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S. J. ANDERSON FARM DIARIES

Black River, Near Stanley

1889, 1918 - 1926

Diaries of Stewart James Anderson of Black River, near Stanley. The original diaries were found at "The Falls", Mawhanna, home of Leon Anderson, son of S.J. Anderson.

The diaries contain brief entries for each day in a printed diary relating to both personal and farm activities. For example: "stayed at house and made a set of steps for the dairy"; "reaped 1 1/2 acres oats for seed"; "stocked up oats and made a rake"; "commenced putting in culvert down by cottage"; "2 loads of hay - too green"; "grubbing large boulder stones out of 18 acres"; "went to morning service - Archdeacon Richards preached"; "made organ stool for Black River Church"; "party of young people from Smithton for evening"; "picked the quinces and some apples, killed a sheep"; "8 loads of cut up wood for home during winter"; "putting up wire fence by potato shed to let calves get shelter under the pines"; "pottering around all day, Leon called"; "1/2 day in vegetable garden"; "marked lambs. Worked 4 hours at P.O."; "Carl finished ploughing 6 acres for peas"; "helped to cut chaff for Mr L. Medwin"; "carting hay, Frank Medwin with team".

The entries appear to relate to a comparatively small general farm and by 1918 Anderson's children (daughter at Stanley, and Leon) were grown up and were living independently. One diary is dated 1889 and was much damaged with parts of pages torn or worn away. The 1889 entries are similar (eg: "made bullock yoke"; "Joe took load of potatoes to township"; "boiled pig potatoes").

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- 1 Jan. - Sept 1889
Some entries in another hand
(pages damaged by damp & defective).
- 2 Oct. - Dec. 1918
- 3 1919
- 4 1920
- 5 1921
- 6 1924
- 7 1926