

THE PEOPLE'S POCKET DIARY 1857

JOSEPH MUMFORD FOY

POPLAR GROVE PLANTATION

JAN 1	THURSDAY	Cloudy cold; went to town; carried 125 bushels peas & 19 beaver; bought Hannah P 600; hired Henry gave \$5; F.W. Sauls commence
JAN 2	FRIDAY	Cloudy; hired old Margaret \$15; ___ last year hire \$25
JAN 3	SATURDAY	Rain; went to Wilmington; carried 19 bushels potatoes sale \$14.25; received \$130 for beef; bought Nancy & Child and Daniel gave \$1010
JAN 4	SUNDAY	Clear & cold
JAN 5	MONDAY	Clear & cold; wind W; at home haul rails for hog pens
JAN 6	TUESDAY	Cold & hazy; went to town; paid for Nancy & children Nathan & Doctor Daniel; bought lumber for well at Boarding House; broke wagon wheel; spotted sow pigs
JAN 7	WEDNESDAY	Cold & cloudy; drove up hogs to hill; sent to town for wagon; Bill worked on Boarding House well
JAN 8	THURSDAY	Very cold windy; killed hogs 4,446 lbs
JAN 9	FRIDAY	Cold windy; went to town; Bill worked on well
JAN 10	SATURDAY	Weather moderate rain; bag up peas; Sends to town; Bill at well
JAN 11	SUNDAY	Windy cold
JAN 12	MONDAY	Very cold freezing; send peas to town; Bill works on B. H. well
JAN 13	TUESDAY	Cold & hard freeze; go to town two-horse wagon with 12 bushels potatoes & sausage & chitlins
JAN 14	WEDNESDAY	Cold moderate at little; Sends to town; go to town in the evening to carry Pierson, the piano man
JAN 15	THURSDAY	Cold; Sends to town
JAN 16	FRIDAY	Haul wood with three hands; white sow pigs
JAN 17	SATURDAY	Cloudy; go to town buy 2 mules for \$250; carry peanuts; Dilcy has child at night; thunder and rain

JAN 18	SUNDAY	Snow all day very cold; Lose King
JAN 19	MONDAY	Clear & cold; <i>bag and clean peas all day</i>
JAN 20	TUESDAY	Clear & cold ice thin; milk little Everett; sow pigs; <i>pick peas</i>
JAN 21	WEDNESDAY	Rain all day; <i>commence breaking young mules</i>
JAN 22	THURSDAY	Very cold coldest day; Go to Mr. Hansley to marry Pope & Sarah Hansley; Little E; sow pigs die; Sends to town; Creek freezes to Spring fence; spotted Everett; sow pigs 8
JAN 23	FRIDAY	Cold & clear
JAN 24	SATURDAY	Weather moderate; little ___ ducking hill 10 drive up hogs to kill
JAN 25	SUNDAY	More moderate; little Spottie gilt pig has ___
JAN 26	MONDAY	Kill 3600 lbs pork; <i>send peas to town</i> ; snow on the ground
JAN 27	TUESDAY	Weather more moderate; Sends to town; snow still remains on ground
JAN 28	WEDNESDAY	Moderate; went and got 3800 shingles from R. Sholers
JAN 29	THURSDAY	Cloudy; went to town; carried peas; work both young mules; brought out lumber
JAN 30	FRIDAY	Wind east; Old House gets burned
JAN 31	SATURDAY	Rain; <i>cleaned and bagged peas</i>
FEB 1	SUNDAY	Luther & Calvin Wright comes & stays all night
FEB 2	MONDAY	Commence ___ heaving timber and sows ___ in Bowen Field
FEB 3	TUESDAY	Clear; goes to town buys 1000 feet weather boards
FEB 4	WEDNESDAY	Clear & cold; Sends to town brings out 110 strips; Go to Mr. Shepards with Bill to run land
FEB 5	THURSDAY	Cloudy & cold; brings out 125 strips
FEB 6	FRIDAY	Sends to town brings out lumber 130 strips 600 ft weather board

FEB 7	SATURDAY	Moderate; goes to town brings out shingles in two wagon loads of a ____ bought containing 23,200
FEB 8	SUNDAY	
FEB 9	MONDAY	Cool; send two wagons to town brings out shingles; Morse & Henry commence work
FEB 10	TUESDAY	Cool; Suffolk sow with boar; killed hogs; Sent to town potatoes 13 bushels 102 bushels peas; Commence house three hands; Tob commence
FEB 11	WEDNESDAY	Ground cow feed; Let P.M. Nixon have 1 bushel cow feed
FEB 12	THURSDAY	Went to town bought out 600 brick
FEB 13	FRIDAY	Pleasant; Raised building; haul shingles from Sholer
FEB 14	SATURDAY	Warm; commence sowing oats with 5 plows; sows garden; seed
FEB 15	SUNDAY	Quite warm
FEB 16	MONDAY	Rain; sow oats in Long__hivi; put up lime kiln; 5 plows run hauls rails; commence hauling rails; Morse half day
FEB 17	TUESDAY	Warm cloudy; haul sea bark with 3 carts and wagons; 2 plows run ____; Morse gets sick
FEB 18	WEDNESDAY	Warm; goes to town brings out lumber; 2 plows run and 3 carts hauling sea ore
FEB 19	THURSDAY	Warm; Edmund commences work; 2 plows running & carts & wagon hauls rails
FEB 20	FRIDAY	Warm & hazy; 7 plows run & carts; sends to mill with little wagon and brings out shingles
FEB 21	SATURDAY	Burn off Old Barn Field; 5 plows run wagon & carts haul sea ore; 3 hands work on house; Light shower at night
FEB 22	SUNDAY	
FEB 23	MONDAY	Nichols & Morse work on building with 3 negroes; 6 plows running ____ commence plowing; 3 hands throw up mud

FEB 24	TUESDAY	Goes to town carry 15 bushels potatoes 80 pea bushels; Morse & Nichols work on building and Edmund; 7 hands throw mud; 4 plows running; discharge Bob & Gleney
FEB 25	WEDNESDAY	Warm; 6 plows 3 carts & wagons run Edmund; rain at night
FEB 26	THURSDAY	Work the same Edmund
FEB 27	FRIDAY	Went to town; work the same Edmund
FEB 28	SATURDAY	Burn off Long New Ground and roll logs. Rain in evening; Edmund
MARCH 1	SUNDAY	Snow a little
MARCH 2	MONDAY	Left 4 o'clock AM for Warren County; arrived at Ridgeway 4 PM; Edmund works
MARCH 3	TUESDAY	Attended Collins sale bought two girls Selia and Ellen \$1925; Edmund works
MARCH 4	WEDNESDAY	Left for Wilmington AM; arrived 7 PM; Edmund worked half day
MARCH 5	THURSDAY	Rain; 4 plows running 3 carts & wagons; Sends to town 102 bushels peas; came home
MARCH 6	FRIDAY	5 plows & carts; Burns off Mill Field; haul lime kiln wood; commence repairing fence 7 hands; Edmund worked
MARCH 7	SATURDAY	Burn off grass in Long New Ground; Trustees meet; Runs 5 plows; Edmund works
MARCH 8	SUNDAY	Snow
MARCH 9	MONDAY	Cloudy; Edmund works finish; 4 plows & 4 carts; commence grubbing in New Ground
MARCH 10	TUESDAY	Fair & cold; 4 plows & 4 carts; Went to town bought David \$1180
MARCH 11	WEDNESDAY	Rain cold; 4 plows & 5 carts; 13 hands grubbing; Put Dave to plowing
MARCH 12	THURSDAY	Rain half day; 4 plows & 5 carts; 10 hands grubbing
MARCH 13	FRIDAY	Rain from 10 o'clock; Send to mill & town

MARCH 14	SATURDAY	Cold cloudy; 2 plows run 5 carts
MARCH 15	SUNDAY	
MARCH 16	MONDAY	Commence putting up lime kiln; 2 plows 5 carts & wagon hauling manure
MARCH 17	TUESDAY	Fair; work the same 5 carts & wagon haul manure 2 plows run; Rob & Abel plows
MARCH 18	WEDNESDAY	Fair & more moderate; put up last peas for market; plant Irish potatoes & watermelons; commence manuring & plowing Rock Hole; Rain at night
MARCH 19	THURSDAY	Went to town; Fair; carried wagon; 5 carts running 2 plows
MARCH 20	FRIDAY	Fair; plant more Irish potatoes 3 plows 5 carts & wagon hauls rails
MARCH 21	SATURDAY	Fair; start 3 plows breaking; 5 carts hauling mould on Rock Hole Field; wagon hauls rails; set lime kiln in Bowen Field; Windy at night
MARCH 22	SUNDAY	Cool
MARCH 23	MONDAY	Start 4 plows 5 carts wagon hauls lime kiln wood
MARCH 24	TUESDAY	Clear; goes to town
MARCH 25	WEDNESDAY	Moderate; commence planting corn in Bridge Pea Patch; finish breaking Rock Hole ground; 4 plows running
MARCH 26	THURSDAY	Open Mill Field and haul manure; commence liming Bowen Field
MARCH 27	FRIDAY	Fair cold in morning; commence breaking Bowen Field
MARCH 28	SATURDAY	Fair & moderate; Plant Mill Field; Break Bowen Field; commence laying off watermelon patch; hauls mould on Old House Field
MARCH 29	SUNDAY	Goes to Mrs. Shepards
MARCH 30	MONDAY	Fair Wind North; commence planting spring patch; move hogs; fire break out in Black Swamp; fight fire
MARCH 31	TUESDAY	Fair moderate; goes town; hauls mould on House Pea Patch; Tude has child

APRIL 1	WEDNESDAY	<i>Plant corn; clean up cum pond; haul mud out of rice pond; half day fight fire in afternoon</i>
APRIL 2	THURSDAY	Rain & snow til 12 o'clock
APRIL 3	FRIDAY	Fair; <i>commence plowing Lilaput</i>
APRIL 4	SATURDAY	Cloudy; <i>Bloom has calf; goes to town</i>
APRIL 5	SUNDAY	Rain Black; <i>white belly sow has 12 pigs</i>
APRIL 6	MONDAY	Rain; <i>plant corn in Alligator Field; 5 plows in Lilaput 4 carts</i>
APRIL 7	TUESDAY	Hard freeze; <i>commence planting Big New Ground in corn</i>
APRIL 8	WEDNESDAY	<i>6 plows breaking in Lilaput</i>
APRIL 9	THURSDAY	<i>Commence getting shells; put up lime kiln on Sound; Expel Gus and Daniel</i>
APRIL 10	FRIDAY	<i>Finish breaking up Lilaput; commence Barn Patch with 3 plows; Dave commence laying off Lilaput</i>
APRIL 11	SATURDAY	<i>To commence laying off House Pea Patch</i>
APRIL 12	SUNDAY	
APRIL 13	MONDAY	Rain cold; <i>shells peas forenoon; 7 plows run 4 carts; Edmund commences</i>
APRIL 14	TUESDAY	<i>Sets lime kiln ___ finish ___ ing House Pea Patch</i>
APRIL 15	WEDNESDAY	Windy white frost with ice; <i>Trustees meet; Expel Walker & Huggins; 7 plows & 4 carts; very windy</i>
APRIL 16	THURSDAY	Hazy Wind NE; <i>commence planting peas in Home Field 2 bushels; commence planting corn in Rock Hole Cut</i>
APRIL 17	FRIDAY	Cold heavy frost; <i>plant 2 bushels peas in Bowen Field</i>
APRIL 18	SATURDAY	<i>Plant 2 bushels peas</i>
APRIL 19	SUNDAY	Rain

APRIL 20	MONDAY	Fair cold; <i>finish Bowen Field peas</i> ; commence Lilaput plant 2 bushels
APRIL 21	TUESDAY	Moderate in morning; Rain in evening; <i>plant 2 bushels peas</i>
APRIL 22	WEDNESDAY	Cloudy cold; <i>plant 3 ½ bushels peas</i>
APRIL 23	THURSDAY	Frost & ice; <i>plant 2 bushels peas</i> ; <i>burn off kiln</i>
APRIL 24	FRIDAY	Weather moderate a little; <i>finish planting Lilaput ½ bushel</i> ; <i>plant potatoes 5 carts 6 plows</i>
APRIL 25	SATURDAY	Goes to town; <i>4 carts 3 plows</i>
APRIL 26	SUNDAY	
APRIL 27	MONDAY	Moderate wind; <i>commence planting Old House Pea Patch 3 bushels peas</i>
APRIL 28	TUESDAY	Wind E; <i>plant 3 ½ bushels peas</i> ; <i>burn lime kiln at Fox Neck</i>
APRIL 29	WEDNESDAY	Went to town traded horse; <i>brought out Dave & Pim</i> ; <i>plant 1 ½ bushels peas finish Old House Field</i>
APRIL 30	THURSDAY	Wind E; blows hard; <i>commence planting Long New Ground plant 1 bushel</i>
MAY 1	FRIDAY	Queen Mary Party at night ; <i>plant 3 ½ bushels peas</i>
MAY 2	SATURDAY	<i>Plant 3 bushels peas</i>
MAY 3	SUNDAY	
MAY 4	MONDAY	<i>Plant 2 ½ bushels finish Long New Ground</i>
MAY 5	TUESDAY	Wind W
MAY 6	WEDNESDAY	Wind N; <i>plant 3 bushels peas in field & New Ground</i>
MAY 7	THURSDAY	
MAY 8	FRIDAY	
MAY 9	SATURDAY	
MAY 10	SUNDAY	Moderate

MAY 11 MONDAY Moderate; *commence planting peas in Mill Field & New Ground plant 4 bushels*; goes to town

MAY 12 TUESDAY Wind E Cold; *plant 4 bushels peas*

MAY 13 WEDNESDAY Wind E Cool; *burn off Fox Neck; New Ground finish planting peas with 1/2 bushel – in all 47 1/2 bushels*

MAY 14 THURSDAY Wind South Cloudy; went to town brought out lumber; [Let Edmund have \\$7](#)

MAY 15 FRIDAY Rain; set out **Colvert**; *plants grub and work in New Ground*

MAY 16 SATURDAY *Plants New Ground corn; replants corn 2 times*

MAY 17 SUNDAY

MAY 18 MONDAY Rain Cloudy Cool Wind NE; *commence weeding corn in Mill Field 7 plows in corn; 2 in peas*

MAY 19 TUESDAY Cold Cloudy Wind NE; *set out potato sprouts; 7 plows in corn; 3 in peas*

MAY 20 WEDNESDAY Cold night & morning; went to town; *7 plows in corn; 3 in peas*

MAY 21 THURSDAY Moderate; work the same; *weed Big New Ground; commence sweeping peas & lime and corn weeding 1 hand*

MAY 22 FRIDAY Weed **Rock Hole** corn; *11 hands in peas*; finish **Little Home Patch**

MAY 23 SATURDAY *Commence Bowen Field peas; replant Little Home Patch*

MAY 24 SUNDAY

MAY 25 MONDAY

MAY 26 TUESDAY Wind S warm; *commence Barn Pea Patch all hands*

MAY 27 WEDNESDAY Warm Cloudy; *finish barn peas; commence Lilaput*; [Edmund leaves](#)

MAY 28 THURSDAY *Commence replanting Bowen Field & Barn Field peas with 10 hands*

MAY 29 FRIDAY *Replant Lilaput 3/4 peas*

MAY 30 SATURDAY *Replant Lilaput 1 bushel peas & weed Long New Ground*

MAY 31 SUNDAY

JUNE 1 MONDAY Rain Light Shower; *set out potato sprouts; commence 2 plowing*

JUNE 2 TUESDAY **Start for Chapel Hill; finish weeding Long New Ground**

JUNE 3 WEDNESDAY *Replant Long New Ground; commence weeding in Bridge New Ground*

JUNE 4 THURSDAY **Leave Chapel Hill for home**

JUNE 5 FRIDAY Arrive at home

JUNE 6 SATURDAY *Finish New Ground; commence working 2*

JUNE 7 SUNDAY

JUNE 8 MONDAY *Work in Bowen Field peas; replant Mill Field; Leah's child born*

JUNE 9 TUESDAY Thermometer 92; went to town; *finish Bowen Field; commence Old House Field*

JUNE 10 WEDNESDAY *Work in Old House Field; light shower at night*

JUNE 11 THURSDAY *Finish Old House peas; commence in Lilaput; sent to town*

JUNE 12 FRIDAY *Work in Lilaput; pick berries with 6 hands*

JUNE 13 SATURDAY Very dry and hot; went to town; return at 2 o'clock

JUNE 14 SUNDAY Thermometer 90 Dry Wind W

JUNE 15 MONDAY 88; *Replant New Ground plow; finish Lilaput; rain at night*

JUNE 16 TUESDAY 88; *hoe Mill Field corn and Fox Neck New Ground & spring corn; went to Mr. Nixon got his bull; Bloom takes bull at night*

JUNE 17 WEDNESDAY *Commence Long New Ground peas*

JUNE 18 THURSDAY *Work in Long New Ground; went crabbing; rain in evening & at night; very good season*

JUNE 19	FRIDAY	Rain; <i>finish Long New Ground; plant more millet; plant peas in Rock Hole corn & commence hoeing it</i> ; get Remet(?) sprouts from Mr. _____
JUNE 20	SATURDAY	Cloudy warm; <i>finish Rock Hole corn</i>
JUNE 21	SUNDAY	Rain
JUNE 22	MONDAY	Cloudy; <i>hills potatoes in Bowen Field; commence plowing last plow; finish plowing Lilaput peas</i>
JUNE 23	TUESDAY	Thermometer 72 & Wind NE; <i>work Little Field and New Ground peas; plow Mill Field peas & New Ground & Bridge Cut corn</i>
JUNE 24	WEDNESDAY	<i>Work in Mill Field</i>
JUNE 25	THURSDAY	J.M. Nixon got 6 bushels peas; \$1.20 per bushel
JUNE 26	FRIDAY	<i>Commence 3 working in ground peas</i>
JUNE 27	SATURDAY	<i>Finish Bowen Field; commence Old House Field</i> ; goes to town
JUNE 28	SUNDAY	
JUNE 29	MONDAY	Light showers; <i>weed peas in Old House Field; plow Lilaput & New Ground corn; plow Rock Hole</i>
JUNE 30	TUESDAY	Clear; went to town; <i>commence hoeing Lilaput & top corn field</i>
JULY 1	WEDNESDAY	Go to Prospect Picnic; Mr. Simmons arrives with family
JULY 2	THURSDAY	<i>Finish Lilaput; commence Long New Ground; commence last cow in corn</i>
JULY 3	FRIDAY	Cool showers very light; <i>plow & plant peas in Bridge Corn</i>
JULY 4	SATURDAY	Cool 72
JULY 5	SUNDAY	Cool 72
JULY 6	MONDAY	Cool 72; <i>finish Long New Ground peas; commence hilling corn; J. M. Nixon got 2 bushels peas</i>
JULY 7	TUESDAY	Went to town; <i>hoed over Bridge Corn</i>
JULY 8	WEDNESDAY	<i>Hilled Alligator Field</i>

JULY 9	THURSDAY	Rain; <i>hill Big New Ground</i> ; Mr. Simmons leaves for home
JULY 10	FRIDAY	Rain; plant slips
JULY 11	SATURDAY	Showery; <i>finish hilling all but Rock Hole</i>
JULY 12	SUNDAY	Clegg Preacher
JULY 13	MONDAY	<i>Hill potatoes</i> ; <i>commence New Ground peas</i>
JULY 14	TUESDAY	<i>Work in Mill Field peas</i>
JULY 15	WEDNESDAY	<i>Commence last hoeing in peas</i>
JULY 16	THURSDAY	Rain; went to town; carries D.H. Foy takes evening train for Chapel Hill
JULY 17	FRIDAY	Heavy rain; <i>hill Rock Hole corn & plow in peas</i>
JULY 18	SATURDAY	Rain; goes to town with McKerall; <i>work in Barn Field 2 plows in Negro{House Field} peas</i>
JULY 19	SUNDAY	Rain
JULY 20	MONDAY	Cloudy; <i>work in Barn Field peas 4 plows in peas</i>
JULY 21	TUESDAY	Rain; <i>finish Barn Field peas</i> ; <i>plow in New Ground & Mill Field</i>
JULY 22	WEDNESDAY	Rain; <i>finish plowing peas</i> ; <i>hoe hands in Lilaput peas</i> ; peas grow very slow; cloudy all the time
JULY 23	THURSDAY	Rain; went to town; carried Mrs. Simmons; sheep in ___ sold for \$55
JULY 24	FRIDAY	Rain most of day; <i>cull watermelons for market</i>
JULY 25	SATURDAY	Rain; <i>send 60 watermelons to town</i> ; <i>45 brings \$8</i> ; goes to Sandy to take Tax List
JULY 26	SUNDAY	No Rain
JULY 27	MONDAY	80 Cloudy; <i>work in Long New Ground peas</i> ; <i>preparing turnip patch</i>
JULY 28	TUESDAY	80 Cloudy; work the same; <i>sweeps peas half day with two plows</i> ; peas grow very slow

JULY 29	WEDNESDAY	82 Rain Cloudy; finish Long New Ground ; <i>send to town watermelons \$9 worth</i>
JULY 30	THURSDAY	Cloudy with light rain; <i>sent to town \$5 ½ worth of melons</i>
JULY 31	FRIDAY	<i>Sent to town \$5 worth melons</i>
AUG 1	SATURDAY	80 Rain; <i>sent to town two loads melons \$10</i>
AUG 2	SUNDAY	76
AUG 3	MONDAY	78 Rain several showers; <i>finish Mill Field</i> peas; <i>sent two loads watermelons; sold \$9 ½; 4 hands split rails</i>
AUG 4	TUESDAY	78 Cloudy but little rain; <i>went to town 2 loads watermelons; sold \$9</i> ; self and wife went; horse kicks off spatter board of buggy
AUG 5	WEDNESDAY	Rain; <i>haul rails for turnip patch</i> ; sow half turnips
AUG 6	THURSDAY	Rain; goes to election ; <i>sends 1 load melons to town \$4 ½</i>
AUG 7	FRIDAY	76 Rain several showers; <i>plants slips in melon patch</i> ; <i>finish sowing rutabaga turnips</i> ; Clegg gets thrown and hurt
AUG 8	SATURDAY	78 Rain; sent to town melons \$6
AUG 9	SUNDAY	80
AUG 10	MONDAY	81 Rain in evening; <i>work in Long New Ground peas</i>
AUG 11	TUESDAY	82 Rain; <i>finish Long New Ground peas</i> ; <i>commence Lilaput</i>
AUG 12	WEDNESDAY	85 Fair; begin to be fair weather; <i>commence ditching & grubbing in Fox Neck</i> ; <i>left off working peas</i>
AUG 13	THURSDAY	86 Fair; went to town left buggy; came out in wagon with chill and fever
AUG 14	FRIDAY	88 Clear; at home well day <i>work in Fox Neck</i>
AUG 15	SATURDAY	88; work in Fox Neck ; has chill again
AUG 16	SUNDAY	88 Rain at night
AUG 17	MONDAY	Sick all day & at night ; <i>cut & grub in Fox Neck</i> ; rain

AUG 18	TUESDAY	86; <i>work the same</i>
AUG 19	WEDNESDAY	80 Rain; <i>work the same</i>
AUG 20	THURSDAY	74 morning; 70 5 o'clock; rain nearly all day
AUG 21	FRIDAY	72 Clear & cold; <i>commence stripping fodder</i>
AUG 22	SATURDAY	76 Clear; <i>take up fodder in Spring Cut</i>
AUG 23	SUNDAY	
AUG 24	MONDAY	76 Clear; <i>strip Mill Field & take up fodder; sends after Shells; cuts & grubs in afternoon</i>
AUG 25	TUESDAY	78; <i>commence stripping fodder in afternoon</i>
AUG 26	WEDNESDAY	87 Rain; went to town; brought out buggy; <i>strip fodder in Alligator Pond Field</i>
AUG 27	THURSDAY	80 Rain; <i>take up fodder in Alligator Pond Field</i>
AUG 28	FRIDAY	86 Cloudy; <i>strips patches about ...</i>
AUG 29	SATURDAY	80 Rain little in morning; <i>cuts and shocks top in Mill Field</i>
AUG 30	SUNDAY	78 Clear
AUG 31	MONDAY	76 Clear; <i>strips Bridge corn</i>
SEPT 1	TUESDAY	76 Clear; <i>strips in Alligator Field and takes up...</i>
SEPT 2	WEDNESDAY	Clear Wind E; strips Rock Hole corn; <i>commence picking peas</i>
SEPT 3	THURSDAY	80 Clear Wind E; Bob sick
SEPT 4	FRIDAY	80 Dry; went to town after mail comes; strips in Big New Ground ; Bob sick ; Marion gets sick
SEPT 5	SATURDAY	80 Dry E; hauls tops; take up fodder; goes fishing; Bob sick & Matilda
SEPT 6	SUNDAY	80 E; Mari has fever ; P.T. has fever ; Bob & Matilda

SEPT 7	MONDAY	76 Dry Wind NE; <i>finish striping Long New Ground</i> ; Bob Miss fever; Toby sick; Bill Sick; Matilda
SEPT 8	TUESDAY	74 Dry Wind NE; <i>cut tops in Bridge corn</i> ; P. T. & Mari sick; Bill
SEPT 9	WEDNESDAY	76 Wind NE; <i>finish striping fodder & cutting tops</i> ; Ruth sick; Ma E Mari has fever in morning
SEPT 10	THURSDAY	76 Wind NE; <i>picks peas</i> ; cut wood; haul fodder; sick Ruth Sam & Jude
SEPT 11	FRIDAY	80 Wind NE storm; <i>haul tops with two wagons all day</i>
SEPT 12	SATURDAY	80 Wind NE storm sets in fully very severe; tide higher than it has been in 30 years (transcriber: Hurricane)
SEPT 13	SUNDAY	80 Wind W storm abates rain nearly all day; <i>puts up fence</i>
SEPT 14	MONDAY	80 Wind W Clear; <i>finish fences</i> ; work on bridge which was blown away; sends five hands to work on plank road; Oscar Brent comes out
SEPT 15	TUESDAY	82; went to town; <i>finish fence, cuts wood & picks peas</i>
SEPT 16	WEDNESDAY	80; cut wood, <i>pick peas</i> , commence ___ing lumber
SEPT 17	THURSDAY	76 Cloudy; <i>commence splitting rails in back woods 4 hands</i>
SEPT 18	FRIDAY	80
SEPT 19	SATURDAY	82 Rain; <i>put up fence in morning</i> ; evening <i>pick peas</i> ; went to town
SEPT 20	SUNDAY	
SEPT 21	MONDAY	80; <i>commence putting crib at field</i> ; <i>picks peas 3 (?) hands splitting rails</i>
SEPT 22	TUESDAY	80; went to town; got load of lumber; <i>7 hands splitting rail fence & picking peas</i> ; rain at night
SEPT 23	WEDNESDAY	76; <i>commence gathering corn</i> ; splits rails in Mill Neck
SEPT 24	THURSDAY	72; <i>gathers corn 4 hands</i> ; split rails
SEPT 25	FRIDAY	70 Rain showers; <i>gathers corn in Bridge cut</i>

SEPT 26	SATURDAY	72; went to town; <i>finish Bridge cut</i> ; black Everitt sow has 9 pigs
SEPT 27	SUNDAY	
SEPT 28	MONDAY	72; <i>gathers corn in Alligator cut</i> ; 4 hands split rails in Neck
SEPT 29	TUESDAY	74; <i>gathers corn in Alligator cut</i> ; went to town with wagon
SEPT 30	WEDNESDAY	64; went to town with McKerall in the evening ; <i>gathers corn in Long New Ground</i>
OCT 1	THURSDAY	56; went out on Harrison Creek <i>bought hogs</i> ; went to M.I. Batts married S. Atkinson
OCT 2	FRIDAY	60; <i>sent for hogs got 31 head</i>
OCT 3	SATURDAY	66 Rain; went to town
OCT 4	SUNDAY	
OCT 5	MONDAY	66; <i>gather corn in Mill Field</i> ; <i>try peas too green</i>
OCT 6	TUESDAY	64; went to town; brought out Rye
OCT 7	WEDNESDAY	62 NE; <i>commence digging peas</i> ; digs six acres & stops; Margaret sick
OCT 8	THURSDAY	64 NE; <i>pulls hay</i> ; <i>cut stack poles</i> ; Margaret & Ellen sick
OCT 9	FRIDAY	66 Rain & Wind NE; <i>shell corn</i> & <i>mend stables</i> ; Margaret Ellen Dave & Toby
OCT 10	SATURDAY	61 NE Rain all day Windy; Bob Ellen Margaret Shelah/Celia & Ben Sick & Dave
OCT 11	SUNDAY	68 NE Rain
OCT 12	MONDAY	72 NE Rain; <i>puts up fence and splits rails 2 hands</i> ; Dave sick; P.T. sick with _____
OCT 13	TUESDAY	76 NE Rain Wind NE; <i>repairs fence and splits rails 4 hands</i> ; Isaac sick
OCT 14	WEDNESDAY	74 Rain South; <i>commence digging peas again Bowen Field 6 hands</i> ; splits rails; London Isaac

OCT 15	THURSDAY	74 Rain Wind W; went to town
OCT 16	FRIDAY	64 Clear W; <i>commence digging peas in Old House Patch; took up 10 stacks peas in Negro House Field</i>
OCT 17	SATURDAY	60 W Wind; <i>digs part of Little New Ground; took up 3 stacks in Bowen Field</i>
OCT 18	SUNDAY	65
OCT 19	MONDAY	70 S; <i>take up peas in Barn Field 9 stacks; 4 in Bowen Field</i>
OCT 20	TUESDAY	69; <i>digs in Bowen Field; takes up 9 stacks</i>
OCT 21	WEDNESDAY	56 N Cool; <i>digs peas in New Ground; take up 2 stacks</i>
OCT 22	THURSDAY	52 N Frost in morning; <i>put up 4 stacks peas</i>
OCT 23	FRIDAY	58 Cloudy; <i>finish digging New Ground; takes up 15 stacks</i>
OCT 24	SATURDAY	66 Rain; <i>digs in Barn Field; takes up 8 stacks in New Ground</i>
OCT 25	SUNDAY	62 Rain
OCT 26	MONDAY	62 W; <i>takes up 20 stacks peas</i>
OCT 27	TUESDAY	62 W; <i>takes up 17 stacks peas; goes to town</i>
OCT 28	WEDNESDAY	60; <i>takes up 10 stacks peas</i>
OCT 29	THURSDAY	60; <i>takes up 9 stacks peas</i>
OCT 30	FRIDAY	52 Cloudy; <i>takes up 2 stacks; P.T. sick</i>
OCT 31	SATURDAY	60; <i>takes up 7 stacks peas</i>
NOV 1	SUNDAY	60; sick with cold
NOV 2	MONDAY	62 S; <i>takes up 24 stacks peas</i>
NOV 3	TUESDAY	64; <i>takes up 24 stacks peas; 5 hands sick</i>
NOV 4	WEDNESDAY	<i>Puts up 2 stacks; finish digging peas; 6 hands sick</i>
NOV 5	THURSDAY	70; <i>takes up 5 stacks</i>

NOV 6	FRIDAY	72; <i>takes up 15 stacks peas; finish stacking peas</i>
NOV 7	SATURDAY	72; went to town; <i>picks up peas</i>
NOV 8	SUNDAY	74
NOV 9	MONDAY	74; <i>commence digging potatoes in Bowen Field</i> ; Rain
NOV 10	TUESDAY	64; <i>finish digging potatoes in Bowen Field</i> ; goes to town; brings out Corme Sampson and lumber; <i>picks up peas</i>
NOV 11	WEDNESDAY	62; <i>pick up all day; stacks Colverts</i>
NOV 12	THURSDAY	<i>Finish picking up peas in Bowen Field</i> ; <i>turns in fattening hogs</i>
NOV 13	FRIDAY	<i>Pick up peas in New Ground & Mill Field</i>
NOV 14	SATURDAY	<i>Finish picking up peas New Ground & Mill Field</i>
NOV 15	SUNDAY	62
NOV 16	MONDAY	64 Rain; <i>finish digging potatoes</i>
NOV 17	TUESDAY	60; <i>pick up peas in Long New Ground</i>
NOV 18	WEDNESDAY	Very cold
NOV 19 – DEC 7		No entries
DEC 8	TUESDAY	<i>Picks off peas</i> ; Rain; goes to town
DEC 9	WEDNESDAY	
DEC 10	THURSDAY	Goes to town; Rain
DEC 11	FRIDAY	<i>Bags peas half day; picks up peas</i>
DEC 12	SATURDAY	A.I. Westbrook got 17 tubs corn ; <i>all hands picks up peas</i>
DEC 13	SUNDAY	
DEC 14	MONDAY	<i>Picks up peas</i>
DEC 15	TUESDAY	<i>Commence picking off peas again</i> ; went to town; sent to town
DEC 16	WEDNESDAY	<i>Picks off peas</i>

DEC 17	THURSDAY	Rain; sent to town
DEC 18	FRIDAY	Fair
DEC 19	SATURDAY	Goes to town; plank road meeting
DEC 20	SUNDAY	
DEC 21	MONDAY	Rain
DEC 22	TUESDAY	
DEC 23	WEDNESDAY	
DEC 24	THURSDAY	Goes to town; Rain
DEC 25 – DEC 31		No entries

NOTES

- Transcribed from Mary Frances Foy Sanders typed transcription of the original 1857 Peoples Pocket Diary
- This transcription by Caroline C. Lewis completed May 29, 2022 to include color coding and italics of duties and responsibilities of the enslaved as well as highlights of persons JMF meets/visits or notable meetings/sales and finally royal blue font for all enslaved names referenced; bold type for names of fields
- Unclear if MFF Sanders converts 1st person entries to 3rd person entries
- Little punctuation used in entries; rather capital letters appear to indicate separate actions in one entry
- Unclear if JMF used capital letters or if MFF Sanders did so in her transcription