Wednesday 28th June 1820

A. Peppel, John Snook & Charles Mowing, J. Dodds, A. Kinter, Sam. & Joshua taking hay. Ephraim ploughing Corn a fine day —

Thursday 29th

A. Peppel absent being unwell, J. Dodds, Kinter, Sam. Pompey & Joshua raked & hauled in 5 Loads of Hay, Ephraim ploughg. Corn, a very warm day —

Friday 30th — Brian Cut

A. Peppel absent except about an hour in the Morning being unwell the people employed at Sundrys till breakfast afterwards Charles & Kinter cradled, J. Dodds, Sam. Pompey & Joshua following, Ephraim ploughing Corn all day, I got my foot cut & could not go out a warm day Therm. 90° —

Saturday 1st July

A. Peppel & the Rest finishing Rye in the forenoon, Ephraim finished ploughing Corn, in the evening Jno. Dodds & Kinter hauled in a good load of Hay from the low meadow & finished the hay stacks & the rest finished hoeing Corn a fine day Therm. 86°

Monday 3

A. Peppel, Charles Cradling Rye, J. Dodds, Sam, Jos. & Posh following, the latter got drunk & discharged him the same night, Ephraim ploughed A. Peppel's Corn, Pompey & J. Kinter Reaped a little Wheat a very warm day Th. 86

Tuesday 4th

A. Peppel, Jno. Snook, Charles Cradling Rye J. Dodds, Sam, Kinter, Jos. B. Peppel & Pauly Snook following Ephraim ploughg. the potatoes, Pompey fencing &c. Therm. 86°

Wednesday 5th

Last night warm, I this morning discharged Sam for bad behaviour Kinter absent A. Peppel, Jno. Snook, Charles Cradling Rye till dinner time, in the evening only Ephraim & Jno. Snook Charles & Joshua binding what had been left being a hard day in the forenoon, Jno. Dodds, B. Snook, & Betsy Peppel raking & binding all day, a small shower after dinner very warm all day, Therm. 94°

Thursday 6th

A. Peppel, Jno. Snook, & Charles cradled till dinner time, Jno. Dodds Betsy Peppel, Pauly Snook, Ephraim & Joshua raking & binding, Pompey binding & stacking what, warm weather about 11 O'Clock it began to thunder with very moderate showers, a little after 12 a very heavy rain with loud peals of thunder, a little before 3, while sitting at dinner a large body of lightning struck just opposite the window, a few perches down the garden with a tremendous noise, equal to, & resembling the explosion of a large piece of Artillery, I saw it distinctly, it resembled a Pillar of pale flame in contact with the earth, & about five feet high, the shock was so violent that every one started from their seats, a short time afterward a mighty flash of lightning passed through the room, & evidently shook the house from the foundation, it was the wise of Providence that none of the family were hurried into eternity, or even injured. After a little it became fair, & the Elements became tranquil, In the evening I was informed that my saddle horse that was found dead in the field, I examined him, & it appeared evident he had been struck by lightening, along the right side of his neck, down his breast & his fore legs, the hair was scorched, as if a burning candle had been applied to it, & it smelled just as burned hair, or woolen cloth does, I think it likely he was killed by the second flash mentioned above, as it seemed to come from the direction in which he lay, & that was on high ground, far distant from any fence, tree, or even bush, his right ear had discharged a little blood, that was likely occasioned by the violence of the fall —

In the evening the people were employed in threshing, having to, Ephraim skinned him & became sick. A. Kinter unwell & absent — the evening very sultry

Friday 7th —

Last night warm, A. Peppel & Joshua with Mr. Snook, Jno. Dodds, & Pompey, reaping, binding &c. Charles hoeing potatoes, Ephraim sick, Kinter absent a very warm day —

Saturday 8th

Last night very sultry & disagreeably warm, A. Peppel, & Jno. Snook cradling Rye, B. Peppel, Sophy Snook, Charles & Joshua raking & binding, Jno. Dodds & A. Kinter assisted by Pompey Reaping Wheat a moderate day a good deal of distant thunder but no rain.

Monday 10th

Yesterday it thundered at a distance without rain, till about 8 at night when there were several very heavy flashes of lightning with a good deal of rain, A. Peppel, Jno. Snook, Charles, Ephraim Joshua & Sally Snook cradle Wheat till breakfast afterwards all hands except Wheat: Jno. Dodds all day, Pompey assisted, in the evening went to join with the Cart a moderate fair day — Kinter absent