Excerpts of Primary Sources – Grasshopper Invasions

(Day One)

Directions: In the appropriate box explain the way each settler described the grasshoppers, the efforts made (if any) to preserve crops or plants, and the resulting damage done by the grasshoppers.

Pauline Wickham

Mary F. Brown

J.W. Honey

Effort Made

Results

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Pauline Wickham

Effort Made: None

Results: There was nothing left to feed the hogs and they all starved to death

Mary F. Brown

Effort Made: spread calico skirts and aprons over and around currants and rosebushes

Results: Grasshoppers gnawed their way through the clothes and left them in shreds.

J.W. Honey

Effort Made: "snapped" the corn and hauled it in ahead of schedule

Results: Grasshoppers ate everything green including most of corn. The corn field looked more like a big field of short stakes stuck in the ground.