

A Transcription from Joseph McLucas' Diary from 01/01/1889 to 06/07/1889

01/01 Went to sports at Sandy Gallop
02/01 Went to Salvation Army in Ipswich
03/01 Spent a dull day in Ipswich. Wrote a letter to J.R.Jardine
04/01 Went to Little Ipswich at night
05/01 Went to a sale in Ipswich. Bob bought some rings. Went to Salvation Army that night
06/01 Stayed at home, during this time met a number of acquaintances
07/01 Bob came, took his things home. I put in application for Andy.
08/01 Went to sale and bought a bed
09th, 10th, 11th Knocked about Town with friends. Went to Cattle Sale
12/01 Bob Came down, went to a sale. Bob bought a palliasse and Sofa. Sent thing to Peak Crossing
13/01 Went to Bundamba
14/01 Came over to Andys' .Bob brought his things from the Peak ,went to Sugar Lofe
15/01 Straightened Bobs' house up, then went with Andy cutting Burr
16/01 Went to Flinders, seen Griffit married, then to Churchbank for Bobs wedding. Stayed at Reeds 'till daylight
17/01 Went to Wood Church, slept most of day
18/01 Went to Boyles
19/01 Came over to Andys', went down to Bobs, then to Reeds, had a feed of grapes. Then to One Eye and had a game of cricket
20/01 Spent the day at Bobs, Andy's wife had a youngster
21/01 Went to Ipswich. Seen a cricket match between Australian eleven and Ipswich
22/01 Went shooting
23rd -26th)Went to green swamp cutting Burr 'till 26/01. Went fishing after dinner .I pulled the boat, Andy knocked the fish down.
27/01 Stayed home all morning, went to Bob Craig's, more grapes, then went to Bobs
28/01 to 01/02 cut burr, Bob and Andy helped. Went to old fellows he was'nt home
02/02 Andy went to town with the baby. Had a game of cricket at One Eye.
03/02 Went to Bobs. George Griffith and wife, also Jack Reed were there
04/02 Gave the Old Fellow a hand to brand some cattle, bought a horse
05/02 Andys' baby died. Bob and I went and dug the Grave
06/02 Went down to Bobs, started to split palings and posts for a garden, Andy went to Boonah
07/02 Split Palings
08/02 Split Palings. Andy went to Boonah to get contract to keep pumps in repair
09/02 Slit palings, went to one eye. Got a challenge from Harrisville
10/02 Went to Bobs in the evening
11/02 Split Palings, went to One Eye to post letter to J.R.Jardine
12/02 Finished Palings
13/02 Went over to Old Fellows to brand cattle
14/02 Started to make a dam at Bobs, Andy went to Boonah
15/02 Cut some Burr, Andy went to town
16/02 Went to One Eye, played cricket. Got notice to to repair Harrisville Bridge pump. Got a wire from J.R.Jardine
17/02 Stayed home all day, went to Church first time for a long time
18/02 Went to Harrisville repaired the pump, cut the decking for the bridge
19/02 Cut decking
20/02 Measured deck, went to Churchbank, went home around Harrisville. Received a letter from J.R.jardine.
21/02 Finished cutting and dressing the decking
22/02 Went to Harrisville, started to put decking in pump.
23/02 Finished decking at Harrisville, put in deck at Churchbank. Andy was not well, paid Bob Craig one pound.
24/02 Went to Bobs. Andy went to shoot the dog, but couldn't find it.

25/02 Bob and I went to Wenk's paddock to put in deck. Andy went to Boonah
 26/02 Worked at Dam till dinner time. Went to One Eye, got notice to do pump at
 Crogard Corner
 27th & 28th fixed pump, damn hard to get in place
 01/03 Went to Harrisville.
 02/03 Played Harrisville eleven at One Eye, Harrisville won. Bob went to
 Boonah to get contract to do Howards road, got notice to do pumps at
 Coochin, got a letter from J.R.Jardine
 03/03 Went up to Bobs after dinner
 04/03 Went to Brisbane, met a friend in Ipswich. Bob went to Coochin but could
 nothing to pump.
 05/03 Bob and I went to Coochin, took pump to pieces. Got rod mended, Camped at
 Boonah, Andy went to Harrisville & brought the horses over.
 06/03 Started work at Daylight, fixed the pump, came home, had a couple of
 showers.
 07/03 Went to Bobs-fixed yard, fenced in waterhole
 08/03 Went to Harrisville, bought a horse, saddle and bridle for 8 pounds,
 Andy went picked out work & went to Boonah
 09/03 Went up to Bobs brought a wheelbarrow home, went to town to pay entrys.
 10/03 Went down to Bobs, went out to Scrub Mountains. Andy and Minda came down
 after dinner, played a bit of cricket
 11/03 Came up to Howards, pitched Camp
 12/03 Andy had a job to get a paddock for the horses
 13/03 Started clearing, got pump notice, Andy went home
 14/03 Clearing at Tiviot, Andy fixed pump
 15/03 Started the big gums, Andy did not come up
 16/03 Clearing big gums in morning, went over to One Eye for a game of cricket
 17/03 Stayed home all day
 18/03 Went to Tiviot started clearing after dinner
 19/03 Clearing
 20th -22th went to Howards started to clear. Fire got away burnt some grass
 23/03 Watch fires, Andy went home, Bob and I stayed, came a shower that night
 24/03 Had early dinner, went down to the fires. Went fishing, Bob caught two
 turtles. Bob made a damper, played cricket.
 25/03 Went and rolled logs together, lit the fires but it rained, knocked off,
 Andy did not come with us.
 26/03 Looked like rain, did not go to fires, Andy did not show up.
 27/03 Did some grubbing lit the fires and it rained, went to Howards for meat.
 Andy did not show up
 28th-29th)28th & 29th Still clearing most trees down. showers. Andy did not
 turn up
 30/03 Started to work but had to knock off it rained. Had a good race after
 this horse, too slippery to go home over the range, went another way.
 31/03 Wrote to J.R.Jardine, went down to Bobs. He shot the dog.
 ¼ Started up fires
 02/04 to 03/04 clearing.
 04/04 Andy went to Boonah to get specification
 05/04 clearing
 06/04 Had a game of cricket at One Eye. Andy went to Boonah, did not get any
 contract, but got notice to fix Tea Tree Pump
 07/04 Stayed home in morning, went to the old fellows sfter dinner.
 08/04 Shot some pidgeons, started the fires, Andy went to see what was wrong
 with the Tea Tree pump
 09/04 Had a good walk after the horses
 10/04 Andy came and we finished cutting one side of creek
 11/04 Finished cutting other side of creek, Bob went to Howards for meat
 12/04 Half day work then went to One Eye and had a game of cricket
 13/04 Played a cricket match against Harrisville at Thonnes paddock.
 Harrisville won easily, Howard cut his throat
 14/04 Palm Sunday. Went up to Jacks, got the papers
 15/04 Andy came round to put belt on pump, rained

16/04 Stayed at camp, rained all day
17/04 Rained we went home
18/04 Went to Wood Church in the evening
19/04 Good Friday. Went to Brisbane, not much life up there.
20/04 Went to Wood Church, saw a lot I knew in Ipswich coming through
21/04 Easter Sunday, stayed at Wood Church till evenings, came to Andy's at night
22/04 Easter Monday had a game of cricket at One Eye
23/04 Went to Wood Church on to Peak Crossing, back to Wood Church
24/04 Went to Peak Crossing then came home
25/04 Came up to Tiviot, measured road through Howards paddock
26/04 Started work, rained heavy
27/04 Cleared to end of swamp
28/04 Went around the fires went to creek to see if there were any ducks to shoot, but there wasn't any. Andy went for meat
29/04 Bob came up with spring cart, got notice to do pump at Jacobs corner
30/04 I was clearing, Andy and Bob went to do pump at Jacobs Corner
01/05 Clearing, Andy and Bob did not come back
02/05 Clearing, Bob came back
03/05 Clearing
04/05 Clearing till dinner, went home had a game of cricket at One Eye, Bob took the cart home, Andy went to Boonah
05/05 Went over to the old fellow after dinner
06/05 Went and fixed pump at Dimmocks
07/05 It was raining went fishing caught one
08/05 Went rolling logs
09/05 Started fires too wet to burn
10/05 Fires didn't do much good
11/05 Clearing, went home by Alcorns, Bob went over the range
12/05 Stayed home all day
13/05 Went over to McNichols got horse shod, bought boring rods. Andy and Bob didn't work
14/05 Came up to Tiviot started the fires
15/05 Burning off seen the Stockman
16/05 Burning off, Andy and Bob started the cutting, Andy went for meat
17/05 Worked at the cuttings
18/05 Worked half day went home
19/05 Stayed home all day
20/05 Came up to work started the fires
21/05 Burning off, Andy & Bob started the cutting after dinner
22,23.&24 Worked at cuttings
25/05 Finished the cutting and clearing, shifted the camps up to Stone Crossing then went home .Andy got his leg broken on way home
26/05 Stayed home all day
27/05 Came up to work
28/05 Quarried stones
29/05 Started to draw but the first load the horse ran back over the bank and got killed. Quarried rest of day
30,& 31st Quarried stones, back nearly broke, Bob went to Boonah to see specifications
01/06 Quarried until dinner time, went to One Eye. Bob went to Boonah got contract for boring wells
02/06 Stayed at home till evening, then went to Tiviot
03/06 Drawing stones ,Bob went to fix pump
04/06 Drawing stones, Bob came back
05/06 Drawing stones
06/06 Drawing stones for a few hours, then started to rain
07/06 Quarried stones ,too wet to draw
08/06 Quarried, then went home in the evening
09/06 Went over to the old fellows in the morning and then to Tiviot in the evening

10th & 11th Drawing stones

12/06 Drawing stone, O'Toole came over and very near made us all drunk
13/06 Drawing stone, Bob was not feeling well. The Stockman came over
14/06 Quarried stone Bob and Eddie went to fill the stump holes
15/06 Drawing stones, went to One Eye in the evening
16/06 Trinity Sunday. Stayed at home till after dinner, then went up to camp
17/06 Drawing stones till after dinner, then drawing gravel
18/06 Finished stone in the morning, Bob went to fill stump holes
19/06 Finished cutting in the morning then went down to filling stump holes.
Got our work passed
20/06 Came home
21/06 Fixed tent, cut poles for camp
22/06 Took things over to Boyle's well
23/06 Stayed at home. Bob and Sarah went over to Sugar Lofe, I went to the Old
Fellows
24/06 Went down and fixed Crawfords pump and the pump at Allcorn Lagoon
25/06 Went to McNicols, got the rods and machine, took them to well
26/06 Fixed Camp
27/06 Bailed water out of well
28/06 Stayed with Old Fellows till after dinner, came over to One Eye, bailed
more water
29/06 Started to make Andy a pair of crutches, had to go and put a bolt in
Crawfords pump, then went to One Eye for a game of cricket
30/06 Went up to McGanes pump, went to the Old Fellows at Night
01/07 Bailed water out of well with horse
02/07 Bailed rest of water out of well, put stay in, Bob went to Harrisville
for rope.
03/07 fixed rods made a start, jumped 5 feet
04/07 Fixed lever , jumped 6 feet, lost the jump, got it without too much
trouble
05/07 Very hard jumped 5 feet, came over to One Eye made a good night
06/07 Had a couple of hours sleep, went up to One Eye after dinner , had a
game of cricket, came down to Wielands danced till 2 O'Clock, went to bed
knocked up.