

[Sunday, May] 10 Alva & Bertha[,] Joney Boultons wife & Clarence ¹ was here to dinner after tea we went to the Chappel to meeting & drove Lily & Oh say she did switch hard ²

[Monday, May] 11 Harrold came home with Jennie, Emma & Clifford ³ came over after tea[;] I killed a hen

[Tuesday, May] 12 had the hen for dinner Arthur took the calvs down to W. Stuarts today to pasture drew out two loads of manure Arthur stayed to Mr Stuarts to dinner Jennie did not go to school to day she played with the little turkeys

[Wednesday, May] 13 we took the colts out to Alva Boultons to pasture helped Bertha paper took dinner & tea there Alva gave me a basket of apples ⁴ & a piece of meat with 8 lbs in it

[Thursday, May] 14 took dinner with Marriett tea with the Stewarts-W. Forsyths had there tea & Arthur went ⁵

Notes:

¹ Alva Boulton's wife Bertha is Lucy's 32-year-old sister Bertha Myrtle Stover; Joney or John E. Boulton's wife is Emma. Clarence is their 11-year-old son. For a photo of Alva and Bertha's house and family ca. 1910 see Larry Turner's Ernestown: Rural Spaces, Urban Places, page 181 (ET 151)

² The horse is difficult to control, needing hard use of the whip or switch.

³ Harold and Clifford, sons of Emma Peebles, are Arthur and Lucy's nephews, visiting from New York state (see May 11, 1903, note 5). Harold must have walked home with Jennie from school in Wilton.

⁴ Without the benefit of imported fruit from the Southern Hemisphere or artificially cooled storage facilities, Lucy might have found last season's local apples lacked crispness and flavour unless the Boultons had a good root cellar.

⁵ The transcript fails to tell us where Arthur went, or why? Probably to the Forsyths' who are James and Margaret and their unmarried, middle-aged son and two daughters. The Forsyths emigrated from Scotland, and one daughter returned there.