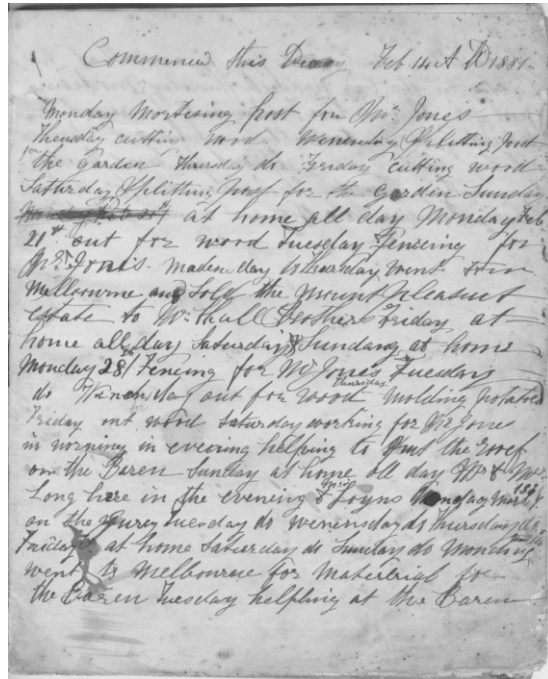
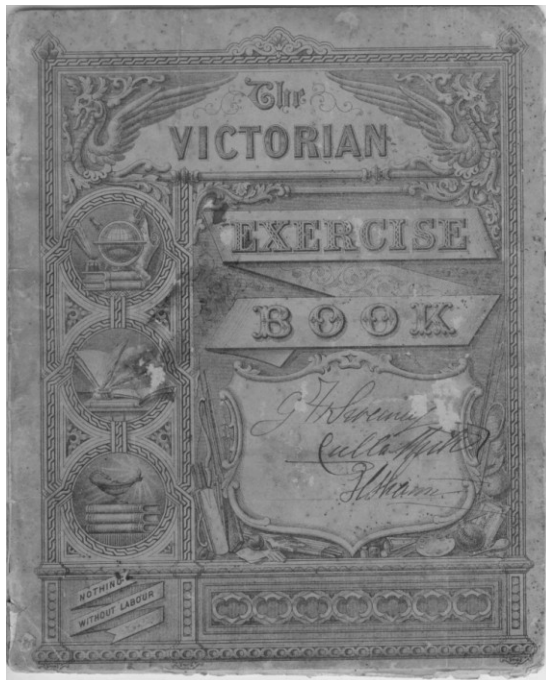


JOHN SWEENEY'S DIARY, 1881 - 1883

John Sweeney intermittently kept a personal diary (hand written in an old exercise book) between the years of 1881 and 1883. It was passed onto his daughter Mary Carrucan nee Sweeney who in turn passed it onto her son Jack. Jack passed it onto his sister Betty Erickson nee Carrucan who in turn passed it onto her son Tim Erickson. It is currently being looked after by Tim.



The following extracts show the sort of subsistence farming which framed the lives of the early Eltham settlers.

Monday July 2, 883	Ploughing
Tuesday – Thursday	Cutting wood for Melbourne
Friday	Mary Murray here
Saturday	At home all day
Sunday	At home. Mary Benson here in evening.
Monday – Tuesday	Ploughing
Wednesday	Ploughing
Thursday	Working about farm
Friday	Ploughing for Mr Gordon
Saturday	Working at home. Annie and Agatha went up to Murrays in evening.
Sunday	At home all day
Monday	Ploughing in morning. Went to Mrs ? funeral in evening.
Tuesday	Ploughing for Mr Gordon
Wednesday	Mick (Carrucan) went to Melbourne with wood
Thursday	Ploughing for Mr Gordon

The diary went on with monotonous regularity. The diet was one of cutting wood, ploughing, planting or digging up potatoes, taking produce or wood to Melbourne to sell and the various special occasions when someone visited or the family visited someone. Peter Cuffley thinks that Mr Gordon was a Melbourne based person who had purchased property locally and could afford to have people working for him to improve it. He possibly got wiped out in the crash of the 1890s.

The diary also lists the cost of labour in shillings.

1 Day Ploughing	15/-
1 Day cutting firewood	15/-
½ day carting soil	7/6
Carting wood to Melbourne	19/-

This was subsistence farming at its purest – nothing excess, everything done with a reason and to an end. With large families of up to 10 children, it was a continual struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table.

The diary was lent to Sweeney historian Peter Cuffley who transcribed it into electronic form and added many footnotes to clarify the document as required.

Preamble – by Peter Cuffley

John Francis Sweeney the son of Thomas Sweeney and Margaret Meehan, was born on the 31st of December 1843 at ‘Diamond Creek’. This does not refer to modern-day Diamond Creek, but to the general location where the creek entered the Yarra River, later called Eltham. It is believed that John was born in the original paling hut that survived at Culla Hill up to the 1950s. At the time this diary was kept, John Sweeney was in his late thirties. Clearly his life was mostly hard physical labour. Sunday was more or less a day of rest, with church in the morning which John seems to attend on an irregular basis. Sunday afternoon and evening was the time for visitors. When John writes ‘evening’ he mostly means afternoon, and it is only when people are clearly at Culla Hill for dinner that we know he means Sunday evening. It is clear that the 110 acres will not support a large family and that outside work for more affluent landowners is one of the keys to survival, as is cutting firewood and selling it in Melbourne. John’s father, Thomas Sweeney must have also cut and sold wood, for we have a record of him tendering to supply the Eltham Police Station in 1865.¹ We can sure that Thomas Sweeney kept pigs, poultry and milking cows. He must also have kept cattle when he leased 810 acres, and after 1855 when he had clear title to 426 acres. He is said to have grown the first wheat ground at Henry Dendy’s flour mill in the 1850s. The records of the Eltham District Road Board for 1864-65 state that he has 16 acres under cultivation and 404 acres of improved pasture. The cultivation would mainly be on the rich river flats below the house. These are now a public reserve called ‘Sweeneys Flats’.

With the diary finishing in August 1884, we miss the death of John’s mother, Margaret Sweeney on Wednesday the 1st of October in that year. She had been suffering from cancer of the stomach which was first diagnosed at the beginning of April. John not only lost his mother, but acted as undertaker and buried her in the Eltham Cemetery. John and Ellen’s last child, Kathleen, was born on the 5th of October, two days after the funeral. John had lost his father in 1867, two infant children in 1881 and two young sisters, Annie Maria in 1869 and Johanna Marion in 1872.



John Sweeney circa 1906

Note: In transcribing the diary the original spelling has been retained, with some added punctuation and spacing to improve readability. The spelling of words such as ‘Baren’ for barn suggests that John had something of an Irish accent, which is to be expected given his Irish parents and relatives. His wife Ellen Kenney was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and her grandson, Pat Sweeney tells a cherished family story that illustrates her Irishness. It seems she was struggling to get her children to wear their hats. Her frustrated comment was, ‘And if you didn’t have hats – sure you’d want to be wearin em all the time!’

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¹ Victorian Government Gazette 24th November 1865.

The Diary

John Sweeney, Culla Hill, Eltham.

Commenced this Diary Feb 14 AD 1881.

Monday	mortising post for Mr Jones ² ---
Tuesday	cutting wood.
Wenesday	splitting post for the garden.
Thursday	do.
Friday	cutting wood.
Saturday	splitting post for the garden.
Sunday	at home all day.
Monday Feb 21 st	out for wood.
Tuesday	fencing for Mr. Jones. ³
Wedensday	do.
Thursday	went to Melbourne and Sold the Mount Pleasant estate to Mr Hall Brothers. ⁴
Friday	at home all day.
Saturday & Sunday	at home.
Monday 28 th	Fencing for Mr Jones.
Tuesday	do.
Wendnesday	out for wood.
Thursday	molding potatoes.
Friday	out for wood.
Saturday	working for Mr Jones in morning in evening helping to put the rooef on the Baren.
Sunday	at home all day Mr & Mrs Long here in the evening & Miss Loyns. ⁵
Monday March 7 1881	on the Jurey.
Tuesday	do.
Wendnesday	do.
Thursday	do.
Friday	at home.
Saturday	do.
Sunday	do.
Monday 14 th	went to Melbourne for matererial for the Baren.
Tuesday	helping at the Baren.
Wendensday	went out for a cow that had Cavled in the big paddock.
Thursday	mortising post for the gardin.
Friday	out for wood
Saturday	went to Melbourne.
Sunday	at house all day.
Monday March 28 th	out for wood.
Tuesday	doing nothing.
Wendensday	out for wood.
Thursday	Branding the calf and mending the stockyard.

From 30th of March to the 23rd of June this Diary neglected of that day carting bricks for Mr. Gordon.⁶

² From 1850, Henry Gilbert Jones had 93 acres on the western boundary of Culla Hill's 110 acres.

³ Born Wales c1804, Jones was an artist, printmaker, pharmacist and farmer. Died Eltham 27/3/1888.

⁴ This was Allotment 2 of Section 6 of 158 acres, purchased by Thomas Sweeney in 1855.

⁵ Andrew and Bridget Long. Miss Lyons was probably connected to Myles and Flora Lyons of Eltham.

⁶ William Gordon had 90 acres to the east of Culla Hill (Allotment 9 of Section 5).

Friday June 24th carting brick[s] for Mr Gordon.
 Saturday went into Melbourne with a load of wood, brought out some sacking for Mr. Gordon.
 Sunday at home.
 Monday at home all day.
 Tuesday at home all day.
 Wednesday ploughing for Mr Bourke.
 Thursday ploughing for Mr Bourke.⁷
 Friday went Melbourne.
 Saturday home all day.
 Sunday beried the Baby.⁸

Monday carting sand & water for Mr Gordon.
 Tuesday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Wednesday ploughing for Mr Morrow.⁹
 Thursday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Friday Saturday and Sunday at home.

Monday July 11th to August 12 this diary neglected again sometimes ploughing and sometimes carting for Mr Gordon Carting wood.

Sunday Aug 20 [21] at home all day J Murray here.¹⁰
 Monday 21 sowing oats for Mr Gordon and Harrows.
 Tuesday Aug 22 finished.
 Wednesday Aug 23 [24] : carting for Mr Gordon.
 Thursday do.
 Friday carting for Mr Gordon in the morning in evening put on a load of wood.
 Saturday Aug 26 went to Melbourne with wood
 Sunday & Monday at home.

Tuesday Aug 29 [30] commenced ploughing for mr Panton.¹¹
 Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday do.
 Sunday Sept 1st at home all day.
 Monday went for a load of wood in Mr Gordon Paddock.
 Tuesday went to Melbourne.
 Wednesday at home all day.
 Thursday went for a load of wood to Mr Gordon
 Friday went to Melbourne.
 Saturday at home all day.

Sunday Sept 11th at home in the morning went to town for a cow down to Mr Browns Paddock.
 Monday Sept 12 spreading manure for potatoes in the morning Jenessin here in the evening.
 Tuesday planting potatoes.
 Wednesday went Melbourne with wood Sold Flower and the dray & Harness.
 Thursday & Friday at home.
 Saturday went to Melbourne with the spring cart. Mrs Sweeney & Nely went with me.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday went for wood.
 Tuesday went to Melbourne.
 Wednesday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Friday at home.
 Saturday carting splitting stuff for Mr Gordon.

⁷ Probably Laurence Bourke (c1830-1910), whose brother-in-law married Kate Sweeney in 1867.

⁸ Arthur Sweeney had tragically died on Friday 1st July 1881, due to accidental suffocation.

⁹ This is probably George Morrow whose wife Mary Ann (Carr) died at Eltham in 1901.

¹⁰ John Murray, nephew of John Francis Sweeney, lived at 'Laurel Hill', North Eltham.

¹¹ Joseph Anderson Panton (1831-1913), former Gold Commissioner, had a property at Eltham.

Sunday went to Mass in morning J & T Murray here in evening.¹²

Monday Sep 26th harrowing for for Mr Panton.
 Tuesday do.
 Wednesday carting splitting stuff for Mr Gordon.
 Thursday at home all morning went home with Mr Walshs Harrows in evening.
 Friday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Saturday at home.
 Sunday at home.

Monday carting split stuff for Mr Gordon.
 Tuesday carting gravel for Mr Gordon.
 Wednesday out for wood.
 Thursday Friday & Saturday do.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday Oct 10th went to Melbourne with wood - no account kept until Oct 20.

Friday out for wood.
 Saturday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday carting split stuff for Mr Gorden.
 Tuesday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Wednesday and Thursday carting post & rails [rails] for Mr Gordon.
 Friday & Saturday carting Timber from Kangaroo ground for Mr Gordon.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday Oct 31st working about home.
 Tuesday Nov 1st cup day carting bricks for Mr Gordon.
 Wednesday 2nd do.
 Thursday do.
 Friday went to Melbourne with two pigs.
 Saturday at home all day.
 Sunday about home all day.

Monday morning Nov 7th carting stone for Mr Gorden.
 Tuesday do.
 Wednesday do.
 Thursday carting in morning in evening put on a load of wood.
 Friday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Saturday carting stone for Mr Gordon.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday Nov 14 carting stone and split stuff for for Mr Gordon.
 Tuesday wet day.
 Wednesday carting stone in morning in the evening put on a load of wood.
 Thursday went to Melbourne with wood brought out some loading for Mr Gorden.
 Friday at home all day.
 Saturday scraping manure.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday Nov 21 screaping manure.
 Tuesday carting sand for Mr Gordon.
 Wednesday Nov 24th [23] put on a load of wood in morning went for a drive to Kangaroo ground in

¹²

This would be John and Thomas, the sons of John Wright Murray and Mary Sweeney.

the evening the wife and all the children.
 Thursday went to Melbourne with wood.
 Friday at home.
 Saturday carting for Mr Gordon.
 Sunday went to mass in morning/ Lannens here in the evening.

Monday Nov 28 ploughing the potatoes ground.
 Tuesday 29th to Dec 17 chiefly working and some times working at home nothing unusual happened in that time on that day the members of the South Riding Messrs Bell Ford & Wallis came to inspect the road between Mr Gordon and me.¹³ Barney in the afternoon

Sunday. From Dec 17th to new years day 1882 this Diary neglected.
 Mama Nely & Tom and I at home. Mother & Annie gone Mrs Burke's to mete Carrie coming from the Diamond Creek and the town relations.

Monday hay make.
 Tuesday hay make in morning went to the court at Denertime hay make again in the evening.
 Wednesday hay make. Dick Bettison mowing.¹⁴
 Thursday Bettison and my self mowing.
 Friday mowing till Dennertime Cocking hay in evening.
 Saturday carting hay for Mr Gordon.
 Sunday at [home] all day.
 Monday cocking in morning.

Monday Jan 9th 1882 went with Mr Gordon to council in evening.
 Tuesday at home all day.
 Wenesday cocking hay Tom Orford¹⁵ helping me.
 Thursday fencing in the stockyard.
 Friday Brought Sims grass for Mr Gorden in morning in evening commenced carting my own hay.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday Jany 16th / 1882 carting hay for my self.
 Tuesday do.
 Wenesday do.
 Thursday bundled a load for Heidelberg.
 Friday went with it. Saturday went with hay to Heidelberg.
 Sunday went to mass in morning Jonney Murrey Mother here in evening and Miss Lane from the Andersons creek people.

Monday Jan 23rd 1882 Bundeling hay.
 Tuesday went to Heidelberg with it.
 Wenesday Bundeling hay.
 Thursday went with it.
 Friday Bundeling hay.
 Saturday went with it.
 Sunday went to Eltham in morning.

Wedensday 25 April [1883] carting for Gordon.
 Thursday do.
 Friday Mick went to Melbourne with wood I commenced diging the potatoes.
 Saturday Mick went with wood again – diging potatoes.
 Sunday April 29/ 1883 about home all day.

¹³ The Shire Councillors were John Bell, William Frederick Ford and Benjamin Wallis.

¹⁴ Richard 'Dick' Bettison c1843-1897. His father, also Richard, came to Eltham in the 1850s.

¹⁵ Thomas Henry Orford was born in New south Wales in 1847, the son of convict James Orford.

Monday	morning diging potatoes.
Tuesday	do.
Wedensday	do.
Thursday	do.
Friday	picking potatoes for the markt.
Saturday	went to markt with them.
Sunday	at home all day. Bridgett Murray & her young man here in the evening. ¹⁶
Monday May 7 th 1883	went to Eltham in morning in evening diging potatoes.
Tuesday	went up to Murray[s] Mrs Sweeney & Nell & Mary and the two Boys.
Wedensday	cutting wood for Melbourne.
Thursday & Friday	diging potatoes.
Saturday	finished diging the potatoes.
Sunday	at home all day.
Monday 14 May	carting for Mr Gorden.
Tuesday	Michael Carrucan went to Melbourne with wood. ¹⁷
Wedensday	carting for Mr Gorden and brought up the last of the potatoes.
Thursday	went with wood to Melbourne.
Friday	put a new Brake bar on the dray in the morning in evening helped Mick to put of a load of wood.
Saturday	went to Melbourne with spring cart.
Sunday May 19	at home all day.
Monday	cutting wood.
Tuesday	went to Melbourne with it.
W.	went to Melbourne.
Thursday	at home all day.
Friday	do.
Saturday	carting for Mr Gordon.
Sunday May 27 th	went to mass in the morning at home in the evening Mary Murray here. ¹⁸
Monday	went to Melbourne with wood.
Tuesday	at home.
Wedensday	do mending the fence.
Friday	cutting wood for town.
Saturday	working at home.
Sunday	at home all day Spots calved.
Monday	commenced ploughing.
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday	ploughing.
Saturday	went over the hills in the morning carting loges in the evening.
Sunday Jun 17 th	at home.
Monday	ploughing.
Tuesday	went to Melbourne with wood.
Wedensday	getting wood for Melbourne.
Thursday	went to ploughing match Annie Agatha & Tom went with me.
Friday and Saturday	home.
Sunday June 24 th	at home all day.
Monday	ploughing all day.
Tuesday	cutting wood for Mr Gordon.

¹⁶ Bridget Murray married Michael 'Mick' Dillon in 1894 at St Mary's, Eltham.

¹⁷ Michael Carrucan (1860-1943), would marry Mary Frances Sweeney in 1910. She is 7 in May 1883.

¹⁸ Mary Murray (Sweeney) c1833-1909, was the half sister of John Francis Sweeney.

Wednesday carting wood in morning Crellin kild the pig in the evening.¹⁹
 Thursday June 28th / 1883 went to Melbourne and got the new title from the Lawyer for Culla Hill.²⁰
 Friday at home all day.
 Saturday & Sunday at home.

Monday July 2nd 1883 ploughing.
 Tuesday & Wednesday do.
 Thursday wet day cutting wood for Melbourne.
 Friday Mary Murray here.
 Saturday at home all day.
 Sunday at home all day Benson & Frier here in evening.

Monday & Tuesday ploughing.
 Wednesday ploughing for Mr Gordon.
 Thursday 12th July working at about.
 Friday ploughing for Mr Gordon.
 Saturday working at home Annie & Agatha went up [to] Murray[s] in the evening.
 Sunday at home all day.

Monday ploughing in morning went to Mrs Frier's funeral in evening.²¹
 Tuesday ploughing for Mr Gordon.
 Wednesday Mick went to Melbourne with wood.
 Thursday ploughing for Mr Gordon broke the shere in the evening.
 Friday went to Melbourne with wood brought out a new moleboard.²²
 Saturday at home all day.
 Sunday went to mass in the morning in the evening went [to] Luck at Weary foli [Folly?]
 Tom & James Murray went with me.

Monday July 23rd cutting wood.
 Tuesday working at home in morning in the evening went to Eltham in the evening for the
 plough it was not done.²³
 Wednesday & Thursday & Friday and Saturday at home.
 Sunday July 29th at home in the morning.

Monday morning ploughing for the oats.
 Tuesday ploughing Mr Gordon.
 Wednesday do.
 Thursday cutting wood.
 Friday & Saturday Mick went in to Melbourne with wood.
 Sunday at home all day James Smith here.

Monday cutting wood.
 Tuesday Mick went to Melbourne with wood and brought out the seed and I cutting wood.
 Wednesday sowing the oats Smith went away in morning.
 Thursday finished the oats cutting wood in evening Mick went to Melbourne.
 Friday & Saturday I cutting wood Villy & Polly calved.
 Sunday August 12 at home all day.

Monday carting wood Blackie & Cherry calved - Ellen Murray & Anna Sweeny here.²⁴
 Tuesday carting manure for the potatoes.
 Wednesday carting stones for Mr Gordon in the morning in evening cutting wood.

¹⁹ William Francis Crellin (1845-1923), born Patrick, Isle of Man, settled in Eltham c1872.

²⁰ 'Culla Hill' (110 acres) was mortgaged to Benjamin Wallis for £130 on 22nd April 1878.

²¹ Mary Frier died Eltham, 1883, aged 63 (Reg. No. 8037).

²² Mouldboard for the plough which had broken the previous day.

²³ The blacksmith in Eltham must have been fitting the new mouldboard to the plough.

²⁴ Mary Ellen Murray born 1852, married 1888. Annie Sweeney 1860-1934, married 1884.

Thursday	cutting rushes.
Friday	planting potatoes in the morning in the evening cutting wood.
Saturday	wet day loaded up Mick in morning do nothing more except milking the cows.
Sunday August 12	at Tom's in the morning and all day.
Monday August 20	carting out morning in evening put on a load of wood.
Tuesday	building a pigstye.
Wednesday	working for Mr Gordon in morning in evening put on a load of wood.
Thursday	working about home.
Friday	cutting wood all day.
Saturday	went with Mick over the Hills in morning in the evening brought home some fire wood for the house.
Sunday	at home all day.
Monday August 27	went through the Kangerroo for wood.
Tuesday	Blank.
Wednesday	went through Kangerroo ground for wood.
Thursday	at home all day.
Friday	cutting wood at home all day.
Saturday	building pigstye.
Sunday Sept. 2 nd	at home all day.
Monday	getting wood for Melbourne.
Tuesday	work at home.
Wednesday	getting wood for Melbourne.
Thursday	I not well.
Friday	went through Kangaroo ground.
Saturday & Sunday	at home.
Monday Sept 10	harrowing and rousing [rolling?] for Mr. Gordon.
Tuesday	harrowing and rousing for my self.
Wednesday	mending the cow yard made arrangement with Benson ²⁵ to build a fowlhouse.
Thursday Sept. 13	very wet in the morning – ploughed in sour potatoes in the evening.
Friday	carting post and rails for Mr. Gordon.
Saturday	helping Benson with fowlhouse.
Sunday	home all day.
Monday Sept 17	helping Benson.
Tuesday	carting manure for the potatoes.
Wednesday	helping Benson with fowlhouse.
Thursday	finished my pigstye.
Friday	helping Mick to get his wood.
Saturday	Blank.
Sunday Mass	Sunday I was mo... for cancer but agreeable to Meachin Mr & Mrs Long ²⁶ and their neace with them to dinner also part of the Murray family.
Monday Sept 24	not well.
Tuesday	do.
Wednesday	went to Melbourne to see Mary Sweeney who is not expected [to] live. ²⁷
Thursday Mick	out for wood I done nothing.
Friday	I cut a load of wood for Mick to take in on Saturday /
Saturday	carting manure for the potatoes and mended the cow yard.
Sunday	at home in the morning.

²⁵ This could be either brother, George or Thomas Benson. George was in Eltham by 1857.

²⁶ Andrew Long and Bridget Keiwan were married in 1860. Christina born Eltham 1879.

²⁷ Mary Sweeney (Fitzsimmons), wife of Patrick Sweeney, John's brother, died 4th October 1883.

From then this Diary neglected – commenced again on Saturday April 26th 1884 making accounts.

August 3rd / 1884 – In the year of our Lord 1865 A.D. me and my Father split for the first time I went to Yering so is proved I want my own indentivity Up to the present time we are living together J. F. Sweeney

Commenced to plough for Mr Gordon on the July 21/ 1883 1 day work

July 24 --- 1 day work and delivered paper from Melbourne.

July 25 --- 1 day work ploughing

July 30 & 31 ploughing for Mr Gordon

August 1 do - - -

August 29 Received from Mr Gordon £ ..s 10.....

On the 15 March one load of wood 2 ton 14cwt

On the 11 April one load of wood 2....15

Working for Mr Gordon 15....9

Carting Timber from Melbourne 5cwt 2s...11d

Working for Mr Gordon March.. 11 12 13 14 15 – again on 19 March 1 day. April carriage from Melbourne 1s 9d cash 1s

May 2nd wood 2s 11d May 10 wood 2s May 13 wood

Cash Paid July 15/ 1883 Account between John F. Sweeney of Culla Hill & George Knapman²⁸ of Eltham on July 12th Dressing Shiere 1s [ploughshare] July 30th Paid Mr Knapman for repairing plough 1s 5d

August 20 Paid Mr Knapman 2s 10d

March 24 Paid Mr Knapman 2s

Settle with Michael Carrucan up July 15 / 1883 £1 1s Balance in his favour one pound 4 shillings June 29th paid five shillings and sixpence

August 26 Paid Michael Carrucan 5s August 28 Paid do.

Balance in his favour 6s 6d

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Mr W. M. Gordon to John Sweeney			
Feby 7 th Carting saplings	0	0	6

July 16 th Drawing Loges halfday	0	7	6
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July 18 th Carting firewood one day	0	15	0
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July 28 th ploughing one day		15	0
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July 29 th ploughing one day & stone carting		15	0
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July 30 th carting soil half day		7	6
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August 1 st ploughing half day		7	6
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August 2 nd ploughing one day		18	0
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August 5 th carting -- half		7	6
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Carting hay for Mr Jones		7	
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S Oct 6 th carting stones		4	
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Oct 7 th harrowing & carting stone		10	
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Carting Lime from Melbourne ...		19	
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List of ages of the children

Annie Sweeney Born Oct 11/ 1869

Agatha Sweeney Born June 27/ 1871

Agnes Sweeney Born March 10/ 1873 (died May 1st 1881)

Nelly Sweeney Born Oct 27/ 1874

Mary Sweeney Born March 9/ 1877

Carrie Sweeney Born Feb 17/ 1878

Tom Sweeney Born Aug 6/ 1879

Arthur Sweeney Born March 27/ 1881 (died July 1st 1881)

John Francis Sweeney Jun Born May 26 1882
Kathleen Sweeney Born Oct 5/ 1884

Michael Carrucan commenced to work for me on Tuesday the 10th day of April 1883 at the rate of fifteen shillings a week. J. F. Sweeney Culla Hill, Eltham.
Received from Mr Gordon for one dun Coloured Cow the sum of 2 £ 10s
John Sweeney.

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