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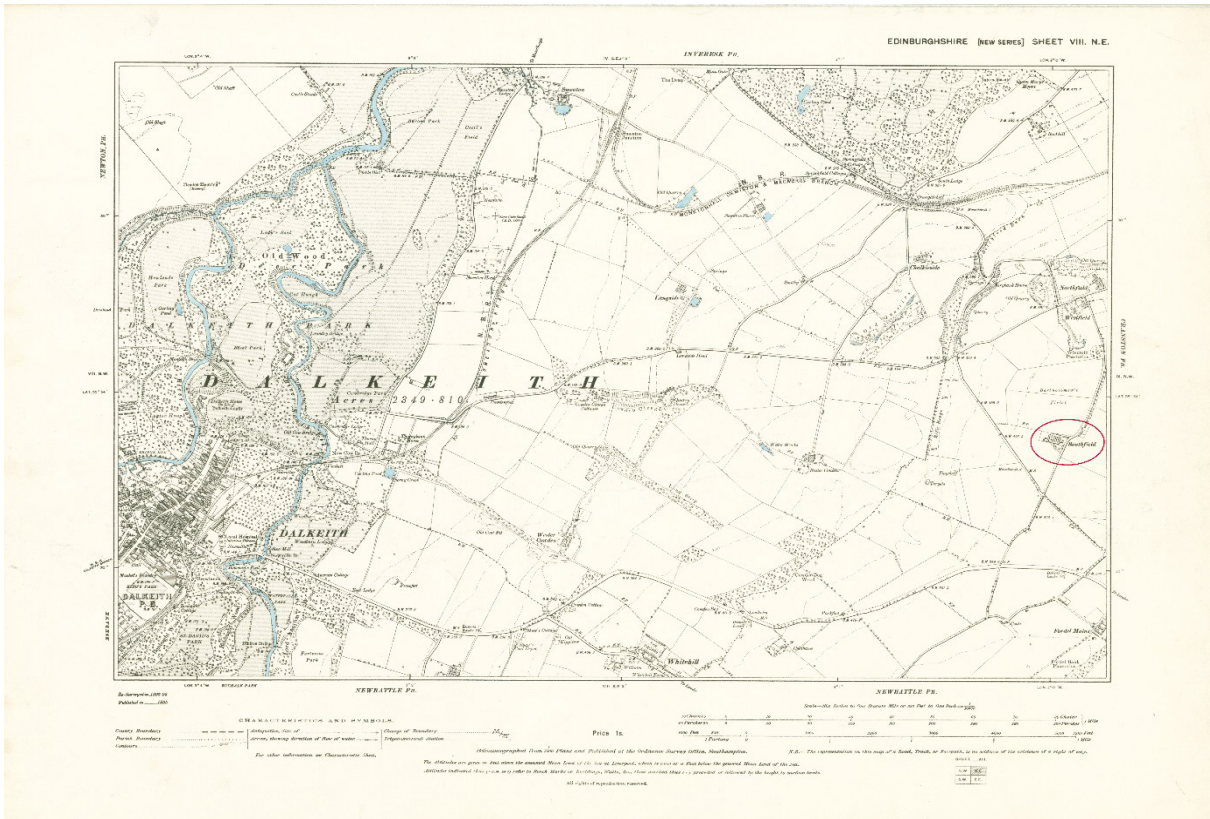
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GLOSSARY

Brake/break	ground broken up for cultivation
Foggage	the aftermath or second crop of grass after hay
Fur	a furrow made by a plough
Hap	a protective cover
Heck	a rack of wooden spars for holding fodder, fixed to the wall of a byre or stable or secured to a portable framework for use when feeding livestock in the open
Hog(g)	a yearling sheep, a young sheep from the time it is weaned till it is shorn of its first fleece
Lea	untilled ground, or ground which has been left fallow for some time and is covered mainly by natural grass, or ground which has been tilled and is now in pasture
Lead	to carry or convey by cart, specifically to carry harvested grain or hay from the field to the stackyard
Rig	a strip of ploughed land, one of the divisions of a field ploughed in one operation
Shawing	to cut off the shaws or haulms of turnips
Stirk	a young cow, usually a bullock, kept for slaughter at the age of two or three, not for breeding
Stob	a wooden post or stake, often used in fencing
Whippy	a rope made from twisted straw, often used to rope stacks



Map 1. A detail from the 1898 one-inch to the mile Ordnance Survey map of Edinburghshire (Midlothian) showing the location of Southfield (circled) in relation to Dalkeith, Edinburgh and Musselburgh. Cousland, Wester Cowden and other farms mentioned in the diaries are also evident. (Reproduced courtesy of the National Library of Scotland, <http://map.nls.uk>)



Map 2. A six-inch to the mile Ordnance Survey map (1895) showing Southfield farm (circled). Bartholomew's Firloot, which is mentioned a number of times in the diaries, can be seen to the immediate north of the farm buildings, as can Crossgatehall railway halt a little further to the north. (Reproduced courtesy of the National Library of Scotland, <http://map.nls.uk>)

INTRODUCTION

In the Spring of 2018, a random query amongst a walking group in East Lothian led to the discovery of a treasure trove of family and farming history from Cousland (Midlothian). ‘Does anyone know anyone from Cousland?’. Luckily someone did The protective gloves were on for an investigation at Cousland Local History Project!

The descendants of the Mercer family had discovered an intriguing deposit box in a deceased relative’s effects. When opened, it was found to contain farming and family records dating back to 1860, when James Mercer moved from Dollar (Clackmannanshire) to take over the tenancy of Southfield Farm, Cousland. Among them were two farm diaries, one from 1897, the other from 1900.

The diaries record everything that happened on Southfield Farm on a daily basis, mentioning (sometimes by name) who did what in which field. Many of the field names can be found on modern estate maps, even though the fields themselves have often been combined into larger areas in order to accommodate today’s machinery; and many of the workers’ surnames can still be found in present-day Cousland. The tasks undertaken on the farm were many and varied: ploughing, harrowing, sowing, harvesting, stooking, carting, rope making, threshing and feeding livestock are just some of those mentioned. Money made (from the sale of livestock, hay, potatoes and other farm produce) and spent (on equipment, feeding-stuffs, fertiliser, livestock, seeds and wages) was carefully noted. The weather was commented upon, as were notable events such as the Dalkeith Show, church picnics and ‘The Earl of Stair’s Presentation’.

The diaries were written by George Gibson Mercer. Born at Southfield in 1873, by 1897 he was working the farm with his father, James. He was a keen moderniser, introducing new machinery to Southfield and experimenting with different varieties of crops and types of fertiliser. In the following decades, he rose to become one of the leading agriculturalists in the county, and was a prominent member of many boards and committees throughout his life, including:

- The Crofting Commission (vice president to Sir Archibald Sinclair)
- The Mid and West Lothian Agricultural Committee (chairman, World War I)
- The Committee on Agricultural Co-operation in Scotland (member)
- The Scottish Chamber of Agriculture (president)
- The Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society (member)
- The Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Society (founder member)
- The Scottish Society for Research in Plant Breeding (founder member)
- Animal Diseases Research Association (founder member, vice president, then president)
- The Wheat Commission (member)
- Midlothian Agricultural Executive Committee (chairman, World War II)
- The Royal Highland Show (vice president)

In 1941, he was awarded a CBE for services to agriculture.

During World War II, George Mercer delivered regular broadcasts to the country on the BBC's Home Service. These were 'live' on air and while no recordings exist the script for his broadcast of 28 February 1942, 'Working with an Agricultural Committee', survives. It shows that as well as describing the work of the County Agricultural Committees, he took time to promote the Women's Land Army:

[it] was brought into being at the beginning of the war and from its ranks many gaps in the labour necessary for the farms have been filled, and in a great many cases with excellent results. Without doubt there have been a few square pegs in round holes, but as a rule the young women have done exceedingly well and have won high praise from their employers. It is surprising to find town-bred young women milking cows, feeding cattle and pigs, driving tractors, and even holding the plough behind a pair of horses, and doing it well. In Scotland today, we have about 2,000 members of the Women's Land Army, and the number will increase greatly during 1942.

He practised what he preached, that year handing over Airybank House in Cousland for use as a Women's Land Army hostel.

As well as acting on the national stage, George Mercer was actively engaged in the local community. Among other things, he was: a life member of the Dalkeith Agricultural Society from 1896, serving as its chairman from 1914-1918; the president of the Dalkeith Literary Society for two terms; the session clerk at Ford church for four decades; a keen supporter of the local YMCA; and a member of the local Liberal Society.

His wife, Mrs Marjorie Mercer, was also a leading figure in village and county life. In 1917, she became the first president of the Cousland branch of the newly formed Scottish Women's Rural Institutes (SWRI). In this role, she undertook a range of engagements including judging flower contests, opening sales of work and presiding over exhibitions of handicrafts. Like George, she was a keen supporter of the Women's Land Army, presiding over a party thrown by the Midlothian Federation of the SWRI at James Gillespie's School in June 1942 for 181 Land Girls, at which her husband handed out good service badges. Marjorie Mercer remained in 'The Rural' all her life, at one point serving as national treasurer. At the 50th anniversary of the Cousland branch, she remarked:

From the first, my husband and I were enthusiastic for the Movement. He believed that it was a woman's privilege to make a happy and comfortable home for her husband and that the Institutes could play a large part in promoting contented lives and a stable community in the country. I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing how much the Rural Movement has meant to me throughout these fifty years.

George and Marjorie Mercer remained at Southfield until 1960, when they retired to Fife. George died there on 14 November 1964.

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Fig. 1 The Mercer family, late nineteenth century. George Mercer, the author of the diaries, sits at the feet of his father James. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)

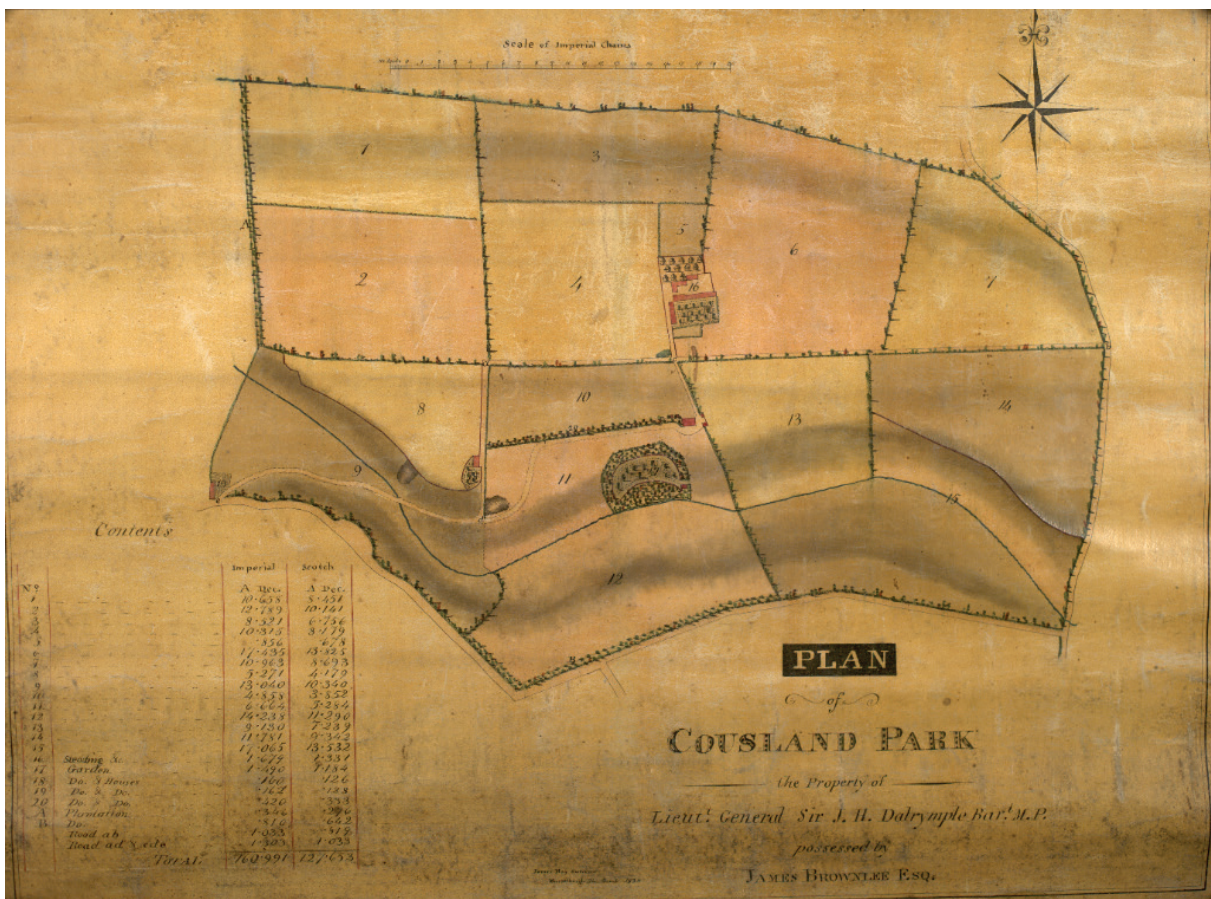


Fig. 2 A plan of Cousland Park, surveyed in 1834. (Reproduced courtesy of the National Records of Scotland)



Fig. 3 A studio portrait of James and Catherine Mercer's children, late nineteenth century. George, the author of the diaries, sits on the left. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)



Fig. 4 A postcard showing Southfield Farm cottages, Cousland, 1901. (Reproduced courtesy of the Cousland Local History Project)



Fig. 5 A postcard showing Westfield cottages, Cousland, 1901. (Reproduced courtesy of the Cousland Local History Project)



Fig. 6 The Mercer family, Southfield, *c.* 1900. John, Jenny and George stand behind their parents, James and Catherine. The couple's two other children, Catherine and Edith, are missing from the portrait. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)



Fig. 7 A postcard showing the post office and grocery in Cousland, 1901. The postmistress, Mary McAlpine, is mentioned twice in the diaries as receiving potatoes from the farm. (Reproduced courtesy of the Cousland Local History Project)



Fig. 8 Marjorie Mercer and son James (known as Hamish) in front of Southfield farmhouse, c.1921. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)

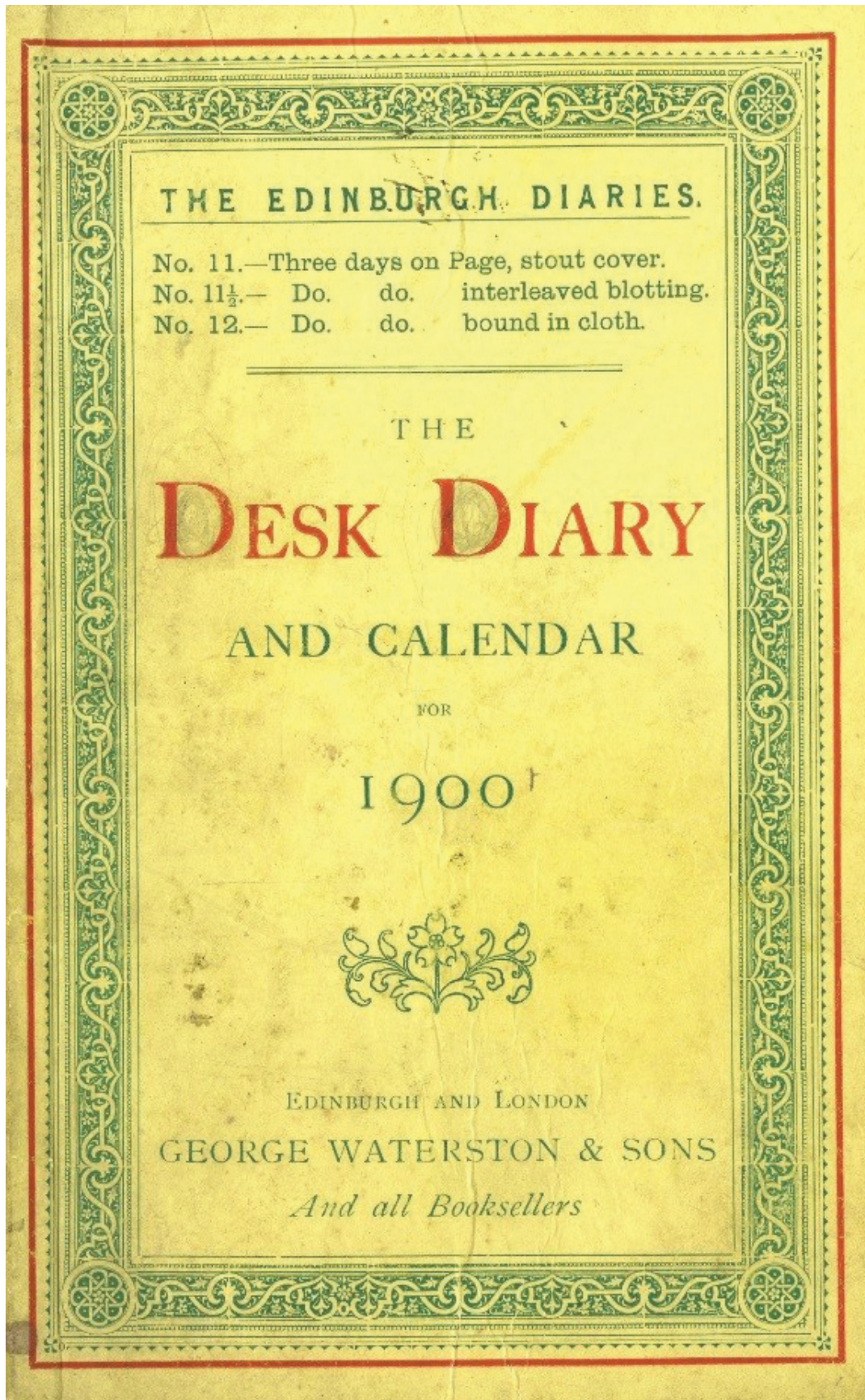


Fig. 9 The front cover of the desk diary that George Mercer used to record the farm's transactions for 1900. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)

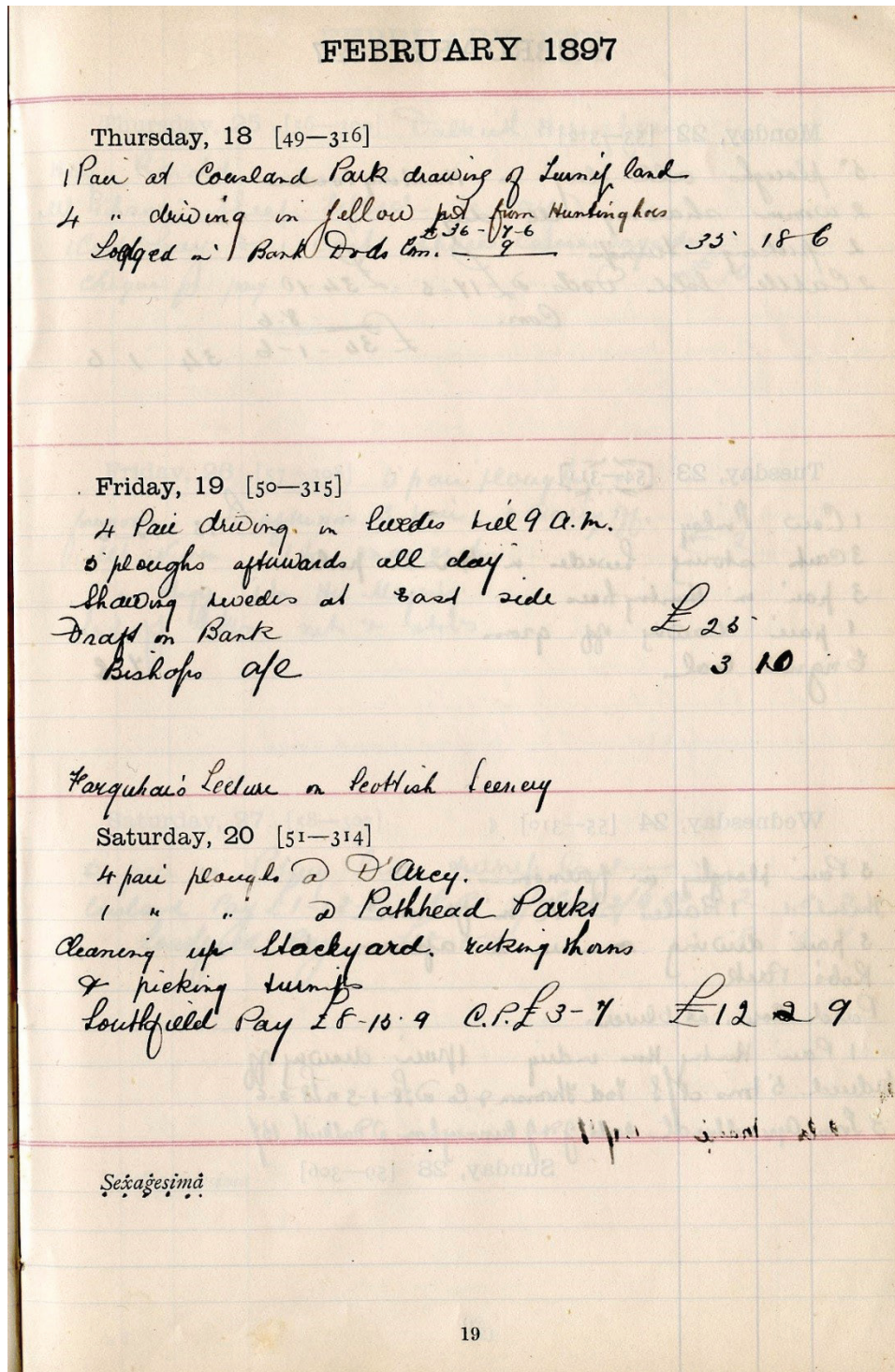


Fig. 10 A page from the 1897 diary showing the entries for 18-20 February. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)

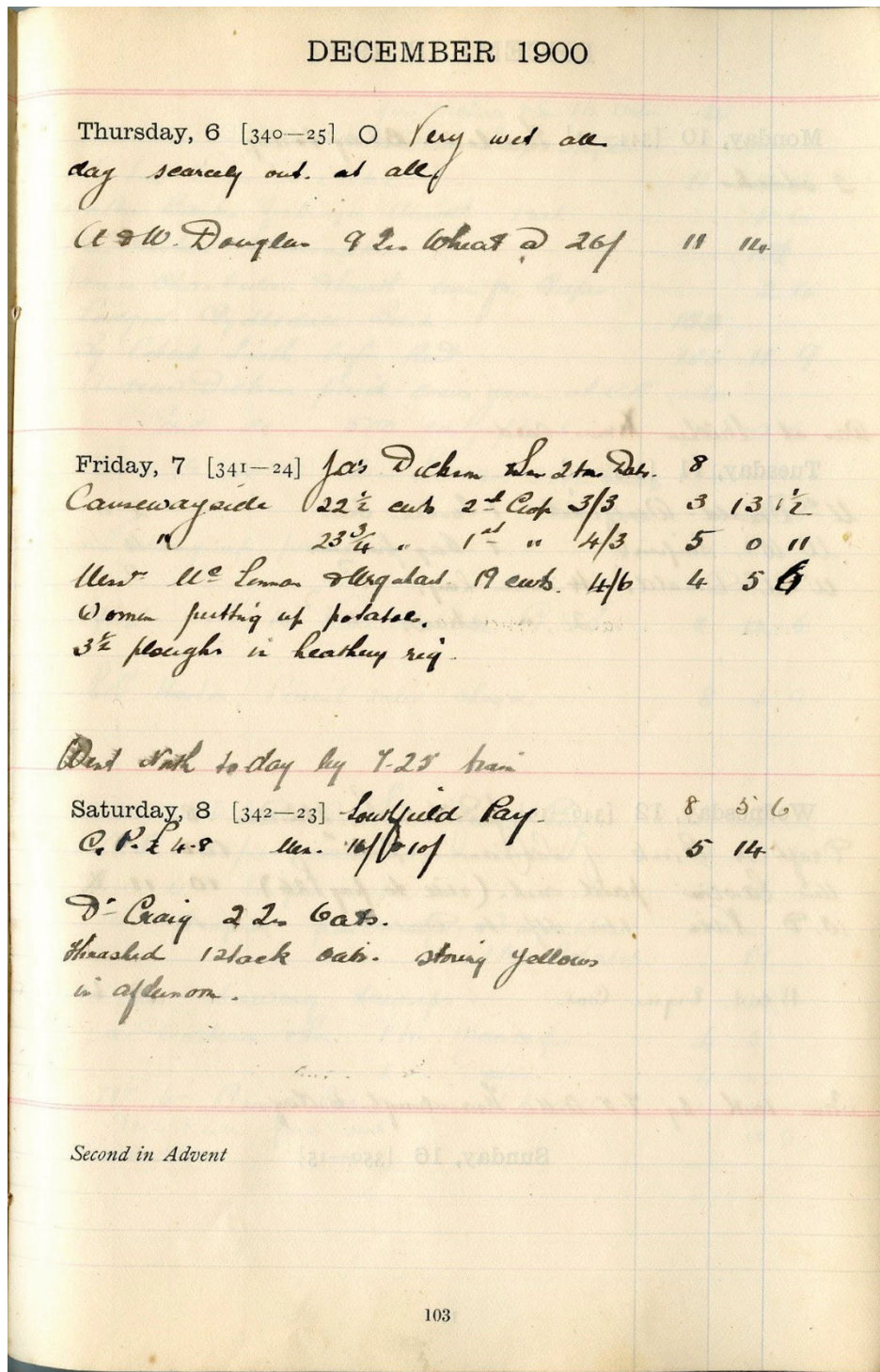


Fig. 11 A page from the 1900 diary showing the entries for 6-8 December. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)



Fig. 12 A portrait photo of George Mercer in later life. (Reproduced courtesy of the Mercer Family)

1897

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 7			
Friday 8			
Thrashing at Cousland Park			
Saturday 9			
Thrashing Oats at Cousland Park			
4 Carts manure from Brewery			
1 Pair ploughing at North Mains (Sights)			
Cousland Park Pay £3.7, Mill men 12/, Southfield £9.8	13	7	0
Sunday 10			

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 11			
Finished thrashing at C.P.			
2 Cattle sold Dods 10¾ @ 34/9	18	12	6
9¾ @ 33/4	17	5	
Mr Reid's Bill discounted	46	8	
Tuesday 12			
1½ Tons Maincrop Lawson @ 2/6			
½ Ton Turnips Lawson @ 1/3			
18½ cwts hay Ronald			
1 Bag potatoes Mr Johnstone		2	6
Cheque from French, Larg, Newton Stewart	4		
Wednesday 13			
2 Carts hay Causewayside Lawson	13		
Ronald	3	14	
2 Bags Maincrop, 102 Marchmont Road, Causewayside			
1 Ton 'Up to Dates' to Scott, Dochroyle, Barrhill, Ayrshire			
1 Cart manure Brewery			
1 cart Driving in turnips at C.P. yellows			
Sold Hunter, Musselburgh, 40 qrs 16 st Barley weighed 16.4 @ 23/			

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 14			
1 Cart straw Causewayside			
Thrashed one stack of Barley (Crinchles) ^[2]			
Lifted nets & stobs ^[3] at Dalkeith for Torwoodlea			
Paid Gray & Taylor a/c & 3 ton cake	44	1	8 ½
Paid Kemp 13/, Alloa Advertiser 6/6, Watson 5/	1	4	6
5 pair driving in afternoon yellows from Pottery Brae			
1 pair storing in Longheadrig			
Friday 15			
Stored turnips in Longheadrig in forenoon, Swedes in Horse Pools			
afternoon			
240 H. B. Ewes came from Thomas Gibson Esqr, Torwoodlea, to-day			
4 Ploughs in Heatheryrig			
Dr Craig settled a/c £9.12.6, Contra 10/6	9	1	6
Cheques for Brodie £20.17.11, Mrs Kinghorn £13.10	34	7	11
Saturday 16			
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrop			
3 Pair putting out manure in Crinchles forenoon			
2 Pair ploughing in Heatheryrig forenoon			
5 Pair in Heathery rig in afternoon			
George Turner 42 drills Swedes in Horse Pools @ 225			
@ 1½d = 11/9, Southfield pay £9.8.8, Cousland £2.12, C.P. 7/	12	19	5
Sunday 17			

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 18			
50 Qrs Barley A. Hunter, Musselburgh			
weight 55 lbs weighed 16 st 4 lbs @ 23/			
Innes Cheque for Causewayside Horse	20		
18 cwt Engine Coal Deans & More		8	
3 Carts in forenoon putting manure on Crinchles			
Thrashed 1 stack Barbachlaw oats in afternoon			
Sheep put on cut turnips			
Tuesday 19			
2 Carts hay Causewayside			
4 pair driving from Byre Close to Crinchles in forenoon			
Thrashed rakings in afternoon			
Sent down weights to be stamped at Dalkeith			
1 Barrel Parafin [<i>sic</i>] oil G&T. [<i>i.e.</i> Gray & Taylor]			
Mr Farquhar's lecture on 'In Paris with a Camera' ^[4]			
Wednesday 20			
Thrashed rakings			
2 Carts Engine Coal 27 cwts also 4/6		11	6
Mr Reid 8 cwts Oat straw		4	6
Ploughing in afternoon			
Hunter paid for Barley	57	10	

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 21			
2 tons Potatoes Lawson, Duke St			
Put out manure in Crinchles in forenoon			
Put up 2 tons Maincrop			
Finished Ploughing heathery rig			
Friday 22			
2 tons Maincrop Lawson			
4 ploughs in Crinchles			
Spreading manure in Crinchles			
2 Carts Cake 1 Ton 10 cwt Gray & Taylor, Paid			
Madge shod		3	4
Saturday 23			
1 Cart hay Brewery			
House Coal 8/10, Cousland Park Coal 12/9	1	1	7
Southfield Pay £8.9, C.P. [<i>i.e.</i> Cousland Park] £3.7	11	18	
<u>Mrs Reid</u> 1 qr Barley 23/, 1 Qr Grey 15/	1	18	
Spreading manure, 4 ploughs in Crinchles, Turner 12 drills @ 235 yds		3	6
Sunday 24			

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 25			
3 Pair putting out manure in Rob's Park			
1 Pair at Dalkeith Brewery for manure			
Threshed stack Barley (Galopers Hill in afternoon), Loaded hay & straw for Causewayside			
2 Bullock at Sale 20 cwts £16.10	33		
Tuesday 26			
Mr Niven 1 ton Maincrop			
Causewayside 1 cart hay, 1 straw			
6 carts putting out manure in Rob's Park			
Wednesday 27			
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			
Mr Ronald 18 cwts hay			
½ ton Fine Barley dust, ½ ton Scree, A. & W. Douglas			
6 carts putting out manure			

JANUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 28			
(2 Carts turnips Mr McDougall) cancelled			
8 Carts manure, 6 from Brewery, 2 from Mr Lawson			
4 carts putting out manure			
Received Rodger, Paid Hay £2.10, Finlay 4 skins 9/	2	19	
Paid Scottish T. L. ^[5] 7/6, [?Anderson] 4/8		12	2
Cheque pay £12, Cheque Wallace £33.14.3½, Carriage Licence £1.1	46	14	3 ½
Friday 29			
6 carts driving Swedes from Horse Pools			
1 pair hay at Causewayside			
Anderson up Repairing Exhaust Steam pipe			
Cowan not out to-day			
Saturday 30			
Drove in with 3 pair from Horse Pools all forenoon			
Thrashed Barley in afternoon			
Mrs Reid 2 qrs Bruised oats 19/	1	16	
Pay £8.19.10, C. P. [<i>i.e.</i> Cousland Park] 5/, Cousland £1.18.8			
Sunday 31			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 1			
3 pair putting out manure from stables close on Crinchles			
1 Pair at Cousland Park putting out Mr Reid's manure			
2 Cattle at Dalkeith 21 cwts £17.17.6	35	15	
Scottish Waggon Company	21		
Tuesday 2			
Thrashed 1 stack oats			
Changed sheep			
Thrashed hay seed			
Drove in yellows from Hunting hoes till 9 A.M.			
Wednesday 3			
Rev. Wm Matchette, Rector of Ballintoy, Co. Antrim			
Thrashed hayseed in forenoon			
Put up 1½ tons maincrops in afternoon			
Put up ½ ton turnips in afternoon			
Drove in turnips from Hunting hoes			
10 qrs ground maize Brunstane	7	12	6
Mr Ronald 2 bags grey wheat Ronald 18/, Mr Ronald 2 bags oats 17/	1	15	
Sold 35 Qrs Barley Martin Henderson & Co., Pitlessie, Ladybank, 22/			
Cheque from Waterstone for Horse	20		
440 Lambs Reid 2½			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 4			
1½ tons maincrops Lawson, ½ ton turnips	8	2	6
Thrashed hay seed to-day			
Put up 70 bags barley in afternoon			
2 Pairs driving in Turnips			
2 Carts House Coal 18/9 [<i>illegible</i>], 1 Cart Engine [coal] C.P.	1	1	9
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	10		
Insurance	10	6	6
C.P. 20 Linseed Cakes			
Friday 5 7 carts Barley Mackay & Co.'s Maltings 16 sts 4 lbs @ 22/			
4 Tons Linseed Cake R. F. Bell & Son	20		
Thrashed last of hay seed			
Bruised oats in afternoon			
put down turnips to lambs			
80 lambs came to-day			
put up 1 Ton Maincrops Niven, Niven's Cheque	10		
changed Gibson's sheep			
Mr Ronald Paid Hay	4	4	
<u>Haddington Fair</u> ^[6]			
Saturday 6			
Southfield Pay £8.13.10, C.P. £3.7	12	0	10
Engine Coal Carberry ^[7] 5/7			
Niven, Musselburgh, 1 Ton Maincrop	2		
Causewayside 2 carts hay			
A. & W. Douglas 1 ton 10 cwts Scree dust			
Thrashed 1 stack Barley, driving to Lambs in Hungry Hill			
C.P. 12 cwts Scree dust, 13 cwts Cake			
14 stones hay (C.P.) to A. White & Co.			
Sunday 7			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 8			
Thrashed 1 Stack Green Barley Crinchles & 2 odd stacks for seed			
Gave Ewes a brake of Turnips			
Tuesday 9			
Hay & Straw Causewayside			
3 Pair ploughing in forenoon 1 st day for two weeks			
4 Pair ploughing in afternoon			
Spreading manure in Crinchles & Rob's Park			
Wednesday 10			
Mr Ronald 1 Load Hay			
4 Pair ploughing (finished Crinchles & commenced to a firing in Rob's Park			
Paid Mr J. Gibson & Son for 10 qrs of Maize	7	12	6
Paid R. F. Bell & Son 4 Tons Cake, Cheque	20		
Received from Mr Ronald £3.15, Mr Harper Gravel 14/	4	9	

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 11			
Messrs. A. White & Co. ½ qr Oats		9	
5 Pair ploughing in Rob's Park			
Friday 12			
14 Carts manure C. Sked @ 4/	3	4	
Commenced in afternoon to John Stewart manure			
Put up 44 bags hay seed			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Martin, Henderson & Co.'s cheque	39	10	
Saturday 13			
1 Cart hay Dalkeith Brewery			
22 qrs hay seed Gray & Taylor			
Brought home 3 carts manure Brewery, also 1 Turnip Slicer			
Finished Westfield manure			
Brought home nets & stobs for Reid			
Rev. Mr Smith's straw paid	2	10	
Pay £8.17.10, Turner 7/6, C.P. 7/			
Cousland Park 13½ cwts cake @ £5			
Sunday 14			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 15			
14 bags Oats @ 16/	5	12	
Causewayside, 1 load hay			
4 ploughs Rob's Park			
Put up 2 tons Maincrops in afternoon			
Tuesday 16			
Mr <u>Lawson</u> , Duke Street, 2 tons maincrops	5		
Dr <u>Craig</u> 2 qrs Oats @ 16/ £1.12, Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrops £2	3	12	
quoted hay at £4.10			
Mr Reid Barley straw sent down			
Wednesday 17			
Bought one cow Oliver & Son	9	10	
Mr Ronald 1 qr Oats		16	
4 ploughs filling in lea furs & finishing heathery rig, endrig			
3 carts storing last of yellow Turnips in Longheadrig			
Man bringing Cow		4	
20 qrs oats, Kay for Causewayside @ 15/			
10 qrs Maize 14/9			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 18			
1 Pair at Cousland Park drawing of[f] Turnip land			
4 Pair driving in yellow[s] out from Huntinghoses			
Lodged in Bank, Dods, £36.7.6, Com. 9/	35	18	6
Friday 19			
4 Pair driving in Swedes till 9 A.M.			
5 ploughs afterwards all day			
Shawing swedes at east side			
Draft on bank	25		
Bishop's a/c	3	10	
Farquhar's Lecture on Scottish Scenery			
Saturday 20			
4 pair ploughs @ D'Arcy			
1 pair ploughs @ Pathhead Parks			
Cleaning up stackyard, raking shaws and picking turnips			
Southfield Pay £8.15.9, C.P. £3.7	12	2	9
Sunday 21			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 22			
5 ploughs all day in Huntingtower			
2 women shawing all day			
2 picking turnips			
2 Cattle sold Dods @ £17.5 = £34.10			
Com. 8/6			
£34.1.6	34	1	6
Tuesday 23			
1 Cow Finlay	13	12	6
3 Carts storing Swedes in Horse pools			
3 pair in Hunting hoes			
1 pair drawing off grass			
Engine Coal		7	8
Wednesday 24			
3 Pair ploughing in forenoon			
Threshed 1 Barley stack in forenoon			
3 pair driving manure in afternoon to Rob's Park			
Paid Cow at Oliver's			
1 Pair Hunting Hoes Endrig, 1 pair drawing off			
Ordered 5 tons N/S ^[8] Tod Thomson & Co. @ £8.1.3 or £8.2.6			
3 Tons Agricultural salt J. & J. Cunningham @ Dalkeith 15/			

FEBRUARY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 25			
Dalkeith Hiring fair ^[9]			
Hay Ronald			
Mr Gibson's sheep lifted to-day			
1 Cart hay & 1 cart straw Causewayside			
Cheque for pay	10		
Friday 26			
5 pair ploughing in forenoon. In afternoon 3 pair, 1 drawing off			
Mr Niven 1 ton maincrops	2		
Mr Hogg 1 ton Her Majesty			
Sent off Gibson's nets & stobs			
Saturday 27			
5 pair in Pottery brae turnip land			
Cousland Pay £1.18.8, C.P. 7/, Coal 2/6 C.P.	2	8	2
Southfield Pay £8.5.7	8	5	7
Sunday 28			

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Monday 1			
1 Cart Swedes Mrs McDougall fees	1	7	6
Mr McHarrie Rent & Fees	195		
Gray & Taylor 20 qrs Hay seed			
House coal 16 cwts @ 11/		8	10
4 Carts manure Brewery			
3 ploughs in pottery brae			
put up 1½ tons maincrop, ½ ton swedes Lawson			
2 Cattle Dods £15.15 @ 9½ cwts = £31.10	31	2	
Ross put B. F. [<i>i.e.</i> Blackface] lambs on Quarry Park			
Tuesday 2			
4 Carts Second Crop Cousland Park to [?Cowan] Tons 2.12¾			
Mr Lawson 1½ tons Maincrop	3	15	
½ ton Swedes		12	6
Thrashed ½ stack Barbachlaw oats in afternoon			
1 Cart Engine Coal		4	
Lifted 3 ton Cake Gray & Taylor 1½ to Southfield			
1½ to Cousland Park			
Wednesday 3			
Put on rail today to John Fyffe 3 tons yellows			
Mr Wm Lawson Hay & Straw			
Brought up 27 bags oats from C.P.			
Sold to-day 30 qrs Barley 16 st to Frank Quarton			
delivered at McKay's Maltings			
Bought 2 Mares from Innes @ £48 on trial			
Bought 9 Cattle from Davidson, Jedburgh, £94			
Driving out Cattle		4	

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 4			
By Davidson cheque	94		
Sold Mr Kay 10 Qrs oats @ 21/6 13 st 2 lbs	10	15	
Paid by James Hogg £9 for Potatoes	9		
Thrashed part of Barbachlaw oats for seed			
2 carts manure Brewery			
Dalkeith Agricultural Society subscription		10	
2 nd Prize to-day for Hamilton oat seed weight 13 st 2 lbs			
Mr C. Sked 11 cwts hay, 6 cwts straw			
Friday 5			
Brought up corn from Cousland Park			
1 plough in Longheadrig all day			
3 pairs @ McKays Maltings 30 qrs @ 21/			
Barley 16 st weighed 16 sts 6 lbs Frank Quarton	31	10	
Saturday 6			
Put up 21 qrs of oats for A. & W. Douglas @ 21/6			
Ploughing in Long headrig			
1 pair storing in Horse Pools			
Cousland Park pay £3.7, Southfield £9	12	17	
C. Sked £9.1.8, By contra 18/	8	3	
Sunday 7			

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Monday 8			
2 Pairs at A. & W. Douglas with oats 21 qrs 13 st 2 lbs @ 21/6	22	11	6
2 qrs Oats Dr Craig & Swedes	1	12	
Mr White ½ bag oats @ 18/ per qr		4	6
Thrashed rest of Barbachlaw oats & part of Hamilton	37	4	8
Mr E. R. Fletcher, Causewayside, Lime a/c	14		
Mr Ronald 1 cart hay paid for hay delivered on 10 th February	3	12	6
Tuesday 9			
Sowing Ammonia on young grass to-day, 1 cwt am. & 1 cwt salt per acre, did all except Galopers Hill			
Wednesday 10			
Finished sowing Amm.			
Drove in Yellows & Swedes from Longheadrig			
1 plough in Longheadrig			
Mr John Fyfe 4 tons 2 cwts Swedes @ Inveresk			
Mr Niven 1 Ton maincrops			
Tom Docherty sowing Amm. on Timothy			
Alex. Brown ordered 5 Tons yellows			
Thomas Hogg, Oxenford Mains, 1 Ton Up to Date			
James Hogg, Dalkeith, 2 tons 'Her Majesty' for Wester Cowden			

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 11			
Cheque from Frank Quarton value £31.10			
Lodged in Bank	55		
Gray & Taylor 3 tons Linseed Cake, 1½ to C.P., 1½ to Southfield	16	10	
4 pair driving in Swedes from Horse Pools			
1 pair putting on 4 tons 4 cwts yellows to Mr Brown, Pinkie, @ 11/	2	6	
Sold 60 sheep Dudgeon @ 40/			
Friday 12			
4 pair driving in Swedes from Horse Pools			
1 pair filling in furs in Cow Park			
shawing all day			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 13			
Drove in from Horse Pools with 4 pair all day			
1 Cart House Coal		8	10
Shawing all day			
Southfield Pay £8.19, C.P. 7/	9	6	
Mr Johnstone 1 bag maincrops			
1 bag turnips			
Sunday 14			
Drove Mr Gemmell to Musselburgh, Bridge Street			

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Monday 15			
Very wet in forenoon			
Put up 2 tons Maincrops in afternoon with men			
2 Carts Engine coal		10	5
Sold Mr James Warden, Wester Cowden			
12 qrs oats 12 sts 10 lbs @ 19/ per qr	11	8	
Tuesday 16			
Thrashed 2 stacks Hamilton oats Crinchles			
Ploughed up lea rigs at stackyard			
Mr Lawson 2 tons Maincrops			
Wednesday 17			
Put on truck of Swedes for John Fyfe 4 tons 5 cwts			
2 carts hay Causewayside			
Bought 2 horses from Innes for Causewayside	55		
Mr Brown paid for yellows	2	6	
Cart at Cousland Park storing Swedes			
Went down to Inverleith Row			
Drew of Horse Pools 2 pair ploughing in afternoon			

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Thursday 18			
4 pair driving in from Horse pools remainder of swedes			
1 pair ploughing all day 4 pair extra in afternoon			
3 Women all day picking yellows for sheep			
Friday 19			
5 pair ploughing in Horse pools all day			
C. Sked 1 Ton yellows			
1 Cart driving in all day, yellows from Quarry Park			
Put up 40 bags Oats			
Saturday 20			
Southfield Pay	8	16	9
Cousland Park	3	7	
put on Rail D. Fyfe, Restalrig, 4 tons 9 cwts Swedes			
Mr Dudgeon 1 ton 14½ cwts yellows			
Mr Dudgeon 60 x Hoggs @ 40/	120		
Mr Dudgeon put on turnips to-day 100 x Hoggs 4½d @ ½			
Ploughing on Horse pools 3 ploughs			
Thrashed remainder of 3 rd Hamilton Oat stack			
Sunday 21			

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Monday 22			
Put x Hogs on new break to-day			
Causewayside 20 cwts 2 nd Crop			
John Bain 7 qrs Hamilton Oats			
Mr David Fyfe, Restalrig, 4 tons 11 cwts Swedes			
Clean[e]d Barbachlaw Oats, put up 1 Ton potatoes Niven			
Drew off the 8 rigs cleared in Longheadrig			
Tuesday 23			
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrop	2		
Mr David Ronald 19 ³ / ₄ cwts hay, Paid Feb. 25	2	17	
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart hay			
From Messrs A. & W. Douglas ½ ton fine Barley dust	2	1	3
Mr John Fyfe 4 Tons 12 cwt Swedes			
2 pair ploughing in Longheadrig			
Women at stone gathering			
Miss McAlpine 1 bag good, 2 bag small potatoes			
Mr Purdie 1 bag Oats		9	
Wednesday 24			
Lifted 20 qrs Maize John Prentice Jnr @ 14	14	1	
Lifted 4 tons N/S Gray & Taylor @ £8.2.6	32	10	
Causewayside 2 loads hay			
Causewayside 1½ tons RL [<i>i.e.</i> raw linseed] cake Gray & Taylor £5.10	8	5	
Gathered stones all day			
Paid Mr Anderson, Bonnyrig	3		
Received from Mr Dudgeon for 40 x hogs	120		
Received from D. Fyffe Turnips	5		

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Thursday 25			
Lifted 5 tons of N/S Tod Thomson & Co. 8.1.3	40	6	3
Lifted 4 tons of Supers Gray & Taylor @ £1.17.6	7	10	
Gathered remainder of stones to-day			
John Dobbie, Campend, 2 nd premium Hamilton Oats Dalkeith Show		10	
Lodged Clydesdale	110		
Friday 26			
Sowed Cow Park with Oats 15 bags			
doubled harrowed it & partly crossed			
Sowed upper Crawford at Cousland Park 26 bags			
John Fyfe 13½ cwts oat straw £1.13.9, 1 Ton small potatoes £1	2	13	9
Mr McHarrie 7 Qrs Barbachlaw Oats at @ [sic] 16/6	5	15	6
Saturday 27			
Finished crossing Cow Park. Sowed half of Southfield Park			
Very wet in forenoon			
Mr Brown 2 Tons 6 cwts Swedes, 2 ton 3 cwt yellows			
Bruised Oats. House Coal 9/3, C.P. binder 2/6		11	9
Southfield Pay £8.15.10, Cousland £2.9.4, C.P. 7/	11	12	2
Sunday 28			

MARCH 1897	£	S	D
Monday 29			
Thrashed 1 stack oats also 1 stack Barley			
Riddled up 10 bags N/S for Cousland Park			
Put up 2 tons potatoes for Mr Lawson			
Tuesday 30			
Mr Niven hay			
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart hay			
Messrs Alex. McIntosh & Son Barley straw			
Mr Reid [<i>blank</i>] cwts oat straw			
Mr Lawson 2 ton Maincrops			
Drove in Swedish turnips from Horse Pools			
Messrs Lawrie & Symington 80 x Hoggs @ 27/6	110		
Mrs Turner 2 bags Maincrops 1/9		3	6
Wednesday 31			
Mr Warden, Westercowden, 12 Qrs Oats @ 19/	11	8	
Causewayside 2 loads hay			
got other 8 rigs in Longheadrig			
N.B.R. [<i>i.e.</i> North British Railway] carriage 34/10 of Hoggs &			
Expenses 1/6 ^[10]	1	16	4
10 Qrs Egyptian Barley from J. Prentice @ 24/			
Carriage of Barley N.B.R.	5	10	
Mr Brown paid turnips	2	10	6
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			

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Thursday 1			
Mr John Watson 1 Ton 12 cwts yellows, 1 Ton Swedes			
Mr Brown, Pinkie, 2 ton 12 cwts Swedes, 2 tons 3 cwts yellows			
Mr Warden 2 tons 'Her Majesty'			
Received from Gray & Taylor for 40 qrs of grass seed @ 22 lbs per bushel @ 17/6	35		
By Gray & Taylor, 1½ tons Cake £8.5, Super £7.10			
N/S 4 tons odds cwts @ £8.2.6, £34.0.3	49	10	3
Friday 2			
Put on rail 2 trucks Swedes			
David Fyfe = 5 tons 11 cwt and 2 tons 12 cwt			
Mr Brown, Pinkie, 2 tons 10 cwt Swedes			
Prepared small maincrops for seed			
2 ploughs finishing Horse Pools			
1 plough Longheadrig			
Saturday 3			
Mr Watson 42 cwt yellows			
4 ploughs in forenoon			
Finished sowing Southfield Park oats in afternoon			
Women putting up small maincrops			
Southfield Pay £9.0.10, C.P. £3.6	12	6	10
Sowed Southfield Park Oats 10 Bags			
Mr Ronald Hay	4	3	11
Sunday 4			

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Monday 5			
18 cwts hay & straw Causewayside			
4 pair ploughing in Quarry Park in morning till 9 o'clock			
Sowed Horse Pools Barley after that 12½ bags			
3 Cattle sold Dods 1 @ 11 cwts £19, 2 @ 19 cwts £16.7.6	57	2	
Cousland Park Turnip Land sowed with oats			
3 Cattle Dods			
Tuesday 6			
C.P. 1½ cwts Cake 5/6		8	3
Mr John Fyfe 5 tons Swedes			
Mr Reid 1 Ton 16 cwts Swedes @ 12/	1	1	7
Sowed Galopers Hill N/S @ 2 cwt per imp. acre			
Part of Rugland. Tom D. sowed Timothy Galopers Hill			
Crossed the Horse Pools after 9 o'clock			
Sowed corner of Well Park			
Received from Wm Spence cheque for £40 Bill at 3 months for £95.15.5	40		
Wednesday 7			
Sowed Well Park oats 22 bags			
Sowed 13½ bags Barbachlaw Oats in Heathery rig			
13½ bags Hamilton on west side			
5 Pair Harrowing all day, W. B. & B. C. sowing with the hand			
Received from D. Fyfe £4.5 for turnips, D. Ronald £4.8.	8	13	
Paid Mr Prentice for 5 Qrs 24/ Egyptian Barley	6		
Paid J. & J. Cunningham 4 tons salt @ 13/	3		

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Thursday 8			
Sowed Blake Thin & Rugland with N/S 3 men			
5 Pair harrowing in Well Park & Heathery rig all day			
Mr McDougall turnip a/c	9	10	
Paid Tod Thomson & Co. 5 tons 2 cwts 2 st @ £8.2.6	41	12	
Paid Messrs. P. & L. Dalgleish suit	3	5	
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrops	1	15	
Lodged in Bank, Dods	51	2	
Friday 9			
Mr Brown 2 tons 8 cwts Swedes			
Causewayside 28 cwts Thrashed Hay			
Finished Harrowing in Well Park & Heathery rig			
Sowed Barley in Hunting hoes singled & began to cross harrow			
Put up 2 tons 'Her Majesty'			
To 1½ tons RL Cake Gray & Taylor 1 ton @ 5/6			
½ ton @ 6/3	8	12	6
Saturday 10			
Dudgeon for Turnip	6		
Mr D. Fyfe 4 tons 10 cwts Swedes @ 13/			
Mr James Hogg 2 tons 'Her Majesty' 27/6	2	15	
Sowed Pottery Brae with Egyptian Barley			
Harrowed (single & half crossed) 2 pairs			
Sent down 4 tons Up-to-Date Mr Brown	11		
Thrashed ¾ Barley stack			
Cousland Pay £2.12, Southfield Pay £8.11.4, C.P. 6/	11	9	4
Sold Dudgeon 15 sheep @ 36/6	27	7	6
Sunday 11			

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Monday 12			
1 Ton 11 cwt yellows Mr Watson			
2 tons Up-to-Date Mr Brown £2.15	5	10	
Harrowed up Pottery Brae			
Ploughed 8 rigs in Longhead rig			
put up 2 tons Maincrops Lawson			
2 Cattle Dods 1 @ 11¼ £19.12.6			
1 @ 11¾ 19.17.6			
1 calf 1.1.6			
£40.12.6 Com. 10/3	40	1	3
Tuesday 13			
Mr Lawson 2 tons 45/ Maincrops	4	10	
4 bags turnips 1/6		6	
Mr Ronald 1 Cart hay 18¾ cwts, 1 qr oats 17/, Paid			
4 pair ploughing Longheadrig endrig. Sowed it to-day. 10 Bags Barley.			
Single Harrowed it			
Tom Docherty in since Sunday with cold			
Women putting up Maincrops for Mr Brown			
Wednesday 14			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops 32/6 £3.5, Turnips £5.16.10, discount 1/10	9	1	10
Mr Ronald paid Hay & 1 Qr corn £4.8, Dudgeon £27.3.6	31	11	6
Cross harrowed Longheadrig, ploughing with 5 ploughs in Quarry Park			
4 Women preparing Up-to-Date seed			
Bought 13 Cattle John Swan & Sons @ 9.5	120	5	
Expenses		4	

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 15			
Mr D. Fyffe 1 truck Swedes 4 tons 14 cwts @ 15/			
Mr J. Fyffe 2 tons 13 cwts Swedes			
3 pair ploughing in Quarry Park			
Messrs Gray & Taylor 1½ tons Cake	8	12	6
Paid to Clydesdale Bank	25		
Friday 16			
McAdam 1 Load hay 1 per Mr Ronald 16½ cwts			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Mrs Reid 12 cwts Swedes @ 12/			
4 pairs ploughing in Quarry Park			
Sowed the long rigs			
Mr Ronald 5 Qrs Oats, 1 Qr Grey Barley			
Saturday 17			
Went through to Aldie ^[11]			
1 Cart Coal, Engine	1	13	10
Southfield Pay 8.9.8, C.P. £3.7	11	6	8
Sunday 18			

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Monday 19			
Mr Brown 2 tons maincrops			
3 cattle from Cousland Park – 2 @ 19½ £17.2.6, 1 @ 8¼ £13.7.6			
com. 12/	47	10	6
Tuesday 20			
Mr D. Fyfe 1 truck swedes			
Sowed Horse Pools grass seed 22 bushels			
Mr John Bain 10 cwts Barley Straw		18	9
Wednesday 21			
Mr Brown 2 tons maincrops			
John Swan & Sons paid for 13 cattle £9.5	120	5	
Mr Brown paid 4 tons maincrops 1.12.6	6	10	
Mr Ronald Hay			
Sowed Bartholemew's firloot grass seeds 26 bushel			
1 ton bonemeal McLintock & Co.			
2 tons Linseed cake @ £6.10	13		

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 22			
Mr W. D. Niven paid a/c	15	13	6
Mr Alex Hunter 20 qrs barley 16 st 4 lbs @ 23/5			
Sowed Pottery Brae grass seed 21 bushels			
Causewayside 12 bags oats, 1 load hay			
2 tons Sulphate of Potash G. & T. @ £2.15	5	10	paid
Rolling grass. Women planting cabbage in afternoon			
Stair McHarrie Esq. ½ ton Up-to-Date			
Friday 23			
Mr Hunter 15 qrs barley			
Mr Brown 2 tons mainrops			
Mr Hogg, Oxenford Mains, 1 ton Up-to-Date			
Sowed grass in Long Head rig			
10 bushels Rye Grass, 10 bushels perennial			
40 lbs Alsike, 40 white, also 4 bushels mixture			
Saturday 24			
Mr Brown 2 tons maincrops 32/, Mr Niven 1 ton maincrops	5	5	
Rolling all day			
Cousland Park 15 cwts cake @ 6/6	4	17	6
Thrashed 1 stack oats in afternoon			
1½ tons Bone Meal lifted to-day			
Cousland Pay £3.8, C.P. 8/	3	16	
Southfield £7.18	7	18	
Causewayside	100		
Sunday 25			

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Monday 26			
4 Cattle from Cousland Park 2 @ £15.15, 2 @ £15.10 = £62.10			
1 Sturdy Hogg 17/, £63.7 Com. 16/	62	11	
Put up Lawson's Potatoes, also 1 Ton for Mr Brown			
1 Cart Hay & 1 straw Causewayside			
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart 23½ cwts hay 4/6	5	5	9
Commenced to Grub potato land			
Tuesday 27			
Mr Lawson 2 tons Maincrops, 2 bags turnips	4	13	
Mr Wm Lawson, Dalkeith, 16½ cwts hay 4/9	3	18	4 ½
Mr J. Muir, 17 Linkfield, Musselburgh, 24 cwts hay @ 4/6	5	8	[12]
2 pair grub[b]ing & 1 pair harrowing			
got up stones for Rockery			
1 Cart Coal		9	10
Wednesday 28			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Lifted 1½ S/Am. ^[13] Tod Thomson & Co. £7.10	11	5	
1 Pair rolling Quarry Park			
2 pair grubbing & 1 pair harrowing in Crinchles			
Women putting up seed			
Received to-day Mr Gibson, Torwoodlee, £29.11, D. Fyfe £8.2.6	37	13	6
J. Fyfe to a/c £12, D. Ronald £4.11, Mr Brown £10.10	27	1	
Mr McDougal (barley £40.13.9	40	13	9
Paid J. Allison for Mill	4	16	

APRIL 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 29			
Dr Craig 2 qrs Oats			
Commenced Planting potatoes to-day drilling with single ploughs			
Paid Gray & Taylor £5.10 for Sulphate of Potash	5	10	
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, D[ods], £62.11			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank £173	235	11	
Friday 30			
C. Sked 10 cwt Swedes		8	
Mr E. R. Fletcher 10 cwts hay @ 4/6	2	5	
Mr John Stewart 16 cwts 2 nd Crop			
2 Carts hay Causewayside 33 cwts			
continued planting to-day			
Mr D. Ronald 18 cwts hay			
Paid last cart	3	16	6
MAY			
Saturday 1			
Southfield pay	7	16	8
C.P. £3.7.6	3	7	6
C. Sked 4 cwts hay @ 3/9		15	
Continued planting to-day			
Mr D. [<i>sic</i>]			
Sunday 2			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 6			
Mr Parr, Lawfield, 6 bags small Maincrop			
4 bags good Maincrop			
Clydesdale Bank, Dods	79	10	
Friday 7			
Mr McAdam 16½ cwts hay			
Mr Ronald 17½ cwts, Paid £3.16.6	3	16	6
1 cart engine coal		4	
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 8			
Finished planting potatoes last 20 drills 'Her Majesty'			
Southfield Pay £7.14.4, C.P. 13/	8	7	4
Sowed turnips @ Cousland Park			
Sunday 9			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 10			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops, Cousland Park 4 cwts yellows			
Threshed 1 stack oats			
Tuesday 11			
Causewayside 34 cwts hay, 30 cwts C.P., 4 Southfield			
Mr Lawson, Duke Street, 2 tons Maincrops, 2 bags turnips			
Lifted 1½ ton RL cake Gray & Taylor £6.7.6	9	11	3
Lifted 2 tons cotton cake Thos. Bernard & Co. Ltd £3.15	7	10	
Commenced sowing Swedes to-day			
Wednesday 12			
Mr Niven 1 ton Maincrop ½ ton of New pit			
Mr Brown paid 6 tons Up-to-Dates £17			
4 tons Maincrops £8	25		
Mr Anderson, Belmont, paid hay	9	9	
Lifted 2 tons N/S George Douglas & Son £7.12.6			
16 Cattle John Swan & Sons (Sheridans) @ £9	144		

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Thursday 13			
Paid Tod Thomson & Co.	15	5	
Paid Gray & Taylor Cake	9	11	
Put Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Lifted 2 tons Supers Geo. Douglas & Sons £2			
Friday 14			
2 Carts Causewayside			
Hay & Straw Hay 18 cwts Southfield			
Continued at turnips			
Sowed 146 drills Sharpes Purple top			
Sowed 86 drills Webber next them			
Saturday 15			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Mr D. Ronald 19¾ cwts hay			
Southfield Pay £7.17.4, C.P. £3.13.6	11	10	10
Mr Ronald Paid	3	16	6
Mr Wm Finlay 1 Cow	13	10	
Sunday 16			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 17			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Continued sowing Sharpes Swedes			
4 Cattle sold Dods from Cousland Park			
2 @ 17 cwts £13.10			
13.7.6			
Cousland Park, 6 cwts Linseed Cake 6/4½ = £1.13.3			
1½ qrs Maize @ 14/ £1.1, 2 loads potatoes	2	19	3
Tuesday 18			
Sowing Swedes in Rob's Park			
Miss McAlpine 1 bag good, 2 [bags] small potatoes			
Mr Brown, Cousland, 1 bag small			
Mr Kinghorn 2 bags potatoes			
Wednesday 19			
Over Roscobie Lime Works to-day			
Mr Brown Paid 6 tons Maincrops @ £2.7.6	17	5	
Mr Ronald 5 Qrs corn 17/ £4.5, McAdam hay £3.10	7	15	
Paid John Swan & Sons Ltd 16 cattle @ £9	144		
Lifted 4 carts manure Brewery 3 tons 13½ cwts			
Lifted 2 tons N/S G. & T. at Dalkeith Station			

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Thursday 20			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Causewayside 2 loads hay 2 nd Crop Cousland Park, 1 ton 2 cwts			
Lifted 2 tons N/S G. & T. @ Dalkeith Station			
Lifted 20 Qrs Maize Jas. Gibson & Son, Leith			
Lifted 2 tons Manure Brewery			
C. Sked 8 stones hay			
Friday 21			
Mr Ronald 20 cwts hay			
Finished Rob's Park turnips			
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 22			
Cousland Park 30 cwts Turnip manure for 4 acre = 25/4	5	1	3
Tom Frazer, Cousland Park, 1 cwt potatoes		2	6
Working on Pottery brae			
Southfield Pay £7.16.10, C.P. 13/	8	9	10
Sunday 23			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 24			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Dr Craig 2 Qrs Oats			
Grubbing pottery brae again with 2 Horses			
Harrowing down Maincrop drills			
2 Cattle from Southfield at Dods			
21 cwts Crawford £16.17.6, £33.15 Com. 8/6	33	6	6
Tuesday 25			
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrops			
Finished 2 nd Grubbing in pottery brae			
Wednesday 26			
Paid Messrs Jas. Gibson & Son, Brunstane, 40 qrs Maize 13/6	27		
Causewayside 1 Ton 1 st Crop			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 27			
Draft in bank	5		
Mr Lawson 2 tons Maincrops			
Friday 28			
Drilling in pottery Brae			
Saturday 29			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops	5	15	8
Southfield Pay	3	13	
C.P.			
Sunday 30			

MAY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 31			
Mr D. Ronald 18¾ cwts hay, paid 19¾ @ £4.5	4	3	
3 Cattle from Southfield			
2 @ 21 cwts Norton Park Store £19.5			
1 @ 9½ cwts Norton Park Store £16.7.6			
Finished sowing Pottery Brae			
Christina went home ill to-day			
JUNE			
Tuesday 1			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Andrew Reid (rent	1	19	
Seat rents paid ^[15]	1	19	
Mr Muir, Musselburgh, 24 cwts hay £5.8			
paid £1	4	8	
Sowed N/S on Corn to-day & Wednesday			
Grubbed in Southfield Park			
Wednesday 2			
Mr Brown paid 6 tons Maincrops @ 47/6 = £14.5 less £3 over paid	11	5	
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart 23½ cwts hay			
Lifted 30¾ cwts manure ditto			
Mr Ronald Paid	4	5	
Grubbed all day in Southfield Park			

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 3			
Mrs Johnstone paid Westfield rent [£]10, 18/ extra	10	18	
Draft on Bank pay	25		
Paid Gray & Taylor 4 Tons 1 cwt etc. N/S £7.10	30	9	10
Opened Covered 9 drills before dinner to-day			
2 Carts hay Causewayside 31½ cut C.P.			
1½ tons R. L. cake Gray & Taylor			
Friday 4			
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops			
Mr Andrew Turner 1 Quarters rent		13	
Lifted 4 Tons Supers Gray & Taylor J. & J. Cunningham at Inveresk			
Station = 4 tons @ £1.15, £7, Carriage 10/	7	10	
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 5			
Finished drilling upper half of Southfield Park			
Put up 2 tons potatoes Brown			
1 pair [of horses] at Buccleuch St S[abbath] S[chool] Picnic			
Southfield Pay £6.16.2, C.P. 13/	7	9	2
Sunday 6			

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Monday 7			
Finished working under hay at Southfield Park			
2 Tons Maincrops Brown			
Drilled in afternoon			
1 Cart potatoes Cousland Park			
28 bags turnip manure C.P.	3	18	
2 Cattle Dods 20 cwts £17.2.6, £34.5, Com. 8/6	33	16	6
Tuesday 8			
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrops, Mr Ronald 17 cwts hay			
Causewayside 14 cwts hay & st[raw]			
1 Pair drilling at C.P.			
2 Pair drilling in Southfield Park			
Gathering rack etc.			
Mr Ronald 15 bags chaff @ 9d			
Mr Snowdowne, Dollar, Rent	17	14	11
1 Ton S[ulphate] of Potash, 1 Ton N/S Gray & Taylor			
Wednesday 9			
3 horses grubbing at C.P.			
Mr Brown paid 6 tons potatoes @ 47/6	14	5	
Mr Lawson paid £20 of £47.17 a/c	20		
Mr Ronald £4.7 for hay & 11/ for chaff	4	18	
Paid J. & J. Cunningham for Supers 6 tons	10	7	
Finished turnips at Southfield			

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Thursday 10			
2 pair and odd horse at Cousland Park			
Drilling up potatoes to-day 2 ploughs			
Mr Hogg 2 tons Maincrops 4/6	4	5	
Bought 1 Water Barrel from Thorburn & Son			
Stair Mr McHarrie Rent	145	19	
Stair McHarrie Paid oats & potatoes, 5.13.6	7	5	6
<u>Picnic at Crichton Castle to-day</u>			
Friday 11			
2 tons Maincrops Lawson			
Lifted 2 tons Supers J. & J. Cunningham			
2½ pair horses at Cousland Park			
Sowed last brake of large field			
furrowing up potatoes in Crinchles			
Mrs Reid, Cousland Park, paid rent etc. ^[16]	9	18	9
Mr Purdie, Airybank, paid rent	8	9	
Grubbing Cabbage & final sown Swedes			
Saturday 12			
To 2 carts hay Causewayside. Timothy 28 cwts			
3½ pairs Cousland Park			
Hoeing Cabbage with women			
C.P. pay	3	19	
Mr Johnstone, Westfield, 1 bag potatoes		2	6
1 bag oats 12 st 6		10	6
Gave Mrs Reid 2 rigs hay next road @ £10 per acre			
Southfield Pay	8	0	2
Sunday 13 Rain began today			

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 17			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	41	3	11
3 pair driving out Byre close all day			
1 pair Lawsons manure, 1 pair loading Timothy			
1 pair ploughed potatoe pit at front gate in forenoon			
2 drill harrows in afternoon			
Thom. Docherty clipping			
Was down at Dirleton to-day with Mr Gemmell, splendid day. Golfing on Archerfield, through Dirleton Castle Gardens. Met Mr Gracie the F.C. [<i>i.e.</i> Free Church] minister there.			
Friday 18			
3 pair driving out manure from Byre Close			
1 pair at C.P.			
2 carts Timothy hay to Causewayside			
1 horse harrowing down potatoes			
1 Cart coals (Engine)			
Thrashed two hours at night			
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 19			
Drizzling sort of day			
Trucked 4 cattle at Inveresk for Biggar			
½ truck 6/10			
Revd Dr Smith 11¼ cwts oat straw @ 2/6	1	7	1 ½
Southfield Pay	8	0	7
C.P. 8/		8	
Sunday 20			

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Monday 21			
Mr Reid, Cousland Park, 1 Qrs Oats	1	1	
4 cattle sold at Biggar to-day, average price 34/ per cwt			
2 carts Timothy Causewayside			
clearing up ashes from ash pits			
1 Ton potatoes Niven, Ronald hay			
4 carts manure Brewery			
Tuesday 22			
General Holiday, Queen's Jubilee Day. ^[18] Picnic beyond Lawrie's Den.			
Bonfire in the evening, at it Pathhead folks, Messrs Gemmell & Ferguson, Miss N. Purdie & Nellie Paterson.			
Wednesday 23			
2 Grubbers at C.P. to-day			
Hoeing Cabbage & Potatoes to-day			
Making endrigns, grubbing turnips & potatoes			
Biggar Auction Co.	57	16	8

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 24			
Mr Hogg Paid up to date 1 Ton	2	17	
2 Grubbers at Cousland Park			
Hoing potatoes in to-day forenoon			
at C.P. in afternoon drilling to-day at 1 st break			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	60		
Friday 25			
Man at Cousland Park clipping sheep all day, clipped 33 @ 4/ per score			
Women down all forenoon drilling in afternoon, finished first break			
Hoing potatoes in afternoon			
Willie Brown in today with a sore ankle			
Saturday 26			
Dalkeith Show			
Hoing turnips in forenoon. Women at C.P. in afternoon.			
6 horses at C.P. all day.			
C.P. pay £3.18, Southfield £8.2.10	12	0	10
Gibson & Mercer, Causewayside	100		
Sunday 27			

JUNE 1897	£	S	D
Monday 28			
2 stirks at sale. Bought October at £7 sold £15.5 weight 8½ cwts			
6 horses at Cousland Park, women all day			
1 carts ^[19] hay & 1 st[raw] Causewayside			
Grubbing in turnips at Rob's Park & pottery brae			
Women commenced singling at night			
Lodged in Bank	100		
Tuesday 29			
5 horses, 2 men at C.P. Women all day			
Mary Murray hoeing Up-to-Dates			
Scraping the swedes & yellows			
Worked up the pottery brae endrig & sowed			
Wednesday 30			
3 horses at Cousland Park in forenoon and all women finished turnips			
2 pair at Grubber in Crinchles potatoes in afternoon, single horse			
grubbing up-to-dates			
Grubbing & harrowing pottery brae			
Women hoeing potatoes in afternoon			
Man came to Empty House			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 1			
Lawson 1 Ton Maincrop			
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed cake Gray & Taylor			
3 two-horse grubbers in potatoes			
Grubber & harrow in pottery brae			
Women hoeing potatoes			
Choir Picnic			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	30	2	3
Friday 2			
2 two-horse grubbers in crinchles			
1 pair 'Timothy' hay Causewayside			
1 2-horse grubber in Up-to-Dates			
Grubbed Cabbage, Scarifying in Southfield Park			
Women hoeing potatoes			
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 3			
1 Grubber at C.P.			
James Hogg 1 Ton 12 cwts Maincrops			
To Draft on Clydesdale Bank	30		
Scarifying & Grubbing in Southfield Park			
Howie, Carrier, Musselburgh	8	2	
Bicycle (cheque	10	10	
C.P. 12/, Southfield Pay £7.17.4	8	9	4
Sunday 4			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 8			
Mr Lawson, Duke Street, 1 Ton Maincrops			
Lifted 2 tons Cotton Cake, Thos. Barnard & Co.			
Commenced cutting hay to-day both at Southfield & C.P.			
2 loads hay & straw Causewayside			
Lifted 1 hay collect on Main & Co.	3	10	
Bought 2 horses Dods at Handysides sale	42		
Dr Craig Paid oats £12.16, £3.5 Contra	9	11	
Friday 9			
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart cheque	23		
Coiled hay in Crinchles in the afternoon			
Cutting Rugland to-day			
Cousland Park pay	3	18	
Thomas Allan	1	0	6
Messrs A. & W. Douglas 21 Qrs oats @ 20/6	21	10	6
Saturday 10			
Southfield Pay	8	9	2
Coiling at C.P., coiling in Rugland, in afternoon cutting in Galopers hill			
2 Coles 1 day			
Cousland Park £3.18, 2 men at hay 2/10 [+] 2/ = 4/10	4	2	10
Turnips Singling & Potato Hoeing	5	7	
Finlay's, Miss Dawson, Miss Watson & Russel out			
Sunday 11			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 12			
2 Coles ½ day at C.P.			
2 McGregor's [<i>sic</i>] ½ day at C.P.			
Coiling in Galopers Hill from Breakfast			
Cutting in Galopers Hill to-day			
Tuesday 13			
2 Coles ½ day at C.P.			
2 McGregor's ½ day at C.P.			
Coiling in Galopers Hill till 3.30			
Cutting in Blake Thin all day			
37 cwts new Hay to Causewayside			
Wednesday 14			
Coiling in Blake Thin from Breakfast			
Cut out Blake Thin			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 15			
2 McGregor's 1 day Southfield			
4 men & boy Ricking in Crinchles			
cut out Blake Thin			
2 Coles 1 day at C.P.			
Friday 16			
2 McGregors at hay			
2 Coles at Hay at C.P.			
Ricked out Crinchles, Rugland & Commenced Galopers hill			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	32	10	
1 pair at Cranston Picnic			
Draft in Bank	25		
Gilbert came to-night			
Saturday 17			
2 Coles ¾ day at C.P.			
3 men all day here			
2 McGregor's all day			
Cousland Park		12	
Southfield Pay	8	16	10
Finished Ricking Galopers Hill			
Ronald hay 16 cwts hay	3	15	
Finished Ricking Rye Grass at C.P.			
Mrs Brown's Garden party			
Sunday 18			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 22			
Thrashed off stack of oats. Sent in 5 cwt 1 Qr 9 lbs gross			
Lifted 1½ tons N/S Gray & Taylor Geo. Douglas & Son			
J. Hogg's cheque for potatoes	16	13	
By To Clydesdale Bank	15		
Top dressed gallopers Hill N/S			
Top dressed Cousland Park, hay			
R.H.S. Exhibition			
Friday 23			
1 Cart hay & 1 cart straw Causewayside			
4 Grubbers in Rob's Park			
Turnips top dressed, Blake Thin			
Southfield Pay £8.7, C.P. £3.14	12	1	
Mrs Docherty singling 6/6	4	0	6
Saturday 24			
General Holiday to-day. Sabbath School Picnic at Port Seton.			
Thunderstorm in afternoon, deluge at Musselburgh			
Rode to North Berwick to-day			
3 Irishmen sub.	1		
Sunday 25			

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Monday 26^[20]			
4 Grubbers all day in turnips			
1 pair at Dalkeith lifting Rhones			
also lifted ½ ton Fine B[arley] Dust, ½ ton coarse			
Commenced hoeing turnips to-day			
ploughing up potato pit at Plantation			
Bulked up Cabbage			
3 stirks sold, Dods, 2 @ 15½ £14			
1 @ 7¾ £13.10 ^[21]	41	19	6
Tuesday 27			
2 carts hay Causewayside			
Lifted 1 Ton Linseed cake Wight & Co., Musselburgh			
4 Grubbers among turnips, finished Rob's Park, commenced Pottery			
Brae			
Put up first brake of Timothy at Cousland Park, 5 men ½ day			
Cole Paid to date	10	10	
Wednesday 28			
4 Grubbers in Pottery Brae, 1 in Southfield Park			
Women hoeing turnips			
Thos. Bernard & Co. 4 tons Cake Paid	15		
J. Wallace & Son	1	1	4
Mr Johnstone, Westfield, 1 bag oats		10	6
Mrs Kinghorn, Westfield, 2 bushels		5	

JULY 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 29			
John Watson turnips	3	4	6
5 Grubbers in Southfield Park			
1 Grubber at Cousland Park			
Women hoeing in Rob's park yellows			
Draft on Clydesdale Bank	95		
Geo. Douglas & Son N/S, Supers etc.	35		
Gray & Taylor N/S 4 tons	29	6	
Bishop	6	10	
Dods, Lodged	40	19	8
Friday 30			
2 Carts old hay Causewayside			
5 Grubbers in Rob's Park yellows swedes			
Women hoeing yellow turnip			
Brigade of the Q.R.V.B.R.S. ^[22] encamped for an hour or two at the galopers hill.			
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 31			
4 Grubbers in Pottery Brae, 1 in Rob's Park in forenoon			
1 Cart hay Ronald in afternoon			
Finished hoeing yellows Rob's Park			
Hoeing in pottery Brae in afternoon			
Sale of hay at Smeaton Elphinstone etc.			
Price average £3.3			
<u>Sold Spence 30 tons @ £3.5 Cash or Bill November</u>			
Mr Ronald hay	4	15	
AUGUST			
Sunday 1 Southfield Pay £7.19.1			
C.P. 11.6	8	10	7
Mr Inglis turnip singling		5	4
McGregor ^[23]	3	15	4

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Monday 2			
3 Cattle Dods bought £7			
Lifted 4 carts manure Brewery			
5 grubbers amongst Pottery Brae yellows & Rob's Park Yellows & swedes			
Hoeing turnips in Pottery Brae			
Tuesday 3			
[illegible] scrapers in Southfield Park yellows, 2 in Rob's Park Swedes			
Hoeing yellows in Pottery Brae			
Went North to Crieff			
driving ashes to stabels [sic]			
Wednesday 4			
Hoeing in Pottery Brae			

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 5			
Causewayside 1 Cart hay & St[raw]			
Friday 6			
Thrashed 1 stack oats			
also 1 stack Wheat			
driving in Timothy at C.P.			
Saturday 7			
Stacking Timothy at C.P.			
Commenced driving hay in here			
Southfield Pay			
C.P.	3	11	
Sunday 8			

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 12			
Thrashed 1 stack wheat, made whippy's			
Load hay to Causewayside			
Coles singling & hoeing	7	7	11
Friday 13			
2 Carts hay Causewayside			
putting in hay in forenoon			
rain came on			
Driving out manure in afternoon Thorburn, Dalkeith	2	16	7 ½
By Draft in Clydesdale Bank	25		
By John	4		
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Saturday 14			
Driving manure in forenoon			
Sunday 15			

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Monday 16			
To 25 x Hoggs at Dalkeith 9 @ 37/3, 8 @ 36/, 8 @ 35/3			
3 Cattle 2 @ £16.15, 1 @ £17.5			
Total less discount	94	12	6
Stacking hay in afternoon Rugland			
Driving manure in forenoon			
Tuesday 17			
Stacked hay in afternoon, Crinchles			
Driving manure in forenoon			
Wednesday 18			
Stacking hay all day from Blake Thin			
Ordered Deering ^[24] from Main & Co. @ £32 hap included			
Mr Ronald paid 2 nd last hay	3	16	
Paid Donald & Co. for Miss Knowles & Miss Brown's present	2	18	6
Sold 35½ Qrs oats to Jas. Thomson & Sons, Leven Street, @ 20/6			
Sold A. & W. Douglas 26 Qrs wheat @ 30/	39		

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 19			
Stacked hay again from Blak[e] Thin			
Drove in 6 carts to Spence, £6 1¼ cwts			
Friday 20			
8 Carts hay to Spence 8 Tons 6½			
Stacked hay at home			
very showery			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	94	12	6
Draft in Bank	25		
Saturday 21			
Jessie Kinghorn hoeing	1	1	1
Cousland Park pay £3.6.6, Southfield £9.3.1	12	9	7
Heading stacks in forenoon			
Driving in hay after dinner			
1 cart engine coal		5	10
Put on rail Thomsons oats			
Sunday 22			

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Monday 23			
2 Cattle Dods £13.15 = £27.10 17 Sheep 39.13.11	56	16	11
8 carts hay to Spence			
Driving in hay from Blake Thin			
Tuesday 24			
8 carts hay to Spence			
Drove up last of Blake Thin hay to-day			
Commenced opening roads at C.P.			
Father, mother & Kate went north to Crieff to-day			
Wednesday 25			
2 pair with hay at Spence			
1 pair at Causewayside			
Driving out manure in forenoon			
5 carts at Dalkeith Mills in afternoon			
Roping stacks to-day			
Draft on Bank	30		
Thomson's left Edgehead to-day			

AUGUST 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 26			
Thrashed of[f] the 3 wheat stacks to-day			
Commenced cutting at C.P. in afternoon			
Bought 80 x lambs at Stirling @ 19/ from Cochrans, Dumbartonshire			
trucked in afternoon lifted on Friday morning carriage 2 trucks	2	3	4
Friday 27			
driving out of closes			
Roping stacks etc.			
Saturday 28			
C.P. £4.15.4	4	15	4
Southfield Pay £9.17.1, C. Sked £5.13	15	10	1
a/c against C. Sked	4	2	6
Finished 1 st field at C.P.			
Opening roads at Southfield to-day			
Sunday 29			

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 2			
Off cutting all day with rain			
Friday 3			
Cutting barley in Longheadrig in afternoon with manuals			
Saturday 4			
Cutting Longheadrig in forenoon with manuals			
Wheat in afternoon (Hunting hoes)			
Binders, one in Bartholemew's Firlot all day & one in Cow Park oats all day			
Cousland Park pay	6	3	2
Southfield	14	10	
Harvest meat ^[26]	8		
Sunday 5			

SEPTEMBER 1897		£	S	D
Thursday 9				
Cut out Pottery Brae Barley in forenoon & commenced Heathery Rig,				
cut there all afternoon. 2 binders in Hunting Hoes Barley till tea time,				
in Heathery Rig after that, started leading in afternoon at C.P.				
2 loads hay (42 cwt) to Cockburn, East London Street				
Friday 10				
Cutting in forenoon with 2 manuals in Heathery Rig				
2 Binders on flat at top all day				
2 manuals cutting Hunting Hoes Barley in afternoon				
Cousland Park leading small field				
Brewery 1 cart hay				
Saturday 11				
Cut out Heathery Rig with Binders & Manuals, cut out Hunting hoes				
with Binders & Manuals				
Commenced cutting Quarry Park 2 manuals				
2 carts in afternoon leading White Wheat				
Cousland Park leading Brae heads				
1 cart hay Causewayside & st[raw]				
2 tons Fattening Meal from Mitchell & Co.		17	15	
Sunday 12				
Southfield Pay		19	19	2
C.P.		2	9	
Cousland ^[27]		4	4	

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 13			
Cut out all day one manual Quarry Park. 2 carts on White wheat			
Hunting hoes, 4 carts on red wheat St Bartholemew's Firlot			
1 man & 2 women cutting out Heathery rig with scythe			
Cousland Park leading in Brae heads field			
Tuesday 14			
1 Manual finished in Quarry Park to-day			
6 carts on Horse Pools Barley			
2 carts finished Red Wheat then on Barley			
Cousland Park leading Brae heads			
Mr Johnstone 1 bag oats		11	
Wednesday 15			
Wet forenoon			
Afternoon led with 4 carts, 2 in Longheadrig Barley, 2 in Southfield			
Park oats			
2 machines cutting 2 nd crop Galoppers Hill			
Women put up 55 bags wheat			
Mr Ronald paid 2 loads hay	6	8	
Paid J. Mitchell & Co. Fattening Meal 2 tons	7	15	
Paid A. J. Main & Co. Binder hay attachment	37	7	
Cousland Park finished Leading to-day			

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 16			
6 carts all day leading from Well Park oats			
2 machines cutting [<i>illegible</i>] in forenoon			
4 carts wheat = 20 Qrs 18 st 4 lbs in afternoon to A. & W. Douglas			
@ 33/	33		
Women putting up 2 nd Crop in afternoon			
Cutting 2 nd Crop at C.P.			
Draft on Bank	26		
Friday 17			
Finished cutting Galoppers Hill			
Mr Ronald Hay 19½ cwts 4 carts Wheat, 20 Qrs A. & W. Douglas			
6 carts on Well Park oats			
Stopped at 3.30 by rain			
Saturday 18			
C.P. pay	6	7	6
Southfield Pay	16	12	2
Cutting in Blake Thin in afternoon			
11 Qrs Wheat A. & W. Douglas			
Drove in Longheadrig Barley in afternoon, also 1 set in Cow Park oats			
Finished cutting 2 nd Crop at C.P.			
Sunday 19			

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 20			
20 x Hogg at Dods Sale, average 33/3 = £33.6 Com. 11/	32	14	
Leading most of the day started at 10 o'clock			
Cleared Longheadrig & got of foot of Pottery Brae			
lead in Cow Park with one set to a sow stack			
Tuesday 21			
Finished Pottery Brae to-day starting about 9.30 A.M., got a cartful or two out of Hunting hoes, 1 set on Cow Park & Southfield Park oats all day.			
Wednesday 22			
2 sets of 3 carts on Huntinghoes Barley till dinner time, then one set in Heathery Rig, one set in Southfield Park oats forenoon, in Heathery Rig in afternoon.			

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 23			
3 sets in Heathery rig till finished at 3.30. Then in Quarry Park			
Unsettled showery weather			
20 x lambs (Heriot Mill) at Dods sale @ 25/3			
Friday 24			
2 sets in Quarry Park till dinner time then stopped by a plump of rain			
only 4 or 5 carts to come in yet			
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			
Saturday 25			
Southfield Pay	16	13	7
Cousland Pay £4.4, C.P. £1.5/10	5	9	10
Finished leading at 10 o'clock to-day			
Got in Gallopers Hill 2 nd Crop			
Coiling in Blake Thin			
Sunday 26			

SEPTEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 27			
Thrashing oats (Cow Park) to-day with travelling mill			
putting up hay in Blake Thin			
Stacking 2 nd Crop at Cousland Park			
1 manual cutting in Crinchles			
Tuesday 28			
Driving in hay to-day from Blake Thin, putting up Crinchles hay,			
tried Binder in Rugland hay seed, unsuccessful due to small grain			
getting in & choking under roller of Back canvas			
Wednesday 29			
Scarcely started to hay when rain came on			
headed stacks & made ropes all day			
Sold 10 Qrs old oats to Mr Butler, 16 Stafford Street, Haymarket			
Station 12 st 4 lbs 22/6			
50 Qrs New oats to Jas Gibson & Son 12.4 @ 20/			
D. Ronald hay	3	6	

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 4			
Putting up corn with women in the morning			
Ricking hay in Crinchles from 10 o'clock			
2 rakes all day			
3 carts driving in hay from Blake Thin			
Putting out manure at Cousland Park			
Tuesday 5			
3 pair in forenoon 2 in afternoon putting out manure in Cow park			
2 rakes going all day in hay & grain			
finished ricking Crinchles, getting rakings in afternoon			
Wednesday 6			
3 carts all day putting out manure in Southfield Park			
3 carts getting in rakings all day			
2 rakes in Heathery rig			
1 Grubber going all day in Well Park			
Mr Wm Butler 12 Qrs oats 12 st 4 lbs @ 21/6 Paid	12	18	
James Warden 12/ [i.e. Qrs] oats 12 st 4 lbs @ 19/ Paid	11	8	

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 7			
1 cart bringing in rakings in forenoon			
3 carts all day putting out manure in Southfield Park			
2 pairs grubbing in Well Park			
Women spreading manure in forenoon			
gathering rack in afternoon			
Turnips to sheep & cattle			
1 cart coals		8	4
Clipped Madge to-day			
Friday 8			
2 pairs driving out manure all day			
Bruising corn in forenoon			
Thrashed rakings in afternoon			
1 pair grubbing in Well Park all day			
Saturday 9			
Cousland Pay	4	4	
Southfield Pay £10.19.3, C.P. £1.12	12	11	3
finished Southfield Park, manuring			
ploughing in Southfield Park			
put cattle in boxes (9)			
1 Load hay to Edinburgh, 1 load to Cockburn			
Sunday 10			

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 11			
Put in 4 stacks of hay seed			
1 pair manure from Brewery			
2 pairs at plough			
3 carts in afternoon at putting out manure from Stable Close			
Reid paid turnips to-day	49	12	
Tuesday 12			
Peebles Fair sale to-day			
4 pair putting out manure from Stable Close on Cow Park			
2 pairs at plough			
1 pair at Causewayside with Timothy & 2 nd Crop			
Wednesday 13			
Thrashing oats to-day at Cousland Park			
Sold 57½ Qrs oats 12 st 12 lbs @ 20/ to George Aitken			
Mr Gibson paid 50 Qrs Oats	50		
12 stirks from Cassidy @ £10.10	126		
Mr D. Ronald		3	9

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 14			
Thrashing ¼ day at Cousland Park, putting out manure in afternoon on Cow Park			
lodged in Bank	80		
Dods' sale to-day before Dalkeith Fair			
Dods paid in to bank	5	8	5
Friday 15			
Ploughing in Quarry Park			
putting out manure			
4 pairs delivering oats at Dalkeith Mills in afternoon			
Finlay removed cow to-day (value about £7) ^[29]			
Saturday 16			
1 load hay & straw to Causewayside			
3 carts putting on manure			
2 pair at plough			
C. Sked	8	5	
Southfield Pay	11	0	1
Cousland Park	1	10	
Sunday 17			

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 21			
To James Gibson & Son	11	5	3
To Clydesdale Bank	27		
Friday 22			
By Gray & Taylor 2 tons Cake	13	15	
Cousland Pay	4	1	4
Saturday 23			
Southfield Pay	16	9	6
Cousland Park		18	4
Coal		5	3
Sunday 24			

OCTOBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 28			
Finished cross harrowing			
Drew of[f] Crinchles & commenced ploughing in afternoon			
Sale of store cattle at Dods' to-day			
Friday 29			
Tom Docherty storing this afternoon			
Saturday 30			
Thrashed 4 stacks barley to-day			
2 pair ploughing to-day in Crinchles			
C.P. pay £4.6, shawing 17/	5	3	
Southfield Pay £15.8.6	15	8	6
Sunday 31			

NOVEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 4			
Mr Lawson, Duke Street, 2 tons Maincrops @ 4.5	8	10	
Mr C. Woolley hay @ £4			
straw @ £2.10			
Mr Nairn 4 Qrs white chaff wheat 34/	6	16	
Harrowed wheat to-day			
Tom Docherty storing			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	10		
Friday 5			
1 load hay Cockburn			
1 load 2 nd Crop Causewayside			
20 Qrs barley 16.4 McKies [<i>i.e.</i> , Mackay's] Maltings			
Lifted 2 tons fattening meal @ Inveresk			
4 pair storing turnips in forenoon			
1 horse at C.P. in afternoon tracing			
1 pair ploughing Well Park in afternoon			
thrashed 4 carts barley			
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7			

NOVEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 8			
4 pair ploughing in Crinchles			
1 pair driving in yellows Rob's Park			
Mrs Kinghorn 2 bushels oats		5	
Dr Caig 2 qrs oats			
Tuesday 9			
Storing yellow turnips to-day			
1 pair ploughing turnip land for wheat			
Wednesday 10			
Bought 4½ Qrs wheat to-day Belfrage @ 34/6 =	7	15	3
Paid Brown to-day for wheat	6	14	
Ronald paid to-day	4	6	
Mr Wallace, Ewart's board	99	10	6
D. Howie, Musselburgh	18	5	
Sold Messrs Thos. Carter & Sons 6½ Qrs @ 28/ (Wheat)			
9½ @ 26/	21	2	

NOVEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 11			
Storing swedes in afternoon			
Yellows in forenoon			
putting out manure with 1 pair in Well Park			
Friday 12			
Delivered wheat at Inveresk for Thos. Carter & Son			
lifted seed wheat			
Finished shawing yellows at C.P.			
Saturday 13			
Sowed 8 bags wheat to-day at foot of Rob's Park			
Southfield Pay £9.17, C.P £5.10.7	15	7	7
George Reid		16	8
Sunday 14			

NOVEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 15			
2 Cattle sold Dods to-day bought £10.9 March 4 ^h			
21½ Ireland, £19.2.6 = £38.5			
9.6	37	15	6
Mr Niven 25½ cwts hay			
Spreading manure in forenoon			
shawing swedes in afternoon			
Cockburn 21½ cwts hay			
Tuesday 16			
Shawing swedes in forenoon			
Storing in afternoon			
Mr Howie, Newbigging, 45½ cwts hay	4	9	2
Mr Fletcher 12 cwts hay @ £4.10	2	12	
Wednesday 17			
Mr Belfrage 4½ Qrs seed wheat @ 34/6	7	15	3
Messrs Thos. Bernard & Co. 1 Ton Cotton Cake	4	7	6
Messrs Jas Mitchell & Co. 2 tons Fattening Meal	7	15	
Mr Wm Lawson account	21	4	
4 ploughs in Well Park in forenoon			
3 pair storing in afternoon			
1 cart hay 2 nd Crop to Causewayside & straw			

NOVEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 18			
Sowed last of wheat to-day			
Friday 19			
Saturday 20			
Sunday 21			

DECEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 9			
Friday 10			
C. Sked 4 cwts maincrops		16	
10 cwts yellows		6	
Messrs Martin Henderson & Co. 36 Qrs barley 16.8 @ 28/	50	8	
Saturday 11			
Mr Brown 2 tons maincrops			
Southfield Pay	9	6	2
C.P. Pay	4		
Sunday 12			

DECEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Monday 20			
4800 (2½") drain tiles to-day, White & Co.			
1 Ton Maincrops Niven			
drawing off drains in Heathery rig			
took 1½ tons Maize Meal to Cousland Park			
2 carts driving in potatoes			
Tuesday 21			
C. Sked 10 cwts yellows		6	
Mr Brown 2 ton Maincrops			
Wednesday 22			
40 Qrs oats Alex Hunter @ 27/3	54	8	
Paid R. F. Bell & Son 1½ tons Cake	9	13	2
Paid Mitchell & Co. 2 tons meal	7	15	
Mr Brown 2 tons Maincrops	8		

DECEMBER 1897	£	S	D
Thursday 23			
Thrashing all day to-day Barley			
Friday 24			
By Clydesdale Bank	23		
Saturday 25			
Southfield Pay £9.16, C.P. £4	13	16	
Mr Simpson, Cousland	12	12	
Sunday 26			

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JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 1			
General Holiday			
Up at Pathhead to-day			
Hansels ^[30]	2	0	6
£1 2/6 5/ ^[31]			
Tuesday 2			
5 ploughs in forenoon			
very wet in afternoon			
women cleaning barley rakings			
2 carts coal for house 1 ton 4 cwts @ 16/		19	3
Wednesday 3			
Mr D. Ronald paid hay	3	10	
Mr J. Fyfe paid turnips delivered 1898	3	11	
Miss Lawson paid for potatoes (standing to date £7)	8	8	
Sold Jas. Gray, Elginhaugh, 8 Qrs barley 15 st 4 lb @ 20/	8		
Mr Gilzean 1 bag oats		9	6
Jas Dickson & Son			
5 ploughs all day Robs Park			

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 4			
Draft in Bank	15		
Paid John Aitken	6	17	6
Jas Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	6	5	
Jas Hogg 2 tons Dates	6	5	
4 ploughs all day, Rob's Park			
1 ton 10 cwts Manure Brewery @ 3/		4	6
Friday 5			
5 ploughs all day			
Saturday 6			
Southfield Pay	8	19	7
Cousland Park £5.4 & shawing 9/1	5	13	1
5 ploughs all day Rob's Park			
C. Sked 1 load yellows		8	
Sunday 7			

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 8			
2 cattle Dods			
Bought £10.7.6 1 @ 10¼ Virtue £18.17.6			36/10
9 Anderson <u>16</u>			35/7
£34.17.6 Com.			8/9
	34	8	9
1 cwt hay 1 st Crop Causewayside & st[raw]			
Women shawing Swedes in Galloper's hill			
4 ploughs in Robs Park all day			
= 35 days of a plough till now			
Tuesday 9			
Delivered 8 Qrs Barley			
Jas. Gray, Elginhaugh, @ 20/	8		
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed cake Gray & Taylor	10	2	6
3 ploughs ¾ day in Rob's Park			
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart 21 cwts hay @ 5/	5	5	
Women shawing in afternoon (Swedes)			
Wednesday 10			
2 ploughs all day in Rob's Park			
3 pair & odd horse storing swedes all day in big shed			
Women shawing			
Mr Dickson, Buccleuch Place, paid potatoes to date	37	2	6
Mr J. Hogg, Dalkeith, paid potatoes to date	12	3	
Paid Jas Gibson & Son 3 tons Maize Meal @ £4.15	£14.5		
Less 6 ½ qrs wheat @ 27/	8.15.6		cash
	5	9	6
Paid J. & J. Cunningham 2 tons Fattening Meal (cheque)	8	10	
Paid A. & J. Main & Co. Ltd 6/, Kirkwood, Lothian Bridge, 3/9	9	9	

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 11			
Draft on Bank, pay a/c	30		
Gray & Taylor a/c £43.14.5, Cake £10.2.6, 11d off	53	16	
Buncle £1.19.2, Thorburn £1.10	3	9	2
Porteous £2.6, Craik 2/3	2	8	3
Geo. Douglas & Son		18	2
Friday 12			
Draft in Bank, Mrs Kinghorn	7	15	5
Causewayside 21 cwts 1 st Crop 4/9	4	19	9
17½ 2 nd Crop 3/3	2	16	10½
2 ploughs in lea in forenoon 1 in Blake Thin			
3 ploughs in lea in afternoon			
Women putting up Maincrops			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
1 ton 11 cwts scree dross Carberry @ 6d per cwt		15	6
Saturday 13			
Southfield Pay	9	5	6
Cousland Park	1	15	10
Mr D. Ronald 18 cwts hay	4	1	
4 ploughs in Blake Thin			
Sunday 14			

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 15			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops £7.10, 2 bags swedes 4/	7	14	
Lifted 1½ tons Cotton Cake Gray & Taylor @ £4.12.6	6	18	9
4 ploughs all day in Blake Thin			
Women shawing & odd horse storing in Blake Thin			
Tuesday 16			
4 ploughs all day in Blake Thin			
Women shawing swedes all day			
Wednesday 17			
Paid J. & P. Simpson cheque	18		
Paid Ivie Warden for Turkey	1		
Paid Alloa Advertiser		6	7 ½
Received R. Henderson, Saughland, hay £19.18 less 2/6	19	16	6
Received J. Gray, Elginhaugh, Rakings barley	8	5	
Received Miss Lawson £7, D. Ronald £3.16.6	10	16	6
3½ pairs storing Swedes all day, 60 carts			
2 ploughs in Blake Thin			
4 women shawing Swedes			
Contracted to-day for 4 tons Maize Meal A. & W. Douglas @ £4.10			
Contracted to-day for 10 tons Supers G. & Taylor @ £2.10			

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 18			
1 ton 19 cwts hay 2 nd Crop £3.10	6	16	6
To order of Richard Brazil, 22 Parsons Green Terrace invoiced to Wm Dixon, 28 Johnson Court, Stretford Road, Manchester			
2 ploughs all day in Blake Thin			
3 pair driving in Swedes in forenoon			
thrashed 1 stack barley in afternoon			
Gray & Taylor £6.18.6, Carriage Licence £1.1	7	19	6
Friday 19			
Lifted 8 carts manure, Brewery			
6 tons 19 cwts			
3 ploughs on Blake Thin in forenoon			
3 ploughs on Rob's Park lea in afternoon			
Mr Reid's sale at Cousland Park			
Saturday 20			
Southfield Pay	9	9	4
Cousland Park £5.14	5	14	
39½ cwts 2 nd Crop Piershill Barracks £3.10	6	18	3
C. Sked 9 cwts 2 nd Crop @ 3/3	1	9	3
C. Sked 10 cwts yellows		8	
1 plough in lea			
2 ploughs in Blake Thin			
Sunday 21			

JANUARY 1900		£	S	D
Monday 22	2 cattle Dods			
	1 @ 10¼ cwts J. Watson £19 37/1			
	9½ cwts J. Watson <u>17.10</u> 16/10			
	£36.10 com. 9/1	36	0	11
	Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats @ 18/	1	16	
	3 ploughs in lea, Rob's Park, finished it			
	1 plough drawing of Pottery Brae lea & Cow Park young grass			
	Women shawing yellows			
	Bought 1 Turkey hen from Lord Melville		6	9
	Draft in Bank	10		
Tuesday 23				
	3½ pairs driving home yellows from Galopers Hill in forenoon			
	Blake Thin oats in afternoon			
	1 pair drawing off young grass			
	½ day of plough in Pottery brae			
	Loaded 2 carts hay for Edinburgh			
Wednesday 24				
	19 cwts hay 1 st Crop 4/9	4	10	3
	11 cwts hay 2 nd Crop Causewayside 3/6	2	19	6
	1 plough in pottery brae			
	Thrashing at Cousland Park			
	County Taxes	5	7	6
	Elias [?Mosman]		13	6
	John Gilzean 1 bag Oats		10	
	1 bag Potatoes		4	

JANUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 25			
A. Dods £36.0.11			
By A. Dods C.P. sale <u>1.11.4</u>			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	34	9	7
Draft in Clydesdale Bank, Brodie	20	17	11
Draft in Clydesdale Bank, Pay etc	20		
2 ploughs all day in Pottery brae			
1 cart dung		2	paid
Friday 26			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 27			
Southfield Pay	9	8	10
Cousland Park	1	14	
Mr Wm Dixon, Piershill Barracks, ^[32] 1 ton 15 cwts hay 3/6	6	2	6
Mr Jas. Hogg 1 ton 11 cwts majesteys @ 3/3	5	0	9
Sunday 28			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 1			
Draft on Bank pay etc.	20		
stormy, snowy day			
4 carts manure 3 tons 6½ cwts Brewery		9	11 ½
Driving out manure from stable close to heap in Windmill field			
got up boiler from C. Sked with crack mended			
Engine coals 12 cwts @ 6d		6	
Friday 2			
Driving out manure in forenoon			
Thrashing hay seed in afternoon			
Mr Ronald [<i>blank</i>] cwts hay			
16 cwts coal (Jewel nub) for house 18/		14	5
Haddington Fair to-day			
Saturday 3			
Southfield Pay	9	8	5
Cousland Park £5.12	5	12	
Thrashed off hay seed			
To sheep at Cousland Park		10	
Jas. Thomson & Sons, Leven Street			
37½ cwts hay @ 5/ per cwt	9	7	6
Sunday 4			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 5			
3 cattle Dods			
1 @ £10.7.6 O'Kane 10¾ £20.5			
1 @ 10.7.6 Stothard 10¾ 20.5			
1 @ £10.7.6 O'Kane 11 <u>21.2.6</u>			
61.12.6 Com. 15/6	60	17	
Delivered to McLennan & Urquhart for Mr Kay			
36½ Qrs barley 16.4			
Loaded 2 carts Timothy for Causewayside			
Put 110 x Hoggs on Blake Thin Turnips			
Tuesday 6			
Lifted 2 carts manure from Mr Somerville, Parkfoot		8	
G. M. & Co., Causewayside, 47½ cwts Timothy @ 4/6	10	13	9
1 Cart Scree dross 16 cwts @ 6d		8	
Brought up 3 loads hay Causeway Timothy			
drove up 2 pits of yellows from Galoppers Hill			
Mrs Sutherland, 103 Ferry Road, Leith, Ewart's [?month] a/c cheque	7	18	3
C. Sked 10 cwts yellows		8	
John paper at Buccleuch Street Library ^[33]			
Wednesday 7			
Mr Wm Kay paid 36½ Qrs barley 16 st 4 lb @ 26/9 less 4/ dis.	48	16	
Scottish Wagon Co.	21		
Paid Burns & Bell	6	18	6
Delivered 29 cwts Timothy hay Causewayside	6	10	6
Lifted 1 ton cotton cake £4.12.6, ½ ton Linseed @ £6.15 per ton = £3.7.6	8		
Thrashed 1 stack Hamilton Oats for seed cleaned it and put it in loft			
Lifted manure at Byre door			
Congregational social at Ford			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 8			
Thrashed 2 stacks Egyptian barley			
sold Kay 3 Qrs oats C.P. @ 20/			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	60	17	
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	14		
Paid Gray & Taylor 3½ tons cake	23	12	6
Lancashire Insurance paid	10	6	6
Friday 9			
Messrs Jas Thomson & Son, Leven Street			
1 ton 17½ cwts Hay @ [blank]	9	7	6
C. Sked 8 cwts O[at] straw 2/3		18	
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 10			
Southfield Pay	9	16	4
C.P.		16	
Jas. Hogg 2 tons Up-To-Dates 3.5	6	10	
Mr Richard Brazil 1 ton 18 ½ cwts hay @ £3.10	6	14	9
Thrashed 1 stack barley			
Sunday 11			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 15 Severe drift this afternoon & evening			
To Dickson & Son, Dalkeith, 2 tons Maincrops Up-to-Dates £3.7.6	6	15	
Miss Lawson, Duke Street, 2 tons Maincrops	7	10	
2 bags Swedes		4	
Jas. Hogg paid potatoes to date	18		
Mr Kay 30 qrs oats @ 20/ cheque	30		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	35	6	1
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, self	70		
Gray & Taylor, cake	8		
R. Bishop a/c	5	15	
Friday 16			
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart 32 cwts manure		4	9 ½
Mr Richard Brazil 1 ton 17 cwts hay @ 3/6	6	9	6
Casting Roads all day			
women not out			
Sheep Meat, 2 cwts cake 12/1, 20 st oats 12/, 8 st Indian corn 4	1	8	1
Saturday 17			
Southfield Pay	8	8	7
Cousland Park £5.4, coal 4/6	5	8	6
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats	1	16	
[written at an angle across the bottom of the page:]			
Contracted for 2 cwts Manilla Binder Twine @ 7 ½ per lb			
Sunday 18			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 19			
2 cattle Dods £10.7.6			
1 O'Kane @ 10¼ cwts Tait B. £17.5			
1 Dwyer @ 10 cwts Ireland <u>17.10</u>			
34.15 com. 8/9	34	6	3
Delivered 36 Qrs barley McLennan & Urquhart 16 st 4 lbs 26/6	47	14	
Delivered 2 tons Up-to-Dates J. Hogg 3.7.6	6	15	
Thrashed 2 nd last stack of barley			
put up oats at C.P. for A. & W. Douglas			
Tuesday 20			
Heavy fall of snow during night			
McLennan & Urquhart 25 cwts hay @ 5/3	6	11	3
Wednesday 21			
Mr Gilzean 1 bag oats		10	
Mr Gilzean 1 bag potatoes		4	
Gibson Mercer & Co. paid a/c dis. £1.6.3	122		
Mr Kay	47	14	
Thrashed last stack of barley			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 22			
Dalkeith Hiring Fair			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	152		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	34	6	4
Dr Craig paid a/c, dis. 4d £15.10	15	10	4
Mr Geo. A. Aitken stamping a/c papers		7	6
Friday 23			
Thrashed 1 stack Hamilton Oats, Horse Pools			
Shifted sheep to 2 nd row of pits			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 24			
Southfield Pay	8	6	8
Cousland Park		16	
Thrashed 1 stack Hamilton Oats			
Sheep Meat, 2 bags oats 14/, 3 cwts cake 17/, 1 cwt maize 4/	1	15	
Sunday 25			

FEBRUARY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 26			
A. Dods 2 bullocks Stotthard £10.7.6			
2 @ 20¾ J. Watson £18.5 = 36.10 com. 9/	36	1	
Delivered 2 tons 12 cwts thrashed hay Piershill £3.10	9	2	
put up 2 tons Maincrops Lawson			
2 ploughs in pottery brae lea, first time since February 1 st			
Tuesday 27			
Stair McHarrie Esq Rent & interest on drainage, cheque	196	9	4
House coal 13 cwts @ 10/		13	6
Wednesday 28			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops £7.10, 2 bags swedes 4/	7	14	
Mr D. Ronald 21 cwts hay @ 4/9	4	19	9
Paid last 2 loads cash	8	15	
Bought 2 tons Kainit, Geo. Douglas & Son @ 33/6			
sold 30 or thereby Qrs Oats Mr Kay @ 20/6			
Adam Souness a/c for stobs		10	5

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 1			
Causewayside			
to 2 tons 11 cwts Timothy @ 4/6	11	9	6
to 13 cwts scree dross @ 10/		6	6
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	36	1	
Jas. Hogg paid 2 tons up-to-Dates £6.15, dis. 2/6	6	12	6
Paid Gray & Taylor 1 ½ tons cake	10	2	6
Subscription to Dalkeith Agric. Society		10	
Friday 2			
Lifted 6 tons supers Geo. Douglas & Son £2.10 26% - 28%	15		
Shawing swedes all day			
Saturday 3			
Southfield Pay	9	4	6
Cousland Park	5	4	6
C. Sked 10 cwts yellows		8	
Brewery 1 Ton 15½ cwts manure @ 3/6		6	8 ¾
Brewery 1 Ton 18½ cwts manure @ 3/6			
Driving in swedes from Rugland in forenoon			
Yellows in afternoon			
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board, cash	6	12	5
Sunday 4			

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Monday 5			
2 Cattle Cousland Park, Dods			
Bought £9.10 Davidson			
10¼ Tait £17.12.6			
9¼ Watson 15.15 33.7.6 Com. 8/4	32	19	2
Shawing yellows in forenoon in Galopers Hill			
4 pair driving in in afternoon			
2 pair on lea ending Pottery brae in forenoon			
Brewery 1 ton 13 cwts manure			
Tuesday 6			
James Hogg 2 tons Up-to-Dates 3.5	6	10	
Put on rail 32 Qrs oats 13 st at Dalkeith to Mr Kay, Waverley @ 20/6	32	16	
Women shawing up yellows			
drove in in the afternoon			
Met Messrs McHarrie & White at C.P. agreed to drive half the stones to the wood			
Sheep meat, 1½ cwts cake 9/1½, 18 st oats @ 16 for 24 = 12/	1	1	1 ½
Wednesday 7			
Mr Wm D Niven, Musselburgh, 1 ton Dates	3	10	
Mr Jas. Hogg 2 tons Dates 3.5	6	10	
Drawing off east side of Galopers Hill & ploughing			
Lifted 2 tons Kainit, Leith, Geo. & Douglas & Son 33/6	3	7	
2 pair ploughing in forenoon. Thrashed wheat stack.			
Mr Kay paid 32 qrs oats @ 20/6	32	16	
Miss Lawson paid 2 tons potatoes & turnips	7	14	
Bought 19 cattle Veitch @ £11	209		
Bought 1 cow Oliver & Son	11	10	
Subscription to Highland & Agric. Society		10	

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 8			
Mr Dickson paid 6 tons potatoes, 4 @ £3.5 = £13 2 @ £3.7.6 6.15	19	15	
Delivered to Mr Dickson 20 doz cabbage		16	8
4½ ploughs all day in Galopers hill			
6 women shawing swedes in Galopers hill			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	32	19	2
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	40		
Friday 9			
Driving home swedes from Galopers hill			
Sowed 2 tons Kainit on potato land in Hunting hoes			
Sowed 7 rigs from road hedges (not including side rig) then missed 8 th			
& 9 th rigs, then sowed to the corner at Heatheryrig			
In St Bartelots firloft sowed from West hedge 18 rigs – right on rig			
save side rig			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 10 Southfield Pay	9	6	7
Cousland Park		17	
35 Doz cabbage Dickson & Son @ 10d	1	9	2
D. Ainslie, Costerton, 1 Ton 10 cwts straw 2/3	3	7	6
Lifted 3 tons Ammonia Tod Thomson & Co.	36	10	
Drove in rest of swedes Galopers Hill			
filled in lea furrows			
C. Sked 7 cwts hay 1 st Crop 4/6	1	11	6
Sheep Meat, 2 cwts cake 13/6, 16 st oats 12/, 12 st barley 8/,			
4 st wheat 6/	1	19	6
Sunday 11			

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Monday 12			
1 pair drawing off Galopers hill			
2½ pairs all day ploughing in Galopers Hill			
3 pair driving in swedes in afternoon from Rugland			
1 cart House coal 15 cwts @ 18/		13	6
Causewayside 1 Ton 16 cwts Timothy @ 4/9	8	11	
Tuesday 13			
Mr Niven 15 cwts hay @ 5/	3	16	3
Mr Niven 1 ton Maincrops	3	10	
Messrs Oliver & Son 1 cow £21.2.6			
4 Cattle 1 bought £10.7.6	18.7.6		
1 ditto 7.10	18.2.6		
1 ditto 10.7.6	15.15		
1 ditto 7.10	<u>15.15</u>		
	£89.12.6		
4½ ploughs all day in Galopers hill			
Wednesday 14			
Oliver & Son Ltd, Cheque	76	11	1
3½ ploughs all day in Galopers Hill			
3 pair in forenoon driving in last of swedes			
Lifting stones of[f] grass in afternoon			
30 doz cabbage Dickson & Son @ 10d	1	5	

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 15			
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats	1	16	
Sowed 13 bags 1 bushel Chevalier barley in Galopers Hill			
doubled ends long			
put up 2 tons maincrops			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	50		
Friday 16			
Dickson & Son 22 doz cabbage @ 10d		18	4
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops £7.10, 2 swedes 4/	7	14	
Lifted 1½ tons Archangel cake ^[34] R. F. Bell @ 7.12.6 per ton	11	8	9
Lifted 4 carts manure Brewery 3 tons 2 cwts		9	3 ½
Lifted 23 cwts engine coal		11	6
Saturday 17			
Southfield Pay	9	5	9
Cousland Park	5	4	
Thrashed 1 stack oats to-day			
Lifted ½ tons Maize Meal A. & W. Douglas	2	5	
Lifted 1 ton Fattening Meal J. & J. Cunningham	4	5	
Lifted 5 Qrs Barbachlaw oats @ 19/6 R. F. Bell & son	4	17	6
Sunday 18			

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Monday 19 A. Dods, 4 cattle			
2 @ 19½ Bought £7.10 sold £17.7.6 = 34.15			
1 @ 10 Bought 7.10 sold 17.7.6 = 17.7.6			
1 @ 10½ Bought 7.10 sold 19 19			
71.2.6 com. 17/9	71	4	1
2 sturdy Hoggs @ 10/ = £1 com. 8d = 19/4 70.4.9			
put up 18½ Qrs oats @ 12 st 12 lbs			
Sold Kay 11 Qrs @ 22/			
J. Fyfe 46½ cwts swedes @ 24/	2	15	9 ½
Dickson & Son 12 doz cabbage @ 10d		10	
Tuesday 20 James Hogg. Paid. 4 tons Up-to-Dates @ 3.5 ^[35]	13		
Mr Somerville, Parkfoot, 13/, a/c for manure £2.13	2		
Still due 1 bag good 3/6 and 2 bags small 1/3 2/6		6	
18 cwts 1 st Crop hay & st[raw] Causewayside 5/	4	10	
Driving out manure in afternoon with four single carts			
Mr Gilzean 2 st hay @ 7½ d		1	3
Wednesday 21			
Thrashed 1 stack wheat in forenoon			
driving out manure in afternoon			
R. F. Bell & Son cheque for 1½ ton Linseed Cake 7.12.6 £11.8.9			
5 Qrs Barbachlaw Oats 18/6 4.17.6	16	6	3
Tod Thomson & Co. 3 tons 0 cwts 2 st 12 lbs Sulp. Am. @ £12	36	6	
Dalkeith Station			
Sold 20 or thereby Qrs wheat Jas. McLennan @ 25/ Dalkeith Station			
C. Sked 12 cwts swedes		13	

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 22			
Put on Aberdeen Steamer 8 Qrs oats 12 st 12 lb for Andrew Anderson, Greenfern, Bucksburn	8	8	
Lifted 2 tons Sulph. Potash Gray & Taylor 2.15	5	10	
Brewery 18 cwts hay @ 5/3 per cwt	4	14	6
Driving out manure from Byre & Barn closes to Pottery Ashy Road			
Friday 23			
1 cart Engine Coal 16 cwts		8	
3 pair driving out manure to Ashy road			
put up 23 Qrs wheat 18 st 4 lb			
Draft on Bank, pay etc.	15		
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 24 Southfield Pay	8	17	4
Cousland Park		17	10
53 cwts Timothy hay Causewayside @ 5/ per ton	13	5	
3 Qrs wheat Causewayside 25/6, 6 Qrs oats @ £1	9	16	6
Mr D. Ronald 22 cwts hay @ £5	5	10	
Paid last load	4	15	
Mr Gilzean 1 bushel oats		2	9
Mr Geo. Forrest, Ford, 14½ cwts o/straw [<i>i.e.</i> oat straw] @ 50/ driving out manure with 3 carts in forenoon	1	15	
Lifted 1½ tons Maize Meal A. & W. Douglas	6	15	
Sunday 25			
C. Sked smith a/c	7	4	3
By Contra ^[36]	5	10	9

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Monday 26			
A. Dods 4 Cattle Cousland Park, bought £9.10			
2 @ 19 Wilson £16.15 35/3 £33.10			
2 @ 20¼ Heriot 17.10 34/2 <u>35</u>			
68.10 com. 17/	67	13	
20 Qrs wheat G. McLennan 18 st 4 lb at Dalkeith for Carr & Co., Carlisle, @ 25/	25		
ploughed up cabbage runts. 3 pair ploughing Rugland in forenoon, 3 pair crossing Galopers Hill in afternoon			
Tuesday 27			
ploughing in Rugland in forenoon, 2 brakes & roller on top end of Galopers hill in afternoon 3 pair harrowed it out			
Lifted 1 ton 10 cwts 10 st 14 lb Linseed Cake R. F. Bell & Son @ £7.12.6	11	9	9
Wednesday 28			
Mr G. McLennan paid 20 Qrs wheat @ 25/	25		
Paid J. & J. Cunningham 1 ton Meal	4	5	
Harrowed out Galopers Hill			
Sowed Rugland, Chevalier Barley			
Mr Niven 1 ton potatoes	3	10	
frosty in morning, commenced sowing at Breakfast time			

MARCH 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 29			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops 2 bags swedes	7	14	
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed cake Gray & Taylor 6.15	10	2	6
Paid Gray & Taylor 2 tons Potash 2.15	5	10	
Sowed Pottery Brae Barbachlaw oats 10 bags			
6 rigs next east side Hamiltons 2 bags			
Friday 30			
Sowed Southfield Park with Newmarket Oats 22 bags			
singled up and down			
Saturday 31			
Southfield Pay	9	6	8
Cousland Park £4.8, 10/ - 4/6 oats @ 1/2	5	10	8
Crossed Southfield Park double			
Sowed 13 rigs Rob's Park Hamiltons			
Commenced sowing at C.P.			
sowed Ormiston Road End 10 bags			
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board, cheque	5	16	5
Collecting for Lord Stair's presentation			
APRIL			
Sunday 1			

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 5			
Paid A. & W. Douglas, Cheque	23	15	
Received from Mr Kay 10 Qrs oats 22/ 12 st 13 lb	11		
Paid Gray & Taylor 1½ ton cake cash	10	2	6
Lifted Gray & Taylor 3½ tons N/S			
Delivered 1 st crop hay Causewayside 5/3			
Lodged Clydesdale Banks, Dods	96	3	4
Dickson & Son 114 doz cabbage @ 10d 1/ dis.	4	14	
W. D. Niven 1 ton Maincrops	3	10	
J. Gilzean 9 cwts hay @ 5/3	2	7	3
Friday 6			
Sowed N/S on Cow Park & part of Southfield Park			
2 brakes braking in Galoper Rugland			
1 pair of rollers in Rugland & Pottery brae			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Subscription to Lord Stairs presentation	4	4	
Mr Weatherstone's funeral to-day			
Saturday 7			
Southfield Pay	9	6	6
Cousland Park		16	6
sowed out Pond Park at Cousland Park & sowed Well Park & part of Heatheryrig			
1 pair rollering in Rob's Park			
J. Gilzean 1 bushel oats		2	6
Sunday 8			

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Monday 9 4 cattle Dods C.P.			
2 @ 18½ cwts Spears £16 £32			
2 @ 18¾ cwts Brigg Store 16.7.6 <u>£32.15</u>			
64.15			
com. 16.2	63	18	10
1 pair rolling in Rob's Park			
Lifted 10000 Drumheads, 5000 Savoys, Gillies			
Ploughing in Blake Thin			
Shifted sheep into corner			
Lord Stair's Presentation to-day ^[37]			
Tuesday 10 Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			
32 x Hoggs Oliver ^[38]	1	16	
12 x H @ [blank]			
Engine coal 14 cwts		7	
Wednesday 11			
Oliver & Son, Cheque	59	10	5
Ordered 20 Qrs oats W. B. Morrison & Co. 17/6 or ex. ship 17/4½			
A. H. Small 11 cwts hay @ 5/6	3	0	6
6½ cwts wheat straw @ 2/6		16	3
Mr D. Ronald 16 cwts hay @ 5/3	4	4	
Paid load	5	3	
Causewayside 18 cwts 1 st crop and st[raw] 5/3	4	14	6

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 12 Miss Lawson 1 Ton Maincrops			
2 swedes	3	19	
Mr Niven 1 Ton Maincrops	3	15	
Lifted 2 tons Linseed Cake R. F. Bell & Son 7.10	15		
Lifted 2 tons 10 cwts 3 st 70 lbs N/S Gray & Taylor for C.P.	20	0	3
Sowing N/S on Heathery rig 2 cwts per imperial			
acct. Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	63	18	10
Ploughing in Blake Thin			
At Stirling sale to-day for Hogs			
Friday 13			
Sowed out N/S in Quarry Park			
Sowed out N/S at C.P.			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	40		
McLennan & Urquhart 18 cwts hay	4	19	
Lifted 2 tons 11½ cwts manure		7	7¾
Saturday 14			
Southfield Pay	9	8	6
Cousland Park	5	5	10
Ploughing & sowing in Blake Thin			
Shifted Sheep to Galopers Hill			
Acct Niven Cheque	22		
Sunday 15			

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 19			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops	7	10	
Mr Wm D. Niven 1 ton Maincrops	3	15	
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	64	18	7
Draft on Bank	80		
Paid Gray & Taylor	80	4	
Sold Mr D. Dickson, Biggar, 4 cattle @ £62, £1 reserved			
Friday 20			
Thrashed 1 stack Newmarket oats in forenoon			
Commenced Planting 'Majestic' in afternoon			
31 drills			
31 cwts Timothy Hay Causewayside 5/	7	15	
Saturday 21			
Southfield Pay	9	9	8
C.P.		17	3
D. Ronald 18½ cwts hay	4	17	1 ½
Paid last load	3	18	
Mr Geo. Dudgeon bought 47 x Hogs @ 33/6			
Delivered 12 Qrs barley 16.4 Glen Kinchie @ 27/6	16	10	
Sunday 22			

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Monday 23			
3 Cattle C.P. Dods			
2 John Watson 16¾ cwts @ 14.2.6 £28.5 33/10			
1 John Watson 9¾ cwts @ 17.10 <u>17.10</u> 35/10			
£45.15 Com. 11/5	45	3	7
Planting Up-to-Dates			
Lifted 20 Qrs Foreign oats to W. B. Morison & Co. @ 17/6	17	10	
Richard Dodds		9	
Tuesday 24			
Planting Up-to-Dates			
rolling in Well Park grass			
Mother & Aunt went to Lanark to-day			
16 cwts Engine Coal @ 10/, 6d to pay		8	
Wednesday 25			
W. B. Morison & Co. cheque for oats	17	10	
Mr Kay paid barley	16	10	
Miss Lawson to a/c	7		
Ordered 4 tons N/S W. B. Morison & Co. @ £8.6.3 per ton			
Top dressed 4 rigs in Heathery rig that were missed			
Cleaning potato land in St Bartelots firlot			
Mr Spence renewed Bill per 2 m[onth]s amount, due June 29	58	3	7

APRIL 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 26			
Commenced Planting Maincrops in St Bartelots Firlot at 9.30			
20 cwts 1 st Crop hay @ 5/3 & Straw	5	5	
driving potatoes in drill			
Went up to Aberdeen this afternoon			
Friday 27			
Planting Maincrops all day in forenoon, putting up potatoes in afternoon			
Rolled out the grass			
Bought 32 H.B. lambs at Middleton's sale Aberdeen @ 18/6			
43 x Hoggs @ 25/	83	7	
Saturday 28			
Southfield Pay	9	0	6
C.P.	4	16	
Ewart's months board	7	0	11
Putting planting potatoes all day			
Lifted Hoggs at Leith this forenoon, paid freight @ 8d per hogg ^[39]	2	10	7
Sunday 29			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 30			
Lifted [<i>blank</i>] tons N/S.			
W. B. Morison & Co. @ £8.6.3 per ton			
Planted 47 drills Maincrops this afternoon			
Mixed up 4 acres of manure			
Delivered 47 x Hogg to Geo. Dudgeon @ 32/6 [<i>illegible</i>]	78		
House coal		15	4
MAY			
Tuesday 1			
Planted Maincrops all day in St B's Firlot 110 drills			
J. P. Alison, D'Arcy, 12 Firlots Maincrops @ £2.10	1	10	
John Gilzean 1 bushel oats		2	6
Wednesday 2			
Bought 2 tons Linseed cake Gray & Taylor delivery end of May £8			
Paid by cheque R. F. Bell & Son	15		
Paid cash Samuel Dodds, Haddington	6	15	
Geo. Dudgeon paid 47 x Hoggs @ 33/6 dis. 14/	78		
Bought 13 cattle Wm Dwyer @ £12	156		
Causewayside 38 cwts hay @ 5/3	9	19	6

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 3			
Planting potatoes to-day all day			
Lodged Clydesdale bank	70		
Delivered 2 loads hay 1 st crop Causewayside			
Friday 4			
Brewery 16 ³ / ₄ cwts hay @ 5/6	4	12	1 ½
Mr D. Ronald 16 ³ / ₄ cwts hay	4	7	11
Paid last	4	10	
also 1½ Qrs barley	1	10	
Finished planting potatoes			
Lifted 2 tons Linseed Cake Gray & Taylor Co. 1 @ £6.15 1 @ £8	14	15	
Saturday 5			
Southfield Pay	9	1	4
C.P.		16	
Dr Craig 2 Qrs Oats	1	16	
2 three-horse grubbers in Horse Pools in forenoon			
1 three-horse grubber in afternoon			
braking & harrowing			
Planted early cabbage			
Dispatched 4 cattle to Biggar			
Sunday 6			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 7			
Working Horse Pools to-day			
Commenced drilling about 10 o'clock			
sowed 40 drills in afternoon			
Tuesday 8			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops	7	10	
Mr W. D. Niven 12 cwts hay @ 5/6	3	6	
Mr Gilzean 1 cwt hay		5	6
Lifted 2 tons Supers Gray & Taylor Co.	5		
drilled & sowed 4 acres in Horse Pools			
Wednesday 9			
Was wet through the night			
Working in Horse Pools in afternoon. Sowed Southfield & Rob's			
Park oats. 1¼ cwts N/S per Imperial acre			
John Swan & Sons 13 cattle @ £12 Cheque	156		
Cheque W. B. Morison & Co. 4 tons N/S. @ £8.6.3	33	18	11
Miss Lawson paid all but 6 tons potatoes	8	4	
John P. Alison paid 12 cwts seed potatoes	1	6	
Missionary Meeting (Synod). Collected for famine fund £228 ^[40]			
Contracted with Gray & Taylor for 15 tons Linseed Cake June 1900			
to April 1901 @ £7.17.6 per ton dropping to £7.12.6 if markets fall			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 10			
Lifted 2 tons Supers Gray & Taylor	5		
Paid Gray & Taylor 2 tons cake 1 @ £6.15 1 @ 8	14	15	
D. Dickson, Biggar, bought 9 cattle @ £14.15 each to lift on Saturday first			
Paid 4 cattle lifted	62		
Drilling in Horse Pools			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	47		
Friday 11			
Raking swedes in Horse Pools			
Drilled it all up by six o'clock			
Rolling out potato drills with Cambridge roller ^[41]			
1 grubber & harrows in Pottery brae all day			
Saturday 12			
Southfield Pay	8	18	
C.P.	4	7	
Lifted 3 carts hay from Cousland Park			
2 ploughs furrowing up Majesty's and Up-to-Dates all day			
2, 3 horse grubbers in Pottery brae, gathering rack with women			
Trucked 9 cattle to D. Dickson @ 14.15	132	15	
Sunday 13			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 14			
2 ploughs finished furrowing up Majesty's and Dates			
got $\frac{2}{3}$ of Pottery brae ready for drilling			
Causewayside 36½ cwts [<i>interlined: 1898</i>] Timothy hay @ £5.5	9	11	7 ½
Tuesday 15			
3 single ploughs drilling in Pottery brae sowed 36-40 drills swedes			
Splitting 2 nd brake at C. P.			
Prepared a mixture of stuff for C.P.			
John Gilzean rent	12	10	
Wednesday 16			
Ordered 2 tons N/S Gray & Taylor @ £8.5			
Ordered 1 ton Maize Meal & 1 ton Paring Meal A. & W. D. @ £5.4			
per ton			
Paid Burns & Bell Ewart's a/c cheque	11		
Received from Romanes & Miss Lawson's Trust	1	12	10
3 pair drilling on Pottery brae			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 17			
3 pair drilled out Pottery Brae & sowed it, time taken 26½ hours			
harrowing & grubbing in Hunting hoes			
Lifted 1 ton Ground lime Charles Bathgate		17	6
Friday 18			
Finished harrowing down potato drills in St B's Firlot			
Cambridged ^[42] potato drills in Hunting hoes			
Working hunting hoes turnip land in forenoon			
Commenced drilling in afternoon			
Draft on Bank	10		
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 19			
3 ploughs drilling all day in Hunting hoes			
Lifted N/S Gray & Taylor @ 8/3 per cwt			
Received cheque from D. Dickson, Biggar	132	15	
Southfield Pay	8	12	1
C. Park		16	
Sunday 20			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 21			
1 load hay 24½ cwts Timothy Causewayside 5/6	6	14	9
Lifted 2 tons supers Gray & Taylor @ £2.10 per ton	5		
finished drilling hunting hoes sowed up by night			
1 grubber in cabbage. 5 people hoeing in cabbage.			
Fine shower at night			
Tuesday 22			
Lifting 2 tons Cotton Cake Thomas Barnard & Co. @ 4.13.9	9	7	6
Lifting 1 ton Maize Meal and 1 ton Paring Meat A. & W. Douglas			
at £4.5	8	10	
Sowing N/S on Pottery brae			
Wednesday 23			
Paid cheque for putting Blower in fanners £2.5, repair riddle 5/	2	10	

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 24			
2 ploughs in St B's F. potatoes			
1 pair driving lime & sand for John's addition			
1 pair on horse Pools endrigg			
1 pair at C.P. preparing West most brake			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	110	13	4
Mr Stewart 1 bag Maincrop 4/			
1 bag 2 ^{nds} 2/		6	Paid
Friday 25			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops	10		
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed cake	11	18	9
½ ton being off new contract for 15 tons @ £7.17.6 dropping to 7.12.6 if market falls			
Brewery 14¼ cwts hay @ £5.15 per ton	4	1	
2 ploughs drilling up potatoes in St B's F. drilling up brake next Saugh Park at C. P.			
Saturday 26			
Southfield Pay	9	8	10
C. P.	3	10	
2 pairs furrowing up Maincrops in St B's Firlot			
1 pair at C. P. drilling & grubbing new break			
Lifted 3 tons 14½ cwts Brewery manure @ 3/		11	2
J. Gilzean paid a/c to-day 20 th	19	13	1
Sunday 27			
Additional surface taken by A. White & Co. at C.P. = 1 rood value of ground = 17/6 loss of crop = 1.10 2.7.6			

MAY 1900	£	S	D
Monday 28			
Causewayside 24 cwts Timothy Hay @ 5/6	6	12	
1 pair removing Mr Harper's grievie from Merry Hatton			
1 pair at C. P.			
2 pair harrowing up furrowing up Maincrop in forenoon			
ploughing Pottery brae endrig in afternoon			
hoed out cabbage & cleaning hedge in St B's F. next Quarry Park & Horse Pools			
Tuesday 29			
4 loads manure from Brewery, 4 tons 5½ cwts @ 3/		2	10
1 pair at C. P.			9/10
Worked Pottery Brae Endrig			
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board. Cheque in Bank of Scotland	5	17	5
Wednesday 30			
T. Barnard & Co. 2 tons Cotton Cake @ 4.13.9 less 1/ cheque	9	6	6
A. Wallace Esq, North Berwick, Ewart's a/c	45	13	
Bought 8 Black polled stirks Oliver & Son, Barney O'Kane 9.12.6	77		
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats	1	16	

JUNE 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 7			
Stair McHarrie rent	130	19	
Draft on Bank pay etc.	12		
Friday 8			
Miss Lawson 1 ton 18 cwts Maincrops @ £5.10 per ton	10	9	
Saturday 9			
Southfield Pay	8	16	
C. P.	4	6	
Seat Rents, church	1	19	
Stair McHarrie presentation	1		
A. Anderson, Greenfern, Bucksburn, Aberdeen, 8 Qrs oats @ £1.1 cash	8	8	
Trucked 9 stirks D. Dickson, Biggar, 14.17.10½			
Sunday 10			

JUNE 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 14			
4 pair driving out manure to Southfield Park			
Causewayside 23 cwts hay @ £6 per ton	6	12	3
Friday 15			
D. Dickson, Biggar, cheque for 17 cattle @ £15.12.6	265	12	6
Grubbing potatoes & turnips			
Women hoeing potatoes			
Mr Andrew Reid rent to May 28 th	1	19	
Got home from Killarney			
Saturday 16			
Southfield Pay	8	14	1
C. P.		16	
1 pair at Buccleuch Street Picnic			
2 Grubbers in potatoes			
2 Grubbers in swedes			
Women hoeing potatoes			
Mr Wm Brown rent to May 28 th	2		
Sunday 17			

JUNE 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 21			
Draft on Bank	65		
Paid Geo. Douglas & Son a/c	33	2	6
Friday 22			
William Simpson a/c	7	3	
C. Sked Blacksmith a/c	17	1	
Paid hay a/c etc.	2	3	6
Causewayside 21½ cwts 1 st Crop 5.15	6	3	7 ½
Saturday 23			
Southfield Pay	8	16	8
C. P. £4.6 & advances to singlers 13/	4	19	
Trucked 3 stirks Dickson, Biggar	47	10	
Sunday 24			

JUNE 1900	£	S	D
Monday 25 should be July 2 nd			
Sent in 2 cwts 1 Qr 9 lbs x wool sold @ 5¼			
Sent in 1 cwt 1 Qr 18 lbs H.B. wool sold @ 6¼			
Lifted [blank] tons cwts qrs lbs N/S Gray & Taylor @ £7.10			
2 machines cutting in Cow Park till 4 o'clock			
1 grubber in Huntinghoses			
Paid Connel Cole			
Tuesday 26			
Lifted 2 tons Cotton Cake, T. Bernard & Co. @ 4.7.6	8	15	
Wednesday 27			
1 cow Oliver John Swan & Son Ltd	12		
Mr Kay 27 qrs oats @ 23/6 dis 6d	31	14	

JUNE 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 28			
By Clydesdale Bank	25		
delivered 27 Qrs Newmarket Oats to David Staig & Son, Barley Mill, West Saltoun @ 23/6 for Wm Kay, Lasswade	31	14	6
Causewayside 31½ cwts hay @ £6	9	9	
Friday 29			
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board. Bank of Scotland, Cheque	6	13	9
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 30			
Southfield Pay	8	17	8
Mrs Murray Potato hoeing 32/10, Mr Brown 19/4	2	12	2
C.P. Pay 16/, coals 3/6		19	6
C.P. singlings	1	4	6
D. Dickson, Biggar, Cheque	47	10	
Gibson Mercer & Co. Causewayside, cheque	93		
JULY			
Sunday 1			

JULY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 5			
Singling in forenoon			
put up hay in afternoon in Cow Park			
loaded 2 carts hay Causewayside			
Mr Wm D. Niven cheque	10	15	
Picnic at Arniston ^[43]			
Friday 6			
2 machines cutting all day finished Cow Park, started to			
Southfield Park			
finished furrowing Potatoes			
Grubbing the singled swedes			
Singling in Huntinghoes			
Causewayside 36½ cwts hay @ £4	7	6	
Choir at Lauder			
Saturday 7			
Southfield pay	8	13	5
C. P.	4	7	
Coles Sub	1		
Sunday 8			

JULY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 12			
Friday 13			
Draft on Clydesdale Bank	70		
Paid Gray & Taylor N/S & Cake	53	11	10
Paid John Watson	1	13	9
Paid R. Bishop	5	10	8
Paid Jas. Wilson, Saddler	5	1	10
Saturday 14			
Southfield Pay £8.14.2, [?Irishmen] 12	9	6	2
C.P. 16/, [illegible] £1.13	2	9	
Causewayside 22 cwts hay @ £4.5 [i.e. 4/]	4	8	
Sunday 15			

JULY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 19			
Ricked out Cow Park commenced & Southfield Park commenced to Heatheryrig			
Put up under half of Timothy at C.P.			
44½ cwts hay Causewayside	8	18	
Friday 20			
Finished out Heathery rig to-day			
Paid C. Cole for turnip singling	7	18	
Causewayside 44½ cwts hay @ 4/3	9	9	1 ½
Saturday 21			
Southfield Pay	8	17	
Irish men, 1 man at Southfield 16½ days £2.9.6, C.P. 3½ 10/6	3		
Cousland Park	4	6	
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			
Top dressed Cow Park, Southfield Park & Heathery rig at 1½ cwts N/S per imperial acre			
Sunday 22			

JULY 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 26			
D. Ronald paid hay £3 still due £1.7.11	3		
Draft on Clydesdale Bank	10		
Finished ricking hay to-day			
Friday 27			
Causewayside 19 cwts hay 4/	3	16	
D. Ronald one load hay 14 cwts hay @ 4/	2	16	
Paid what was still due	1	10	
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 28			
Southfield Pay	9	18	2
Cousland Park	1	3	6
Sunday 29			

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 2			
Causewayside 32½ cwts hay @ 4/	6	10	
Draft in Clydesdale Bank	25		
Commenced stacking hay to-day from Cow Park & Well Park			
Friday 3			
Put on rail to-day for Mr Kay, Lasswade, 35 Qrs Oats @ 12 st 12 lbs @ 25/3			
Lifted 4 loads manure Brewery 57 cwts			
Lifted 1 ton Maize Meal 53.6 & 1 ton faring meal 52.6 A. & W. Douglas	10	7	6
Saturday 4			
Southfield Pay £8.17.6, men £1.10	10	7	6
C.P. £4.6, men 9/	4	15	
Scottish Wagon Co.	21		
Sunday 5			

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Monday 6			
3 cattle Dods 1 @ 10¼ Dwyer	21		
1 @ 10 Dwyer	19		
1 @ 8¼ bought £7.5	14.5		
£54.5 com. 13/6	53	11	6
Stacking hay till dinner			
Thrashed in afternoon till 4.30 P.M. very wet after			
Father went in to Edinburgh to have Berry's operation ^[45]			
Tuesday 7			
Wet all day			
Making whippies etc.			
Wednesday 8			
Thrashed all day			
to-day put through 2½ wheat stacks			
Mr Kay paid oats	44	3	9

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 9			
Stacked hay all day. 20			
Draft on Bank	50		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	53	11	6
Paid A. & W. Douglas, cash	57	5	
Paid Gray & Taylor	15	10	
Causewayside 20 cwts hay	3	17	6
Friday 10			
Stacked hay all day			
Mr D. Ronald 1 load hay 16½ cwts 3.17.6	3	5	
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 11			
Southfield Pay £8.14.8, men 2.12.6	11	7	2
C.P. 16/ & men 9/	1	5	
Stacking hay all day			
D. T. Munro driving out Father etc.			
Sunday 12			

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Monday 13			
2 Cattle Dods			
1 @ 10½ cwts Bought Dwyer @ £12 21.2.6			
8½ cwts Bought Dwyer @ £12 <u>17.2.6</u>			
38.5 com. 9/6 a/c £37.15.6			
15 sheep 8 bought 19/3 sold 35/3 £14.2			
7 bought 19/3 sold 35/3 <u>12.6.9</u> com. 8/3			
26.8.9 com. 8/3 26.0.01	63	15	6
Stacking hay all day. Dr Craig 2 qrs oats	1	16	
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board, cheque	8	8	4
Tuesday 14			
Took 6 cattle from Hungry Hill put 1 in Close, took 5 to C.P. & brought up 5 of Dwyers			
Stacking hay all day			
2 loads hay to Causewayside from C.P.			
Mr Nairn 1 Load oat straw 50/			
Wednesday 15			
Gibson Mercer & Co. a/c	90		
Miss Lawson to a/c	10		
35 cwts hay C.P. to Causewayside £3.17.6	6	15	7 ½
John Wallace & Sons Ltd		2	5

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 16			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	80		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	63	15	6
Wm Rodger 1 load hay paid dis. 3/9	3		
Friday 17			
2 tons Her Majesty's to Jas Hogg			
Delivered 20 Qrs wheat A. & W. Douglas 28/6			
Lifting Her Majesty's to-day			
To 42 cwts hay C.P. to Causewayside	8	2	9
Saturday 18			
Southfield Pay	8	11	8
Men Pay	3	17	6
Cousland Park £4.6, Coals 5/, Men £1.1			
Delivered 2 tons 5 cwts Majesty's Jas. Hogg			
Delivered 30 Qrs wheat A. & W. Douglas @ 28/6			
Opened Galopers Hill barley at Southfield			
Opened Oat field at C.P.			
McLennan & Urquhart [<i>blank</i>] cwts hay 4/			
Sunday 19			

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 23			
Draft on Bank	30		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	36	5	9
Peter Buncle		11	3
Friday 24			
Lifted 12 Qrs oats A. & W. Douglas 16/6	9	18	0
D. Ronald 20 cwts hay @ 3/9	3	15	
Lifted 2 loads wood Garland & Roger			
Delivered 20 Qrs wheat A. & W. Douglas 28/6			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 25			
Southfield Pay	8	13	6
Southfield Harvest Meat, 6 men £6, 5 women £5, J[illegible] £1	12		
Irishmen, C. Cole 4 @ 5½ days @ 19/ £3.9.8, J. Butler 16/6	4	6	2
Cousland Park, Reid 16/, Woman 7/, Men £2.15	3	18	
Meat Money	3		
Delivered 28½ Qrs wheat A. & W. Douglas 28/6			
Opening roads in afternoon			
Sunday 26			

AUGUST 1900	£	S	D
Monday 27			
Started 1 binder & 1 manual in Galopers Hill barley			
1 binder in Rob's Park, Oats			
Robert Smith rent, cheque	199	14	7
Tuesday 28			
Wet all day			
no machine cutting, opening roads			
Saw Dr Berry with Father			
Wednesday 29			
Cutting Cut out Galopers Hill tonight			
opening Rugland with manual			
Woods Binder in Robs Park			

SEPTEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 6			
Draft in Bank	25		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank Dods	33	19	9
Cut out wheat at 3 o'clock, cutting in Barbachlaw oats after cut all day in Blake Thin barley finished cutting at Cousland Park			
Mitchell put 90 lambs on old grass at C.P.			
Friday 7			
cut a few rounds in morning in Blake Thin then stopped by rain cut again from three to 5.30 P.M.			
setting up stooks & driving out manure			
Causewayside 39¼ cwts Ryegrass, C.P. 4/	7	17	
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 8 Southfield Pay	11	7	2
Cousland Park	5	1	6
Southfield men	3	16	
Did not cut any to-day as very wet			
Mrs Sutherland, Ewart's board, £5.16.7			
Ewart cheque for Holiday 4			
cheque £9.16.7	9	16	7
Sunday 9			

SEPTEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 10			
Wet in forenoon did not cut till dinner time			
2 manuals in barley and binder in Barbachlaw oats all afternoon			
2 cattle Dods			
1 @ 10½ cwts £11 spring sold £20			
1 @ 10½ cwts £12 spring sold <u>19-15</u>			
39-15			
Com. 10	39	5	
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats	1	16	
Tuesday 11			
cut with two manuals in forenoon			
cut out Barbachlaw with binder			
commenced leading barley with 4 carts in afternoon			
Mitchell lifted 90 lambs form old grass			
Wednesday 12			
6 carts in barley all day, cleared Galopers Hill and most of Rugland			
Cut out barley & rig or two of oats at back of the Plantation made			
a finish			
Paid Swan & Sons 12 cattle @ £10 cheque	120		

SEPTEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 13			
Very damp in morning			
8 carts on wheat till 10 o'clock			
then three all day on wheat			
2 on Hamilton oats			
3 till 6 o'clock clearing up barley, afterwards in oats			
James Hogg 4 tons 5 cwts potatoes @ £2.5 £9.11.3			
Com. 7.3	9	4	
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	39	5	
Friday 14			
5 carts all day in oats			
3 carts on wheat			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	9	4	
Draft in Bank pay etc.	35		
Scottish Permissive Bill & Temperance Association ^[46]		5	
Saturday 15			
Southfield Pay	12	12	5
Cousland Park	5	17	
Southfield Men	3	16	
6 carts all day on Hamilton Oats (Rob's Park)			
Cleared all west road side sheaves			
3 carts all day on wheat			
Sunday 16			

SEPTEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 20			
Finished leading at dinner time to-day			
Draft in Clydesdale Bank	22		
Friday 21			
To R. Brazil, Piershill, 2 tons 12 cwts 2 Qrs hay @ 4/1½	10	16	7
86 x lambs Reith & Anderson, cheque	86		
Carriage & expenses on lambs = 7d per head	3	13	6
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 22			
Southfield Pay	12	16	
C.P. including 10/ to B. Docherty	1	8	
Southfield Men	3	16	
Sunday 23			

SEPTEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 27			
Draft in Bank pay	25		
Friday 28			
Saturday 29			
Southfield Pay	10	13	8
Men	3	16	
C.P.	5	8	
Delivered Mr Smith, 100 New Street, Fisherrow, 1 ton 13 ³ / ₄ cwts			
hay £4.5	7	1	4
Cutting hay seed all day in Southfield Park			
Finished coiling Heathery rig			
Dod Reid left to-day			
Sunday 30			

OCTOBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 4			
Cheque Clydesdale Bank	20		
Mitchell 140 x hoggs cease to pay 5d per week from now pay @ 3½d per week			
Friday 5			
Causewayside 39 cwts hay			
Cousland Park, Rye grass @ 4/ dipped 126 lambs today at Cousland Park	7	16	
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 6			
Southfield Pay	8	13	1
C.P.	1	14	
Sunday 7			

OCTOBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 11			
Thrashing at Cousland Park			
2 ploughs all day in Rob's Park			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dod	63	16	2
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	65		
Lifted 2 tons Linseed Cake Gray & Taylor	15	10	
Friday 12			
Thrashed off at C.P. at 2.30 P.M.			
Put up top of Quarry Park & East side of Quarry			
Mitchell lifted 140 x Hoggs from C.P.			
Saturday 13			
Southfield Pay	8	8	9
C.P. £4.6, spreading manure £2.6 & 18/	7	10	
Cost of spreading manure in field East of Stackyard, ½ per rig			
Sunday 14			

OCTOBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 18			
By Clydesdale Bank	20		
Friday 19			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 20			
Southfield Pay	9	16	10
C.P. 16/ & Coal 21/	1	17	
Commenced lifting Up-to-Dates to-day			
Sunday 21			

OCTOBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 25			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, Dods	39	11	
By Clydesdale Bank Cheque	45		
By Gray & Taylor 2 tons cake	15	10	
Friday 26			
Very wet all day no outside work going on			
Saturday 27			
Southfield Pay	13	14	10
2 men	1	16	
Cousland Park	4	12	6
Causewayside 21½ cwts hay @ £3.5 per ton			
Covering potato pits, spreading manure & ploughing			
driving in Yellows in afternoon			
Sunday 28			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 1			
A. & W. Douglas	82	10	
By A. & W. Douglas	28	17	10
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	40		
To A. H. Small	3	13	
By A. H. Small	2	10	
Causewayside 20 cwts 1 st Crop	4	5	
Causewayside 23 cwts 2 nd Crop 5/3	3	14	9
Friday 2			
Finished lifting potato drills in afternoon			
Thrashed wheat in forenoon			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 3			
Southfield Pay	14	17	10
C.P. Lime		6	6
Sunday 4			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 5 2 cattle Dodds			
20 cwts Bonnyrig store 18.12.6 = £37.5 Com. 9/3	36	15	9
price per cwts 37/3			
Causewayside 22 cwts 1 st Crop	4	13	6
7 cwts 2 nd Crop	1	2	9
John Rutherford 3 Qrs wheat @ 26/	3	18	
sowed 6 rigs wheat to-day			
Paid Thomas Allan		10	6
Tuesday 6			
Mr Sprolls 13 cwt hay @ 3/6 per cwt	2	5	6
Wednesday 7			
T. Ovens & Sons, cheque	32	7	5
Lifted 3 tons 10 cwts Manure Brewery @ 3/		10	6

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 8			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank, D[ods]	36	15	9
By Clydesdale Bank	22		
McLennan & Urquhart 21½ cwts hay @ 4/6	4	16	9
gathering harrowings to-day, very wet at night			
Lifted 2 tons Cotton Cake Gray & Taylor, J. Bernard & Co 4.15	9	10	
Friday 9			
Cantata and Cinematograph at Ford			
Saturday 10			
C.P. £3.10	3	10	
J. Docherty paid 7½ months of cow, £4.7 less £1.17 for milk home	2	10	
Shawing & filling ditto	1	5	9
Southfield Pay	9	17	
Sunday 11			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 12			
Mr McDonald, Westfield, rent	10		
Mr Wm Dixon, Manchester, hay a/c	10	16	
ploughing lea in forenoon & putting up Dates			
Jas Dickson & Son 1 ton 6 cwts Dates @ 80/	5	4	
By 30 cwts house coal @ 19/ per ton	1	8	6
By 14 scree dross		7	6
Tuesday 13			
Mr D. Ronald 21½ cwts hay 4/	4	6	
Paid last load	3	19	
To Mr A. White & Co. a/c	21	12	
Jas. Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	8		
Stormy & wet			
Wednesday 14			
Ploughing in Well Park lea, when fair			
Bought 11 cattle Sheridan @ £14 less £2.10, J. Swan & Sons	151	10	
Bought 1 cow Oliver & Son (Wylie)	13	10	
McAdam, Edinburgh, paid straw	1	4	6
driving out cattle		6	
Dry after 7 a.m.			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 15			
¾ days ploughing in Well Park			
washing bags with women & raking thorns			
put the 11 cattle in boxes			
Mitchell put 89 lambs in foggage @ 3½d			
Stormy			
Friday 16			
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	20		
Thrashed 2 stacks barley 1 Egyptian & 1 Chevalier			
1 cwt 1 st crop hay Causewayside			
[blank] cwts 2 nd crop hay Causewayside			
Dr Craig 2 Qr oats	1	16	
Stormy & wet			
Cousland Pay	2	12	
Saturday 17			
Southfield Pay	9	15	8
C.P. shawing 17/5, coal 8/	1	5	5
Mr Dickson, Dalkeith, 2 tons Dates station	8		
Mr Snowdowne, Dollar, draft	10	4	1
Sunday 18			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 19			
A. Dods 2 cattle bot £11			
1 @ 10½ sold £19.17.6 38/			
1 @ 11¼ sold 20.2 36/- 40.2.6			
Com. <u>10</u>	39	12	6
Mr Dickson 2 tons Dates station	8		
plowed 6 rigs of wheat ground and sowed it			
lifted 2 loads manure Brewery, 1 ton 6 cwts			
Mr Geo. Gray's funeral day			
Tuesday 20			
Trucked 2 cows to-day to Oliver & Son Ltd			
5 pair plowing & harrowing wheat			
Mr Wallace, Ewart's cheque	54	5	8
Wednesday 21			
Mr Dickson 2 tons Dates	8		
4 pairs at St B's firlot ploughing and harrowing			
got in 26 rigs of wheat, 2 rigs still to plough			
Paid John Swan & Son for 11 cattle @ £13.15, Cheque	151	10	
Paid Oliver & Son Ltd 1 cow, Cash	13	10	
Received from Oliver & Son, Cheque	22	11	
Causewayside 20 cwts hay & St[raw]	4	5	
Paid A. J. Main & Co.		15	9

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 22			
Dods, Lodged Bank	39	12	6
Received from McLennan & Urquhart	55	10	
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	84		
Paid Gray & Taylor, Cake, cash	19	5	
2 pair cross harrowing in forenoon			
3 pair ploughing			
3 pair driving in yellows in afternoon to shed			
Friday 23			
Thrashed & stacked barley to-day			
Saturday 24			
Southfield Pay	9	9	11
Potatoes Cowan 2½ in money 1½ to get @ 15/6 = £1.18.9			
Brown 3 in money 1 to get @ 15/6 2.6.6			
Orr 3½ in money ½ to get at 15/6 1.18.9 ^[49]			
Elliot 2 in money 2 to get at 15/6 <u>1.11</u>	7	15	
Cousland Park pay £4.8, man 10/8	4	18	8
J. Docherty 4 bolls potatoes	3	2	
Dickson & Son, Dalkeith, 2 tons 4 cwts Dates	8	16	
Mr D. Niven, Musselburgh, 1 ton Dates	4		
Sunday 25			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 26			
Thrashed 2 stacks barley to-day			
delivered 20 Qrs barley to Hunter, Musselburgh			
Tuesday 27			
Delivered 15 Qrs barley to John Currie & Co. for Hunter, Musselburgh			
Causewayside 18¼ cwts hay @ 4/3	3	17	7
Causewayside 17½ for Laundry @ 4/6	3	18	9
Bought a binder at Newton sale	16		
Wednesday 28			
Let 8 or 9 acres Yellows at C.P. to Murray & Tod for Middleton, Aberdeen			
X Hoggs @ 3¾ per week hay to be supplied			
Miss Lawson 2 tons Maincrops @ £4	8		
2 turnips		2	6
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed Cake Gray & Taylor	11	12	6
Thrashed 1 stack oats			

NOVEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 29			
Dickson & Son, Dalkeith, paid potatoes to date 13½ tons @ £4	54		
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	24		
Ewart's board cash	7	1	11
Mr D. Ronald 19 cwts hay @ 4/3	4	0	9
Paid load Nov 13 th 21½	4	3	
Party at Pinkie, Jane's Majority			
Friday 30			
Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	8		
Seat rents	1	19	
Causewayside 18 cwts hay @ £4.5	3	16	6
Cousland Pay	2	12	
DECEMBER			
Saturday 1			
Dickson and Son 3 tons Dates	12		
Southfield Pay	9	11	
T. Dickson 3 bolls potatoes £2.2.6			
John Murray ½ boll 1.3.3			
J. Murray Jnr 1 boll	3	9	
Cousland Park shawing 11/2			
Men's wages 8/4		19	6
Sunday 2			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 3			
Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	8		
shawing yellows			
ploughing huntinghoes & sowing wheat			
Tuesday 4			
Shawing in huntinghoes, storing in afternoon in field			
finished sowing wheat			
Mitchells 89 lambs lifted to-day			
Wednesday 5			
J. Macdougall paid 35 Qrs barley @ 24/	42		
Paid Adam Souness	2		
Ploughing in heathery rig			
storing in field			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 6			
Very wet all day scarcely out at all			
A. & W. Douglas 9 Qrs wheat @ 26/	11	14	
Friday 7			
Jas Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	8		
Causewayside 22½ cwts 2 nd Crop 3/3	3	13	1 ½
Causewayside 23¾ cwts 1 st Crop 4/3	5	0	11
Messrs McLennan & Urquhart 19 cwts 4/6	4	5	6
Women putting up potatoes			
3½ ploughs in heathery rig			
Went North to-day by 7.25 train			
Saturday 8			
Southfield Pay	8	5	6
C.P. £4.8, men 16/ & 10/	5	14	
Dr Craig 2 Qrs oats			
Thrashed 1 stack oats. Storing yellows in afternoon			
Sunday 9			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 10			
Thrashed barley to-day 2 stacks			
Was at Strichen Xmas Carols			
Tuesday 11			
McDonald, Westfield, 1 bushel oats		2	6
Mr Wm Simpson 1 bag potatoes		4	Paid
Mr McDonald 4 stons hay 7d		2	4
2 stons straw 4½ d			9
Wednesday 12			
J. Dickson & Son 2 tons Dates	8		
Draft in Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh	100		
Miss Lawson paid cash (still to pay £26)	10	11	
Mr D. Niven 1 ton Up-to-Dates	14		
18 cwt Engine Coal		9	6
Came south by 7.5 A.M. Fraserburgh to-day			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 13			
Jas Dickson & Son 1 ton Dates	4		
Paid Gray & Taylor 1½ tons Linseed Cake	11	12	6
by Walter Banks, fishmonger, Musselburgh, 1 net		8	6
Miss Graham dressmaker		15	
James Chamberlain & Smith, ewe for Gapes		2	4
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	100		
By Robert Smith esq. Rent	133	11	9
Andrew Dickson paid cows grass at C.P.	4		
Paid ditto 500 early plants		2	6
Friday 14			
Miss Lawson 2 tons maincrops	8		
2 bags swede		2	6
Putting up potatoes			
Lifted 1½ tons Linseed Cake G. & T.	11	12	6
Robert Horton, Parish sales, cheque	8	5	9
Saturday 15 Southfield Pay	9	2	2
C.P. 35/4, coals 8/	2	3	4
Paid Wm Simpson a/c	8	3	8
Wm Simpson paid a/c 12 small wheat			
1 bag potatoes		19	
Women shawing turnips			
Jas Dickson & Son 1 ton Maincrops	4	5	
1 ton Dates	4		
Mr Wm Brown Cousland rent to date	1	10	
Geo. Reid paid rent		10	6
Sunday 16			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Monday 17			
3 cattle Dods			
2 @ £19.2.6 Wilson, Penicuik 38.5			
1 @ 15.10 Wilson, Edinburgh 15.10 £53.15 13/6	53	1	
Causewayside 39½ cwts 1 st Crop @ 4/3	8	7	10 ½
Lifted 2 hecks & 5 nets from Murray & Todd			
drove in yellows from Huntinghoses with 6 carts all day			
Sowed endrig of wheat in St B's Firlot			
Paid Robert Best of	5	8	6
Tuesday 18			
Mr Niven 18½ cwts hay 4/6	4	3	3
Mr Niven 1 ton Dates	4		
Jas Dickson & Son 1 ton Dates	4		
Mr Brown, Lanark, cheque	5	11	5
4 ploughs all day in Quarry Park			
Women putting up potatoes			
Literary Social			
Wednesday 19			
Mr Dickson 2 tons Dates	8		
Mr D. Ronald 19½ cwts hay @ 4/3	4	2	10 ½
Mr Jameson, Contractor for D. Ronald 18¾ cwts @ 4/3	3	19	9
Sold 35-40 Qrs Barley 16 st weighed 16 st 4 lb to Hunter, Musselburgh, @ 23/6 per Qr			
3½ ploughs all day in Quarry Park			
House Coal 1 ton 19 cwts @ 19/	1	17	1
Engine Coal 13 cwts @ [blank]		6	10
Contracted to-day for 10 tons N/S Gray & Taylor delivery when required at Eight pounds 7/6 stg. per ton			

DECEMBER 1900	£	S	D
Thursday 20			
A. & W. Douglas paid 9 Qrs wheat	11	14	
Jas Dickson & Son paid 17 tons Dates @ £4	68		
Paid Jas Dickson & Son fruit & flowers	2	6	5
Paid P. & L. Dalgleish, making coat & vest	1	2	
John Watson cheque for Turkeys not to be entered	(8	14	5)
Lodged Clydesdale Bank	52		
Thrashed 3 stacks of barley to-day			
96 Hogs came from Middleton, Aberdeen			
Friday 21			
2 ploughs all day in Quarry Park			
2 tons Dates Dickson	8		
10 Qrs Barley Hunter, Musselburgh, @ 23/6	11	15	
Saturday 22			
1 ton Dates Dickson	4		
4 ploughs all day Quarry Park			
Ewart Gibson board etc.	6		
Southfield Pay	8	17	10
C.P. £5.4, shawing 13/6	5	17	6
Sunday 23			

DECEMBER 1900		£	S	D
Thursday 27				
By C. Woolley & Son		4	17	6
Friday 28				
C. Sked 4 months a/c		15	17	6
C. Sked paid 2 bags potatoes			8	
Saturday 29				
Southfield Pay £8.16.5				
J. Orr 1 boll potatoes 15.6		9	11	11
C.P. £1.9.4		1	9	4
C.P. Hansels T. D. 10/ & 3 @ 2/6			17	6
298 Hoggs came from Middleton, Aberdeen				
Sunday 30				

APPENDIX

The two diaries contain the names of a large number of individuals and businesses. Those that can be identified are listed here with their occupation and location. Where there is a degree of uncertainty, the entry has been placed in square brackets. County names have been added for places outwith Midlothian.

INDIVIDUALS

David Ainslie, farmer, Costerton, Blackshiels.

George A. Aitken, printer, 36 High Street, Dalkeith.

John P. Alison, farmer, D'Arcy, near Dalkeith.

Andrew Anderson, farmer, Greenfern, Bucksburn, Newmills (Aberdeenshire).

[John Anderson, blacksmith, Polton Street, Bonnyrigg.]

John Bain, gardener, Hadfast, Cousland.

Walter Banks, fishmonger, 106 High Street, Musselburgh.

Charles P. Bathgate, lime merchant, Magazine Lime Works, Ford.

Alex Brown, farmer, Pinkie Mains, near Musselburgh.

[Robert Bishop, corn dealer and general merchant, 33 High Street, Dalkeith.]

Richard Brazil, Parsons Green Stables, 22 Parsons Green Terrace, Edinburgh.

Peter Buncle, rope, twine and sheep net manufacturer, Elmfield Works, Dalkeith.

William Butler, grain and hay merchant, 16 Stafford Street, Edinburgh.

William Cockburn, contractor and coal merchant, 10 East London Street, Edinburgh.

Dr Archibald Craig, Pathhead.

[Richard Davidson, farmer, Swinnie, near Jedburgh (Roxburghshire).]

[David Dickson, butcher, Biggar (Lanarkshire).]

John Dobbie, farmer, Campend, and secretary and treasurer of the Dalkeith Agricultural Society.

Archibald Dods, auctioneer and livestock salesman, Bridgend, Dalkeith.

Samuel Dods, agricultural implement maker, West End, Haddington (East Lothian).

George Dudgeon, livestock dealer, Eskside, Musselburgh.

Robert Dundas, 5th Viscount Melville, Melville Castle, near Dalkeith.

[Henry Farquhar, minister of the Established Church, West church, Dalkeith.]

E. R. Fletcher, Cousland Lime Works, Cousland.

George Forrest, market gardener, Ford.

John French, farmer, Larg, Newton Stewart (Wigtownshire).

John Fyfe, dairyman, Ramsfield's Dairy, Jock's Lodge, Restalrig.

David Fyfe, dairyman, Jock's Lodge, Restalrig.

Reverend Andrew Gemmell, minister of the United Presbyterian church, Ford.

Thomas Gibson, farmer, Torwoodlee, near Galashiels (Selkirkshire).

James Gracie, minister of the Free Church, Dirleton.

James L. Gray, corn merchant, Elginhaugh Mills, near Dalkeith.

R. Henderson, farmer, Saughland, Tynehead.

James Hogg, potato merchant, Buccleuch Place, Dalkeith.

Thomas Hogg, farmer, Oxenford Mains.

Alexander Hunter, maltster, 158 High Street, Musselburgh.

Stair McHarrie, factor and chamberlain to the earl of Stair.

Thomas Innes, horse dealer, Gilmerton.

William Kay, corn factor, Ivy Bank, Lasswade.

George Lawson, greengrocer, 7 Duke Street, Edinburgh.

Mary McAlpine, grocer and postmistress, Cousland.

William Matchette, rector of Ballintoy, Co. Antrim.

William Mitchell, farmer, Hazelside, near Douglas (Lanarkshire).

Daniel T. Munro, cab proprietor, 24 East Norton Place, Edinburgh.

William D. Niven, grocer, 86 High Street, Musselburgh.

John Parr, farmer, Lawfield.

Frank Quarton, grain merchant, Burntisland (Fife).

James Scott, grocer, 102 Marchmont Road, Edinburgh.

John Scott, farmer, Dochroyle, Barrhill (Ayrshire).

Christopher Sked, blacksmith, Cousland.

[Joseph Simpson, schoolmaster, Cousland.]

[William Simpson, joiner, Cousland.]

Andrew H. Small, baker, 86 High Street, Dalkeith.

Reverend Dr George S. Smith, minister of the Established church, Cranston.

[William Snowdone, joiner, Dollar (Clackmannanshire).]

[John Thorburn, joiner, Elliot's Close, Dalkeith.]

[A. D. Wallace, solicitor, Lyle & Wallace, East Road, North Berwick (East Lothian).]

Ivie Warden, farmer, Easter Cowden.

John Weatherstone, farmer, Airfield.

James Wilson, saddler, 11 South Street, Dalkeith.

BUSINESSES

R. F. Bell & Son, manure merchants, 41 West Bowling Green Street, Leith.

Thos. Bernard & Co. Ltd, maltsters and merchants in oil, seed, linseed cake and cattle food, Seafield.

Biggar Auction Market Company Ltd, Biggar (Lanarkshire).

[Burns & Bell, tailors and clothiers, 10 Bank Street, Edinburgh.]

Carr & Co. Ltd, bread and biscuit manufacturer, Carlisle (Cumberland).

Thos. Carter & Sons, corn merchants, Corn Exchange, Sandmarket, Berwick-upon-Tweed (Northumberland).

J. & J. Cunningham Ltd, manufacturers of sulphuric acid, artificial manure and oilcake, Leith.

P. & L. Dalglish, clothiers, 1 High Street, Dalkeith.

A. & W. Douglas, corn mill masters and corn merchants, Dalkeith Mills, Dalkeith.

George Douglas & Sons, ironmongers, seed merchants and dealers in agricultural manures and feed, 21 South Street, Dalkeith.

Deans & Moore, coal merchants, George Street and South Clerk Street, Edinburgh; depots at South Leith and St Leonard's stations. Lessees of Bellyford, Carberry, Penston, St Germain and Wallyford collieries.

Dickson & Sons, seedsmen and fruiterers, Buccleuch Place, Dalkeith.

James Gibson & Son, millers, Brunstane Mills, Musselburgh.

Garland & Roger Ltd, timber merchants, Bath Road, Leith.

Gibson, Mercer & Co., coal and lime merchants, 208 Causewayside, Edinburgh.

Glenkinchie Distillery, Pencaitland (East Lothian).

Gray & Taylor, ironmongers and seed merchants, 73 High Street, Dalkeith.

D. & A. Howie, carriers, 46 Newbigging, Musselburgh.

Lawrie & Symington, livestock auctioneers, Lanark (Lanarkshire).

[**Alex. McIntosh & Son**, confectioners, Shorthope Works, Musselburgh.]

G. Mackay & Co., brewers and maltsters, St Leonard's Brewery, Edinburgh, and Magdalene Bridge Maltings, Musselburgh.

McLennan & Urquhart, brewers, the Dalkeith Brewery, Back Street, Dalkeith.

A. & J. Main & Co., agricultural implement makers and agents, Grassmarket, Edinburgh.

Martin, Henderson & Graham, maltsters and grain merchants, Pitlessie (Fife).

Alexander Middleton & Sons, auctioneers and livestock agents, Belmont Auction Mart, Kittybrewster (Aberdeenshire).

[**James Mitchell & Co.**, seed and linseed cake merchants, North British Distillery, Gorgie Road, Edinburgh.]

W. B. Morrison & Co., grain, hay and manure merchant, 2 Bank Street, Leith.

Murray & Todd, livestock agents, 2 Dick Place, Edinburgh.

Oliver & Son, auctioneers, Agricultural Hall and Auction Mart, Valleyfield, Edinburgh.

Over Roscobie Lime Works, lime quarry and kilns, Roscobie (Fife).

Thomas Ovens & Sons, cattle food, corn, manure and oil merchants, 40 Timberbush, Leith.

Russell and Ramsden, wool brokers and dealers, Dryden Street, Pilrig.

Scottish Waggon Company, railway waggon supplier, 5 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

J. & P. Simpson, slaters, Pathhead.

[**Souness & Speirs**, sawmill, Warriston Road, Edinburgh, and Lochend Road, Leith.]

John Swan & Sons, livestock agents, with offices in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and branches at various auction marts throughout the Lowlands.

James Thomson & Sons, corn merchants, 5 Leven Street, Edinburgh.

Tod, Thomson & Co., manure merchants, and oilcake manufacturer, Dock Street, Leith.

John Wallace & Sons, agricultural implement manufacturer, 28 Graham Square, Glasgow.

Charles Woolley & Son, bottlers and aerated water manufacturers, 113 High Street, Dalkeith, and 49 Elm Row, Edinburgh.

Wight & Co., seed crushers, West Bush Oil Mills, Musselburgh.

NOTES

- 1 Inserted in pen, this probably relates to the following, pencil-written entry regarding church coals.
- 2 Crinchels was a field adjacent to Pottery Brae.
- 3 Nets, either made of twine or wire, were used to enclose sheep, usually on turnips. The nets were attached to 'stobs' (stakes).
- 4 This is perhaps the Reverend Henry Farquhar, minister of the Established Church, West church, Dalkeith.
- 5 This is probably the Scottish Temperance League. Founded in Glasgow in 1844, it aimed to promote temperance through education and propaganda, rather than legislation.
- 6 A hiring fair was held in Haddington on the first Friday of February each year.
- 7 *i.e.* Carberry Colliery, on the outskirts of Musselburgh.
- 8 *i.e.* nitrate of soda.
- 9 A hiring fair was held in Dalkeith on the last Thursday of February each year.
- 10 Crossgatehall Halt (north east of Cousland), on the Macmerry branch line of the North British railway, was used by local farmers to transport animals, crops and fertilisers.
- 11 Aldie, near Perth, was the family seat of the Mercers.
- 12 '£1 paid' was inserted here.
- 13 *i.e.* sulphate of ammonia.
- 14 Lawfield farm, near Mayfield.
- 15 Seating in most Presbyterian churches was rented out. The money raised went towards the minister's salary and the upkeep of the church.
- 16 Mr Reid rented Cousland Park and Hadfast as a market garden and orchard.

- 17 For a report on the show, see 'Cattle', *Scotsman*, 17 June 1897.
- 18 *i.e.* Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
- 19 This originally read '2 carts' but the number was amended to one.
- 20 In the original, the entries for Monday 26 July were mistakenly written in the section for Monday 2 August. Mercer subsequently wrote the entries for 2 August here, and amended the pre-printed dates accordingly.
- 21 The source of the additional 9/6 in the total is not given.
- 22 *i.e.* the Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade, Royal Scots.
- 23 All of these entries belong to Saturday 31 July.
- 24 *i.e.* a binder made by the American firm Deering.
- 25 *i.e.* a manual reaper.
- 26 'Meat' is probably being used here in the Scots sense to mean food in general.
- 27 All of these entries belong to Saturday 11 September.
- 28 *i.e.* the Brunstane Mills, Musselburgh.
- 29 This was probably a carcase.
- 30 A hansel, or more usually 'handsel', was a gift given to commemorate an inaugural occasion, event or season, in this case the beginning of the year, supposedly to bring good luck. See *s v Handsel*, *Dictionary of the Scots Language* website: <http://www.dsl.ac.uk/entry/snd/hansel>.
- 31 These figures appear to have been written at a later date.
- 32 Piershill barracks was the home of the cavalry regiment, the Royal Scots Greys.
- 33 George's brother John Swan Mercer (b. 1867) was an advocate. The topic of his paper is not recorded. For a short biographical note, see 'Legal appointments', *Scotsman*, 17 August 1933.
- 34 *i.e.* raw linseed cake imported from Archangel, Russia.
- 35 This entry belongs to Monday 19 March.
- 36 These two entries belong to Saturday 24 March.

- 37 A party was held at Oxenfoord Castle this evening to celebrate the eighty-first birthday of Lord Stair. It was attended by around one hundred of his tenants and estate workers, who presented him with a two-handled, sterling silver vase. James Mercer of Southfield, as the oldest tenant on the estate, presented the address, while John Mercer gave one of the toasts. See 'Presentations and Rejoicings at Oxenfoord Castle', *Scotsman*, 10 April 1900.
- 38 These two entries appear to belong to Monday 9 April.
- 39 The sheep bought the previous day had been delivered to Leith by sea.
- 40 The synod of the United Presbyterian Church was being held this week at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh. As Mercer notes here, the Church's missionary work was discussed on the 9 May. In response to the serious famine that had been affecting large parts of India since 1899, the Church had set up a relief fund. It was announced at the synod that £9,548 had been raised so far. See 'United Presbyterian Synod', *Scotsman*, 10 May 1900.
- 41 In contrast to one-piece rollers, a Cambridge roller was made up of a number of small segments, which were better able to follow the contours of the ground. Each segment was ribbed so that it could break up as well as flatten the ground.
- 42 *i.e.* went over the drills with a Cambridge roller. See endnote 41.
- 43 *i.e.* Arniston House, Gorebridge, home of the Dundas family.
- 44 *i.e.* the annual show of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, which took place at King's Park, Stirling, 17-20 July.
- 45 There were two surgeons called Berry in Edinburgh at this time: George Berry, an ophthalmic surgeon, based at 31 Drumsheugh Gardens; and Richard Berry, based at 4 Howard Place.
- 46 The Scottish Permissive Bill Association had been established in 1858 ('and Temperance' was added to its name in 1894) to promote a law prohibiting the sale of alcohol in Scotland.
- 47 *i.e.* to elect a member of parliament for the constituency of Midlothian. The contest was won by the Liberal candidate, Alexander Murray, the Master of Elibank.
- 48 This was written in a bolder and more elaborate script than entries elsewhere in the diaries, showing that it was of particular significance to Mercer, who was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. From the merger arose the United Free Church of Scotland.
- 49 An additional note, 'Get 1 boll later', was inserted before this entry, and '15.6' written immediately above '1.18.9'. The total was not amended, though.

FURTHER READING

A digital file of the original cash book can be consulted at Cousland Heritage Hub, Cousland Smiddy (<http://www.couslandsmiddy.co.uk>) where it is part of a collection of objects, photographs and other documents which tell the story of the district and its people. Further useful material can be found at the Dalkeith Museum.

Detailed contemporary descriptions of the parish of Cranston, Dalkeith and other places mentioned in the diaries can be found in Groome, F H. *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland*, 6 vols, London, 1894-5.

Stephens, H. *The Book of the Farm*, 4th edn, rev. J MacDonald, 6 vols, Edinburgh, 1889-91, provides detailed descriptions of the various branches of agriculture practised in Britain at the end of the nineteenth century. Contemporary volumes of the *Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland* also contain much relevant material, as do the journals *Scottish Farmer* and the *North British Agriculturist*. Secondary works that look at farming in general during the period include Fenton, A and Veitch, K, eds. *Scottish Life and Society. A Compendium of Scottish Ethnology, volume 2: Farming and the Land*, Edinburgh, 2011; Perren, R. *Agriculture in Depression, 1870-1940*, Cambridge, 1995; Perry, P J, ed. *British Agriculture 1875-1914*, Abingdon, 1973; and Symon, J A. *Scottish Farming, Past and Present*, Edinburgh, 1959.

Directories from the period (in particular *Carment's Directory for Dalkeith and District* and the *Edinburgh and Leith Post-Office Directory*) contain information about many of the firms and tradesmen used by the Mercers. Newspapers, such as the *Dalkeith Advertiser*, are another useful source of local information.

For biographical details about the Mercer family and other individuals mentioned in the diaries, see the Census Returns for 1891 and 1901 (accessible online at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>).

The glossary was compiled mainly using the *Scottish National Dictionary*, eds. W Grant and D A Murison, 10 vols, Edinburgh, 1931-76, which can be consulted online at: <http://www.dsl.ac.uk/>.