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My experience in moving for the first time

- Nov. 1 Robert Heslop informed me The Imperial Tobacco Co would want my house by March 1st 1972.
- Tues. 2 Freda and I looked over Amos Mills house at 26 King St in Tillsonburg. He passed away in July 1970.
- Fri. 5 Doris, Freda and I looked over the house at 26 King St. We considered my living and dining room furniture would fit very well and the kitchen was 16 x 10. With 3 bed rooms upstairs and a bath. Good closets off 2 bedrooms.
- Thur 11 We went to 26 King St to look over the place again and measure up the rooms.
- Fri 12 Freda and I went to 26 King St to measure windows for curtains and also to see what decorating would be needed. Went back to Office and wrote up an offer for 26 King St. \$7500.
- Sat 13 Offer on the house at King St accepted.
- Sun 14 Checked over books in the cupboards over the kitchen and took about half back to the hill by the creek. Many of them from the library of the South Middleton Church that were damaged from usage. Doris and Freda came in afternoon and we went through upstairs closets taking some of the articles clothing and bedding and we burned a lot that was useless.
- Mon 15 Cleaning room over the kitchen and burning a lot that was no good.
- Tues 16 Went to 26 King St and spent the day cutting grass and trimming bushes. Nothing much had been done all year. Had the oil tank for the furnace filled 115 gallons.
- Wed 17 Afternoon Freda and I drove to Woodstock to search the title on 26 King St and other properties.
- Thur 18 Was at 26 King St all day cutting and raking yards and leaves up, bagging some up to go in garbage.
- Fri 19 Working at yards, brought a load of trash home at noon and threw it gully at west end of field west of the house. Started working in the garden in afternoon at King St.
- Sat 20 Went to King St in morning. Freda had been in an accident with another car or rather a 1/2 ton truck which side swiped her and drove off. As Jack was away I spent most of the day with her going to police station etc.
- Sun 21 Met Alf Ball at 26 King St about putting a new sink and cabinet in kitchen, vanity sink in bathroom and lifting door on the garage.

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- Mon 22 Went to 26 King St. Saw Sindens about decorating. Called at Sawney Rumber, Backus Rumber and Reliable Plumbers. and Tom Morris about papers. I stayed in the Office in the afternoon as Freda was taking a course in Simeco.
- Tues 23 Started moving by taking a load of fruit jars and items from my basement to 26 King St in morning. Had Williker look at stove dishwasher and fireplace. he wouldn't make an offer. Called at Backus and brought another load of fruit jars in the afternoon.
- Wed 24 Called at Hamilton Trust for certificates coming due April 28th/72. I am going to borrow money on them and pay cash for the house.
- Thur 25 Cleaned junk out of basement at 26 King St. Met Alf Ball at 130 P.M. We went to Backus and ordered door for garage and material for kitchen and bathroom sinks and cupboards. Floris and I went to the Bank ^{Commerce} and signed over Certificates of Hamilton Trust, that I had put in her name in 1967, for a loan of \$17500. to pay for the house. The certificates will be due on April 30, 1972. Vanderbrinks came at 4 P.M. from Culloden for the dishwasher and sink and fireplace. from 26 King St.
- Fri 26 Met Alf Ball and he started to hang the door on the garage. I ordered a molded arborite top for kitchen sink and wash bowl and taps for vanity. Came home and took some things to the Middleton Garbage blump. Went back to town and cleaned in the basement and where the fire place had been. Went to Tom Morris as the deed was ready for 26 King St. I left it with him in file and paid for the house.
- Sat 27 Went to John Graves former farm on the 9th con. of Hlerham for a chestnut board to fill in the base board where I took the fire place from. Freda and Floris met me in the afternoon to pick out wall paper. We brought two or three books home.
- Sun 28 At 11 A.M. Oliver and I met Louis Blocker and Joe Haredybs at 26 King St. Oliver disconnected the electric stove that Joe was getting. Had lunch at Oliver's then came home and Freda and Floris ^{came and} helped me pick out paper for living Room, Dining Room and three bedrooms.
- Mon 29 Took a car load of boxes of books and other things out in the morning and another one in the afternoon. Took Sindens paper books back. Alf Ball working at Vanity sink and bathroom.

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Tues 30

Took a load of odd chairs from upstairs to 26 King St. Alf Ball was nearly finished on Vanity in bathroom. Took a second load in the afternoon. Bought a small ~~double~~ sink from Reliable Plumbers that would fit in the bathroom cupboard Alf was building. Bought a sliding tap for it too. Harvey Jackson called for Eiso and cleaned out the furnace. It had been snowing and the ground was covered.

Dec 1

Temperature 15°. I took a load of tools, garden tools and numerous things from the garage at home to the garage at 26 King St. Alf. Ball has the door on and I can lock the place. Received my commission for selling a house to myself. Came home and disconnected the washing machine and laundry tubs and took another load out to town.

Thurs 2

Took a car load of boxes of articles from over the kitchen to 26 King St. Bought a molded top and chrome double sink for the kitchen cupboard Alf is building. Went back in the afternoon straightened things in the basement and cleaned upstairs.

Fri 3

Took two kitchen chairs to King St and left a captain's chair to New Ketchikan to be refinished. Freda went with me to Backus and picked out door pulls for kitchen and bath room cupboards. Took a second load in afternoon. Called at Tom Morris. Freda and Rori came at night to take the dining room curtains to get cleaned and shortened.

Sat 4

In morning took part in Santa Claus Parade with the Shrin Truck. In the afternoon Oliver and Cyril Vanhant helped and we moved my washing machine, water softener and Gladys' heater to King St. I got a refrigerator cart to move them with. Oliver took my kitchen light, 3 ring fluorescent, out and put it in the kitchen on King St.

Sun 5

Took a load of things from the garage and basement to King St. Jean Keith & Michael came at noon. We had lunch then went to see the new house. Had dinner at Oliver's.

Mon 6

Took another car load of articles to town in the morning to King St. Alf Ball was finishing boxing in the bathtub and odds and ends by 2.30. I cleaned out the garage at home in afternoon and took everything to town.

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- Tues 7 Met Davis Plumbers from Otterville at King St to hook up softener and washing machine, laundry tubs and sinks in kitchen and bathroom. Sindens started taking off paper.
- Wed 8 Went to King St at 8.30. Sindens were working at removing paper and filling up cracks in wall three men and part of the time five were working. Davis took out a lot of useless piping and were working in the basement at softener and washer. In afternoon I took 18 rose bushes out and some perennials. I made a trench west of the garage and heeled them in.
- Thurs 9 In the morning took 2 chairs for Brenda, a floor lamp for Vicki and strawberries for Rori. I put strawberry plants in Rori's garden. Sindens and Davis still working. I went back in afternoon with a load. I put in the garage. Rainy all day.
- Fri 10 Again rainy most of the day. Davis finished the plumbing a little after noon. Sindens had all paper off the rooms upstairs and down and were working in kitchen four men. Had it pretty well painted by night. Gas company came in afternoon and lit gas water heater.
- Sat 11 Met Davis and Freda in morning and he picked out ceiling paper for living and dining room. Sindens are to start Monday papering and will be done Tuesday night so I can move in. I tried out the washing machine and ran it through a cycle and softened the water. In the afternoon I went out and met Alf Ball and sold him two French doors between the living room and dining room which I knew I wouldn't use. Tried all the taps upstairs and down. ^{again} The water seemed a bit hot at first but soon cooled down when I let the taps run awhile.
- Sun 12 At 1 A.M. the Tillsonburg police called me to say there had been an explosion at 26 King St. The hot water heater had blown up. I drove out and the house was a complete wreck, the top of the basement walls blown out, the furnace tipped over, hot water heater blown to bits and the washing machine blown apart. The walls upstairs were blown out a couple of feet in places, a 3 window combination frame in front landed in the middle of the street and storm windows on the sides were thrown until they hit other houses. The kitchen floor was raised 3 feet and the stairways hanging

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- Sun 12 I went back out at 9 A.M. The Fire Chief and the Fire Marshal from Woodstock and a representative from Dept. of Energy and Resources were there inspecting the wreck. Obviously an automatic shut off valve on the gas heater was faulty and had not closed and a release valve on the hot water had not opened. The steam pressure built up until it finally exploded. There was no fire. Gladys came about noon. We drove out to King St after lunch. There were still crowds around. We called at Grant Mills and Ted Vance's about the Insurance.
- Mon 13 Gladys and I went to the house in the morning. Went all through upstairs and down. Picked up some loose things and brought them home. Gladys left at noon. I met the Insurance Adjuster at 2 P.M. and he said he felt sure I would receive the full amount of Insurance.
- Tues 14 Was collecting Orange Dodge dues in morning and had the car winterized at Doug Seimins. Went to King St and carried a few things that were around loose to the garage in afternoon.
- Wed 15 Was out collecting Dodge dues in Stratfordville and other places and paid the taxes on Ball's Quysbord at Fairground. Went to King St in afternoon. At night Grant & Anita Mills and I were entertained as Jack's guests to dinner from his office on account of the sale of the house. I entertained Jack, Freda and Rori as my guests so the six of us had dinner together in candle light as the hydro was off.
- Thurs 16 Met Al. Truman, a Building Contractor from Woodstock who inspected and made an appraisal on rebuilding the King St house for the Insurance Co. We had lunch at the Mocca. In the afternoon I called on Don Oates the Adjuster in Woodstock, also on Vera Corman.
- Fri 17 Went to the house at King St and the Office. On the way home picked up rocking chair from Rev Kilchabaw's.
- Sat 18 I got the snow fence out and David Oatman came and helped me put it up. Went to King St and salvaged some things from the basement. Some things we were missing and they were being picked up by visitors.
- Sun 19 Met Grant Mills and we measured up the house at King St to make plans to rebuild. I had dinner with Grant, Anita and Peter and Marilyn & Harvey.

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- Mon 20 Had picture of Office group taken in front of the Office. Went to King St and packed books in boxes that were upstairs. In the afternoon I got the kitchen sink and taps out of the kitchen and taps and other items out of the basement also 100 foot extension cord.
- Tues 21 Met Hon Oates the Adjutor at noon to get a form to be signed before a Notary for Insurance. I went to Tom Morris. In the afternoon I met Charles Oatman at King St and he took cables and fuse boxes out of the basement also 2 motors out of the washing machines. Moved books, chairs etc that were in the front hall all to the garage which we could lock. Took door locks and hinges off of the doors.
- Wed 22 Went to King St morning and afternoon and at night went to Grant Mills to go over plans for a new house.
- Thur 23 Went to town in morning and to Davis Plumbers at Otterville and paid their bill. In the afternoon I was at 26 King St taking measures for stairway and passage to the kitchen.
- Fri 24 Was at the Office for a drink with the rest of help. In the afternoon I was at Jack's and had a drink with Tom Morris who was calling. Had dinner with Oliver's septers. Went back to Freda's to stuff the turkey which I brought home to cook.
- Sat 25 Went to Jack and Freda's for breakfast. Back home to finish the turkey. Gladys, Jean Keith and Michael came about noon. We went to Jack's about 12:30. Fred, Brenda and Charles were there. Had dinner at 2:30. Floyd and Verna came later. Home about 11 o'clock. Gladys, Jean, Keith here.
- Sun 26 Drove to King St to see the house then to Theo & Madeline's Brinkers at Walsh, then to Leo Stilwells and from there to Simcoe to see the lights and to Edwards. Home about midnight.
- Mon 27 We went to Floyd and Verna's to see Bob Swinn's and son Shawn. Then to Oliver and Horis'. I brought Gladys home and she left about 4 o'clock for Hamilton it was raining. I went back to Oliver's and Jean Keith & I came home 11 o'clock.
- Tues 28 Jean and Keith left about 10 o'clock. I went to Grant Mills for plans in afternoon. I took them to Oliver's. Freda stopped in on way home from Rondon. She had left Hari there to have her towels out tomorrow.

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- Wed 29 Looking over blue prints and doing odd jobs around the house. Met Charles and David at one o'clock and we took balanced articles out of the basement at 26 King St. that were any good, and stored them in the garage there. It is packed full. Lori had tonsils and adenoids out.
- Thurs 30 Snowed in the night. Roads were bad. Went to town in the afternoon and came home by Jack's to see Lori.
- Fri 31 Met Ted Vance at 11 A.M. and received check for insurance on King St house. Had our pictures taken by the house. I was receiving the check. Went to Grant Mills for house plans he had changed them. Went to Oliver's 8 P.M. until midnight to Freda & Jack's after. Cyril and Margaret Van Rant were there. A very happy day to end the year after all the excitement of buying a house and losing it but also getting paid for it.
- 1972 Jan 2 Went to Grant Mills for changed blue prints. Took them to Jack and Freda's to check over, then took them back to have copies made of them.
- Tues 4 Grant Mills phoned he had 5 copies made of plans. Called at Ted Vance's thanking him for assistance in settling the claim so quickly and called on Tom Morris ^{THANKS} for efficient work in transferring King St property. Got plans from Grant Mills and had them approved by Town Building Inspector.
- Wed 5 Took house plans to Rongp Lumber Rangton, to Backus Lumber Tillsonburg, Tony Brown, contractor, and Richard Eppel contractor. Took Mr and Mrs Howard Holmes to look at houses their son John Holmes was interested in.
- Thurs. 6 Took the rocking chair that Lew Ketchabaw had refinished to Matt's upholsterer to cover. This was a wedding present given to Eva and I from Young People of Sleepboro.
- Fri 7 Went to Weir's Office to sign discharge of papers on 51 Bidwell St. Met Richard Eppel at our Office re the plans of King St house. He advised a one story building that would be a lot less expensive than the plans for 2 story Jack and Freda had been to a Mrs Pattyn's house at 54 Baldwin St to appraise it for her. They think this house might suit me better than bothering to build one.

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- Sat 8 Freda and I went to Matt's Upholster to pick out a covering for the rocking chair.
- Sun 9 Cleaned upstairs rooms and checking things to move. Went to Wm Underhills for papers for Black Precipatory. Went to Jack's for dinner and looked over plans for a one storey house.
- Mon 10 Went to look at some one storey houses of Chambers in Trattier's subdivision west on Baldwin St.
- Tues 11 Met Richard Eppel at the Office to see plans of a split level house. Went to Simcoe to see Warden Clark/Huffman take Office.
- Wed 12 Went to house at 26 King St. sorted out fruit jars, there were about 36 left out of over 200. Found Mother's breadboard and some other articles in the basement. Moved them to garage.
- Thur 13 Freda and I went to look at Mrs Pattyn's house at 54 Baldwin St which she wants to sell as her husband has died. It looked very nice, would need some decorating to suit me but the living room is as large as the one at my home. The dining room not quite as large but would hold my dining room suite, the kitchen about half as large as mine but stove and refrigerator would fit in. Also a large room at the back for a summer kitchen that my scullery cupboard would fit in. 3 good sized bedrooms upstairs.
- Fri 14 Freda and I went looking for houses in Westmount Glenridge and Trattier subdivisions.
- Sat 15 Went to Office in morning. 6 below zero. Horis and I went to look at Mrs Pattyn's house 54 Baldwin. In the afternoon Jack and I wrote up an offer which he took over and Mrs Pattyn accepted. I showed Mr and Mrs John Holmes eight houses. They picked out two they were interested in and said they would make offer later.
- Sun 16 Looked up historical items of Middleton and Norfolk County for Wendy Fisher to write a thesis on. Went to Masonic Service for Wana Wilson.
- Mon 17 Transferred money from Hamilton Trust to Current a/c in Montreal to cover down payment on 54 Baldwin St. I sold the lot and remains of building at 26 King St to Jack and Freda. Went to Wana Wilson's funeral in afternoon and to Otter Lodge at night. H.L.G.M. official visit.

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- Tues 18 I took the doors out of their frames upstairs, at 26 Knight 3 bedroom, 3 closet and a bathroom doors. Put them in the garage. Was at the Office in the afternoon.
- Wed 19 Went to King St. Alf Ball had taken vanity sink apart in bathroom. I took it with the sink, some good screens and storm windows that survived and other things to the garage.
- Thurs 20 Snow during the night turning to freezing rain. Went to Office and to King St. I had Mac's plumbing disconnect the toilet there and I took it home with me.
- Fri 21 Freda and I went to Registry Office ^{Woodstock} in the morning to search the title for lots 1545 and 1548 Plan 500 for the house at 54 Baldwin St. 1548 is the right way to the garage. Called on Mrs Pattyn at 1:30 who has rented an apartment at corner of Durham and Queen, and expects to move by Feb. 13th.
- Sat 22 Met Charles and David Oatman at 26 King St and we moved some other doors, windows, fruit jars, water softener and Gladys' drier to the garage. I took my lawn mower home and cleaned it up in the afternoon.
- Sun 23 Took a washing to Freda's and defrosted my refrigerator.
- Mon 24 Cleaned out the room over the kitchen, putting some books that were left in boxes and went to the Office in the afternoon.
- Tues 25 Cleaned the front rooms. Went to the Office in the afternoon and to 26 King St to look at the stairway to see if I could use any of it in 54 Baldwin St.
- Wed 26 Went to Office and a tour of homes by McBrides. In the afternoon made out Shrine Dinner Notices and went to 26 King St to move a few more odds and ends to the garage.
- Thurs 27 Went to town and to the Office in afternoon and stayed with Rori from four to five as Freda was busy.
- Fri 28 Cleaning house and packing things in drawers and boxes that were upstairs.
- Sat 29 Went to town in the morning. Gladys came about noon. Freda and Rori stopped in after lunch. Gladys and I went to see the house at 54 Baldwin St. Afterward drove to Turkey Point to see Leo and Camille.
- Sun 30 Gladys and I called on Esther and at Jack and Freda's. Oliver, Doris, David and Jean Marie had been to Orlia's Skidoo party. Fred and Brenda had been a week in Florida. Gladys left 6 P.M.

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- Mon 31 Cleaned some things in the scullery and packed them in boxes. Went to the Office in the afternoon.
- Feb. 1 Gene Hreyer, new manager of the Farm, Willie and Rosie Verbuyst, who are moving in our house, came to look it over in the morning. Went to the Office then to Shines Funeral Home. Elchi, Alex Murray a member of our Shrine Club passed away. Sam Hamb and I drove to Pt Rowan at night. Winner at Oddfellows ball for Grand Master
- Wed 2 Met Mrs Pattyn at 54 Baldwin St, bought a mirror and window shades on the fifteen windows in the front porch. Made arrangements to move things in the garage from 26 King St. In the afternoon I took 2 mirrors off dressers to Silsonburg Glass and Mirror to be resilvered. Went to the Office and to 26 King St.
- Thur 3 Painters were here from Aglmer looking over the house to redecorate after I move. Went to the Office and to Funeral Home, George Eitel had passed away. Had Walter Stansell and I went to County Lodge at Simice at night.
- Fri 4 Gene Hreyer called with electricians to look over some changes to be made, in the morning. I packed some bedding from my room and jeans room to take to Baldwin St. Went to George Eitel's funeral. Rather bad storm at night.
- Sat 5 Went to 54 Baldwin St. Mrs Pattyn moving things out and said they would get the balance Monday. Went to the Office in afternoon and to Region Ball.
- Sun 6 Cold and snow all day.
- Mon 7 I was at the Office all day as Freda was to Simice in the morning and was busy around town in afternoon.
- Wed 9 Went to Office in the morning. I got the key to 54 Baldwin St. from Mrs Pattyn. At four oclock I had David with truck to move
- Thur 10 Took a car load of things to 54 Baldwin in the morning and again in the afternoon. Went to Woodstock at night to receive 15th degree in Rose Croix.
- Fri 11 Took drawers from Freda's dresser and boxes of clothing to Baldwin St in morning, and took all the shelves off the walls in the summer kitchen there. Took another load out in the afternoon dressers drawers from bedroom at top of our back stair and more boxes of clothes and bedding.
- Sat 12 Took two more loads morning and afternoon. Paul Sinden was there to see about painting. Went to HOBA card party at night.

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- Jan 13 Took suit cases full of clothes to 54 Baldwin St in the morning. Met Alf Ball about some changes in the house.
- Mon 14 Met Alf Ball at Baldwin St in the morning. We went to Backus and got material and he started panelling the Sun Porch. Jack and Freda were in Toronto to R. Etale convention.
- Tues 15 Took car load of things to Baldwin St. Alf Ball panelled the west and north walls of sun porch covering a window upon each wall. Started on Vanity dresser in the bathroom. Don Snively was here about new gas water heater.
- Wed 16 Alf Ball at Baldwin St. finished the bathroom and started putting cupboards in second kitchen. Gas Company came and took old water heater out. At night the members of Shrine Club put on a degree at Malahide Masonic Lodge.
- Thurs 17 Went to Baldwin St with car load of things. Alf Ball still working at cupboards in summer kitchen. Gas Company installed new hot water heater in the basement, the old one was in the summer kitchen. Sindens starting putting first coat on the living room. Went to Mac's plumbing about changing some taps and to Glass and Mirror about a bathroom mirror. The house at King St is all torn down.
- Fri 18 Took more things to Baldwin St. Alf Ball finished the summer kitchen and we drove to Jack & Freda's to see their liquor cabinet. We got more material and Alf took the south window out of the ~~living~~ ^{dining} room and started to put a cabinet in the opening. Tillsonburg Glass & Mirror came and measured the opening for a mirror. Sindens were working at living room finished first coat.
- Sat 19 Ward Smith from Mac's Plumbing came and we went to 26 King and got the water softener and carried it in the basement getting ready to hook it up. Cold down to zero and drifting at night.
- Sun 20 Cleaned out top part of the scullery cupboard and put the dishes in eleven boxes. Dick Van bent ploughed out my driveway and I took some of the boxes to Baldwin St and cleaned up the summer kitchen.
- Mon 21 Went to Baldwin St with a carload. Sindens finished the second coat in the living room. Ward Smith finished the softener and vanity in bathroom. He took out the old toilet and installed the one I had taken out of King St house.

Alfred Swinn got the fire place out of living room

Had to fill in and plaster the window also where the fire place was.

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- Tues 22 Took load of boxes of dishes and glassware to Baldwin St. Alf Ball finished the liquor cabinet and we started on the summer kitchen floor taking the old linoleum up and laying plywood down. Went to Port Rowan I.O.O.F. at night.
- Wed 23 Took loads to Baldwin St morning and afternoon. Alf Ball laid tiles on summer kitchen floor and hung the doors on the liquor cabinet. They had been to Glass and Mirror Co getting glass in the doors. I started cutting the living room rug that Mrs Pattyn left to fit the dining room.
- Thurs 24 Took loads of cups saucers china ware and glasses from whatnot, china cabinet and buffet morning and afternoon. Raul the rug from the living room here on the ^{under} pad from my living room on the farm in the dining room here, what a job to get it straight. I trimmed the underpad in living room here and after noon brought my living room rug out and laid it down. Also laid my dining room rug from the farm in the south bedroom upstairs at Baldwin St. Blake Moody's were here and installed electric outlet by the kitchen stove in the kitchen and two in living room.
- Fri 25 Four of Sindens were at 54 Baldwin St painting back kitchen, bathroom and liquor cabinet. I took the drawers from the dressers in down stair bedroom on the farm to Baldwin St. Noeen Kershaw cleaned the windows and shampooed the rugs.
- Sat 26 Freda with the station waggon and James & David with the truck and I with the car took beds and springs, bedding and boxes to Baldwin St in morning. At one o'clock Frank Smith and Bill Hilliker came with moving van and took all the large furniture dining room, living room, dressers stove and refrigerator a full load on a large truck. We had it unloaded by 5 o'clock. Had Kentucky fried chicken for dinner. By eight o'clock Horis, Freda and I had things reasonably in order. I spent my first night here.
- Sun 27 Went to farm in morning for mirrors pictures etc. Freda brought curtains at 11.30 and we got them hung. Jeanie Keith came about 1 o'clock. Oliver Horis David and Jean M. came later also Jack Freda & Horis. Horis brought roset of beef and we had our first dinner here.

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- Mon 28 Cleaned out the summer kitchen and got boxes of rubbish ready for the garbage collection. Sindens finished the summer kitchen, most of the bathroom and one coat on the liquor cabinet. I went to the farm for a load of odds and ends, to the Office from 3.30 until 5 o'clock and to Ostrander to an Orange Service for Lewis' Sergeant at night.
- Tues 29 Sindens were here and finished painting. Freda came about 10.30. We had Sindens help move the scullery cupboard, I brought from home, in the summer kitchen. Freda and I put a lot of the dishes in it that were packed in boxes. I drove to the farm for some suits of clothes, kettles, books etc. Went to Hamilton Trust and got a draft which I took to Tom Morris to pay Mrs. Paltyn for this house. Went to a dinner at night. Shriners and R & C at Royal Hotel.
- Mar. 1 Went to the farm and brought car load of kettles, boxes and articles from little pantry and scullery. Ward Smith was here and installed toilet from the King St. house put taps in wash room to hook up washing machine changed hot and cold water taps in kitchen sink as they were on wrong sides. At night six of the Shriners went to London, Ross Hounslury driving, to present a \$500 cheque to Mocha for their building fund. I went with them.
- Thurs 2 Rain turning to ice. Freda came and we unpacked boxes and turned the bed around in my room. The Glass and Mirror Co. brought the mirrors for dressers in jeans room and hung one in the kitchen and one in the bathroom. Got more boxes from the farm.
- Fri 3 Put things away I brought yesterday. Freda came and we drove to the farm for another load of blue boxes. In the morning Catons came with the washing machine I had to get Alf Ball to cut the door jamb out to get it in the wash room. The service men hooked it up and Alf fixed the doors on scullery cupboard which got sprung in moving. We put things away. Jack & Lorie had sisters.
- Sat 4 My 79th birthday. Freda & Lorie came about 11 AM and we straightened things up. Gladys came at noon. David Calman, Cyril Van Kerkhof and I went to the farm and brought most everything here in their trucks. Noeen Reshaw got the Sewing Machine. Gladys and I hung kitchen curtains.

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- Sun 5 Spent morning re-arranging furniture. Esther Wlean called. Drove to the farm for a car load of small articles from the kitchen and scullery. We had dinner at Jack's.
- Mon 6 Gladys shortened the kitchen curtains to fit the windows. Took them to Esther to hem them up on her sewing machine. Changed furniture and re-arranged the dishes in the kitchen cupboard. Had lunch at Brocca and Gladys left at 4 P.M. Paid Bachus' bill.
- Tues 7 Got last load of things from the house.
- Wed 8 Trying to clean the porch up of boxes of books. Put some in the book cases in living room and some upstairs in the Secretary.
- Thurs 9 Finally cleared the front porch off and unloaded the things from the car I brought Tuesday from the farm. Put a glass towel rail over the bathtub also a wall light in the south end of hall upstairs. Went to Woodstock for 18th Degree in Rose Croix.
- Fri 10 Still packing things away in the cupboards I built in summer kitchen and scullery cupboard moved from the farm. Sindens were here and painted and papered the washroom also the door frame we had to cut.
- Sat 11 Got hooks to hang cups in the kitchen cupboard. Horis David and I went to the farm for a large old dresser that came from Swinis. David took an old radio about the first one we had. Also took the snow fence and steel posts out to Olivers.
- Sun 12 Cleaned metal cabinet that was in the scullery on the farm and put it under the telephone. Raised the curtain rods in the south bedroom and put up curtains.
- Mon 13 Alf Ball was here and put door under the sink in the washroom also panelling under the windows in the porch. Sindens painted the base board and trim up the stair and in the hallway.
- Tues 14 Alf Ball finished panelling the porch.
- Wed 15 Fixed the closet under the sink in the washroom linoleum on floor and panelling on walls. Got mirror for bathroom sink and hung it. Moved the dressers in south bedroom. Horis David came and we cleaned things from front porch and summer kitchen put them in garage.

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- Wed 15 Panelled inside of closet under the sink and put linoleum on the floor. Got a mirror from Glass Co Lillson Ave, for over the bathroom sink and hung it. Moved the dressers in the south bedroom. Morris and David came and we moved things to the garage.
- Thur 16 Cleaned and shampooed the stairway carpet and laid it on the stairway. David brought the truck and took a load from garage and back porch to the blump.
- Fri 17 Noreen Kershaw was here and cleaned the house through a birthday present from the family.
- Sat 18 Had my birthday party here. Twenty were present. Keith, Jean and Gladys stayed here.
- Mon 20 Had N.U. cable hooked up. Jean left about 4 P.M.
- Thur 23 Rearranged articles in summer kitchen cupboards to take less space.
- Fri 24 Mac's plumbing repaired kitchen hot water tap. Freda and I drove to Brundas. I took two rocking chairs, one large one small.
- Sun 26 David brought my bird feeder and Xmas lights from the farm.
- Mon 27 Cleaned garage. Paid Tom Morris legal work on 154 Baldwin St.
- Thur 30. Changed furniture around in Jean's bedroom.
- April 3 Cleaned rugs & emptied drawers in my bedroom dresser. ^{and cleaned them}
- Fri 7 Cleaned house. Cleaned and rearranged the drawers in the buffet and china cabinet.
- Mon 10 Got 400 day clock from jewellers. Moving had stopped it.
- Wed 12 Had Dick VanKent move snow fence and posts to Oliver's.
- Thur 13. Took fence down from around flower bed in front of house. Got rocking chair from Matt's upholstery. A gift from Gulpboro in 1915.
- Mon 17 Worked garden at north end of lot for rose bushes.
- Sat 29 Put new blinds up in south bedroom windows.
- May 1 Planted 13 rose bushes at north end of lot.
- Tues 2 Ordered pavement for a drive way east of house.
- Thur 4 Put chairs in basement and brought another load from King St.
- Sat 6 Put new shelves in bathroom cupboard.
- Mon 8 Brought load from King St. fruit jars, tools, odds and ends.
- Tues 9 J.B. Carols were here, light in kitchen, outlets outside, washroom ^{porch} cleaning, etc.
- Wed 10 J.B. Carols finished putting light over the bathroom sink.
- Fri 12 Took four dresser lamps to J.B. Carols to be rewired.
- Mon 22 Set out dahlia and canna bulbs.
- Wed 31 Oliver and I got last of things from King St garage.

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June

- Fri 9 Paid my first taxes, the first installment for 1972
- Mon 19 Had the car painted while I was at Sault Ste Marie
- Sat 24 Trimmied lilac bush on the east fence
- Mon 26 Took the Orange colored plastic shades down from front porch windows. Ordered new curtains from Catons
- Tues 27 Peters Paving Co were here and removed sod and ground about six inches deep for pavement.
- Fri 30 Paul Sinden called about painting the Porch.
- July 4 Got curtain rods for front porch and put them up.
- Wed 5 Got curtains from Catons. Vikki helped me hang them.
- Sat 8 John Cranfield and Vikki Graves were married.
- Fri 14 Floris and I took items from Father's diary 1884-1885, when he built the house, to News Office for Centennial Edition.
- Tues 18 Oliver, Floris and Jean Marie flew to Newfoundland & Halifax.
- Wed 26 Peters Paving Co. paved driveway 10' X 40'
- Aug. 1 Paid Peter's Paving 150. Glass and Mirror 85. J. B. Carrol 126.
- Sept 3 Gladys brought me six ruby wine glasses.
- Tues 12 Got pictures from Vikki's wedding from Frank Rubie
- Wed 13 Presented two volumes of Masonic History to King Heram 78. These were books of Arthur Woods given me by Gladys W after he died.
- Sept 30 Jim Swain and Susanne Jubenville married in Tilbury
- Oct 20 Moved steps from east side of back porch to the north end
- Sat 21 Divided the Orange blossom bush and planted half each side of steps. Moved seringa from garage to east side of porch.
- Mon 23 Sindens were painting inside of front porch.
- Tues 24 Sindens finished first coat on front porch.
- Tues 24 - 31 Set 8 dozen tulips across front of house south east of garage & east fence.
- Nov 2 Sindens put second coat on porch and ceiling.
- Thur 3 Painted cement foundation back porch where the steps were
- Fri 18 Sold 5 storm windows that were in garage. Edward Pidmore
- Dec 1 David and I put up Christmas lights
- Tues 19 Bought painting for the living room.
- Fri 22 Jim Sinden and helper put contact paper in kitchen cupboard.
- Mon 25 Family gave me Breakfast dishes setting for four.
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- Jan 18 Got glass shelf and put over the bathroom sink