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ABSTRACT

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DIARY, FARMING ACTIVITIES AT 'NEWGAIN'
Daily record of farm activities; year 1910. Recorded in

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ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS:

HISTORICAL NOTES:

On fly-leaf: "Frank Twine, Newgain, Newcastle, W.A., 2/2/10"

NAMES MENTIONED:

Annie (sister)
Atwells
Bardeen (property)
Beardmans
Bertha (brother Ernest's wife)
Blackie (horse)
Blossom (horse)
Bolgart
Bonnie (horse ?)
Brennans
Butterly, Miss
Cecil
Clarkson
Daff (horse)
Dalgetys
Davey, Mrs
De Mamiel, O.L.
Dollie (horse?)
Douglas
Dumbarton
Edmonds
Ellan Brook [Ellen Brook or Ellenbrook ?]
Ellery, Jim
Ernest (brother)
Ethel
Fletch, Lou
Fremantle
G. Sandover & Co
Gibson, Harry
Giles, F.
Ginger (horse)
Hadrill [Haddrill], Mr.
Haddrills
Hippe (horse ?)
Hutsons
Ida
James
Junesis [?]
Lloyd, Alf
Lloyd, C.
Lloyds
Lou [Fletch]

Macphersons
McPhersons (shop)
Maloneys
Mary
McDermott, Mr.
McDermott, C.
McDermott, Lewis
Mena (sister)
Midland Junction
Mofflin
Morgans
Mourambie
Ned (horse)
Nicholson & Morrow
Normans
Northam
Padburys
Peter (horse)
Punch (horse)
Rose (brother Walter's wife)
Roy (nephew)
Ryan
Sinclair, Aub
Sinclair, Cecil
Sinclair, Geo.
Sinclair, Gus
Sinclair, S.
Sinclairs
Smiler
Somers
Spark (horse)
Tomilin (horse)
Tommy (horse)
Toodyay
Toodyay T & Y Co
Unions (football team)
W. Padbury
Wallie (nephew)
Walter (brother)
Whitfield, Ben
Wills & Co (Northam)
Wyening

JANUARY

[Notes copied from the end of the 1909 Diary]

Notes for 1910

1910

January

4 Tuesday

Cecil had 19 lbs meat
Wet & stormy all day

6 [Thursday]

Finished harvesting on Jan 6th & got "Punch" shod
at McDermotts.

7 [Friday]

Walter & I carted the wheat
and took the Harvester
out to Fred Giles field
where we are stripping
15 acres of wheat for him
at 5/-6 per acres

14 [Friday]

Walter & I carted 18½ bags
of wheat in from Fred
Giles field, being one share
of the 30 acres crop we had in on
shares we taking a
quarter.

14/1/1910 [sic]

Cecil had 21 lbs of meat
and 20 a few days
ago.

[First entry in 1910 diary starts here]

23 Sunday

21 years old today.

29 Saturday

Cecil Sinclair had 38 lbs
of Mutton at 4d per lb.

30 Sunday

Ethel and Eight others
out from Northam.

31 Monday

Walter bought 30 bags of
"Federation" wheat from
Mr. Haddrill, for us at
4/-4 per bushel
graded.

FEBRUARY

1 Tuesday

Went to town and ordered
a spring-cart from
Somers.

Lou Fletch came over
from Ernests to help me
take the Bullocks in to
the train in the morning
Father went to Northam for a few days

2 Wednesday

We took the Bullocks in to
the train, & trucked them
~~alright~~ to Dalgety's Sale yards
at Midland Junction

5 Saturday

Brought "Daff" home from
Aub Sinclairs

7 Monday

Douglas started work
after noon at 30/- per
week.
Stoned the brook ap [up] in the field.

8 Tuesday

Started wood carting
Out of little troughs
paddocks
~~Sinclairs had 36 lbs meat~~

9 Wednesday

Wood carting

10 Thursday

Drove Daff & Peter into
Station to meet James
James gave us his little
Bull over at Ernests

11 Friday

James & Ida went home

Mena went to Fremantle
Ernest & Fletch came
over for his horses
Sold us Bonnie & Hippe
for £30 & feed for
his Bullocks for 6 months.

12 Saturday

Got load of whitegum from poison paddock.
Douglas had half day off

13 Sunday

Sinclairs had 17 lbs meat.

14 Monday

Brought home the first
load of Thos ? Phosphate
Paid W. Padbury £29.5.2
being balance of yearly account

15 Tuesday

Carted two loads of
Phosphate from Town
making 9 tons altogether

16 Wednesday

Oiled harness
[Computations]

17 Thursday

Started to make white wine

18 Friday

Fire got away from Ryan
and Clarkson and burnt
about 2 mile of fence and
500 acre of grass for us

19 Saturday

Went round ~~fire~~ ~~sheep~~ fire
gathered Ernests sheep up
and brought them in to
ours. Ernest came over

21 Monday

Making wine

22 Tuesday

Making wine

23 Wednesday

Ernest and Lou Fletch came
over for sheep

24 Thursday

Made a water cart

Annie got two galls of
Little Dip from Wills
& Co Northam for 15/-

25 Friday

Dipped sheep about 400

Ernest took away the
rest of his

Ernest & Bertha came over

26 Saturday

Fire got away and burnt
all the caves paddock

28 Monday

Picked grapes all day

S. Sinclair here for day

MARCH

1 Tuesday

Went round the padd
-ocks found 4 more of
Ernest's sheep
Sinclairs had 16 & 18
lbs meat.

2 Wednesday

Went over to see Ernest
about chaffcutting
Castrated the Bull James
gave us
Drew off the wine

3 Thursday

G Sinclair here for day
Went out to Haddrills
for 30 bags federation
wheat, gave him cheque
for £20-9-4

4 Friday

McPhersons started
cutting chaff

5 Saturday

Chaff cutting
Unloaded 30 bags of wheat
Into grainery [granary]

7 Monday

Took chaffcutter up to
Morgans
Our stack cut 23 tons

8 Tuesday

C. McDermott lit a fire
up the Wongamine road
Sinclairs had 13 lbs
meat

9 Wednesday

Started to cut the last
lot of grapes for wine
Lewis McDermott bought

8 little pigs at 10/- each

10 Thursday

Finished cutting &
crushing the last lot
of wine grapes

11 Friday

Started to clear
fence up by the
Round hill
Tailed and earmarked
the lambs

12 Saturday

Douglas didn't come to work
Douglas had day off
Lent Cecil half ton
of oatin [oaten] chaff till he get
his cut up

13 Sunday

Ernest sent over a front
quarter of beef weighed
100 lbs

14 Monday

Went to Newcastle
Signed on as a private
in the No 3 troop

15 Tuesday

Started cleaning round
the fences ready for
burning

16 Wednesday

Finished cleaning
round the round hill
paddock ready for
Burning. Douglas
had a Pound note

17 Thursday

Went to Newcastle &
got my watch 2/-
called in at St Pats [Patrick's Day] sports

at Lloyds coming back
Douglas had day off

19 Saturday

Pretty crook with
sore throat
James went home
Douglas had half day off
Drew off the last of vinegar

20 Sunday

Ernest & Bertha came over

21 Monday

Went to doctor with my
sore throat
Gus Sinclair sent for the
old Boar Pig

22 Tuesday

Oiled carriage harness

24 Thursday

Tried to burn the
Little troughs Paddock
but wouldn't go

25 Friday

Douglas had day off

26 Saturday

Douglas and I burnt
some trees of the
line up the Wongamine
Road

28 Monday

Went to Culham
Races
Douglas had day off

29 Tuesday

Douglas had day off
Newcastle Horse Sale Day

30 Wednesday

Started cutting posts for

fence

APRIL

2 Saturday

Doug had Half day off

14 Thursday

Cecil got 200 new
Chaff Bags and
60 old ones.

15 Friday

Brought Beardmans
Chaffcutter over from
Brennans to Cecil
Sinclairs

16 Saturday

Took Ernests Plough
home and Brought back
his cultivator
Got 17 new points from Somers

18 Monday

Went to town

19 Tuesday

Fixed Pole on Cultivator
and Started it

Thursday 21

Started clipping sheep

22 Friday

Gus Sinclair Burnt Clear
Hill
[Calculations] Doug earnt £12 up to date

23 Saturday

Finished clipping
sheep

24 Sunday

Mr C Lloyds funeral

25 Monday

Went to town with
Mena in carriage
Went out to Walters
to get his spring cart.

26 Tuesday

Went to town with wagon
& got Plough, wire, flour,
Stove & Plough chains
Brought home boar
Pig from Dumbarton

27 Wednesday

Dolly got a calf
C McDermott took
away his Pigs

29 Friday

Finished cleaning
out Stable

MAY

2 Monday

Cleaned Drill
Got Spring cart from
Town
Douglas started work
at £1 week & tucker

3 Tuesday

Finished Cultivating

4 Wednesday

Started Drilling
Took Ernests Cultivator
Home
Light rain falling

6 Friday

Finished Drilling
Little troughs field
With Lous?

7 Saturday
Started drilling
Federation Wheat

8 Sunday
Ernest came over

11 Wednesday
Saw the first Lamb

14 Saturday
Douglas had £3
Rose taken ill

15 Sunday
Ernest came over

17 Tuesday
Finished Drilling the fallow

18 Wednesday
Started the new Plough

20 Friday
Shut three Barrons
up for Killing and
one little fellow for
Mary

21 Saturday
Started Drilling (Y K)
the Ploughing

24 Tuesday
Very Wet

25 Wednesday
Bought two new
collars from Hutsons

28 Saturday
Went to Newcastle to
See football match V Unions
Bought 2 pairs bridles

And 2 pairs of Haimes

29 Sunday

Went to Encampment at
Bardeen

Ernest brought over a little pig

30 Monday

Cecil got 3 bags Federation
wheat at 15/- per bag £2- 5-
7 ¼ bus oats at [blank]

JUNE

4 Saturday

Finished putting in the
big field 85 acres
Douglas sprained his wrist
skating

12 Sunday

Mounted Parade

20 Monday

Douglas Started work
again
Sold Padburys 59 lbs
skins
Stated to Drill Barley

21 Tuesday

Signed cheque £10 & two
P. N. [Promissory Notes] for £10-4 each
for G Sandover & Co in
Payment of Plough

22 Wednesday

Roped "Ned" and
Put the Harness on Him
was fairly quiet

23 Thursday

Broke "Ned" in to Plough
Went splendidly

24 Friday

Put "Ned", "Tommy"
& "Tomilin" in the Drill
went half round and then
got bogged, took all
the afternoon to get the
drill out

25 Saturday

Finished sowing oats
20 acres 125 acres
of crop in altogether

26 Sunday

Heavy rain commenced
falling

27 Monday

Walter took his
sheep home

29 Wednesday

Killed a pig
took sheep out into
the Round Hill Paddock

30 Thursday

Graveled the back
Verandah

JULY

1 Friday

Cleared line for fence
out at Nunyle road

2 Saturday

Carted posts onto the
line of fence
Douglas had £2
up to date we owe Douglas
£13-10 correct

4 Monday

Ben Whitfield started after dinner to Prune the vines at 15/- a day & keep

5 Tuesday

Started to put the posts up on the line along the Nunyle road

12 Tuesday

Killed the last two pigs

13 Wednesday

Ernest & Lou brought the Bull & Bullock over

19 Tuesday

James went to Perth to see Doctors

23 Saturday

Douglas left for a weeks Holiday
He had £5

24 Sunday

Ernest took the colt away to break in

26 Tuesday

James went home
Went to Drill at night

27 Wednesday

Killed Mary's Pig

28 Thursday

Took Mary's pig up. It weighed 110 lbs
£1-16-8

AUGUST

1 Monday

Walter and I earmarked
and tailed the
Lambs 95)

2 Wednesday

Got Ernests old
crusser [sic] from
McDermotts

4 Thursday

Douglas started
work again
He rung & earmarked
the pigs

5 Friday

Fixed up the Plough
ready for fallowing

6 Saturday

Carted the fosphate [phosphate]
into the grainary [granary] and
cleaned up the staples

8 Monday

Let L McDermott
100 acres fallow
at 8/- per acre
I started fallowing Pickety
field

9 Tuesday

Went to Drill. The
new S.M. was present
Cecil had 6 bus of oats
3 bags of wheat (F) at 15/-
20 [followed by some sums]

[Right hand page has various calculations about chaff and chaffcutter and money]

10 Wednesday

Helped Walter for
a day post boring.

11 Thursday

Lews [Lewis] McDermott started
fallowing the Maloneys

his man here for tea

12 Friday

Clipped the pet sheep

13 Saturday

Dipped the sheep

16 Tuesday

Doug ows [owes] for 2 bottles
wine and 1 bag chaff
5/4

17 Wednesday

Douglas had day off
Went to see fancy
dress football match
Newcastle

[Right hand page has various calculations about a bullock and money]

18 Thursday

Walter finished the
fence up the Wongamine
Road
Doug came back at
dinnertime

19 Friday

Laid up with a sore throat

20 Saturday

Ida came up from
Fremantle

21 Sunday

Ernest & Bertha came
over.

22 Monday

Made a gate for the
field out at the Wongamine
road

23 Tuesday

Took Ida in to the train
went out to Walter's in
afternoon and finished
the fence off
13 bag chaff & 3 [crossed through] 11 bus of oats

Lewis has had up to date

2 Wednesday

Took 202 young sheep out
to Walters and put two
new No 6 Bells on them

25 Thursday

Started to Plough the garden
Alf Lloyd promised
to come and shear our sheep.

27 Saturday

Started to rain again
Douglas left, he drew £6-10
Finished ploughing Alberts
garden

29 Monday

Hary [Harry] Gibson started
work at 25/- per week and
Keep.
I took the Ewes and
lambs out to Walters

30 Tuesday

Drove Harry's Pony in
To town and got it shod
5/-

SEPTEMBER

4 Sunday

Harry got one pound (cash)
Lewis got ½ gall wine

5 Monday

[Mathematical calculations]
15 bags chaff 14 bus oats

6 Tuesday

Lewis shifted out to
Walters to start fallowing
He had 6 bags chaff and
6 bus oats

Lewis man had 72 meals
at 1/- each

7 Wednesday

Ernest came over and
got "Dollie" and a sow and
young one
He castrated the bull calf

8 Thursday

C. McDermott sent down
112 lbs Beef front quarter
He got ½ gall wine
and so did Lewis

10 Saturday

Harry had \$1-15
(cheque)

14 Wednesday

Harry had day
off

15 Thursday

Started to cart
the old fence home
on waggon and got
Bogged

16 Friday

Harry Had two pairs
Sox = 3/-6 and 2 collars
1/-6 from Dads [Pads ? Padbury's ?]

17 Saturday

Harry had Half
day off.
I finished ploughing
the garden

18 Sunday

Went in Parade

19 Monday

Took Blossom over
to Ernests

20 Tuesday

Brought the sheep in
from Walters

21 Wednesday

Went to town morning
Went over to Ernests
in afternoon
Harry had £1-5
(Cash)

22 Tuesday

Went out to Ellan
Brook [Ellen Brook or Ellenbrook ?] with Ernest
and Lou, and then
went in to Junesis [?]

23 Friday

Bought 2 bales of Corn
Sacks and a five gallon
Drum of Branding oil
from James
The Bags cost £12-14-2
5 ½ pence each

24 Saturday

Came home from
James'

25 Sunday

Shot a Brush out in the
Poison Paddock

26 Monday

Had to Knock off following
too Hard
Went to Toodyay, got
Peter & Daff shed at Somers
Ordered 9 tons of Globe
Super, & bought 4 wool bales

27 Tuesday

Picked out 60 wethers
from the flock
Went out into the paddock
to grub Poison.

28 Wednesday

Mr De Mamiel came
out and bought 60 [?] hoggets
at 14/-, and I delivered them at Walters
Lewis MackDermott [McDemott]
took his Plough home
Harry had ½ day off
He got £1 (cheque)

Harry went to town
And took 5 bags of oats and brought
home 1000 feet of
grating timber
Miss Butterley [Butterly] married
to day.

29 Thursday

Harry had ½ day off
Took the last of oats in
To Pads [Padburys] Got drum of
Yatto oil from Kingstons
P.N. from Toodyay T & Y Co [?]

30 Friday

Mary & Mrs Davey went
home. Finished grubbing
the Poison out of Paddock
and took the sheep
out.

OCTOBER

1 Saturday

Sent James & Mofflins
little pigs out to
Bolgart.
Made some grating
for shearing time.

2 Sunday

Went over to Normans

3 Monday

Went to Northam and
ordered a suit at
McPhersons, and bought
a New Hat

4 Tuesday

Killed a bullock
Lou Fletch came over
and took a quarter

5 Wednesday

Sold Sinclairs 114 lbs
beef a 4d per lb.

6 Thursday

Sent Bullock hide to
Dalgetys. Harry had
£1 and 4 bottles of
Wine.

7 Friday

Harry had day off
Walter left for Wyening
with a waggon load
of furniture and Rose
drove the Spring Cart
load of Kiddies

8 Saturday

Took Edmonds Boar in to
the train.

9 Sunday

Ernest and Bertha and the
Atwells came over

10 Monday

Went to town and
got Ginger shod
Brought the sheep
in out of Poison
Paddock

11 Tuesday

Started shearing the

Rams. Sold 19/- worth
of wine.

12 Wednesday

Northam show
Harry Had £1 (cash)
And day off

[Left hand page has some calculations, possibly sheep sheared]

13 Thursday

Alf Lloyd started
shearing

15 Saturday

Alf Lloyd got a pair
of Shears 4/-6 and
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ doz Eggs 2/-
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ galls wine 6/-

16 Sunday

Very wet

17 Monday

Sold a sow and 6 young
ones to O. L. Demamiel [De Mamiel]

18 Tuesday

Shearing
Batchelors [Bachelors] Ball
in Town Hall

19 Wednesday

Sold the wool to
W. Padbury at 10d & 9d

20 Thursday

Finished shearing
Branded 380 sheep
Harry went home.

21 Friday

Geo Sinclair helped
me press 3 Bales of
wool.

22 Saturday

Went to Northam and
got my Suit from
McPhersons and paid
for it.

23 Sunday

Annie & Mena went over
to Mourambie

24 Monday

Took Alf Lloyd over to
Ernest's.
Harry had £2 (cheque)
1 ½ galls wine & 2 doz Oranges

25 Tuesday

Went to Town

31 Monday

Dipped the sheep
Ernest took his
home
Harry started work again

NOVEMBER

1 Tuesday

Took the wool in to Padburys
Brought home one bundle
of Russian Hemp and 4 galls
of oil

2 Wednesday

Went to Fremantle

3 Thursday

Sent Smiler over to
Ernest's and brought
back the Romney
Ram

4 Friday

Got Punch and

Blackie shod

7 Monday

Came home from Fremantle
Cleaned the Binder

8 Tuesday

Started Binding
Put the Romney
Ram in with 56
ewes

9 Wednesday

Took sheep in to
the Poison Paddock
Knocked off Binding, the
wheat too green

12 Saturday

Bought 14 little pigs
from F. Giles for £5-16
and swoped [swapped] him a little
wether for a ram

[15 Tuesday]

Sold 7 pigs to Demamiel [De Mamiel]
for 16/6 and 18 to Jim Ellery for £10-10

[16 Wednesday]

Got cheque from Padburys for Wool

19 Saturday

Harry Got 3 sows

23 Wednesday

Mr McDermott died.
We started Hay carting

24 Thursday

Mr McDermott Buried
Ernest got 2 galls
wine

26 Saturday

Started stripping the
Barley

28 Monday

Brought sheep home
from Poison Paddock
and put Rams with them

29 Tuesday

G Sinclair here
for day Hay carting

30 Wednesday

Finished Hay carting
Geo Sinclair here for
day Hay Carting

DECEMBER

1 Thursday

Broke the Harvester
Sent to Nicholson &
Morrow for new sprocket
wheel

2 Tuesday

Got "Spark" shod
Brought Home 10 sheets of
flat iron

3 Saturday

Opening of Newcastle Rifle
Range
Put new mangers in stable

4 Sunday

Went down to river

5 Monday

Went to Northam

6 Tuesday

Brought Blossom home
Sinclairs had 19 lbs meat
Harry had £1 (cheque)

Planted some cucumber seeds

7 Wednesday

Finished Harvesting the
Barley it went (13 bus)
Harry had 10/- cash

8 Thursday

Took Blossom in
to get her shod

9 Friday

Sold Sinclairs 20
lbs of mutton

15 Thursday

Finished stripping oats
and started the Wheat
carted the oats home
in afternoon
Yield 11 buss [bushels] to acre

16 Friday

Put Cecil's horse in
Harvester

18 Sunday

Military inspection at
"Bardeen"

20 Tuesday

Harry had £1 (cheque)
Walter Roy & Wallie came in.

21 Wednesday

Walter & Boys went home
He sold us a ram
Christmass [sic] Tree in
Town Hall to night

22 Thursday

Harvesting

Friday 23

Went to town and sent
wire to N & M [Nicholson & Morrow] for new
Pinion wheel for Harvester

Started carting the wheat
in

24 Saturday

Carting wheat in morning
and went to town in
afternoon

Notes at the end:

Stock in hand on 31 Dec 1910

	£
360 sheep at 10/-	180
10 cattle at £4	40
12 horses at £20	240
Pigs £30	30
Produce	140