

July 27 – Coah & Isaac staking trees working in the garden & attending to Hogs fixing fences & c. John & Daniel cutting briars & grubbing roots. The Dutchmen also.

July 28 – All hands grubbing & cutting briars. Coah in the garden.

July 29 – All hands grubbing & cutting briars. Daniel part of the day helping put up the swing, Isaac waiting on the Ladies.

July 30 – All hands grubbing & cutting briars – getting wood &c.

Augst 1 – showers all day. The hands cutting briars & grubbing. Isaac picking apples in the morning & doing other chores for Mistress – heavy showers last night.

Aug 2 – All hands cutting briars & grubbing. Antony worked till noon. Coah clearing fence rows – rain in the night.

Aug 3 – Cloudy & drizzling this morning – all hands grubbing & clearing hedge rows. Antony did not work today.

Aug 4 – All hands at cutting briars & grubbing – showers hard in the morning clear all the afternoon. Isaac engaged for Mistress between the showers in the morning. Antony did not work.

Aug 5 – cloudy in the morning. All hands grubbing & c. Isaac attending to Mistress till 10 o'clock. Antony did not work at all to day – afternoon clear & very warm.

Aug 6 – John gone to Burlington with a load of Melons in the morning – afternoon to his wife's house. All the other hands & Dutchmen grubbing &c.

Aug 7 – Antony & John working with Mr. Fritz on the Island [neighbor] – our hands grubbing &c. Coah putting up fences.

Aug 9 – The Dutchmen working with Mr. Fritz on the Island. All hands grubbing & cutting weeds. Coah fixing fences. David hauled his melon after sun down.

Aug 10 – John & Daniel hauling seed wheat from Nathan Gibbs. Coah fixing fences. Isaac gone with the Ladies to Mr. Browns – very hot the past three days. The M\_\_\_ go at 10 oclock AM – very dry. John brought seven bushels of wheat. A. at work

Aug 11 – John & David & Isaac getting Hogs out of the Gibbs corn – mending fences. Isaac & David getting Mr. Riddles hogs out of our lawn & fixing fences & gap afternoon all hands with the two Dutchmen cutting briars & weeds.

Aug 12 – John gone to Mr. Coons for oats for the Horses brought home forty dozens of bunches of oats – 145 dozen bunches being your share of his crop! John, Daniel, Isaac tearing vines from the Osiers. Coah fixing fences all hands turning out hogs. Antony at work John gone to Peterburgh (sic).

Aug 13 – Isaac & Daniel gone to association with Melons. John & Coah getting out hogs & fixing fences &c. – no Dutchmen at work to day – rainy & hot.

Aug 15 – John, Daniel, Isaac & dutch John at work in Osiers & cutting briars &c., Coah hauling wood. A. in Cinn.

Aug 16 – All hands cutting briars & weeds. John also.

Aug 17 – All hands grubbing & hoeing briars – both Dutchmen at work. Isaac in the afternoon attending to the Ladies.

Aug 18 – all hands with both the Dutchmen grubbing & hoeing weeds

Aug 19 all hands cutting briars & grubbing – both D. at work.

Aug 20 – Coah gone with D\_\_\_ to Bellevue to sell his melons – all the other hands doing chores & cutting briars

Aug 22 – Hoeing among the Appletrees before breakfast all hands cutting weeds & briars. Coah hauling wood. Isaac part of the day getting out Hogs &c both D[utchmen] at work.

Aug 23 – all hands working in the young osiers & weeding &c. both the Dutchmen at work – rained hard in night.

Aug 24 – John & Daniel & the Dutchmen in the osiers. Coah in the garden. Isaac doing chores for Mistress. Showers till 12 oclock – afternoon clear & warm

Aug 25 – John & the Dutchmen weeding in the young Osiers. Daniel gone with a load of Melons to Burlington. Coah getting wood & other chores – taking Melon to Bellevue. Isaac waiting on Mistress all day – very cool.

Aug 26 – John & Daniel & the Dutchmen pulling vines off Osiers & cutting briars. Isaac gone to Mr. Rice's for Plums. John Hauled from Mr. Merchants fifteen dozen bunches of Oats. Coah working in the garden &c.

Aug 27 – All hands cutting briars & cleaning young Osiers.

Aug 29 – John sick. Daniel & the Dutchmen finished in the Osiers by dinner & cut Osiers in the afternoon. Isaac gone to the still Tract to sell the cattle after noon waiting on Mistress. Daniel cutting weeds round the house. Coah doing his chores & c.

Aug 30 – Isaac cutting wood & cleaning Carriage till 10 oclock. John better but too weak to work – worked in the afternoon. Daniel & Coah mending hog pen – both D[utchmen] at work. Mr. Gibbs brought 13 dozen bunches of oats – your third of his crop – very warm & dry – feels like rain. Finished cleaning the Osiers.

Aug 31 – All hands cutting briars. Antony did not work in the afternoon. He & Fritz gone to Cincinnati. – rain in the morning.

Sept 1 – John, Daniel & Isaac with one Dutchman cutting briars. Coah doing his chores. Antony gone to Cinn.

[We are not sure who Antony is yet.]