

Building the 1904 Home

From the 1904-1914 Journal record
(Excerpts written by John Lorang)

April 6, 1904 (Wednesday)

“we dock (**dug**) **up trees** in the morning, I ben to town and **ordered lumber for house**, 32-rough west wind all day-40”

Genesee News- April 8, 1904 (Friday)

“John Lorang has plans drawn for some very extensive improvements about his farm residence. When carried out they will represent an expenditure of about \$2000.00 and the Lorangs will have one of their finest homes in the country. The proposed additions to the present residence will be **16’x28’ and 16’x24’, two stories in height.**”

April 21 (Thursday)

“maid fence along the road, **ordered actstracks of an agent**, 40-rainy all day-55”

April 22 (Friday)

“**seting posts** along the old road, 35-cold rain in the morning-60”

May 3 (Tuesday)

“they **put the telephon in** & I been to town after noon, 32-nice all day-64”

May 6 (Friday)

“the **acessor has ben here**. Seeded beardles-barley, 40-tended to rain with cold w. wind-54”

May 10 (Tuesday)

“I ben to curch & **bargend for the lumber for the house**, 42-windy in the morning, fair after.-75”

May 18 (Wednesday)

“cleaned the grainery & cut trees down around the house, 42-rained in the fornoon-60”

May 20 (Friday)

“I went to see whear I could gat rock. Boys finish roadwork, 42-nise all day-74”

Genesee News- May 20, 1904 (Friday)

“John Lorang is hauling lumber out for the erection of his new farm residence.”

May 23 (Monday)

“haul 2 loads of rock from the canyan, 46-strong w. wind all day-73”

May 24 (Tuesday)

“the wend after rock and we sorded apples, 38-hael & rain showers-48”

May 27 (Friday)

“boys hauld rock & Mama and I went to town in the evening, 36-nice all day-77”

May 30 (Monday)

“P (Peter) finnisht harroing fall wheat, **hauld rock** & planted cabitsh plants, 45-cloudy in evening-72”

May 31 (Tuesday)

“I ben to town. **Boys hauld rock** & planted cabitsh plants, 42-cloudy in evening-72”

June 9 (Thursday)

“hauld Oats to town and lumer back, 42-trended to rain, thunder in evening-70”

June 10 (Friday)

“Peter hauld Oats & lumber, reseeded turnaps. B. (Barney) rold wheat-feald, 40-rough w. wind all day-60”

June 11 (Saturday)

“taken part of the old house down & B. ben rolling wheat, 42-fine all day-60”

June 13 (Monday)

“moving ketschen & B. finish roling, 45-fine all day-78”

June 14 (Tuesday)

“put ketschen on the foundation & P. go a load sand, 50-fine all day-82”

June 17 (Friday)

“mooft the main part of the house & P. B. got 2 loads sand, 50-fine all day-82”

June 18 (Saturday)

“finisht house-mooving & P. & B. got 2 loads lumber, 50-cool w. wind all day-68”

June 20 (Monday)

“I bn to Uniontown after line & P. hauld the last Oats. G Kohnen started to work for us agane. Mama went to Juliaetta, 52-fine all day-80”

June 21 (Tuesday)

“Gils started maison work, mama came back from Juliaetta, **boys hauld the last rock,** 40-hard w. wind after noon-70”

June 22 (Wednesday)

“I layt tyling from the suer, **Gils layd rock,** 40-hard w. wind all day-60”

June 23 (Thursday)

“layd rock, mama ben to town. H. got 400# lime, starded plow sommerfollo, 38-hard w. wind all day-60”

June 24 (Friday)

“we layd rock & Barney plowed sommerfollo on the east of the road, 34-nise all day-70”

June 27(Monday)

“I ben to town after nails, Gils finish maisonwork, 46-nise all day-80”

June 28 (Tuesday)

“Put blocking under the house, Peter went to Semelers weding. I. B. H. & A. ben to a speatsh, 48-nise all day-82”

June 29 (Wednesday)

“G., Stelz & Forest started to work on the new house at 9 o clock in the morning, 50-nise all day-86”

June 30 (Thursday)

“Mr. Stamps started to work on our new house. G Kohnen went home, 50-clowded up after n., lightning in the evening-90”

July 1 (Friday)

“the carpenters all went home. I wroat a letter to V. Lorang, 50-a fine rain in the fornoon-62”

July 2 (Saturday)

“Stamps & Stelz worked all day. 50-thunder and lightening after.-84”

July 4 (Monday)

“at hom all day working all day working on the house. P. & B. went to dance, 50-fair but lightning evening-80”

July 5 (Tuesday)

“I ben to town & Mr. Quly started to work at 2 00 P.M. & Stamps came in morning. Stelz cam back at 9 o.c., 50-nise all day-86”

July 6 (Wednesday)

“Stelz Stamps & Qualy workt all day & we pot on roof board, 58-nise all day-92”

July 7 (Thursday)

“Stelz Stamps & Qualy workt all day & we pot on roof board, 56-nise all day-74”

July 8 (Friday)

“I ben to town in the morning. We all workt afternoon, 50-rainey in the morning, fair afternoon-75”

July 9 (Saturday)

"I ben to town after 2 b. lumber. **Stelz Stamps & Qually workt all day**, 54-fair all day-88"

July 11 (Monday)

"**Stamps workt all day and Stelz workt ½ day**, 66-nise in morning, cloudy in evening-90"

July 12 (Tuesday)

"**Stamps workt all day**. Barney finnisht plowing, 50-w. wind (little all day) clouds-78"

July 13 (Wednesday)

"**Stamps workt all day**. G. K. & Teresia Lorang reseeded, 40-nise wind all day-73"

July 14 (Thursday)

"**Stamps workt all day. We finnisht shingling the new house.** Barney stated mowing acrost the road, 38-thond and lightning-78"

July 15 (Friday)

"**Stamps workt all day**, heifer got blowded in Clover & Alfalfa and died, got 68# beaf of Broemmlings, 40-rainedmost all day-54"

July 16 (Saturday)

"**Stamps workt all day**, P. & I fixt up the wathering trough & plais, 50-rained last night-65"

(this isn't a notation about the house, but thought it was part of the story): July 17 (Sunday) "we ben to church & P. & B. didnent com home antil 10 o clock at night"

July 18 (Monday)

"Stamps workt all day, **P. & B. layd flore**, 58-cloudy in m., fair after-75"

July 19 (Tuesday)

"**Stamps workt all day**, B. mowed acrost the road, **P. & I shingled old house**, Joe Moersch pict beareys heir, 60-nise all day-84"

July 20 (Wednesday)

“Stamps workt all day, we mowed rackt hay, 60-nise all day-88”

July 21 (Thursday)

“Stamps workt all day, we mowed rackt & shockt hay, 68-thundering & litening-91”

July 25 (Monday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day, 56-fine-83”

July 26 (Tuesday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day, Smolt & I went to Juliaeta, 56-fine-93”

July 27 (Wednesday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. Mr. Berdelson started to work in the hay at noon, 60-fine-84”

July 28 (Thursday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. Stelz 3 ours layt. Birdelson workt $\frac{3}{4}$ day, 54-hard w. wind and tretend rain-68”

July 29 (Friday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day and boys hauld hay all day, 50-fine-70”

July 30 (Saturday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day and boys hauld hay, 50-fine-70”

August 1 (Monday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. I ben to town in morning. **B. ben after brick after noon**. Berdelson workt all day, 52-fine-86”

August 2 (Tuesday)

“Stamps, Stelz, Garreson & Berdelson workt all day. boys hauld hay & I ben to town aft brick, 56-fine-84”

August 3 (Wednesday)

“Stamps, Stelz, Garreson & Berderson workt all day. boys hauld hay, 56-fine-84”

August 4 (Thursday)

“A. Jakobs starded work at noon, finish hauling Beardles B. hay. **Stelz, Stamps & Garreson workt all day.** B. starded to cut wheat-hay. I & Mama be to town to see the Dr. about herr lage, 54-fine-92”

August 5 (Friday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day, we butcherd a heifer, 56-fine-94”

August 6 (Saturday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day & boys raikt and shockt hay, delivered meat to Broemlings 51#, 45# to Griser 10# to Therhar, 25 ½# Ebels, 30# Michelson. I ben to Moscow to the county connvntian, 58-fine-96”

August 8 (Monday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day & Mr. Gills workt on floor all day, B. ben after lomber & boys hauld hay, 52-fine-88”

August 9 (Tuesday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. boys hauld hay, 50-fine-85”

August 10 (Wednesday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. boys got trough hauling hay, Broemmlings starded hading at oeur plais at noon, 52-west w. all last night-75”

August 11 (Thursday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day & Gilz workt all day, we mowed sum wheat for hay, finnisht hading after dinner, 46-fine-80”

August 12 (Friday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day. Gilds finisht the Gimmeney, 54-fine-89”

August 13 (Saturday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day, B. & A. shockt & hauld hay, rec. 38# beaf from Pet. Kinger, 58-fine-91”

August 15 (Monday)

“I. M. P. B. H. A. A. & B. ben to church, boys hauld hay after-noon. Stelz, Stamps & Garreson workt all day, 50-fine-88”

August 16 (Tuesday)

“Stamps, Stelz & Garreson workt all day, Stamps was sick, P. and H. Starded work with Broemlings hader agane, Barney starded work with Hasfurters hader, 50-fine-88”

August 17 (Wednesday)

“the carpenters finnisht work on the house in the evening, 46-fine-85”

August 22(Monday)

“I fixt up the old portch, Tohm L. was over heir. Let George Ebel have 2 horses to work in h. waggan, 50-fine-72”

August 23 (Tuesday)

“I painted the stearway. Mom ben to town, 50-fine-70”

August 26 (Friday)

“I painted & fixt up about the house, 58-fine-90”

August 29 (Monday)

“Mama & I ben to town to by the wall-paper, 50-fair, little cloudy in evening-72”

August 30 (Tuesday)

“I pot on wall cloath, hay bailers pold in at 6 p.m. 48-fair, little cloudy in evening-70”

September 14 (Wednesday)

“finish hauling grain, **I put on wall-cloth**, 33-fine-75”

September 19 (Monday)

“**C., Stelz & Can started hanging paper**, boys cleaned poan, Mrs. Abald left with Broemling, 28-fine-75”

September 21 (Wednesday)

“**we mooft the woodshed**. 40-little cloudy & tretent to rain-70”

September 22 (Thursday)

“**we compleaded papering the House**, 45-little cloudy & tretent to rain-70”

September 23(Friday)

“**I workt about the house** & boys hauld straw, 40-little cloudy & tretent to rain-65”

September 26 (Monday)

“**I and boys workt about the house**, the dost is damphend trough, 38-v. nise, little rain in the morning-70”

September 29 (Thursday)

“**Peter went to the mountains after lumber & sowdost**, 40-extrat fine-73”

October 4 (Tuesday)

“**Mama, P. & I went to Moscow to by furniture & carpets**, 40-fair-75”

October 5 (Wednesday)

“**P. hauld brick from the old Bank bilding** (*Bank of Genesee, built in July 1891*), **I layd Iinolian**, 40-fine-75”

October 6 (Thursday)

“Mama went to Spokane fair , **painter Anderson went to troy after his tools**, 44-rained a little after noon-60”

October 7 (Friday)

“**p. Anderson came back from troy**, 44-fair-60”

October 8 (Saturday)

“P. hauld a load of bick, the first writeing on new dask, the first evening the boys were gaterd in the new house and has a big row, 44-little rain last knight, a favy thunder shower today-54”

October 13 (Thursday)

“I ben to town and got a load of fornitor, 32-fine-75”

October 15 (Saturday)

“put up the heater in the new house, 44-wind last knight & fornoon-60”

October 16 (Sunday)

“I., Mama & the boys ben to church, we eat the first dinner in the new house, 40-rianed last night, cold west w. all day-40”

October 17 (Monday)

“painter C. Anderson went to town and got boosey, 40-fair-60”

October 24 (Monday)

“P. ben to the Mountans after wood. I starded to lay rock on the new seller, 40-extrar fine-74”

October 27 (Thursday)

“Peter went to Cornwall after a load of gravel, Anderson finisht painting house, 35-exrar fine-70”

October 28 (Friday)

“I starded to fraim the wash house, boys leveld of the housyard, 28-fine-70”

November 4 (Friday)

“finisht the roof on the pomp & wash house, 32-fine all day-62”

November 7 (Monday)

“I layd foundation flor in the washroom, P. got a load of cravel, 32-fine-60”

November 17 (Thursday)

“Peter hauld chop. **Barney pot up fence a round house**, 30-little cloudy all day-50”

November 18 (Friday)

“the boys got thou picking apples, **B & I fenced around house**, 34-cold w. wind little cloudy-40”

November 19 (Saturday)

“boys cleaned up around, **The & I warnesht furnitur**, 24-tredend to snow, rained in evening-36”

November 25 (Friday)

“boys hauld minur. **Barney & I workt on the house**, 36-misting all day-44”

November 26 (Saturday)

“**I blastert the sellar**, boys hauld minure, B. & I ben to town, 32-fair42”

November 28 (Monday)

“boys haul minur & **I flored & seeld the pantry**, 36-rained last night & morning-40”

December 6 (Tuesday)

“**I ben working about the new house**, 24-clear-34”

December 7 (Wednesday)

“**I ben working about the new house**, 24-fair-36”

December 9 (Friday)

“**I pot shelves in the pantry**, 32-cloudy, rain in the evening-38”

December 12 (Monday)

“**I & P. workt about the house**, boys drove with a team, 34-fair bot west wind, snow is most all gone-40”

December 13 (Tuesday)

“I finisht the sellar & pantry. Johney Broemmling was hear in the evening. got a letter from Tohm Lorang with a 200 Dollar Bank draft, 34-snowed in the morning, w.w. in the evening-38”

December 14 (Wednesday)

“I workt about the house, 32-snowed in the morn., rained in evening-36”

December 19 (Monday)

“I workt on wash-cink & Peter & Mama washt, 32-fair bot cloudy-40”

December 21 (Wednesday)

“I finisht wash-cink. Peter took his Xmas-trees to town, 32-trended to snow, snowed a little in evening-40”

December 22 (Thursday)

“I overhaul the chinacloset, Bauman veseded us afternoon, 23-cold S.E. wind-31”

December 23 (Friday)

“I workt on chinacloset, 28-cloudy-36”

December 24 (Saturday)

“Boys & I pot wier on fence south of the house. I was to town in the evening, 30-snowstorm from the west-36”

December 26(Monday)

“I put in the stareway on the old part of the house, 14-clear-24”

December 28 (Wednesday)

“Paind the ketchen, 24-cloudy-30”

December 29 (Thursday)

“finisht painting ketchen, 32-rained after dinner-36”

January 4, 1905 (Wednesday)

“I put a dore in the Bathroom. wh. Davey had dinner here, 28-clear-32”

(Wild Davey was a local character, who had some dementia. He traveled about with a feather in his cap and several dogs. Local people would take him in for a meal or help him along. We have a photograph of Davey.)

January 7 (Saturday)

“Boys all ben to Church, **I finisht bathroom**, 24-clear-30”

January 11(Wednesday)

“Peter hauld 2 loads of hay & got 2 loads b. chop & **I painted bath room**, 7-clear-24”

January 13 (Friday)

“Peter hauld 2 loads of b. hay, **I ben painting**, 18-E. wind all day-24”

January 14 (Saturday)

“boys all at home. hauld a little minur & **I paintet our bedroom**, 32-oneinch snow fell last night-35”

January 23 (Monday)

“Mama & Peter typed a quilt, **I finisht wash-room**, 34-rained last knight, rained hard afternoon-38”

January 24 (Tuesday)

“**I starded to cloth the rooms upstears**, 34-cloudy, mody roads-40”

January 27 (Friday)

“**I ben fixing the little Girls room upstears**, 34-cloudy & rainy-38”

January 31 (Monday)

“**I starded to fix P. & Barneys room**, Peter went Kernes wedding dance, 18-a cold e. wind-24”

February 7 (Tuesday) *(Next three entries are Mary's writing..... John is in Julietta)*

“**Barney working around house** and went to town, 20-cloudys & windy, windy will snow-34”

February 10 (Friday)

“Barney went to town after a load of chop and working around home, letter from papa”

February 11 (Saturday)

“**B. H. & A. was working around home** and churing, 12-clear a little 23”

March 4 (Saturday)

“we butcherd a pig & a cow & **maid a brick walck**, 32-extra fine-60”

March 20 (Monday)

“H. & Alberth started to go to school again & **I and Barney fixt up gaits**, 34-rainy all day-38”

March 22 (Wednesday)

“ben to town in morning. **I maid walcks afternoon**, it is to wett to plow, 28-havy sleet at noon-40”

March 23 (Thursday)

“**I maid walcks befor noon**, B. I & G Kohnen playd carts all after noon, 32-rained hard all afternoon-42”

March 25 (Saturday)

“Albert exchanged Bools with T.h.L., **B. & I poot on cloth in H. & Alberths Room**, 34-rained hard all afternoon-40”

March 28 (Tuesday)

“**I & Barney workt on the bed-rooms upstears**, 28-snowed in morning, but melted rite away-48”

March 29 (Wednesday)

“**I & Barney workt on the bed-rooms upstears**, 32-snowed all day, but melted-38”

March 30 (Thursday)

“**I & Barney workt on the bed-rooms upstears**, 28-little w. wind, sunshine-40”

March 31 (Friday)

"I painted upsteers & went to town afternoon, 29-fair but hart w.w. in even. -42"

April 1 (Saturday)

"Boys cleaned the Grove, **I painted bedrooms overhead**, 32-fair-44"

April 8 (Saturday)

"breth Dolly to F.T. horse, **I finnisht calzemineing rooms upsteers**, H. finisht plowing at the 30 A., 36-little cloudy-50"

April 11 (Tuesday)

"I painted upsteers, Inshurns-agents stabt for dinner, 30-fair-50"

April 17 (Monday)

"I fixt up screens, Joe Lorang viseded us afternoon, 40-fair-56"

April 19 (Wednesday)

"I hong screen-dores, boys all at home did old ennything, 44-rained all last night & all day-56"

May 20 (Saturday)

"put up window shayds, finnisht planting spots afternoon up on the hill at Hasfurthers, 44-rained in morn.-60"

May 24 (Wednesday)

"I was fixing about the old upsteers, 40-showery all day-60"

May 29 (Monday)

"B. hauld B. hay. I sold a calf & **painted washroom**. Mrs. Smolt was here, 42-fine-72"

May 31 (Wednesday)

"B. took a load hay to town, **I ben painting on the house**, 52-fine-80"

June 2 (Friday)

“Mama & I ben to Communion, **B. & I painted the kitchen & washroom outsyde**, 46-thonder-storm afternoon and a gard rain, after.-72”

June 3 (Saturday)

“last day of G. high school, **finnisht painting the house**. I ben to town afternoon, Barney pladed the last cabitch-seed, 40-fine-70”

June 5, 1905 (Monday)

“**I finisht work on the house**, ben to school-meeting, 40-rained all night-56”

