

Weds Sept 19 1883
Charley finished his corn

Frid Oct 19 1883
H got in the Beans, & some corn
22 Mon finished cutting corn

Monday July 28 1884
Satia has washed & baked, Amos finished the
mowing this afternoon except some nooks &
corners he will cut with sythe

Friday August 1 1884
to day Amos drew in his wheat

Sat'y to day Amos thrashed his wheate

Monday...this afternoon Amos has been reaping
some oats

Tuesday Amos is harvesting h is oats

Weds'y Amos has drawn in some oats

Thurs'y to day Charley Brockett
helpt Amos draw in oats

Friday Charley helped Amos today
& got his oats all in a little after 3
oclock

saturday to day Amos went to the other
place & stacked some hay that had
been cut on shair

Charley: Delia's son-in-law

H: Delia's husband Hiram

mower: a mowing machine used for cutting hay was
drawn by a horse

sythe: an implement with a large curved blade at the
end of a long handle, used for cutting hay or grass by
hand

Amos: Delia's son

cut on shair: shares, helping a farmer harvest
his crops, taking part of the crop as payment for labor

Activities to Accompany Diary

- 1) Look at the picture "Denison Hill, c. 1890, from Denison family album. Describe what you see. What is the season? Tell why you think this is so.
- 2) Read diary entries and notes for August 17-22. Discuss quilting bees and why they were so important in Delia's day.
- 3) Read all the diary entries and make a list of all the crops that Delia talks about harvesting during those fall months.
- 4) Read the description of Delia's diary. Using lined paper, brown paper bags, and yarn, make a diary like Delia's. Use the diary to keep track of what you did for a week in the fall. Did your diary have any entries about fall or harvest related activities?