




JOHN WILLIAM BULLIMORE 1861 DIARY



NB: The following 1861 diary transcription mostly excludes information from Sundays where most of the original text consists of pairs of titles. These titles appear to relate to religious notes. The handwriting makes their titles difficult to decipher and transcribe with an expectation of accuracy.

January 1861

1st	[Tuesday] Snow & Frost	<p>– set in a fortnight since but today & yesterday it has thawed and the snow is disappearing – the land is in such a wet state that it is with difficulty anything can be found for the labourers to do – many are out of employ.</p> <p>Mind stagnant – Mr C has had on his mind “Sacrificing under Oaks etc” ie making a wrong use of what is intended by Heaven only for our accommodation.</p> <p>Bullock unwell – R H shod – Walked to Hill this morning.</p>
2nd	Yesterday’s thaw – followed by a sharp wind frost at night – this has been a clear frosty day	<p>So that the Turnips and young wheats are much exposed having lost their [snow] covering - Tea at the Hill.</p> <p>(Dizzy Hoggett taken by C.....)</p> <p>(No change in mind) Anna wrote – Mr G better</p>
3rd	Frost continues – clear bright day	<p>Still in a shut up place in my feelings – the words came to my mind this morning “What things the law saith it saith with those who are under the law that every month may be stopped and all the world become gently before God”</p>
4th	Frosty	Settled with Mr Clarke for purchase of James Day cottages
5th	Frost still continues – slight fall of snow	<p>Snow has covered the wheat and turnips</p> <p>In Norwich: “roads well tracked but slippery”</p>
6th	(Sunday) Frost and snow storms	Miss Burton fell backwards getting into van
7th	Fall of Snow	<p>Sprightly Cow calved yesterday (Sunday)</p> <p>Miss Burton in Bed – following fall on Sunday</p> <p>Sent Aunt P.O.O. 20 shillings for Mr Bacon & 20 Shillings for Jas Bullimore</p>
8th	Frost very severe last night (Rhyme) – this has been a clear bright day the trees and hedges look very beautiful – every branch and living being living with the frost	Miss Burton still in bed chiefly throughout this day
9th	Frost still continues but no Rhyme – 8am – clear day	<p>Part of Barley Stock that was turned got into barn</p> <p>Miss B down to dinner</p> <p>Calf 4 weeks old broke its leg</p>
10th	Rhyme Frost	Miss Burton better
11th	Rhyme frost – but the air somewhat softer	<p>Mr James Day paid, one ¼ Rent (Clerk Dye)</p> <p>Sprightly Cow & calf sold to C Huggins</p> <p>Miss Burton better - Aunt came to dinner</p>
12th	Thaw – but not very rapid	
	(Sunday)	Miss Burton able to reach the Hill
14th	Sharp Frost last night & through this day	
15th	Frosty	My sister’s birthday – 36th
16th	Frost – but not quite so sharp	
17 th	Thaw – damp air	
18th	Yesterday’s thaw succeeded by Frost at night – but the air has been milder throughout this day	Bull sold to C Huggins

19th	Frost last night but a thaw this afternoon and a shower this evening (Sunday)	(Steamer) Barley Stack threshed on the Hill
21st	Thaw – continuous snow much wasted thick fog through the day	so that Steam threshing was deferred
22nd	Frost last night - and this has been a bright clear day	Barley Stack threshing by steam (House) Darling Mare ran away on the Hill and fell into the Orchard ditch with the tumbrel [open cart] on heo[?] Chas Day paid ¼ Rent of Cottage Dye asked if he could continue in his cottage Mr Barker came – and Aunt D here
23rd	Thaw – raw cold air	The Hoggetts have just done the White Turnips which were covered up in Lambs in 10 Acres at the Hill having lasted since Dec 5th Some thoughts on Serving lusts & pleasures while in the 10 acres at the Hill Went to bed with sick headache
24th	Thaw continues a shower this afternoon	Feeble in body – low in mind My birthday 34
25th	Mild day south wind	Ploughmen now begin to plough the stubbles Snow & ice have nearly disappeared. Mr Thurston took possession of meadows & orchard put his cows in today Letter from Anna Feeble & low
26th	(Mild day) very fine (Sunday)	In Norwich called on mother found her very sadly
28th	Fine	
29th	Frost last night - very fine day	Rode to Wymondham. Brought home the Conveyance etc of the Cottages etc bought off James Day. Made my Will at Mr Clarkes Office
30th	Frost last night – fine day	Wrote to Anna
31st	Frost last night – fine day	Wrote to James – for Aunt

February 1861

1st	(Friday) fine day	Went to Mr Goldsmiths at Morningthorpe – bought some apple trees etc
2nd	Fine Day	In Norwich Called on mother – she seemed more comfortable & composed than when I saw her last week. She told me she had made her arrangements etc Heard from Anna
	(Sunday)	Samuel Saunders dies in the hospital
4th	Clear day – drying wind	
5th	Rather a dull day	Planted 4 apple trees & 1 Green Sage in Orchard – late James Day
6th	Fine day – wind rather high	Widow Barwell[?] dies – High Common
7th	Fine day	Ploughing proceeds of stubble of lands for Barley Mr Barker came
8th	Fine	Busy getting Swedes off
9th	Cold Wind NE - squally	In Norwich
	(Sunday)	
11th	Cold with storms of hail	
12 th	[Shrove Tuesday] Snow & Frost	
13th	Frost last night	
14th	Frost last night but changeable in the day	
15th	Milder	Wrote to Anna Miss Harrison Rents – 14 th Dip[?]
16th	Fine & mild	In Norwich Saw mother – much the same as a fortnight since 1 ewe lambed – 1 lamb
	(Sunday) Very fine day – more like May than February	
18th	Fine	
19th	Fine	Went to Mr Goldsmith in the morning – called at Mrs M A Days in afternoon
20th	Fine	Anna & Miss G came
21st	Wind very high this morning & slight showers through the day	M A Day signed her Will
22nd	High Wind – stacks unroofed and tiles blown off	
23rd	Raining	County Court Wymondham. Bell against Barnard – judgement for plaintiff with costs
	(Sunday)	
25th	Fine	
26th	Fine	
27th	Fine – but colder	
28th	Rainy snowing etc	

March 1861

1st	(Friday) Raining – Hail this afternoon with thunder	
2nd	Fine but rain at night	In Norwich - Anna Rode with me Mother much worse apparently near her end
	(Sunday)	
4 th	Showery	
5th	Dull	Miss Death – late tea dealer in Norwich died this day at Mildenhall
6th	Cloudy but no rain until the evening	Anna & Miss G left
7th	Fine – windy – but not cold	
8th	Fine day – drying wind	Mother (in law) died this day abt 10am at Miss Londells – Domans Buildings, Bracondale, Norwich
9th	Fine day	Went to Norwich by Eaton & my sister & self called at Miss Landells & took a last look at the[?] etc from mother
	(Sunday)	
11th	Fine but cold wind with storms & hail	Philip Taylor walked over here
12th	Cold – stormy in the afternoon with hail & thunder	
13th	Stormy – cold wind	
14th	Rhyme Frost last night – fine clear day	Barley stack got into barn. 89 ewes have lambed – 36 doubles 53 singles = 125 lambs in all
15th	Clear bright day	Mother (in law) buried at St Marks Church New Lakenham this day – (her sister Miss Sewell) my sister and self followed her procession to the grave. Anna wrote to Miss B second time
16th	Fine morning but raining afternoon	
	(Sunday)	
18th	Cold wind - SW	
19th	Raining last night & showery through the day	
20th	Showery – rain afternoon & evening	Mr Barker came
21st	Heavy rain last evening – frost this morning and the ground just covered with snow – cold mist	Vestry reciting this day – to nominate Overseers – Surveyor etc and to sign parish accounts
22nd	Fine day – windy W	Putting Beans in Further 8 acres
23rd	Fine Day not so cold	In Norwich. Mrs Harris returned with me stay with Aunt
	(Sunday) Very fine bright day	
25th	A few drops of rain (but not enough to stop threshing)	Threshing by steam – Hill (Wheat)
26th	Fine day	Threshing Wheat Stack at the Hill by steam James Day died – commonly called Sailor
27th	Very fine mild day	Barley put in Britins & Black Close
28th	Fine Day – few drops of rain	Black Close – Barley finished drilling this morning & George's 5 Acres put in the afternoon
29th	(Good Friday) Fine mild day	Barley drilled in Hill 10 Acres Mr & Mrs Elvin, Mrs Wiffin, Aunt & Mrs Harris met at Miss Burtons – with us
30th	Colder today	Drilling Barley Dry Close
	Easter Sunday Fine	

April 1861

1st	(Easter Monday) Cloudy & dull raining this afternoon	Dry Close Barley finished drilling 9am Six Acres began in afternoon but stopped by rain 1 man and lab[?] Wrote to Anna – hearing from her that she was not so well
2nd	Raining	2 men & lab[?]
3rd	Raining	2 men & lab[?] Mrs Harris & Aunt here to tea
4th	No rain today – but rather cloudy with some sunshine	Carting beet 2 pigs put up houses
5th	Fine Day	Heard from Anna Mr Thurston & myself attended the Magistrates at Swainsthorpe – appointment etc Overseer and Surveyor etc In the afternoon – Front Piece – at the Hill – drilled Barley Attend Magistrates with parish a/c etc
6th		In Norwich Mrs Harris returning with me Sold wheat at 30 shillings & White at 32 shillings Church Close Barley drilled in – Mr Huggins bought for Miss Burton 14 Bullocks & 3 Homebreds from Longs
	(Sunday) Fine day	
8th	Fine day – cold wind	Census taken Drilling Barley Park Close 12 Acres Barley all in excepting 4 acres & the above The Hoggetts not gone yet
9th	Fine day Cold E wind	
10th	Fine – Frost in the morning	
11th	Fine – Sharp frost this morning	
12 th	Fine – cold wind N	Whitethorne coming into leaf – hedges begin to look green – three weeks than 1860 110 Hoggetts sold to C Huggins
13th	Dull – cold N wind this morning	Clark Dye paid ¼ rent to 6 th April 20 shillings
	(Sunday) Cold N E winds	
15th	Cold dull wind N	
16th	Cold dull wind NE	
17th	Dull & foggy morning but sun broke out at noon & dispelled the clouds & fog	Felt very weak and heavy today
18th	Cold N wind	Remainder of Barley drilled in Pack Close 12A Wrote to Anna
19th	Fine bright day - Cold wind N	
20th	Fine Dry weather – wind E	
	(Sunday) Cloudy – rather inclined to rain but it was very slight & cleared at 4pm	Mr Fleur[?] Bell Sen – Rec'd
22nd	Fine – Cold N[?] wind but the air somewhat [?] night	
23rd	A few drops of rain today	

24th	Not quite so cold	
25th	Cold dry weather still continues	
26 th	Cold wind N	
27th	Cold N wind with a little rain	I went to Norwich
	(Sunday) Sharp Frost this morning early – dry weather cold N wind	
29th	Sharp Frost this morning – Fine dry weather continues	Anna took lodgings in Norwich – left Eaton
30th	Sharp Frost – Fine day Cold but not so cold in the afternoon – wind changing to W	Heard the cuckoo for the first time this year

May 1861

1st	Fine but milder	
2nd	Dry & cold	Young rooks out – shot 3
3rd	Showery	
4th	Cloudy – N wind	Began drilling beet – House 10 Acres Yel[?] Globe Goldsmiths & others mured[?]

6th	Cold N wind cloudy	
7th	Cold Fine & dry	Went to Norwich after beet seed
8th	Cold & dry	Two Acres Georges Beet drilled on part of Clay Pit Close – Bells seed Yel Globe
9th	Fine Wind changed to west at noon – but blew from the north at 4pm	Went to Norwich for 28 stones[?] more Beet seed which put in Clay Pit Close this afternoon which is the last piece
10th	Cold dry N wind	
11th	Rain nearly all day – cold N wind	In Norwich – unpleasant journey – taxes paid in
	(Sunday) Mild growing day – quite(?) – heavy air	

13th	Cold N wind	
14 th	Mild summers day	
15th	Very fine day – Wind W	
16th	Fine but cold – wind N	Parish Meeting to levy Rate Uncle Gedge came to Aunt Denny's
17th	Dripping rain this morning but cleared at 11am - Cold N wind	Uncle Gedge left Aunts – drove him to Flordon Station to go to Mr Fullers, Pulham
18th	Cold N Wind	
	(Sunday) Fine but cold N wind	

20th	(Whit Monday) Warm day – tempest from NW at 5pm with rain.	
21st	Fine growing day – everything green looks so fresh - & revived by the rain of yesterday	
22nd	Fine warm day	Sheep washing 153 Ewes & Hoggetts 174 lambs (137 singles, 37 doubles) 15 fat Hoggetts 2 Leicester Tups 1 Southdown Tup
23rd	Very warm day – heavy air Tempest with rain at 6pm	Mr C, Miss B went to Ashwellthorpe Beet coming up – oats coming into leaf
24th	Fine day	
25th	Fine day	In Norwich – called on my sister – found her nervous and poorly
	(Sunday) Fine day	

27th	Fine day – cold wind	
28th	Fine day – cold wind	
29th	Fine day - warm	
30th	Warm day – Tempest(?) air	
31st	Fine	The leaf of the clover quite curled up from the heat of the sun - & want of rain. The beet just shown themselves

June 1861

1st	Few drips of rain this morning (Sunday) Cloudy – but no rain here. Thunder at a distance at 5pm	In Norwich – Poor Rate paid to Treasurer
3rd	Cloudy at intervals through the day – a few drops of rain in the evening	
4th	Cloudy but no rain	Sheep clipped (dipped?) – total 8 source[?] & 11 The land for beet & swedes being very cloddy & ...[?] – does not work well this season <u>Rain much wanted</u>
5th		141 Lambs taken off & put into Upper Meadow
6th	A few drops of moisture this morning – but the wind north – and rain ceased at noon	
7th	Cloudy Cold N Wind	Threshing by steam – Wheat Stack at Hill Notice “Appeals to Poor Rates” put on church door
8th	Cloudy & slight shower after dinner (Sunday) Cloudy – more rain after dinner	Wheat Stack – Red Herring Hill threshed by steam
10th	Rainy morning but cleared at noon	
11th	The beautiful showers on the two previous days have softened the earth and greatly revived all living things	Swedes begun to be put in – Hill 13 Acres & House – Moneys Pightle & 11 Acres
12th	Very warm day – Wind E	
13th	Heat continues – appearance of Mildew – E Wind	Men hoeing between beet & putting in swedes
14th	Heat still continues - mildew	
15th	Warm day (Sunday) Fine day	In Norwich – saw my sister Mr Sam Fisher died
17th	Fine day but not so hot – wind N	Began moving Mill Field & Nelondes Black & White – the farm very slack & faint – the M..... H...[?] – especially having suffered from the severity of the winter and the dryness of the season. The ears of the wheat just begin to show themselves
18th	Hot day	Moving Mill field & Barfuss Wrote to Anna
19th	Hot	Moving Mill Field – finished in afternoon – one side put on cocks also the Nelandes Wrote to Anna
20th	Another warm day – a few drops of rain but not enough to lay the dust	In Norwich with Miss Burton and Mrs (Miss?) Hare Acc... of Poor a/c 2 o’ck – House - Mr Thurston attended
21st	Fine – Slight shower in afternoon	James Savory died
22nd	Fine warm day (Sunday) Shower in afternoon	Large fire in London – Tooley Street – estimated damage ½ million James Savory died
24th	Fine morning – Shower of rain at noon – Thunder with nice rain in the evening	Mill Field – Hay all up – this morning part of Nelandes left out at House
25th	Showery	The men at the Hill began to mow the clover in the New[?] Field.

26th	Slight showers – just enough to prevent the Hay in Nelandes from being secured	Jeremiah Lincoln Will made
27th	Cloudy morning & shower at noon but it cleared up	.. so that the remainder of Nelandes Hay was loaded up Lambs dipped 8 to Arsenic used 1 to left in Bearisconi[?]
28th	Fine day – seemed inclined to be moist in the morning but got out fine -	Wrote to James – for Aunt White turnips put in Further 5 Acres
29th	Fine morning – heavy showers at noon – with thunder	In Norwich – not so much Reason as Piece – saw my sister Aunts Interest – Mr J Q Tayler[?] (Wheat sold 26 shillings & six pence)
	(Sunday) Wind rather high NW -	Aunt D <i>sadly</i> [?]

July 1861

1st	Fine day	New Field Close at Hill turned and cocked
2nd	Cloudy at intervals & showers at noon	Pack Close 8 Acres – Clover put on cock White Turnips put in Gravel Pit Field & Orchard Close - Hill
3rd	Rather Cloudy at intervals and a few drops of rain – but it cleared up – so that being a good dry	the New Field Clover at the Hill & Pack Close 8 Acres were got up in good order
4th	Not much sun – but windy	Carting Hay Gravel Pit Field but rain came on at 4 - ...[?] & put a stop to it
5th	Nice rain last night – heavy rain & hail about noon with thunder – and again after dinner	
6th	Heavy showers at intervals	
	(Sunday) Heavy Showers	
8th	Heavy Showers but no wind with them – sultry air - thunder	
9th	Slight showers in the morning but cleared with a fine day	Anna came to Aunts – walked from Flordon
10th	A few drops of rain about noon but got out fine	So that the remainder of the Clover in Gravel Pit Field was got up without much damage – Stack topped up Wrote to Mr F W(?) G
11th	Fine day – sultry – some appearance of rain but it went off	Blacksmiths Meadow at Georges Farm & Pudding Poke Meadow (House) G..ts cut
12 th	Warm Day	Back Meadow (4 - 2) at Georges & Naggate (7 – 11 -) Pasture cut – Darmicks Meadow (4 – 11) & Pudding Poke (5 – 0 – 0) – Blacksmiths Meadow
13th	A few drops of rain this morning but it cleared out a warm day	In Norwich – my sister rode with me and returned Wheat sold at 27 shillings [Millets]?
	(Sunday) Fine day – slight shower here in the morning	
15th	Fine morning but cloudy at times	Hay put on cock as much as possible – but the rain came in the afternoon – rather heavy
16th	Showery at intervals. Heavy rain with thunder & lightening between 5 & 6 pm	In Norwich
17th	This day held out fine though it looked cloudy at times	Getting the Hay on the cock
18th	The morning bright but the clouds soon made their appearance – still the wind being high – and The rain held off. Just a few drips of rain about 7pm	So that the hay was left about was put on the cock
19th	Rain this morning between 6 & 7 but the day tolerably fine	Still nothing could be done with the hay
20th	Showers – tempestuous air. Heavy rains with tempest at 6pm	Charles Copeman son of farmer James Copeman died
	(Sunday) Heavy showers at noon	
22nd	No rain today but cloudy at intervals	So that it would not do to stir the hay Thurstons heifer to J Burners[?] Miss H George came
23rd	Cloudy but sunshine at intervals – nice drying wind	So that the hay Blacksmiths Meadow and Pudding Poke was carted

24th	Cloudy but the rain held off till noon	Part of the hay left was thrown out but only 1 ½ loads were got up before the rain which was but light
25th	Cloudy – wind S – south rain after dinner	Went to Norwich for a Horse Hoe
26th	Heavy Shower at 7am – cleared after breakfast and held till 3pm when it rained with thunder	Went to Hethersett to order a Horse Hoe Lists of voters put on Church & chapel doors
27th	Heavy Showers at intervals	In Norwich Wheat sold 26 shillings and 6 pence (Candeller)
	(Sunday) Showery day -	<i>Glap rising[??]</i>
29th	Fine day	The wheat & barley begin to turn colour – on the forward lands especially
30th	Fine – wind rather high Few drops of rain in the evening Day for the hay – which was at last got up – although much injured and Dammicks Meadow – which was cut on the 13 th was quite
31st	Fine morning. Heavy shower at 7pm	Threshing last wheat stack by steamer Went to Wymondham with Aunt

August 1861

1st	Fine	
2nd	Fine	
3rd	Slight showers in the morning but got fine	In Norwich Sold Wheat at 26 shillings (Candler) Mr Blakley came to meet me at the stables
	(Sunday) Warm	
5th	Fine Warm day	
6th	Warm	Rode to Morningthorpe – saw some wheat being cut as Tasburgh Mr George came here & Miss Hannah
7th	Fine day	
8 th	Slight showers this morning but got out fine	Parish meeting to levy P Rate
9th	Cloudy at intervals – a few drops of rain this afternoon	Began cutting White wheat in Pangreen this morning and here the Four Acres this afternoon Mr Jopelyn[?] came Jeremiah Lincoln – Thatcher etc died at 9pm
10th	Very warm day	Pangreen wheat finished cutting – Georges Sandpits began. 4 Acres finished cutting & Park Close begun James Gedge Jzn [Jnr?] came to see Aunt
	(Sunday) Warm day	
12th	Very warm day	Park Close 11a wheat all cut & Home Sandpits begun – also Tappess Sandpits at Hill – finished cutting and Blacksmiths Pightle
13th	A few drops of rain this morning – but the day cleared out very fine	(Home) cutting Sandpits & Tappess & at Hill Stackyard Pightle cut in morning. 4 Acres wheat carted 9 loads & part of Park Close 11 loads Long Stack next – Trent[?] Orchard Fence[?] 12 Lds White Wheat Pangreen carted on Hill Stack at bottom of yard – 6 Lds Georges Sandpits – top of Stack.
14th	Warm day – just a few drops of rain at 3pm	9 Lds Park Close wheat carted & 6Lds Sandpits – with 5Lds from Tappess – Stack under Elm in front Orchard Hill 12 Lds from Sandpits 3 Lds from Blacksmiths Pightle 6 Lds from Stackyard Pightle [above three] Stack at top of Georges[?] 4 Lds White Wheat from Pangreen JG Hill Barns James Gedge left Aunts for H..... drive To Flordon – to take 1-43 train for Norwich
15th	Very close & warm	Morning – Home Sandpits – Tappess - & began Woody Belhouse Hill – morning 14 Acres - & R Wiseman finisheding Georges Sandpits
16th	Fine morning – but showery from 11am to 3pm	Stopped the mowers[?]
17th	Fine day	10 Bullocks £11 – Standley (House) moving wheat in Woody Belhouse – left off at 4 to cart 12 Lds Wheat into barn from Sandpits Hill – moving 14 Acres – left off at 4

		Carted 1 ¼ Lds White Wheat & 6 Lds of the other out of 14 Acres – R.G Hill Barn
	(Sunday) Fine day	
19th	Very fine day – sharp dry	Hill – finished moving 14 Acres – and House finished Woody Belhouse – at the former the remainder of Sandpits carted 4 Lds – and Lds to Middle Large Stack & Lds etc to Stack next to Granary from 14 Acres House 2 from Tuppess 4 more Lds from Sandpits to Middle Georges & 4 Lds from Tappess to Middle Stack – Front Orchard – with 16 Lds from Woody Belhouse
20th	Fine day	Wheat all carted yesterday except the Rakings at House Began moving Barley – Front Close Hill – and Park Close – 12 Acres House Barley also not promise to be a good summer these being two or three growths – some quite ripe – some red now – and some green
21st	Fine day	Began moving Church Close Barley at Hill but left off at 10am to cut second Crop Clover in Garden Piece – House – moving Park Close 12 acres till 4 then began 2 crop clover Gravel Pit Field
22nd	Fine day - till after tea it came on to rain slightly	Hill finished cutting 2 nd crop Clover & turned Barley Front Close – began to move the lower part of 10 acres – barley afternoon House remaining 2 nd crop – Gravel Pit Field
23rd	Fine day	Moving Barley 10 Acres at (Hill) & Dry Close – (House)
24th	High Wind	Carting Barley – Park Close 12 Acres to Georges in Barn – 24 Loads – not very large Lds in consequence of the Wind being high – Front Close carted at Hill Lds to Hill Barn In Norwich settled with Candler Standley & Milletts
	(Sunday) Fine	
26th	Cloudy morning but got out fine	Morning Hill Church Close – finished 10 Acres by breakfast – Moving Black Close House Moving left off at noon to cart 2 nd crop Clover PC 8 Acres Hill – 7 Lds Church Close carted to Georges Barn Sent Lists Voters to Clerk of Peace (27 th Aug)
27th	Very hot day	House Carting Barley Dry Close 19 Lds to Stack under walnut tree 2Lds to Georges in Barn 2 [crossed out] Lds left – 19 Lds from Hill 10 Acres to Stack by barn porch Moving – Georges 5 Acres in morning
28th	Hot day	House – moving 6 Acres – 2 nd crop Clover from Gravel Pit Field got up – (Hill) Barley Stack – Toppess up – then 2 nd crop – carted 4 Lds Barley to l's George Home Barn from Dry Close in the morning

29th	A fine day	Hill – finished moving Barley in Georges – 5 Acres – got up the remainder of 2 nd crop in the morning – carted 9 Lds – Barley from Georges 5 Acres to Georges Barn House – moving 6 Acres & Britins 12 Lds – carted from Black Close to South Stack – next Carpenters Yard The remainder of 10 Acres (Hill) 4 Lds to Georges Barn – before they began 5 Acres 3 Lds of which were carted today – and the remaining 6 on Friday
30th	A fine day	Church Close 15 Lds carted to Stack lower part of yard – (House) 9 Lds carted from 6 Acres – put on top of aforesaid South Stack & 3 Lds to Stack under Oak in Stackyard – with Lds from Britins which was only finished moving this morning
31st	Hot day	Carted remainder of Britins Lds & Rakings at both places – all finished by night – paid the Harvest wages etc
	(Sunday)	

September 1861

2nd	Hot weather continues	Rain wanted for Turnips & Feed etc Stephen & Mary Gedge [crossed out] Bacon came to Aunts
3rd	Cloudy and slight shower at 5pm	Moving Beans – Further 8 Acres
4th	Cloudy and dull but no rain	Cutting Beans in Ash Yard Mary Bacon returned home drove her to Keswick
5th	Cloudy – slight shower in afternoon	
6th	Cloudy - slight shower in afternoon	<u>8 Acres Beans carted but scarcely escaped the wet after dinner</u>
7th	Cloudy – Wind rather high – showers in morning but gout out dry	So that 2 Lds Ash Yard Beans were carted but it came on to rain soon after two and rained nearly all afternoon Drove Stephen to Norwich on his way home
	(Sunday) Fine day	
9th	Nice rain last night – fine day	Remainder of Ash Yard beans carted Edward Copeman died at 3am this morning
10th	Fine	
11 th	Fine	Threshing Wheat by steam – House Barn – 92½ sacks
12th	Fine	Steam Threshing Barley Georges – Barn 92½ sacks
13th	Cloudy – showers at noon	Wheat threshed Hill Barn – 37 sacks Wheat small stack next to Granary Stack
14th	Showery	In Norwich Sold Wheat (new) Colman 28 shillings & 6 pence - not quite dry Sold Barley (new) F Brown 19 shillings
	(Sunday) Cloudy – rain after 4pm & in the evening	
16th	Showery	Mrs Hare went out
17th	Cloudy	
18th	Very fine day	
19th	Fine day	30 Ewes & 30 Ewes to Down Tup (broken Norfolk) 29 Ewes & 30 Ewes to Leicesters 16 Ewes to Down (Mr W G)
20th	Cloudy - showery	Sister came to stay with Miss B
21st	Fine	In Norwich Anna left Aunts Sold Wheat 29 shillings (Candler)
	(Sunday) Rain last night – fine today	
23rd	Wind High this morning	Comely Cow calved
24th	Showery	
25th	Chiefly fine – cloudy with few drops of rain	
26 th		
27th	Very fine day	Attended House with Jury List
28th	Fine	Attended Auditor with Voters List
	(Sunday) Fine – rain last night	
30th	Fine - mild	106 Lambs (House)

October 1861

1st	Fine – close heavy air	
2nd	Fine	Land too dry to begin Wheat setting at Hill
3rd	Fine	
4th	Very fine	Wheat setting begun at House in Park Fields 8 Acres but the land ploughs up dry Wrote to Mr Goodham[?]
5th	Quite warm today	
	(Sunday) drizzling rain	
7th	Very thick & foggy all day	Began wheat setting – Hill 12 Acres this afternoon
8th	Very warm	
9th	Light dripping rain this morning	Just enough to keep the wheat setters at work there today One of the 106 lambs broke its leg so that it had to be killed into the House
10th	No rain today – heavy dew last night	
11th	Fine till 5pm when we had a nice rain	Letter from Mr G
12th	Fine – few drops of rain in the morning	In Norwich with Aunt
	(Sunday) Rain – slack day	
14th	Very fine and warm – no motion scarcely in the air	My sister returned to Eaton
15th	Warm	
16th	Slight showers this morning but cleared out fine	Charles Copeman left the Hill
17th	Frost last night and the air much colder today	But the wheat setters were obliged to give up the land being so dry
18 th		
19th	Fine weather continues	
	(Sunday) Fine	
21st	Fine	Wheat up in New Fields Hill & 8 Acres & Nelands House Posted letter to Mr G & received one from him
22nd	Fine – slight showers in the evening – very mild	
23rd	Fine day	Wheat Setting Mill Field – in the morning
24th	Fine – sharp day	
25th	Slight shower last night – very mild	
26th	Fine	In Norwich – saw Mr J F Barley Stack threshed by steam (House) Barley sold to D..... 19 shillings
	(Sunday) Cloudy at intervals	
28th	Fine	Barley Stack threshed by steam (Hill)
29th	Slight showers	– just enough to moisten the top of the ground & set the Hill Wheat setters on again Begun to cart beet
30th	Fine	
31 st		

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2nd	The ground this morning with some snow & rain continued all day	
	(Sunday)	
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		
7th		
8th	Cold frosty morning	Wheat setters begin again Beet all up
9th	Fine – cold day	In Norwich called on Mr G Barley sold Dawson[?] 18 shillings & 6 pence
	(Sunday)	
11th	Fine day	Wheat setting Mill Field & Gravel Pit Field
12 th		
13th	Dull morning – raining afternoon	Wheat setting finished on the Hill – 30 ¼ Acres – nine shillings[?]
14th	Very rainy day	Parish meeting P Rate made
15th	Fine morning – showery afternoon	Mrs M A Day died
16th	Fine day – sharp frost last night	Wheat setting
	(Sunday) Nice fall of snow last night	covered up the wheats
18th	Sharp frost last night which continued through the day	
19th	Frost last night but a change at noon	
20th	Milder today	Wheat settling in afternoon
21 st		
22nd	Weather open to the present(?)	Wheat setting finished – Gravel Pit Field
23rd	Fine day	In Norwich Barley 18 shillings and 6 pence Wheat 30 shillings and 6 pence
	(Sunday) Sharp Frost last night – which continued through the day	
25th	Sharp frost in the early part of last evening – but it gave way towards the morning – wind high	Still the ground was so hard that they could not plough the early part of the day
26th	Mild – but windy with slight rain	
27th	Mild	
28th	Rainy morning – but cleared and continued fine	
29th	Rainy morning – but fine mild day	
30th	Raining at intervals – very mild	Anna came
	(Sunday) Cloudy colder	

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2nd	Frosty last night but fine day	
3rd	Frost last night – fine day	
4th	Frost last night – fine day	M A Day Auction Barley Stack threshed – by steam - House
5th	Rainy morning – but cleared out fine	
6th	Fine morning – but rainy afternoon & evening	
7th	Last night rainy – but fine day	In Norwich Sold Barley to Mr Dawson 18 shillings and 6 pence
	(Sunday) Fine mild day	
9th	Fine mild day	
10 th	Fine mild	
11th	Fine mild	In Wymondham – proved Mrs M A Day's Will
12th	Rainy morning – cloudy day - mild	Attended Auditor with Parish accounts at House 1 o'clock
13th	Fine day	
14th	Very Fine	Prince Albert died – 11pm
	(Sunday) Fine – rainy evening	
16th	Dull foggy day	
17th	Dull	
18th	Dull showery	
19th	Dull	
20th	Dull - mild	
21st	Dull – cooler – raw air	In Norwich – with account & Mrs Hare Barley sold to Morgan 18 shillings and 6 pence
	(Sunday) Fine day	
23rd	Fine day	Prince Albert Funeral Sent P O Order from Aunt for James Bullimore Miss Thurstons Turkeys off to 65 Lombard Street
24th	Fine day	In Norwich at ..[?] ..[?]
25th	Frost this morning – and continued fine clear day	Jas Head, Wm Elvin & wife, D Elvin, H Jackson, George Minns, Mrs Wiffen – C Fisher & wife – Mrs Denny – here to dinner
26th	Frost last night – fine clear day	
27th	Frost	
28th	frost	
	(Sunday) Frost – slack & foggy	
30th	Rhyme Frost	
31st	Not so cold	Threshing wheat stack at Hill steam – 76 sacks