

JANUARY

- 1 Just like spring this morning. Dr. [Raymond] drove us all down to Bellevue in the wagon and I got a bl. of flour. Sent by John Smith for the children's Christmas box from their papa- got pretty present of handkerchiefs from Cousin Rebecca. John Dumont cut hedge a little but spent more time turning out things. Everything got in today- hogs- sows, little pigs, horses, mules &c. He also hauled some branches to pile at the corner of the cook house. Mr. J. W. Gaines came and pd. me the rest of what he owed me for the stalk field except 5.00. He pd. me \$25. and I pd Mr. Nelson 15.00 of it in presence of Belle and Mr. Gaines is to bring me the other 5.00 sometime. I pd. Hilda the 3.00 I had borrowed of her. John Graves still gone. It was too warm today. I made 3 cakes, a black cake for Patty &c. Was weighed- 139 lbs. This is a most uncommon season. The jonquils are up several inches, all the early bulbous roots are up, the grass green and it is so warm that we have to open the windows. The river is very high- backwater up- everything looks like spring.
- 2 Sunday- Another heavenly day- really warm. Dr. Grant came and dined with us. Told me the water was so high it had nearly spoiled Woolper bridge. No one went to church. Hilda was poorly with a cold. I wrote letter to Buddy acknowledging draft that came Dec. 30th, to Julia and to Messrs White - James - Laird telling them to send me drafts for my bank stock dividends from Washington.
- 3 John Graves set in to work again. Drove the wagon to Aurora- we all went. Dr, Belle and Patty went to Cinti. Hilda to dentist. We got home very late. It was moonlight-clear and colder- the morning there was frost on the ground. I got buddy's draft of \$100. for the children cashed at the Aurora Bk. Gave Dr. Raymond \$60. of the money to give Mr. Foster for Julia to buy some things for Patty. Gave Pat 10. of it to pay her washerwoman. Put in the office all the letters I wrote last night. River high but falling. Charlie & John G. fixed fence & cut hedge.
- 4 Beautiful day- bright and not cold. Rode around to see the hands at work. John Graves did divers things till dinner then burned hedge brush. Dumont and Charlie cut hedge. Hilda went to Rising Sun. I went down for mail- got letters from Mr. Jas. Dinsmoor all about the family record and from Lawrenceburg Wheel Co. about timber. Heard Mr. John Rogers died last night. I pd. my account at Corbin's \$52.20.
- 5 Another lovely day - Went to Bellevue with wagon - had to come back to Mrs. Rice's to buy coal. Went back with the wagon and John Graves and got coal. Jesse Dolph weighed it - said it would be .15 for weighing. After dinner I went to Mr. Roger's funeral. The boys all worked clearing up hedge in the sand field. Sat up late writing letters.
- 6 Went to Bellevue with letters to Mr. James Dinsmoor with copy of family record out of Sue's bible &c. and to BBG. Got there too late for mail and left letters with Mike. Came back- rode to see the hands at work on hedge- then up in the pasture to look where John Dumont grubbed fence row and to look at wheat field. Cooler and feels raw.
- 7 Set three boys to work cleaning up hedge brush- then they began to reset the fence from Scott Rice's to the hedge pulling down the fence across the road by the good hedge- to snake the other with. Pleasant day.

- 8 The boys worked at the fence till about 1 o'clock. Then the 2 Johns hauled the broken rails for stove wood and John Graves went to mill with the wagon. Charlie quit work when the fence was done. I made cake- went to Bellevue for mail- got letter from Mr. C. A. James cashier Bank of Washington with drafts for \$39. Went to church at night. Lovely night moonlight and warm like spring.
- 9 Sunday- Rainy and misty and warm. Stayed at home all day. After dinner R.E. came in a pouring rain and stayed all night.
- 10 Bright and clear but colder. After R. E. left Mr. J. W. Gaines came and pd. me the 5.00 he owed me on the stalk field, see Jan. 1st. Harry Botts came with him. This morning Mr. Nelson hauled Mr. Terrill's hogs the 8th load. Mr. Gaines came back and told me he couldn't drive his cattle home and asked me to have 5 shocks of fodder hauled to them which I did and told John to haul them five tomorrow. Charlie didn't work today - the Johns hauled fodder and rails.
- 11 Another cold day - but bright and clear. Killed hogs today, 5 of them. Charlie helped and worked half a day. After they finished the hogs the Johns hauled rails and cleared out the ice house. Mr. Gaines came and took away his cattle. John Graves went for the mail and I got letter from Geo. A. B. White, cas. Nat'l Met. Bk. Washington inclosing draft for 20.00 and letters from Sue, Julia and one from Patty for Sally. Mr. Cloud, assess., came this evening.
- 12 Mr. Cloud came again to finish setting down the values of his list. Charlie cut up the hogs and salted them, half day's work. John Dumont helped. John Graves tried to roll the clover but as there was a little snow this morning he had to quit, and hauled fodder- after dinner Dumont helped.
- 13 I went to Bellevue in the wagon - took Sally. Sent letter to Patty, Wheel Co and C. H. Lodge. Went to see Jesse Dolph about coming to put the floor in the basket shop. Bought some things for John Graves and for myself at Corbin's on credit. Met Mr. Terrill on my way home taking his hogs away. John Dumont cut wood over in Mr. Garnett's pasture - part of the tree that fell in there and I had made into rails. John Graves helped him till dinner. After dinner Charlie and Dumont cut the hedge below the clover field and John Graves hauled wood. I went to Mr. Slayback's and to Louisa's &c. and Hilda was there too. I got letter from buddy. It was very cold, but bright. I told Mr. Arnold about the line fence.
- 14 Pretty bright day, cold but after dinner it moderated. Charlie and Dumont finished that piece of hedge and began to cut this. [tles] in the garden. John Graves hauled wood and a little fodder. We went to Mr. Slayback's then walked round to see the hedges.
- 15 Charlie didn't work today. Dumont didn't either; he went to Rising Sun. John hauled, took Jane to be shod behind &c. I made sausage &c. One of my young sows had 4 pigs. It is much warmer today. I got letters from the L. Wheel Co. Also one from Louly telling me she expects to be married next month to Dr. D. Carter.
- 16 Sunday - rained all day - stayed at home and found it very dull. Read to Sally and tried to keep her cheerful - Wrote to Sarah at night.
- 17 Warm again - damp and misty in the morning. John Dumont & John Graves sawed the poplar log part of the day. Dumont grubbed a little next Mr. Arnold's on the road - other John made a few cherry rails. I went to Bellevue twice- sent by Mr. Corbin some popcorn and sausage to Julia. Took my letter to Sarah to the office.

- 18 The two Johns worked taking the old floor out of the basket shop. Sent John to P.O. with letter for Julia. I went for mail - got letters from Patty and Julia. It rained hard last night and poured this morning - creek very high, rails washed away &c. Began to make brine for meat.
- 19 Made more brine. John packed meat in hogshead, ran hogs &c. till after ten when he went to haul corn for Mr. Nelson. I let him have Jane and the wagon. Billy (my Billy) had colic this morning. John Dumont cut two oak trees out in the clearing where Mr. Hunt is grubbing. After sprinkling and looking like snow it cleared off bright and windy. I rode over and walked a long time in the woods trying to find a good fence line. Put brine on the hams and shoulders. Went to see Mr. Moreland - couldn't get my money - he said he would raise me 300.00 by the first of March- don't believe it.
- 20 Bright lovely day- John Graves hauled corn again for Mr. Nelson. Dumont worked at making a frame to haul wood. Messrs Little & Bly came from the Lawrenceburg Wheel Co. to look at locusts. They offered me .10 a foot in the trees or more if I could have them delivered at the river. They are to let me know how much, and if they can get a barge &c. I got a letter from Julia saying she got the things Mr. Corbin took up. Poor little Sally had tooth ache most of last night.
- 21 Lovely day- just like spring. Dumont and Charlie cut hedge. John Graves hauled corn for Mr. Nelson. I went to Dr. Grant's. Went with Horace to Aurora - got my drafts cashed at the Bank amounting to \$87.00. Saw Mr. Terrill and asked him about selling locust timber. Sent letters to Banks receipting drafts. Went to Petersburg and gave Frank Grant an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster for \$100.00 to pay for my wagon. Horace took me back to Dr. Grant's and I rode home from there. I brought home Grant & Biggs's receipt for the \$100- and put it with my receipts in the secretary. Sat up late at night writing letters.
- 22 Raining hard - I went to Bellevue and sent 3 letters, 1 to Mr. Brown asking him to inquire in Madison about timber, 1 to Mr. Seth C. Foster telling him that I had given Grant & Biggs an order on him for \$100 and one to L. H. Gibson inclosing a wedding present of twenty-five dollars. I had this last registered and brought home the receipt. One of my little sows had 6 pigs - out in the rain poor simpleton, and they all died. John Dumont worked at the wood bed &c. John Graves hauled for Mr. Nelson part of the day.
- 23 Sunday, rained about all day. Dr. Grant came for awhile. My other little sow had 2 pigs.
- 24 Cloudy dull morning- cooler. Went to Bellevue to see about getting across the river. Paid Mr. Corbin's bill. Dumont finished the wood bed. John Graves hauled a little fodder then hauled wood. After dinner he hauled the flooring from the wine house to the basket shop and more wood. Dumont worked up part of the top of the oak he cut for clap boards. I wrote a letter to Julia Foster inclosing 6.75 due her on the things she bought Patty - one to Patty inclosing 5.00 to pay for washing and one for Sally to Spalding.
- 25 Cold morning, ground frozen but turned out a lovely day. Hilda, Sally and I went to Rising Sun in skiff with Isaiah Philips to row. Had poor Sally's tooth pulled. Put all of my letters in R.S.P.O. The boys started to work sawing the oak log but the saw wouldn't cut well and they quit and grubbed next Mr. Arnold's.

- 26 Another bright pretty day- ground frozen in the morning. Set boys to hauling fodder on Mr. Nelson's slide- they broke it. After dinner John Graves helped Tom shuck corn. Dumont grubbed. I rode to Bellevue. Sent letters to Country Gentleman with subscription till Apl. 1876, 3.00. Had it registered and brought home receipt. Stopped at Mr. Rice's and paid him for coal 3.50. At dark it rained.
- 27 Thursday- rained all day. Sent John Graves up to Mr. Roberts's with the crosscut saw- he hauled a little fodder from the barn to the cattle, cleaned stable, went for mail &c. I got a letter from Mr. Brown about timber and one from a man, Francis W. Wells, about renting, also a paper from Mrs. Atwater about Birdie and the receipt for the registered letter I sent Louly. Dumont was trying to mend Mr. Nelson's slide, fooled away the day at it. I had headache about all day.
- 28 Pouring down- creek's up again. Rained hard all day. Boys didn't do much. John Graves hauled a little fodder and split a little stove wood. John Dumont tinkered away at the slide. I was rather poorly with headache part of the time.
- 29 Bright day and cooled. Cold wind blowing. I went for mail, got letter from Belle and Julia, 2 from Julia. Today I sent a note to Dr. Uray inclosing the 1.50 that we owed him. Hilda 1.00 and I 2.50 for pulling Sally's tooth- also letter to Sue and postal card to Mr. Wells. John Graves went to Mr. Roberts's and got the saw- mean to pay for it. John Graves quit work at noon. Dumont grubbed after dinner. I sold butter 1.13, eggs, .54 to be credited on my account at Corbin's.
- 30 Bright and cold, ground frozen. Stayed at home all day read most of the time. Jake Klopp came to see about getting Charlie to cut willows for him.
- 31 Jesse Dolph came out to look at the basket shop- said he would come to work Wednesday. The boys 2 Johns hauled fodder then moved logs at basket shop. Then I set them to chopping beech tree up in the clearing and getting out log. Mr. Hunt came to tell me about a slip of land up on the hill. Mr Nelson pd. me 5.00 towards the hauling corn for him. A yellow boy named I think Jackson came to see if I wanted to hire him- with a note from James T. Grant saying he was a good boy.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Sent Dumont to hunt a broad axe- got one from Mr. Robbins. He worked at the beech log till the rain drove him off. John Graves took letters to P. O. I sent one to Cousin Tom Dinsmoor. Went after Mr. Nelson to haul the log down but they found it wasn't ready. Rained hard, hands did little or nothing. I told Dumont I wanted him to work for me till fall. He said he would. At dinnertime Mr. & Mrs. Nelson came up and we had a sort of settlement see a/c book. It snowed furiously till night. Toon told me it thundered while it was snowing. I sent Graves for mail- didn't get any letters.
- 2 Snow not deep but ground frozen hard and weather cold. John Graves hauled some wood from poplar log then the hands hauled fodder from the little field. After dinner Charlie came in and we had a settlement.
- 3 Cold again. Sent letters by John Graves, one to Patty. It snowed most of the day but the morning the boys hauled fodder- after dinner they didn't work but went to Rising Sun and got home too late to bring the mail. It was so cold we sat upstairs in the evening. Mr. Ed. Kelly came to see about the house.
- 4 Bright but cold. Sent John Graves down for mail- got letters from Patty and BBG. Dumont cut wood and got out coal. Then they both hauled 3 loads of fodder. Mr.

Nelson began to sow timothy. Ernest Grant came to see us. I sent by him a dollar to Frank for breast chains. Made cake after dinner.

- 5 Bright but colder- too cold to work in the fodder. Moderated considerably afterwards. The boys hauled two hewed logs from over at the old Coons house and put a floor in the ice house and put planks up around the sides of the wall. Mr. Lacy bought 1 bus. potatoes at .25 cts. I let them go on the rails till Charlie could tell him about those they couldn't use. We walked to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia 2.
- 6 Sunday- Warmer- turned out a bright pretty day. I went to church. Cordy came and stayed with Sally. Betty Rice came home with us and spent the day.
- 7 Misty, strange looking morning- turned out to be a bright lovely day just like spring. John Dumont helped Mr. Nelson hew the beech log- they finished it. John Graves finished rolling the clover while the ground was frozen then went up and cut a little wood- then hauled brush corn stalks &c. and fixed the road next the clover. He found a little pig in the woods. I went over to tell Mr. Arnold about it but he wasn't home. I stayed some time with Louisa. Stopped to see Mr. Slayback on the way and engaged him to sow the rest of the Timothy. Walked up to cherry hill to see the landslide &c. Charlie brought the money and pd. me the \$9.30 he owed me.
- 8 Had the timber hauled to the basket shop. Mr. Nelson helped with his two mules when I got back to the house it was ½ past nine. I then went to Bellevue and took to Mr. Corbin a letter or envelope to Patty containing 5.00. Mr. Nelson said he was going to Aurora and I sent by him a letter to Patty inclosing 5.00 and a letter of Hilda's. I engaged Mr. Green to make me a pr. of breast chains for 1.00. Went to see Jesse Dolph and he said he would come tomorrow to work. Got a turkey gobbler from Louisa. Mr. Slayback came to sow Timothy - came to the house at 12 and said it was too muddy to sow any more today. Scott Rice came over for me to write out for him the memorandum of the locust timber he bought in 1873. I got letters from Miss Nourse (2) telling me Patty has measles, from buddy inclosing Miss Nourse's letter and bill, and from Julia, also receipt from Country Gentleman.
- 9 John Dumont hung the meat except what was in brine and cleaned up the smoke house- then went to Mr. Brady's and got Lum Ingram's cross cut saw for me. John Graves helped Mr. Nelson shuck the last of the corn out by Mr. Slayback's- put my share in the little crib. Got from Mr. Corbin Patty's letter with 5.00 in it. It poured down rain. I got ready to go to Cinti. Went up on the boat with Mr. Corbin. Met Frank Goodrich on board. [B. F. Goodrich was a cousin to Julia. He was called Frank by the family.]
- 10 Went with Frank and took breakfast at Gibson House then went with him out to Miss Nourse's and found Patty better- she was up and dressed. I stayed all night with her. Sent letter to Louly Gibson.
- 11 It poured down rain in the morning. I stayed with Patty till about 3 p.m. then went to town- went to call on Belle and then went out to Julia's and stayed all night.
- 12 Went in town with Mr. Foster- asked him about selling beans- went to Belle's- she was poorly. I left my watch with Dr. Raymond to get it repaired at Owen's. Wrote a note to buddy and one to Louly and left them at Mr. Foster's office. Dr. went to the boat with me- got down in good time and Will Corbin brought me out in the wagon. Lily Arnold came and stayed all night. Got long letter from Cousin Tom D.

- 13 Perfectly lovely morning, just like spring- rained in the afternoon. Lily dined with us. I went to church.
- 14 It poured last night. I began to smoke the meat this morning. Went to see Jesse Dolph about the work on the basket shop. Bought a calico dress at Mr. Corbin's. Set the boys to getting out the clapboard timber and they hauled some. I stayed to see them work some time then walked all through the woods on the right hand of the vineyard. Went to Bellevue in the evening to take Jesse Dolph a sample of beans for Mr. Foster. Mr. Slayback sowed Timothy part of the day- says he sowed part of last Thursday too.
- 15 Disagreeable day- snowy & colder. Sent John Graves down with the wagon for Messrs. Dolph & Grant who came out and began to work on the basket shop. Dumont helped them. Graves hauled the hickory wood and some hay to the stable &c. Mr. Boone Rogers sent George Roseberry for 2 gals. wine- sent 1.00. Mr. Hunt got 1 bus. potatoes at market price, whatever that is. Mr. Corbin sent me the blue grass seed. I got a Valentine for Pat and 2 papers, 1 from buddy and one from Cousin Tom Flandrau with notice of Mrs. Foote's death. Annie was sick and I cooked- worked hard all day.
- 16 Dolph and Grant worked again on the basket shop. Ed. Kelly came there. Dumont helped the carpenters. Graves helped me cut wood, went to mill &c. I let Fred Brown have a bushel and 3 pecks of corn on account of John Graves who owed him. At .40 per bus. it came to .70. Annie still sick and I worked all day till I am tired out.
- 17 The men worked on the house. Dumont helped them. It was still cold. Annie got about again. Graves went to Bellevue after another load of Mr. Rice's coal- says Mr. Snyder weighed it and the mem. is wagon 1190 gross weight 3950- 3950 - 1190 = 2760 lbs. Got postal from Pat and letter from Julia.
- 18 The carpenters still worked at the basket shop- finished after supper. I went to Bellevue in the morning and got 12 panes 8 x 10 glass at Dolph's. Asked Mr. Corbin about hauling in case I sold timber. Cooked pies &c for the expected company- wrote letter & went to bed tired out. John Graves hauled manure on garden. Mr. Slayback sowed grass seed.
- 19 Sent wagon to Bellevue with men's tool chest &c. Had lumber hauled up out of basket shop. Sent letter to Patty with 5.00 to replace that I took Feb. 9th when I went to Cinti. Dr. Grant, Ed. and Mr. Flourney B. came. Dr. saw it was time to buy the cattle and wrote a note to Mr. Seth C. Foster asking him to send me a check for \$1000. and gave it to Dr. to mail. Dr. then went with me to see Mr. Nelson and we agreed to take his hay at 12. per ton- to get it weighed is necessary. Jesse Dolph's trial on the whiskey acquisition came off today. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Walton, her sisters, Mrs. Kyle, Lily, Katy &c. spent the day here. It was a lovely day bright and cool. John Dumont didn't work- went to Rising Sun I believe.
- 20 Lovely bright day- Sunday- I stayed at home all day to rest. Louisa came over and she and Cordy stayed to dinner. Hilda and Sally were over there.
- 21 Raining- Dumont made fodder racks under the barn &c. Graves took the ham and shoulder out of the brine- split a few rails &c. Mr. Nelson sick in bed. Ed Kelly came and got the key of the shop. Said he moved some things down today. Mr. J. W. Gaines came and pd. me 1.25 for the fodder he got when his cattle were here. I went

- to Mr. Arnold's to see about buying fodder- couldn't get any. Pd. Louisa 1.50 for turkey. Took Mr. Arnold the contract between me and the Kellys to keep.
- 22 Took letters to Bellevue – 1 to Cousin Rebecca and 1 to Cousin Clara. Went to see Mr. Flick and Mr. Rice about buying fodder- went to see Mrs. Houston who is very sick. Sally spent part of the day at Louisa's. Went to see Mr. Nelson. Ed. Kelly moved part of his things down and his wife came to clean the house. Graves & Dumont split rails in the little pasture till dinner and then hauled them to the fence near the corn crib and took down the bad part of the fence. Dr. Raymond came from Bellevue (on the boat from Cinti) and brought the mail. I got a letter from Mr. Seth C. Foster inclosing a check upon the Merchants Natl. Bank Cin. for one thousand dollars signed Stearns & Foster. Also got a postal from Pat and a note from Julia. Dr. Raymond brought me my watch. Owen charged 2.00 for putting it in order. Dr. allowed me 24.00 for keeping Billy – gave me my note (see Nov. 17th) for \$19.25 – paid the 2.00 for my watch and gave me 2.75. Mr. Slayback sowed timothy to-day – it was bright and pretty but rather cold.
- 25 C. Rockwell sent me word that someone had pulled a board off my big corn crib- so someone had. Sent John Dumont up with Graves early in the morning to Burlington. When he got back he fixed crib, then took wagon to Bellevue- Sally and I went. Took Mr. Ingram's saw to shop and had it sharpened. Went to see Mr. Flick and got permission to haul locust timber & pile it on the bank. Left things at shop to be mended. After dinner went to Mr. Slayback's, Arnold's & Rice's then got Katy to stay all night with Hilda. I went and sat up all night with Mrs. Houston. Mr. came to get grape cuttings. Sent by Mr. Corbin sample of beans to Mr. Foster.
- 26 Walked out from Bellevue before breakfast, afterwards slept a while. Dumont poorly and didn't work- he went to Rising Sun. Hilda went for mail. I got letter from Julia. Was too tired to check and mark locust trees. Mr. Hunt trimmed vines in garden yesterday and today.
- 27 Sunday- Warm and rained part of the day. After dinner we went walking and found the first wild flowers of the year - turkey peas - also found at the graveyard yellow flowers.
- 28 Cold and raw- began to cut locust timber- had John Coons and Mr. Slayback. Ben Corbin came out to help. We began in the grove beyond the garden. Mr. George Terrill brought hops .05 head they say and put them in the sandfield. I sent the two Johns after dinner to fix the fence for the present. I was out all day with the hands measuring and directing. Let Ed Kelly have the wagon to go after tile &c. At night I sent Dumont and John Coons down to the river to meet Dr. Grant who got off the boat with the cattle. I sat up till 4 a.m.
- 29 Got up about 6 - Dr. Grant went out and estimates the cattle there were only 17 head so I sent John Coons to hunt them and he found the other 7 head at the mouth of Willoughby, 5 of them mired- had to send all hands and get help from Bellevue to get them out. This morning early when Dr. Grant first came he gave me the mem. of the cost of the cattle and his expenses which amounted to \$954.15, so he gave me 46.00 and I pd him 15. He wouldn't take a cent for his time & trouble. I had the cattle turned in the back lot. Worked on getting out locust timber - had Ben Corbin, Mr. Slayback, John Coons and Tom Bruce cut a little in the sandfield and worked up tops. Dumont went to Dr. Grant's for horse - fed cattle - fixed fence &c. Hilda got mail. I

got letter from Patty and 1 from Walter S. Cox, Washington containing a draft for \$137.70 as my share of the first payment on Grandma Macomb's house which has been sold.

MARCH

- 1 Miserable day - cold and snowy or sleety and then rainy - a fine, cold drizzle. Intended going to Lawrenceburg but gave it up on account of weather. John fed cattle and worked some at the clapboards I believe. I sold Mr. Lacy a bushel of potatoes and he told me about the hogs rooting my wheat so I went up to look at it and to Mr. Wingate's to ask him about it. Went to Mr. Nelson's after breakfast and bought his neck yoke and grubbing hoe or rather mattock for 3.00, 1 for yoke 2 for hoe. Felt poorly almost all day - tired out and headachey.
- 2 Another cold day but cleared up after noon and turned warmer. Dr. Grant came down for a few moments to look at the cattle and bring Dr. Brashear who stayed to dinner. I still felt poorly and stayed in the house almost all day. John hauled fodder.
- 3 John Walton came while I was gone. Went to Bellevue after dinner and pd. Corbin's and Dolph's bills. Paid John Dumont up to Mar. 1st.
- 4 Dumont went to Rising Sun with Phoebe & Ellen who came after him and didn't work. I went to Dr. Grant's and Miss Lou went with me to Lawrenceburg to see the Wheel Co. They promised to send Mr. Volz down next week to see about the timber. It was sundown before we got to Dr. Grant's. Horace came home with me and stayed to supper. It was a lovely day, warm & spring-like. I put in the P.O. at Lawrenceburg a letter to Walter S. Cox with the receipt for his draft which came Feb. 29th.
- 5 Sunday- Lovely warm day like spring. Sally went with Hilda and I went to church. R.E. came home with us and stayed till after dinner. Dumont came over from Rising Sun, got his clothes and went back - I suppose to stay. Annie had a gang here. We went to Mrs. Arnold's.
- 6 My birthday - just like spring - lovely but I worked myself tired out. John Coons set in to work a month for me at \$13.00 per month. Charlie worked today helping make the racks and troughs to feed the cattle. I took Sally over to Louisa's and she went with the children to school. I went to Bellevue for mail - got 1 paper only. Mr. Nelson started for Cinti. to get a boat to leave on.
- 7 Raining in the morning and most of day- cleared off cooler in the evening. Mr. Brown came and got the rest of the corn due him for John Graves's debt 2 bushels. Mr. Hunt got a bushel of potatoes. Mr. Lacy came and told about Mr. Terrill's hogs rooting in the pasture. John Coons worked at different things - bailed corn for cattle - went to mill and hauled a load to the river for Mr. Nelson. I went for mail, got letter from Pat, paper from _____. Mr. Terrill came with Mr. Nelson and stayed all night. I settled with Mr. Nelson, pd. him 1.50 for hewing, 2.00 for sewing timothy, 4.00 for 16 shocks fodder and 5.00 for hay bed. Altogether I pd. Him 16.25 for work and sundries which taken from the 32.59 he owed me left 16.34. I then bought his hay at 12.00 a ton and let him call it 3 tons = 36.00 - 16.34 = 19.66. I pd. him \$19.70. He would never make me any allowance for the 5 days he worked my horse in April and he charged entirely too high for his work. He gave me a bill of the straw Mr. D. S. Rice shipped to show him, and paid me half 4.16 in presence of Mr. George Terrill as witness. I am to show Mr. Rice the bill and try to explain it to him. I pd. Mr. Nelson

- .75 cents for 1 bale of straw I kept as I had two. The Nelsons all went off on the boat for St. Louis thank Heaven. Told Mr. Lacy he might split clapboards.
- 8 A lovely spring-like day. Mr. Terrill had Mr. Nelson's hog put in the field with the rest. I bought of him Mr. Nelson's cow for 50.00 and his sled for 8.00. Mrs. Loudon washed for the first time since last fall. John fed cattle, hauled fodder, fixed fence &c. Charlie helped him haul fodder and after dinner he helped Charlie make plant bed. I had John and Joe turned in the lot with the other cattle. Sally went to school again with the Arnold children.
 - 9 The Lawrenceburg men came to see about the timber- said they would take less than they first stated and gave me directions about cutting it &c. I went for mail, got letter from Mr. Foster about beans. Hilda went early to Burlington with John Coons to take the omnibus for Covington.
 - 10 Mr. Ed. Kelly helped John fix the hay bed to fit my wagon. Charlie Rockwell moved to Mr. Rice's place where Mr. Smith lived. I went to Rising Sun in skiff with John Coons. Bought clover seed, garden seeds &c. Went to see Aunt Eliza who is sick, Aunt Sally &c. It was the last day of school and Sally went again. It was warm and the wind blew and it looked like rain. I got the draft for \$137.70 which came Feb. 29 cashed at Rising Sun bank.
 - 11 Warm and thundered in the morning- about noon rained and continued till night. John hauled corn and hay to cattle - hauled chips and slabs from the log that was hewed - went to Bellevue for mail &c. I got letter from buddy and from Miss Martha Markham. John Dumont came over for wine for Aunt Eliza and corn for Uncle Jilson. I went to see Mr. Slayback about taking tobacco ground. I made cake &c. Charlie said if I would keep his heifer here till the first of April or till she had a calf he would let me have 5 shocks of fodder. When John Dumont came I paid him for the 3 days work he did this month. Annie said he owed her 1.25 so I gave her that in John's presence and pd. him the other .25.
 - 12 Sunday- Rained part of the day then turned cold and snowed till the ground was white- a gloomy day. Sally and I stayed home together. I wrote some.
 - 13 John fed the cattle. Charlie came and helped him haul the 5 shocks of fodder in consideration of my letting John haul some tobacco up to his house. John then after dinner dragged logs with Jane and went to Bellevue. I sent a letter to Miss Martha. He brought from the shop my log chain, 2 lap rings, 1 single tree and the irons. Mr. Slayback and Will Corbin worked in the locust timber. Mr. Slayback said he would take 2 acres of the new ground for tobacco. Mr. Lacy came and said he had made up the walnut tree on the pasture ridge into 167 rails and an ash cut into 83 stakes. I pd. him 2.00. Heard today that Woolper bridge fell last Saturday when Is. Smith and his team were on it. Mrs. Green came to see if I had cabbage to sell. It was so cold this morning in the timber that I suffered with it- the ground was frozen and covered with snow.
 - 14 Clear and pleasant but cool- towards sundown clouded up. Mr. Slayback and Will Corbin sawed timber. Dan Noble helped John all day- after they got the cattle fed &c. they dragged logs. I went up on cherry hill to tell Mr. Kelly where to sow the oats. Mr. Lacy cut the poplar tree in Mr. Hunt's clearing and says he made 217 rails today. He sent his boys to get 1 bushel of potatoes. A boy named Tom (negro) came to hire

- and I engaged him for one month on trial at \$10.00 a month. He is to come tomorrow. Mrs. W. Kelly came up today to get onion sets. I worked till I was tired out.
- 15 Will Corbin came out to work at the timber but it rained and he had to quit- he brought out the mail- no letters. Went with Mr. Slayback to show him where to take his tobacco ground. The boys hauled 8 shocks of Mr. Rice's fodder- fed cattle- took 2 sacks of corn to mill and brought the other home. Mr. Terrill's black boy came to haul corn to hogs. A hen with 13 chickens came off today and we caught them. Mr. Wesley Kelly's horse got crippled jumping. One of my little pigs got mired and was almost given out when the boys brought it up to the kitchen. After drying and rubbing it, it seemed to revive.
 - 16 Raining and blowing hard most of the day- some locust trees blew down. Dr. Grant came and stayed a little while. I let him have Mr. Geo. Terrill's umbrella. The boys hauled corn to the cattle then John Coons headed up barrels of beans. Tom split stove wood and went to Bellevue for mail - no letters for me. Mr. Brown sold his mare to Wesley Kelly - took some shoats in payment. I pd. him 15.00 for two of them - had them ringed and put in the lot with the cattle. The boys hauled rails this morning and put up the fence on the big road that the creek washed away- also fixed the watergap below the pond this evening.
 - 17 Snow on the ground this morning, and snowed off and on all day and the wind blew. It was 29 degrees this morning at breakfast time and seemed bitter cold all day. The boys hauled corn and hay to the cattle, then hauled wood from the new ground. After dinner they broke up the corn in the little crib and made me a turkey pen. I found the first turkey egg today.
 - 18 Bitter cold, 19 degrees this morning. John Coons felt poorly and didn't work. Tom fed, sorted potatoes - went to Bellevue with mail and for it. I got letters from Pat, from Julia and note from a man in Aurora asking to buy grape roots.
 - 19 Sunday- cold but moderated a little about noon. Sally and I went with old Aunt Huldah to Dr. Grant's - dined there and went to Mrs. F. Grant's to call. Bitter cold riding- had to stop at Mr. Ingram's coming home for Sally to warm.
 - 20 The hardest snow of the season. Snowing when I waked up and snowed almost all day. Will Corbin began to haul timber on a sled but gave it up. The boys fed the fattening cattle- then John went to Bellevue and got Billy shod. While he was gone I made Tom feed and water the other cattle, clean stable &c. Then I sent him to mill but he couldn't get meal. They opened the lower crib and got corn ready for tomorrow, sorted potatoes &c. I let Mr. Lacy have 1 bushel of corn for which he promised to give me .50. Put the turkeys up in the pen- got 2 eggs today.
 - 21 Sent letters to Julia, Sue and card to man in Aurora about grapes. Boys hauled corn to cattle and bean hulls. After dinner they went to Mr. Rice's and hauled 2 shocks of fodder on the sled. It seemed to be a little warmer in the middle of the day but turned cold again at night. I rode to Mr. Corbin's and carried butter - got mail 1 letter from Miss Martha and papers. A man came for wine for George Burrows's wife. Mr. Henderson came to see about renting pasture. Began to feed corn out of big crib.
 - 22 Bitter cold, only 6 degrees above zero at sunrise. Turned warmer afterwards and snow began to melt. Boys fed cattle- hauled 6 shocks of Mr. Rice's fodder- both went to mill but got no meal. I made cake after dinner tried to sew some.

- 23 Mr. Hunt came and I gave him an order on Corbin for 5.00. It was snowing this morning when we got up. I worked hard all the morning getting ready for company. After dinner I went down in the wagon with Sally. Hilda came on the boat. I got a letter from Miss Martha saying she wouldn't come till next week. I sent up by Mr. Corbin 10 barrels beans to Mr. Foster. Tom let Jane get away from him in the barn and she got on the wagon with the doubletree between her legs and was right badly hurt.
- 24 Rained in the morning - poured most of the day. Mrs. W. Kelly came up with her children and stayed part of the morning. I got Charlie to rub liniment on Jane. The boys broke up corn in the lower crib - picked over potatoes &c. It was such a bad day I couldn't get much done.
- 25 Cloudy windy and cold - boys carried corn to cattle. Charlie with old Luce & my Billy hauled a load of hay to them. They chopped some wood- fixed fences watergaps &c. John William Horton came and bought a bushel & half of beans for 1.50. I got letter from buddy. Sally one from the Raymond children.
- 26 Sunday - Clear but rather windy and cold. 3 steers got out today. Mr. Terrill's hogs were all over the low part of the pasture. Charlie & Mr. Lacy fixed the fences but it was no good. This evening we went to Louisa's
- 27 Cold and chilly in the morning, then pleasanter. After the boys fed the cattle they went to drive pigs out of the pasture and fix the hedge so they couldn't get back. I went up to Mr. Geo. Terrill's to tell him about the hogs. He wasn't home. I paid his wife for him \$58. of which 50 were for Mr. Nelson's cow and 8 for the sled. Stopped at Frank's store door a moment but came right home. Crossed on little float and saw the wreck of Woolper bridge. Began to sprinkle and turn cold as I came home. Set the boys before I went to cutting hedge.
- 28 Rained hard- boys fed cattle. Tom went to Bellevue with mail. I sewed &c. After dinner Mr. Terrill came to see about his pigs. I left Tom to help him and went in the wagon to Bellevue. Got mail - letter from Patty. Miss Martha didn't come. I waited till the boat came - it rained then turned cold and snowed - very disagreeable evening.
- 29 Cold but thawing - snow melted fast. Boys fed cattle and cleaned out little corn crib - hauled some corn there from lower crib. After dinner John Coons fixed fence over by wheat field and Tom went to mill- then they hauled corn again. Mr. Terrill sent hands to take his pigs away. John Graves came down to see if I would hire him. I cut out dresses for Sally &c.
- 30 Brighter and pleasanter. I sent a letter to Patty. Boys fed cattle and hauled 12 shocks of fodder from Mr. Rice's. Will Corbin & Mr. Snyder hauled locust timber. I went to Mr. Arnold's and pd. him the 2.10 for fixing the fence. Louisa came over here after dinner with Katy. I got letters from Sue and Julia. John Graves came back this evening.
- 31 Still bright but cool. Will Corbin and Charlie Burns hauled logs again. John & Tom fed cattle, then dragged logs to the road and hauled 4 loads to the river, 19 logs in all. John Graves cut stalks in the sand field and helped load. I bought a hoe, garden rake and hay fork.

APRIL

- 1 Cold and raw and rather windy. I sent letter to Julia. Will Corbin and a Robbins hauled timber. Boys fed cattle dragged logs and hauled one load to Bellevue, 5 logs. This morning we went for coal. I got 2250 lbs gross, wagon, 1181 lbs, coal 1070 lbs = 13 5/8 bushels. John Graves cut stocks over by the new ground while the others went for coal and broke up corn afterwards. I went to Mrs. Burns's.
- 2 Sunday- Rained and couldn't go to church. Betty came home with Hilda and stayed all night. Sally spent the day at Mrs. Arnold's. It rained all night I believe.
- 3 Rather warmer- cloudy and foggy in the morning. Will Corbin hauled loads of timber. I had 3 trees cut and saved and the others sawed up. After dinner the boys hauled two loads 9 logs in all. John Graves cut stalks before dinner, Tom after. I rode to Mr. Boone Rogers's to ask about hay. Betty went home. Mr. Lang's boys got 1/2 bushel potatoes.
- 4 The boys fed cattle and then I went to Rising Sun with John Coons to row. Took Sally to Dr. Uray's and had her teeth filled. Engaged some hay from a man I don't know on the butcher Harris's recommendation. Put in Rising Sun P.O. a letter to Lawrenceburg Wheel Co. telling them the timber is ready and one to Julia inclosing 3.00. Pleasantest day we have had for several days. Coming home got mail with letters from Miss Martha and Julia. Tom grubbed fence row. John Graves made rails. Pd. John Coons 10.00.
- 5 After the boys fed I went with two Johns and wagon to the river. Crossed and bought the good-for-nothing miserable hay- 3625 lbs of it at 7.00 a ton- paid him \$12.70, had it brought over on ferry and hauled home. Tom grubbed some fence row next Mr. Rice's. Mr. B. F. Garnett came to see about locust posts. Both Mrs. Kelly's came to see us. Mrs. Lizzie helped on Sally's dress. Charlie came to settle. I allowed on his note 1 days work March 6th, 1 dollar. John Graves owed him and 1 dollar for fodder - .25 he owed me for butter- so he paid me 7.25 and I gave him his note for 10.00. Rained last night and early this morning cool and windy. John Coons finished month's work.
- 6 Pleasantest day we have had for some time. Boys fed then hauled manure on garden till I had the wagon washed and John Graves took us down to the river. Miss Martha didn't come. The boats' time of leaving being changed we went twice but she didn't come at all. Tom broke corn in the crib, while we went to Bellevue. The Kellys sowed some clover. Mr. Garnett sent Steve Burns after posts. He hauled 3 loads 20 first time, 21 second and the last 16 several of which Mr. G. said he would have split and keep account. Got paper from BBG.
- 7 Bright day and more like spring. Boys fed and then sawed posts till dinner, then dragged them then John harrowed the turnip patch and Tom grubbed bed towards sundown they sawed a few more. This morning I went to see Ed Kelly plough the side hill and spoke to him about getting a side hill plough. Wesley Kelly spoke to me about their taking some tobacco ground- that Charlie grubbed and that the Nelson boys grubbed. I told him they could have it, they to furnish everything- team &c and give me one third. I to furnish timber for sticks and they to make them. I went to Mr. Moore's to see about their cow, agreed to pasture it and take either work or money at 1.50 per month. Wesley Kelly burnt a plant bed below the graveyard. Saw butterflies and a bat today.

- 8 Boys fed, then hauled posts and sawed a few. Wesley Kelly came to see me about a garden and I told him he could have the cow lot if he would fix the outside fence and let me have the lot back when garden time is over, towards fall. W. Kelly came to see me about letting Mr. Wingate have the land the other side of the creek in the old willow patch. I told him I preferred letting Mr. Arnold have it so Wesley K. went to see Mr. Arnold and he says he will take it on the same terms the Kelly's took it. Mr. Slayback sowed the blue grass in the lot in front of the house and crossed it with timothy. I paid him in a bushel of potatoes. John Graves harrowed it. He also broke up my potato patch in the garden and harrowed it, but as neither of the boys could lay it off I didn't get the potatoes in. Mr. and Mrs. Brown stopped by for a few moments to get some wine. Ed Kelly went to Petersburg and got me a hillside plough which I intend letting him use. He brought me Grant & Biggs's bill for 18.00. I ran myself tired out and went by moonlight for Sally who was at Louisa's. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 Sunday - Bright pleasant day. Sally went to Sunday school with Hilda and I went to church. Belle Huey came home with Sally. Ed Kelly is right sick, we went to see him. John Dumont came over to see about working for me again. Charlie's mares got in the pasture.
- 10 Mr. Arnold was over this morning- he offered to lay off my potato patch and did it and the boys planted it. They fed the cattle the first thing- then after planting potatoes hauled manure and ashes to the garden. Afterwards Tom took corn to mill and brought meal home. Charlie's old mares were turned out of my pasture 3 times. I went up in the new ground with Mr. Lacy and counted rails, made a mem. of them. In the evening rode up to see Mr. Hunt about planting sweet potatoes, then to the Post Office and stopped to talk to Louisa on my way home. Mr. Slayback and boys began to cut stalks in the willow patch beyond the creek, the land Mr. Arnold took. John Dumont came back this evening to work he said. Phoebe followed him and raised a terrible 'rippit'. Mr. Lacy got a bushel of potatoes.
- 11 Warm & pleasant. I worked in the garden all day and Tom and John Graves till it was time for the boat - then went for the girls. John Dumont did not work, said he felt poorly. Planted peas and onions. Sampled wine and filled up vinegar barrel. The boat came rather early and we met the girls coming out in Mr. Kelly's wagon. I got a letter from Wheel Co. Patty brought me a letter from Julia with the materials for my sunbonnet. This is my beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her. Hauled manure.
- 12 John Dumont cut hedge a while I went in the wagon to Bellevue and got sundries- ordered sweet potatoes. Worked in the garden- as did Tom & John Graves- planted peas, radishes, lettuce, early beans, beets and spinach. Mr. Ed. Kelly so ill with quinsy [acute inflammation of the tonsils, Am. Her.] that his wife thought he was dying. Rained hard at night.
- 13 Tired out and didn't do much. John Dumont made clapboards, Graves & Tom hauled rails to line fence next Mr. Rice's. Miss Martha Markham came with her servant Huldah. The girls rode to P.O. got box candy and papers from BBG, pattern from Julia. Tom's month was out last 4 nights so I told him I wouldn't want him at present having paid him .60 before I pd. him 4.00 for himself and gave him 5.00 to take to his father, Annie being witness. The Johns hauled wood and rails off the new ground & ricked them. Sent Dumont down with Huldah to put her on the boat. I rested part of

- the time- made pies &c. Dumont split a few posts. Steve Burns hauled some 1st load had 16 logs some of them 4 or 5 that would have to be split.
- 15 The boys took holiday this evening and went to Rising Sun. They hauled manure on garden in the morning. The girls walked to Rock spring.
 - 16 Sunday- Easter- Bright pretty day. Ernest came down and dined.
 - 17 Patty, Belle Fisk and Miss Gleason went home on the boat. It came so late it was morning. Mr. Hewitt's house burned down- we all went to the fire and helped. The boys
 - 18 John Dumont fixed fence in the morning. I went to Bellevue in the wagon, got sweet potatoes- sent for Mr. Hunt & he planted them in hot bed. Mrs. Snead, Betty and Aggy came and spent the day, Mrs. W. Kelly too. After dinner I sent the boys for Mr. Clore's hog. John Graves ploughed in garden some.
 - 19 I walked all round the pastures to look at fences. John Graves ploughed the garden and planted sweet corn. Dumont fixed fences. Graves ploughed field he said.
 - 20 Dumont fixed fences part of the day but he and John Graves wasted more than half the day running after Mr. Clore's hog. I sold C. Rockwell's 10 bus. potatoes at .20 a bushel. He paid me 2.00. Mr. Bennett and Miss Katy came and spent the evening. I got letter from Pat from dead letter office and one from Louly.
 - 21 Turned the cattle out to eat grass today after they were fed corn. Ernest came down afterward. Mr. Bennett called again. I cut out my calico dress. Graves ploughed in the sand field and Dumont worked on pasture fence.
 - 22 Sent mail- letter to Patty. The boys found Mr. Clore's hog and took it home. Turned cattle out on grass again. Ernest came down for more corn. I had the rotten potatoes Mr. Nelson left in that house hauled out and thrown away. Dumont worked on pasture fence. Graves ploughed some in sand field then we went to Bellevue in wagon & had shoes taken off horses and plough sharpened. Got postal from Patty. Warm and pleasant day. Sewed on my dress.
 - 23 Sunday- rained. The filling came out of my tooth that Dr. Harryman put in last Dec. Took Sally to Louisa's.
 - 24 Cleared up- rather chilly. After the boys fed I sent them to Dr. Grant's for a load of hay- they were gone till nearly 4 o'clock- on account of bad roads, weight of hay gross 2200 wagon 1040 net weight 1160 lbs. Dumont caught groundhog. Mr. Hunt came to see me about getting the ground he measured cleared. I sewed on my dress- towards dark went to Bellevue to take mail. Mandy came.
 - 25 Bright but cool- some frost in the morning. John Graves ploughed in sand field. Dumont finished repairing pasture fence. Graves took plough to get point fixed, brought mail. I got letters from Patty and Belle. I sewed some on my dress.
 - 26 Had cattle turned in pasture beyond the road- the boys hauled 4 feeding troughs and put them up there. Mr. Corbin came out and he and Mr. Arnold measured the ground Mr. Hunt grubbed and cleared. They made it out 3 7/8 acres and allowing 10. for one acre and 12. for the rest it comes to 44.50. I pd. a man named Curry 2.50 on Mr. Hunt's act. Or rather I pd. it to Mr. Hunt and he gave it to the man. I went to Bellevue in the wagon - borrowed \$10.00 of Mr. Corbin and went up the hill and pd. it to Mr. Hunt. Found the fruit looking beautiful and the oats and clover up. John Graves brought out the plough and went to ploughing in sand field. Charlie Rockwell bought a bushel of corn and pd. me .50 for seed corn.

- 27 Turned warmer. John Graves ploughed in bottom- Dumont fixed feeding troughs and worked on pasture fence. I stayed in house and sewed on dress. Got letter from Julia. Sent letters to buddy, to Mr. Foster and to Wheel Co.
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- 29 I finished my dress. Mrs. Ed. Kelly came up to see us. Belle and Dr. got here at dusk. I got letters from buddy from Wheel Co. and from Walter S. Cox inclosing draft on New York for \$209.59 being my share of the payment on Grandma Macomb's house.
- 30 Sunday- cold and breezy for the season. Frank Goodrich came and we all walked up on the hill after dinner. Sally went to Sunday school. The cattle were fed with corn for the last time.

MAY

- 1 Cold - ice this morning. I had to cover my beans last night. Mr. Weisickle turned his cow in on pasture this morning. Mr. Corbin his and Mr. Snyder's. Frank Goodrich went away. RE came for a little call on his way from East Bend. Dr. and Belle went back to Florence after dinner. I sent by him a letter to Patty. John Graves ploughed. Dumont fixed fence and worked up locust tops. Had to cover beans again. Wesley Kelly shelled a bushel and half of seed corn out of my crib - he proposed to take seed corn in exchange for seed oats. Miss Martha had a dreadful spell this evening. John harrowed potatoes.
- 2 Cold and raw again. Was awake part of the night with Miss Martha who was in a terrible way. This morning Mr. Corbin sent her bundle and a letter to me from Seth C. Foster inclosing draft for \$35.00 - bean money. Took it down to Mr. Corbin this evening- got him to let me have 5.00 of it and told him to take 10.00 out of it for the money he lent me Apl. 26 and to credit me with the remaining 20.00 on my store bill. Got a letter from BBG and wedding invitation to Clarence Dinsmore's wedding. John Graves put lock and chain on pasture gate. Put letter in P.O. to Walter S. Cox inclosing receipt for the draft that came April 29. Sent letter by today's mail to Julia. Patty found cellar key. Graves ploughed. Dumont cut and split locust rails out of tops and raked corn stalks.
- 3 Turned warmer- a lovely bright day. Mr. Mike Clore came to get seed corn. I went to Aurora- took John Graves. Went to Dr. Harryman and had my tooth filled again. Got 1 ½ bushel oats to sow on the bluegrass and timothy patch. Went to bank and got the draft received from Walter S. Cox Apl. 29 for 209.89 cashed. When I came home paid Hilda the money I borrowed of her. Feb. 24th and burned the mem. which she returned me. Met Mr. Will Green on the way and he said that 5 Bellevue men, he, John Smith, John Deck, Will Grant and Joe Maurer wanted me to pasture their cows. I told him they could turn them in if they would turn them out when I requested. Met Ed. Grant who told me the cattle were out. Sent John Graves to drive them in. Miss Martha spent the day at Mrs. Ed Kelly's. This morning Ed. Kelly attended to 2 pigs for me. John Dumont
- 4 Warm bright day. Graves hauled chip manure to garden - laid off for watermelons and muskmelons and planted both. Planted more sweet corn. In the evening I helped him plant Lima, pole, and white wax beans, peas. Dumont ploughed. Mr. Kilmer and Mr. Anderson came to see about the locust timber. Hilda went for mail. I got letter

- from buddy with draft for 100.00 for children, from Patty and from Nina. Dumont fixed watergap in pasture where the cattle got out. Charlie got 1 bus. corn, 1 potatoes.
- 5 Rained a little. Got Ed. Kelly to sow the oats between 6 & 7 a.m. Set Dumont to ploughing over by wheat. John Graves cleaned trash out of the grape vines. Ernest Grant came after corn and I gave him the mem. of the weight of hay 1160 lb at 12. a crib. Came to 6.96 so I sent Dr. Grant 7.00. Mr. Hunt came down and we had a settlement. The money I had pd. him including the 5.00 he owed me when we had our settlement Sep. 14 and the 1.60 I lent him and .50 for potatoes he got came to 44.60. The money he earned by grubbing was 44.50. I owed him for sweet potatoes and work 4. to 5 which – the .10 and .50 for a bushel of corn he got today leaves me in debt to him 3.55. Mr. Curry and Joe came and wanted to cut wood. I showed them the 4 trees in the new ground and told them to cut them if they liked the price. Graves boiled potatoes for hogs after it rained harder the boys shelled seed corn. Louisa came over after her dinner.
 - 6 Before breakfast I paid Mr. Hunt the 3.55 so we are square again. Had some rings put in pigs noses. Sent letters to buddy with sweet corn seed and to Patty. Sold Mr. Lacy 12 bushels potatoes at .20 = 2.40. Dr. Grant came down but didn't stay long. After dinner I went to Bellevue with the hands and measured the locust timber - got Jimmy Burns and mule and Dorry Cook and Tom Nettles to work 2 ¼ hours helping - got it all hauled down to the river and measured, by night. Paid Mr. Corbin's bill for store goods- with the .20 postage on the corn seed the bill came to 47.07 and with the credit of 20. see May 1st I pd him 20.07 and brought the bill home. Mr. Louis Snyder got a bushel of seed corn and pd. me .50.
 - 7 Sunday - bright and warm. I stayed home with Miss Martha- Hilda and Sally went to church- when they came home I went to ask Betty to come and stay with Hilda & Miss Martha while I go to Cinti. In the evening I went to Bellevue with John Graves to take the boat. Found Miss Robinson at Mrs. Burns's and told John to go after her Monday morning. Went up on Bannock City.
 - 8 Went to Mr. Foster's- he went to bank with me and got buddy's draft of 100.00 for the children cashed, then I went for Patty and we went shopping to get her spring things. Met BBG and went to take lunch so we could all talk. Finished my day shopping and went out with Mr. Foster in the evening. John Graves harrowed. Dumont worked in garden - hoed grapes &c. Cold weather.
 - 9 Went in town with Julia- shopped. It rained some and I went out with her. We all went up to Mrs. Resor's and took tea. Went to see Patty at school. Miss Robinson came out.
 - 10 Went in town with Julia - she took me after she had to quit going around to Miss Nourse's to see Pat - then I finished shopping went to Mr. Foster's and he went to the boat with me. Came down on Bannock City. Dr. Jimmy brought me out in buggy.
 - 11 Charlie Burns came out and asked me to pasture his mother's 2 cows. I told him to put them in if he would turn them out when I told him to. The boys laid off and planted corn with Mr. Kelly's drill. I cut out Sally's dress, went to Mr. Hunt's, Mr. Kelly's &c. Betty went home. Hilda said Charlie Rockwell got 1 bushel seed corn for .50.
 - 12 Dumont grubbed in the new ground, the Nelson boys cleared last of corn while Graves broke it up- then he cut wood in Mr. Hunt's clearing. After dinner Graves

worked in the garden- replanted 1st sweet corn- then I planted beets, snap beans, radishes and tall okra. Dumont ploughed potatoes, after harrowing the piece he broke. I cut out some of Sally's dresses. We had a little shower and hail.

- 13 Bright day but cool- papa's and mama's wedding day- Lord love their souls. Had Molly turned over in the pasture across the road. Boys put a ring in the little black sow's nose. Molly came back, jumped the fence. John Graves worked in the garden till dinner time. Planted watermelons, made hills and planted early cucumbers, bush squashes, dwarf okra, lettuce and eggplants. This evening paid Wesley Kelly for the 10 ½ bushels of oats he sold me for seed in corn. The oats came to 5.78 and at .55 I let him have besides the 2 bushels of seed corn he has gotten and 1 he intends to get, the rest in corn 8 1/2 bushels at .50. I let John Graves haul Mr. Lacy's potatoes when he went to mill with two bags of corn. Dumont planted corn out next Mr. Slayback's.
- 14 Sunday- bright beautiful day- went to church- RE came home with us and took dinner.
- 15 Miss Robinson began to sew for me. I sat out and sewed on some of Sally's dresses. John Graves hauled wood off the new ground and went to mill. Dumont cut wood up there.
- 16 Graves broke up the ground for Mr. Hunt's sweet potato patch- then broke up the little corners and planted pop corn. Afterwards we all went to Bellevue in the wagon. I bought ever so many things and went to the grange store for the first time. I sent letters to Patty and Julia. Dumont cut wood in the new ground.
- 17 Bright hot day. Had horses turned out and set Graves to helping Dumont get out wood in the new ground. I went to Mr. Rice's in the evening and paid him for the fodder and coal \$8.60. Sewed part of the day. Mr. Hunt made hills in our sweet potato patch. I sent by Will Corbin postal to willow man in Chicago. Mr. Winston came for a few minutes on his way to Mr. Rice's.
- 18 Went to Lawrenceburg to settle with the Wheel Co.- their measurement didn't agree with mine at all - and they threw out 11 logs all except 1, large ones and only pd. me part value as posts for them- but I couldn't help myself and had to take what they chose to pay \$167.58 cents. Stopped on my way home and paid Frank Grant for the plough Mr. Kelly bought for me April 8. Put in PO in L. a letter for Sally Humphreys. Sent for mail - got letter from Mary Reed. Dumont borrowed Mr. Walton's oxen and hauled logs off the new ground. Cloudy and thundered today, had a sprinkle of rain in L. and a shower here.
- 19 Mr. B. F. Garnett came before breakfast and paid me \$25. for locust posts. Afterwards I rode over and Steve Burns and I counted the posts 116 of them which will come to 29. The boys worked at getting out wood and cutting up trees in the new ground. I sewed &c. Late in the evening Mr. Winston came and stayed all night.
- 20 Exceedingly hot, there have been signs of rain of days but the clouds always blew round. I rode with Mr. Winston round on the place to look at crops - pasture, cattle, clearing &c. He went away before dinner. I went up to measure Mr. Lacy's wood but found it such a cheat I wouldn't measure it. The boys hauled wood and rails off the new ground and Dumont cleared up and burnt brush &c. After dinner late we went in the wagon to Bellevue and I pd. Mr. Corbin's bill for work and hauling the locust timber \$21.87. Phoebe came after Dumont but he didn't go. Lily brought the baby to see us.

- 21 Sunday - Hot and signs of rain. In the evening we had a good quiet shower. Annie and her tribe were away and I cooked dinner. Sally went to Sunday school with Hilda.
- 22 Lovely shower this morning. Charlie Burns came out to see about pasture - told me the Bellevue people I told about taking off their cows had sent them to Mr. Ingram's today. This morning we planted tomatoes, Early Fork, Early Wakefield, cabbages, cauliflower. Another fine shower in the middle of the day. In the evening we planted about 300 winter cabbage plants. Mr. Hunt planted sweet potatoes that is, plants. Charlie came down and I agreed to let him have 2 bushels corn for making tobacco sticks, last winter. I went to Bellevue and paid Mr. Will Green his account for blacksmith's work 14.20. He did not give me a bill as I had asked him but brought me his book and entered it as paid on that. Mr. Corbin spoke to me about renting the place another year to put Mr. Dave Snyder on it. Left my bonnet with Mr. John Smith to take to be pressed. Engaged Mr. Green's mules for tomorrow at a dollar apiece. Sent postal to Patty.
- 23 Started both boys to work in the corn field. Dumont breaking up with Mr. Green's mules, Graves harrowing with my team. Went down to see them at work- ground so full of large hard clods that harrowing does no good. Walked up to look at pasture and wheat & timothy then went to see the Kellys planting corn in the farther part of the field next Mr. Walton's. Mr. Slayback came to see about team & plough to break his tobacco ground. I went to Mr. Arnold and engaged to hire his horse to break the ground. Sent to Jesse to get plough but couldn't get it. Went to Bellevue from Mr. Arnold's and got mail- letters from Patty and Julia. Watered all my plants when we got home.
- 24 Mr. B. F. Garnett came this morning to pay me for the rest of the posts- he said Mike Corbin had never paid him the \$1.60 I left with him for Mr. Garnett Feb. 25th so he took it out of this and pd. me 2.40- see May 19th. Sent Dumont home with Mr. Green's mules early this morning then sent him to borrow primping shovel plough of John Henderson. Mr. Slayback began to break the new ground. Graves finished breaking the little piece across the creek then hauled the wood Mr. Lacy cut off the new ground then hauled locust posts to the fence between me and Mr. Rice. Solon Rice came to offer to sell some sheep.
- 25 Mr Slayback finished ploughing the tobacco ground. Dumont worked on the fence. Hilda went to Burlington early to take omnibus for Cinti. Graves went with her. When he came back he nailed up the window in the crib and put a new hasp and another lock on the door. Then he went up on the hill and ploughed, harrowed and laid off that little piece of corn Mr. Hunt had last year. I went up to show him where to break the piece of clover but the horses couldn't do it. Sent for mail and Mr. Green's mules but couldn't get them. Bonnet came home from milliner's. Mr. Hunt got another bushel of corn.
- 26 First thing in the morning Dumont took Mr. Henderson's jumping shovel home- then worked on fence by the watergap next Mr. Rice's. Graves planted that little piece up on cherry hill- then ploughed potatoes- planted and replanted corn in garden- ploughed a little in there- then hauled posts for Dumont- then turned horses out and replanted corn in sand field. I rode to Mr. Moore's and Mr. Rice's and went to watergap. The Kellys began to break up tobacco ground. Jimmy Burns brought a

- heifer calf of his mother's here and I bought it for \$12.00 and pd. Jimmy for it.
 Several hens came off with chickens. I sewed what chance I got.
- 27 Miss Robinson left early to go to her sisters'. Mr. Slayback harrowed his tobacco ground. Dumont worked on the fence. I sent a letter to Patty. Graves hauled posts - ricked wood, went to mill, and drove us to Bellevue. Boat so late we had to come home before it came. Mr. Bennett and little girls came down and Sally went home with them.
- 28 Sunday- Sent for Hilda before breakfast- she came on the boat last night. Ernest and Miss Katy came. Louisa and Cordy came. Miss Robinson came home. Sent by Louisa note to Louly C.
- 29 Mr. Lacy got ½ bushel seed corn. I went on cherry hill- Dumont ploughed corn with Billy. Graves replanted corn. Two men, one named Carson, came as book agents for a book called Footprints of Time and I subscribed for 3.75.
- 30 Mr. Hunt says there has never been since 1859 such favourable weather for the blooming of the grapes. Went to Bellevue and then to Rising Sun with John Smith to get my bonnet trimmed. Told Mike Corbin about the 1.60 Mr. Garnett spoke the 24th of this month and he said he knew I had paid it to him and he allowed it on the price of sundries I bought in his store. After I got home, Mr. Bennett came and brought Sally home. Dr. Jimmy came on an errand. Sent by mail note to Mrs. Duncan, Lex. Dumont ploughed. Graves cut rye out of wheat and worked in garden. Got letter from Sue.
- 31 Set the boys cutting briars in the pasture next Mr. Wingate's. After dinner it looked so like rain that they hauled corn from the lower to the upper crib, 8 loads they said. I rode over to the pasture to see them work- sewed &c. Horace Grant came down.

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 F. Schultze & Co., Importers,
 No. 72 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Doulton Dinner Set,
 Shape, Oxford
 Decoration, Blue under glaze
 Pieces, 181

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- 1 Soup Tureen,
 2 Covered Dishes,
 2 Casseroles,
 1 Gravy Tureen,
 1 Sauce Boat, with Stand,
 1 Butter,
 2 Compotiers,
 1 Salad,
 2 Pickles,
 2 Bakers,
 1 Dishes, 18 in
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 18 plates – Dinner
 12 do Breakfast
 12 do Tea
 12 do Soups
 12 do Fruits
 12 Cups and Saucers Teas
 12 do do Coffees
 12 do do After dinner Coffees
 12 Individual Butters,

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Notice Miss J Dinsmor If you dont get them Nigrera way from here tha will be mobed &
 we will give you 10 days to get them a way if ya dont your Place will be turnd upside
 down your barn'll burn tha are a making truble beteen Man and Wife

[another scrap]

34 sheep

44 goats 9 Cashmere

March 17th 1873 Mr. Cook said he got 9 bushels of oats of Mr. J. Flick

Bill of Sale.

Dec. 1876

I have this day sold to J. S. Dinsmore of Boone County, State of Ky, one of E. H. Funk's
 Champion Churns, to be delivered at his residence in good order, and as good as the
 sample in every respect between the 10 and 20 pf Dec. 1876, or as soon thereafter as
 possible. Size of Churn, No. 2, Price, \$8.00

C. M. Hatcher, Agent

Miss J. S. Dinsmore

In a/c with S. C. Foster

Amt Recd from Sales of S. Potatoes \$27.00

Price freight 4.95

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Cincinnati \$20.05

Dec. 1st 1876

33 barrels 8.25

For cleaning silver

Half a pound Paris white

One pint boiling water poured over it. Stir well and when cold add two tablespoonfuls of
 ammonia. Cork up tight in a bottle. Let it dry on the silver and rub it off well.

[newspaper clipping]

How to Preserve Posts

Cottage Grove Farm, Dalton, GA.

I see the question asked, how to preserve fence posts from rotting? I will give a plan I find very effectual; the best I ever tried, and very cheap the cost not exceeding half a cent each:

Take a large kettle and fill two-thirds full of gas tar; start it to boiling with a slow fire. After boiling three or four hours it begins to form a pitch. Then take your posts, when dry, and apply the tar boiling hot to that portion and six inches above the part that goes in the ground. You can set the post in the kettle, if it is deep enough, or apply with a brush. After the post is set in the ground, apply two or three coats of hot tar over the top of the post which will fill the pores of the timber and exclude the water. This process, I believe, will preserve timber for a lifetime. H.O. Hoyt

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Syrup simplex zii

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Ft Cough Syrup

Sip a teaspoonful as often as required to allay cough

4 oz Alcohol

2 “ Gum Shelack

1 “ Bees Wax (white)

Mix Alcohol & Gum Shelack and let them stand 12 hours – then melt the wax and mix all together, the wax must be hot enough not to begin to cake – cork in a bottle and apply with a piece of Canton flannel and rub off with a clean piece of the same. Chamois skin is good too.

December 29 1868 One month after date I promise to pay Jilson Hawkins One hundred and eighteen dollars & 76 cents for value received being for his labor up to this day.

\$118.76

March 18, 1875

J. Hawkins Note 118.76

Interest 43.70

\$162.46

Smith Note \$100

Interest 10

Cash loaned 5

115

\$47.46

JUNE

- 1 Rode to Bellevue in a lovely rain- so thankful for the rain. Sent letter to Sue and postal to Louly telling her we wouldn't start till Tuesday. Mr. Slayback got Billy to lay off some for tobacco. I pd. Mr. Will Green for the use of his mules which deducting .75 for cow pasture was 1.25 for putting shoes on Jane .35, for hoe .90 - Mr. Wesley Kelly got two bushels corn out of lower crib. Sent John to Bellevue for cabbage plants he got 275 and some tomato plants which the boys set out. Dumont shelled some seed corn. Graves went and got Mr. Green's mules- brought my bonnet and the mail. I got letter from Patty telling me she hurt her leg. Shelled two sacks of corn and took it to mill.
- 2 Rained hard last night - with thunder and lightning- rained this morning too. So rainy and wet the boys couldn't harrow in the morning. Sent Graves to mill for sack of meal for Aunt Sally and sent it to Mr. Corbin's. Ernest Grant came down for corn. I sent a letter to Patty with 5.00 included. At half past 2 Dumont began to harrow with Mr. Green's team.
- 3 Went to office with mail- sent letter to Aunt Nancy with five dollars in it. Got 200 more cabbage plants. Met Mr. Nathan Allen and subscribed \$215.00 to the Woolper bridge - he said they wouldn't want the money till fall - and I could pay it in the fall. Mr. Lacy came and we counted the rails and measured the cord wood and settled for all in full, and I paid him 4.50 which was due him after deducting for potatoes, corn and cash that he got before. I got ready to go and see Miss Katy Prest who is very ill, but Mr. Bennett came down and so I couldn't go. I got a note from Louly and Joe Carter and a note from Julia. Graves harrowed in the morning and Dumont planted corn. After dinner Graves tried to break that piece of clover but had to give it up and took Mr. Green's team home- he set out plants &c.
- 4 Sunday- Sally went to Sunday school with Hilda- Cordy came home with her. After dinner Mrs. Kelly came up to stay with Miss Martha and we went to Dr. Grant's to see Miss Katy. Turned very cool.
- 5 Very cool weather- we had fire last night and tonight. The boys planted corn in the bottom and then ploughed the piece over by Mr. Slayback's and some in garden. Mr. Arnold came to see about getting poles for making a scaffold and I paid him for the use of his horses. I put Louly's things in her trunk- sewed, cut out nightgown &c.
- 6 John Ebberson (Dumont) drew five dollars of his money and lent it to Mortons Thomas (colored) and Morton gave his note for it payable Christmas. I witnessed the signing of the note and at John's request, put it in my tin box to keep for him, till he wants it. Got letter from BBG. Got ready to go to Lex. with Miss Martha and went up on the Bannock City.
- 7 Got to Lexington before 12- started on the 7 a.m. train. Mr. Duncan and Lily met us at depot- took Miss Martha to Mr. Kinkead's and then went to Mr. Duncan's. At dusk Louly and Dr. Carter came and I went down to Versailles with them that night.

- 8 After breakfast Louly took me to Spring Hill- saw Mrs. Hart, Birdie and her children- stayed there till near 12 - then Louly took me to Hartland and we took dinner with Hart. Afterwards went back to Mrs. Carter's and then to Lex. On our way out saw Miss Martha at Mrs. Thornton's. Spent the evening at Mr. Duncan's- went with them to the grounds of Sayre Institute to see the young people walk about and hear the band play. Stayed all night at Mr.D's and Louly with me.
- 9 Left on 7 a.m. train - got to Cinti. Went to see Patty and took her shopping. Went to Messrs. Resor's and bought a cooking stove. Went to Mr. Foster's and asked him to put Patty on the boat next Thursday- got home and found Dr. Raymond at the river for me and Belle out at home. Had a fine rain last night and this morning they say.
- 10 Boys didn't work - went to Rising Sun - I sent Miss Robinson to Bellevue. I was so tired out I didn't do much. Dr. Raymond went home. Got letters from Sally.
- 11 I sent John Graves after Polly the mare Dr. Raymond wanted me to buy of him and he brought her. Sally went to Sunday school with Hilda. Dr Grant came and dined with us. Aunt Eliza came.
- 12 Set boys to mowing clover on the hill below the vineyard - went to Bellevue and bought scythe at grange store. The boys hauled in one load of clover because it threatened rain. Went to Bellevue after stove- took Mr. Arnold's borrowed things home. Bought another scythe of Mr. Corbin. Brought stove out.
- 13 Set boys to mowing clover next the hedge and road- they went up after dinner and hauled in the rest of them off the hill. I sent and borrowed Mr. Clore's mean old hay-rake. Had to have the clover hauled in the barn and spread out.
- 14 I was so worn out I couldn't do much. Went to Bellevue after mail - stopped to see Sudy Arnold. When I settled my account Mike Corbin paid me .75 for John Smith's cow pasture.
- 15 Went on cherry hill and got cherries to can. Birdie and Mabel came and spent the day. I had my stove put up. I gave Dr. Raymond an order on Mr. Foster for \$75.00 to pay for Polly, the mare I bought of him. Mr. Wesley Kelly got – bushels of corn. Dr and Belle went home. I went in the wagon to Bellevue for Patty. Miss Monroe sent down 3 horses for me to pasture. I got 123 lbs granulated sugar at Corbin's- and a collar and harness- also brought out my cradle. Had a shower after dark. The boys ploughed and worked in the garden. Sent by Dr. R. a letter to BBG.
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- 17 Boys worked for Scott Rice planting or rather setting out tobacco. I sent by Aunt Eliza Aunt Sally's dress- and cut out one for Aunt Eliza- I bought for Aunt Eliza a dress & lining & chemise cotton, which she says she will work to pay for. Mrs. Rice & Susy came, and Ernest and Hal Bennett. I picked and canned cherries. It rained in showers. Sent note to Lily Duncan.
- 18 Cold after the rains so we had fire and it felt very comfortable. We stayed at home till after dinner. Sally went to Mrs. Arnold's. Miss Robinson came.
- 19 Dumont worked for Charlie Rockwell till about 4 p.m. Charlie promised to return the work in harvest. We went to Bellevue in the wagon all but Patty- to go to Rising Sun but the river was so rough we couldn't go. When we came back I cut out work and beat carpet &c. We took up dining room carpet. Graves ploughed- When Dumont finished working for Charlie he cut the rest of the ripe clover next the road. I got

- dispatch from BBG saying Bally [Spaulding] and nurse would come tomorrow.
Sewed on carpet till after bedtime.
- 20 Up early to get ready to go to Rising Sun. All went but Patty. I went and paid Uncle Jilson's city taxes and got receipt for him from Hiram Calvert for 13.39 - of this money John Dumont furnished me 6.00 & Mandy's husband Morris 3.00 the balance 4.37 I had to pay. Uncle Jilson told me Morris owed him and to ask him for it- if not Uncle Jilson is to pay it. I also got Jilson's house insured for 200.00 by Badman Davis in the Aetna Ins. Co. and pd. 3.50 for it which Jilson said he would pay, sometime. Had a hard shower on my clover that is cut. Got mail- letter from Miss Martha. Sent down in the evening for Bally and Lizzie who came on the boat.
 - 21 Mr. Graham came while we were up on cherry hill.
 - 22 Dumont only worked half a day-
 - 23 Rode to Mr. Corbin's to try and borrow some money for Dumont. He couldn't work and wanted to settle up. Couldn't get the money- After dinner Mr. Graham went to Lawrenceburg. Had a hard wind and rain storm which blew off the roof of Middle Creek Church and made a ruin of it- blew down fences- trees &c. I sewed most of the evening.
 - 24 After breakfast I rode to see Mr. Moreland- couldn't get any money- on my way back went to look at the church. After dinner Graves and Mr. Wesley Kelly worked at the fence in the pasture that was blown down. Graves said he would take Polly down to have her shoes taken off.
 - 25 Sunday- Mr. Rice came to see about returning the work. Ernest and Homer Grant came. Patty went to Sunday school with them. I went to Louisa's and then rode up to Charlie's.
 - 26 Set 4 hands, my two and John Coons & Deck to cutting rye. It rained so they had to quit but after dinner it cleared up for a while and they finished cutting- and began on wheat. I sent to Mr. Corbin's for another cradle. Horace Grant came and I went with him towards Bellevue, to take around a paper for Mrs. Loudon's benefit. Afterwards went in the harvest field. Old Mr. John Deck paid me .75 for pasture and Mr. Clore 1.00 for seed corn. Mr. Bennett came down and stayed to supper.
 - 27 Set my two hands, John Coons, John Deck, Henry Horton and Goodpasture to cutting wheat- they finished both the small pieces. I went to Bellevue, took letters for Louly, Nina and postal for Belle. Got letter from BBG. Sewed and cut out some.
 - 28 Set the same six hands and Mr. Lacy to cutting the wheat up where Mrs. Loudon used to live. Rained and blew hard at dinnertime and all of us got wet.
After it quit raining the boys cut the tree that blew down across the road. Dr. Jimmy came to ask to pasture his cow.
 - 29 Set Dumont to cutting weeds in meadow and Graves thinned corn. After dinner they shocked wheat and cut it. I went to Bellevue and then to Mr. Clore's. After dinner Mr. Bennett came and stayed to supper.
 - 30 The boys cut wheat till the rain made them quit, then they shelled corn. After dinner they took the horses (Miss Nourse's) to have their shoes taken off. Then Dumont ploughed and Graves went to mill and then hoed in the garden. Nine years ago sister Belle died- and most of my joy died with her. Lord love her pure soul.

JULY

- 1 Ed Kelly got 10 bushels corn. Wesley got 2 bushels. John Graves worked in garden ploughed and hoed and ploughed corn afterwards. Dumont ploughed corn. Mr. Hunt got 1 bushel corn. Miss Robinson worked ½ day. Got letter from Julia.
- 2 Sunday- Hilda went to church at Locust Grove. It poured down rain. Ernest came and took Patty to Sunday school.
- 3 Cool and breezy. The boys mowed weeds in the new grass. I went to Bellevue- stopped at Mrs. Clore's to see Florence and at Mr. Corbin's and borrowed of him \$15.00. Came home and wrote and sent down by Patty 3 letters to C. A. James, Geo. H. B. White, W. Laird Sr. Washington & Georgetown. Hired Jack to come and work ½ a day the wheat. Sent Graves to Mr. Rogers's for my cradle but couldn't get it. The boys cradled wheat up on the hill next Mr. Wingate's. Mr. Corbin put 2 horses on pasture here today. Mr. Lacy got bushel corn.
- 4 Boys ploughed corn till rain drove them in. I cut out and sewed. At night the children had fireworks. Ernest came down and Aggy was here.
- 5 Nine years ago today sister Belle was buried- how long it seems. It was so wet that the boys couldn't plough. John Dumont didn't work all day- from ¼ before 9 till dinnertime he was gone. Graves cut weeds. After dinner they both worked hauling wheat from the patch next Mr. Ingram's. This morning I went in the wagon to the store- bought barrel of flour and sundries- cut and sewed most of the day. Mr. Corbin sent Ben for his horses because they jumped in the wheat field.
- 6 Graves worked for Stephen Burns this morning- the work to be returned. Dumont ploughed- a storm in the evening of course. Sally got letter from papa.
- 7 Mr. Will Green turned cow in for a few days on pasture. Dumont cut sapling clover. Graves worked for Mr. Burns and black Henry but got back about 5 in time to haul in wheat clover was dry enough before the usual storm set in. Miss R. only sewed ½ day. Ernest came for Patty and took her home with him. Hot as pepper.
- 8 John Deck worked ploughing. Graves ploughed and then hauled hay. Dumont cut clover and helped haul. Hilda went to church. R. E. came. I got letter from Julia. Miss R. sewed ½ day. Very hot, cloudy and thundered in the evening but no storm. Ernest brought Patty back. They saw a magnificent meteor.
- 9 Sunday- hotter than pepper. Belle and Dr. came. Ernest came for a little while.
- 10 Mr. Corbin sent out 1 horse to put on pasture. Dr. went home- lost his pocketbook before he left. Jane Lacy came to offer to hire. Graves ploughed corn over by wheat patch and up by Mr. Hunts and broke up little patch in garden and hauled 1 load and a little more hay clover. Dumont cut clover- it was hot as Tophet, a threatened storm as usual in the evening and a little rain.
- 11 Didn't write this till afterwards and forgot almost all about it. Got letters from the three banks in Washington in answer to mine of the 3rd with drafts on N. York for \$87.00.
- 12 Intended going to Rising Sun but it rained so hard I had to give it up. Got in one load of hay before the rain. Mr. Hunt helped the boys rake up hay a little while.
- 13 Patty and I went to Rising Sun. I got my drafts cashed. Aunt Eliza came home with us. Stopped at Mr. Corbin's and paid him the 15.00 I borrowed the 3rd. Also his store bill- see receipts and ac. book. When I got home the boys were taking in the last of the clover hay from the patch next the hedge and road. They then hauled in some

- wheat to the barn - very hot. Patty got a letter from her papa with a draft for \$50.00. John Graves didn't work today. He went to see about a negroe's picnic.
- 14 Dumont mowed the yard between the showers. Dr. Grant came in a hard rain. The children were blackberrying and got caught in the rain.
 - 15 Both boys took holiday. Aunt Eliza went home and I let her have .50- she took the old stove home with her - I sewed most of the day - it was very not. Buddy's birthday. I wish him well and I wish him happy. Dr. came.
 - 16 Sunday- Not so killing hot. After dinner Belle and Dr. went home. Sally went to Willoughby S. School with Hilda and Ernest. Homer and Miss Avery came to see Patty.
 - 17 Both boys ploughed in the bottom- it was very hot. I sewed, canned &c. They found my largest black sow with 10 pigs.
 - 18 Both boys ploughed. It was terribly hot- in the evening a thunder shower. I got paper from buddy with speech- letter from Sophie telling about Lizzie's baby and letter from Miss Martha with scrap from Mary. Patty had bad headache.
 - 19 Always one of the saddest days of the year for me 'whom the gods love die young'. Still as hot as Africa. My spotted sow has 6 pigs. Packed Patty things to go. Boys ploughed in the morning- hauled wheat afterwards.
 - 20 Went down in the wagon to take the little boat- took Patty to Aurora and put her in the 11. a. m. train for Cinti- to go to visit Mary Foster. I came down with Mr. & Mrs. Robbins in a skiff. I put in the P.O. in Aurora letters to the 3 banks acknowledging the drafts received the 8th. I got cashed at the bank the draft received from brother Charlie July 13th for \$50.00. Stopped and got mail- letter from Sue and from Florence Hawley telling me of the death of Aunt Harriet Dinsmore on the 14th. Mr. Rice came in my absence and said that I could have his wagon and so the boys got the Kellys to help and hauled wheat, they working part of the day.
 - 21 The Kellys helped till dinnertime. Mr. Rice let John Dumont have his wagon and horses till noon and they hauled all the wheat in and loads of hay and oats I believe. After dinner I sent the boys to hoe in the Kellys' tobacco but Graves stopped near 6 p.m. to go to mill. I walked all over the hill back of Mr. Hunts &c- made jam. I settled with Miss Robinson- her work came to 13.00 and 3 of this is for my own sewing. Still as hot as Tophet.
 - 22 Dumont wanted to settle and get what was coming to him- so I added up his account and pd. him 5.15 in full up to this evening. Dumont afterwards wanted to go to Rising Sun so I will let him work 1/2 day extra on next month and go. I sent Graves to take Miss Robinson home- he got back about 1/2 past 2- after that only went to mill for me.
 - 22 I sold 1 gal. vinegar and 1 rooster = .65. It was rather cooler today- especially in the morning. I worked sometime in the heat of the day hoeing cabbages. Dumont came home from R. Sun drunk and cut up like a crazy man out by the cabins.
 - 23 Sunday- Stayed home- it was delightfully cool all day. Charlie Rockwell came and had a talk about clearing up ground for tobacco &c. Right chilly this evening- only 64 degrees about 8 o'clock after having the thermometer up to 95 and thereabouts it makes one feel cold.
 - 24 Still cool. Went to Bellevue to take Hilda down on her way to Rising Sun. After dinner we went to Dr. Grant's and stayed to supper. Dumont cut weeds in corn and Graves ploughed.

- 25 Still cool. We went up to Middle Creek church to get blackberries and I made jam and canned some. Sent a letter to Julia. Got one from buddy and a postal from Lizzie. Dumont cut weeds again. Graves ploughed also broke up and harrowed a little turnip patch in garden which Mr. Hunt sowed for me and did some little clearing up in garden.
- 26 Spent most of the morning in the garden seeing Graves clean up and plough for turnip patch- he pulled onions. Mr. Hunt sowed more turnips for me. John Graves ploughed corn after dinner. Mr. Green brought a man named Murdock here to see about renting. I made jelly.
- 27 I wrote a letter to cousin Lizzie and sent it. Went with Hilda to Mrs. Brady's to see Mrs. Garnett who was sick. The agent brought the book I subscribed for. I stopped to see Mr. Moreland to try and get some money. Had a slight shower after we got home. Graves finished ploughing this morning and went to help Dumont cut weeds in the corn. I made cordial.
- 28 Had a fine rain early this morning. Both hands cut weeds. I made jelly. The Bennett girls came and spent the day. Miss Lou and Charlie came for a little while.
- 29 Warmer- about 12 it set in to rain. I went to Bellevue and took letter to Miss Martha and note to Julia. Rode round to look at crops, fruit, work &c. Both boys quit work at noon. They chopped weeds by Mr. Slayback's before dinner. Patty came home bringing Mary and Julia Foster and Ada Bissell. Mary brought me letter from Julia and the History of N. H. I ordered at Clarke's.
- 30 Sunday - Mr. Graham came in the morning. The company went to Sunday school and it rained. Dumont came back for a while and then left - for good I reckon.
- 31 John went to mill and cut weeds after dinner he took the horses to get them shod - expecting to haul corn for Mr. Rice but Mr. R. didn't sell his corn. I rode to Bellevue and Mr. Clore's and Mr. Rice's.

AUGUST

- 1 A man named William Connaway and another man came to see about renting. John spent most of the day fighting bumble bees and chopping stove wood. Ernest came to see the girls.
- 2 We all went to Split Rock on the little boat and stayed till her return trip - had a picnic there. Mr. D. G. Rice came to ask about his frow. I gave him the bill Mr. Nelson gave me March 7th and told him about it &c. John took two trips to Bellevue, cut weeds &c.
- 3 After dinner Wesley Kelly helped John stack the rye. Buddy came on the boat.
- 4 Mr. Jonas Clore came to look at my corn and talk about buying it. After dinner Mr. Graham went to Lawrenceburg. John worked for Mr. Kelly to return the work.
- 5 Poured down rain almost all day. Graves didn't work - expecting to go to a picnic. Dick Loudon came in the evening and I had a talk with him about cleaning tobacco land.
- 6 Sunday - Rained almost all day. Patty got ready to start. Dr. Grant came to see buddy.
- 7 Buddy and Patty, Mary, Julia, and Ada went on the little boat to Aurora. Buddy and Patty were starting on their trip to the Centennial and seashore - the others going home. Packed up sewing machine and took it to Mr. Corbin's. John cut weeds.

- 8 Went to Rising Sun with Mr. Rice to sell our corn - sold to Fletcher Pate for his brother Taylor Pate at .40 a bushel. After I came home went down to see Mr. Corbin about renting. Aunt Eliza came up with Dumont. John Graves worked on the road. Hot and cloudy.
- 9 Dumont set in to work again but was so poorly he had to quit. Graves worked cutting weeds &c in the little pasture. Mr. Wiesickel worked cutting weeds towards paying his pasture. I went for Dick Loudon and to Mr. Moreland's. My little black sow has been missing last evening & today. Hot and cloudy- some showers.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day- it seems a lifetime ago. Sent Patty's letters to her with a note on the backs- Dick and Mr. Wiesickle cut weeds. We found my little black sow with 6 pigs. Dumont went away- said he was too poorly to work. Mr. Corbin and Dave Snyder came out to look at the place. Got letter from BBG. Mr. McMullen and 3 hands came with the threshing machine.
- 11 Got up early to start threshers. I furnished as hands Dick Loudon, Mr. Slayback, Jimmy & Charlie Burns and my John. Steve Burns sent Dony Cook and Mr. Wiesickle and Mr. Rice sent John Deck. Black Henry also worked, partly to return the work Graves did for him. My John worked too. I had Jimmy Burns mules in the machine and my horse hauled rye, sacks &c. Mr. McMullen says the wheat turned out 164 ½ bus. They didn't quite finish the rye. Borrowed of Mr. Rice 8 sacks and of Mr. Clore 11. Told Mrs. Wesley Kelly this morning when she asked me if I intended renting to someone else that I did. John Coons helped a little after dinner today. It was hot and rained this morning. Dave Snyder and Will Corbin came out and made some cider on the shares. Mr. Pope came to see me about buying rye.
- 12 Mr. Richards sent to borrow the cider machine. Boone Rogers came to see about renting the corn ground. They finished threshing at 1/2 past 9 a.m. The rye turned out 35 bushels - 8 cents for threshing - 7 for wheat. Mr. Wiesickle cut weeds till noon. I then went to mill and took holiday after dinner. Sent postals to Breitenbach & Orr. Went for mail- saw Mr. Corbin about renting- he doesn't want it. Got postal from Mr. John House about grapes. Gave Mr. D. G. Rice's frow [froe] to the man he sent for it. Gave Dick Loudon order on Corbin for 2.00. Rained hard last night.
- 13 Sunday - Very hot - stayed home. Louisa rode over in the evening on an errand. Sally had bad headache and fever. Charlie came to see about putting in tobacco.
- 14 Sent John Graves with wagon and horses, sacks &c. to Mr. Arnold's where they were threshing. Dick and Mr. Wiesickle cut weeds and sprouts. Mr. Beasley came with a note from old Mr. Roberts about buying wheat. He got gal. vinegar which he is to pay for. Mr. Murdock came again about renting. I went round and showed him the land- he said he would wait to hear from me before making any other arrangement. Two brothers, Joneses, came to rent. Aunt Eliza and Dumont came. Wesley Kelly got - bushels corn. Ed K. got - bushels. The Corbins came out for apples- stayed a little while. Very hot, sultry- Sally better. This is my big baby's birthday- Lord love her- fifteen years old today.
- 15 Dick, Henry Roberts, Mr. Wiesickle, Charlie Burns & Ben Corbin worked today cutting weeds- after 4 p.m. Mr. Dick & Charlie cut iron weeds in the pasture this side of the creek. Dumont worked today. John Graves too. I went to Bellevue twice. Mr. House came- Mr. Charles Alloway came with Mr. Hurd to see about renting. The

- Bruce boys came and brought the cider mill home. I got letters from Patty, Buddy & Julia. Mr. Dave Snyder told me about his coal boat. Very hot again.
- 16 Stayed home and 'bossed' hands working in pasture lot cutting brakes and weeds. Charlie Burns, Henry Roberts and Mr. Wiesickle and Graves worked all day. Dick Loudon worked afternoon. Dumont worked this morning and carried Annie's things away after dinner. I settled with Annie and paid her all but 2.00 which I promised to send or give her when I got it. She sent the children to her sister's but didn't get off herself on account of rain. It showered after dinner and at sundown set in to rain. Joe Eggleton told me Mr. B. F. Garnett's barn, corn crib &c were burned last night. Melissa Rice came this evening to invite Hilda to her wedding. Very hot again.
- 17 This day 17 years ago my beloved mother died - Lord rest her soul. Rained so hard this morning that the hands who came to cut weeds- Henry Roberts, Dick and Mr. Wiesickle went away again. Dumont lit out as the hands say, for good this time, I hope. Big fuss in the colored camp about Annie and her tribe going away, and here they are yet. I rode to Dr. Grant's- then to Mr. Jackson's- then to Mr. Murdock's and told him he could rent the place and he said he would take it. Stopped at Mrs. Ingram's to see Millie who is sick- went to Bellevue and to Mr. Arnold's on way home. Got letters from Mr. Tew with present of rubber things for cistern chain- from Sue telling me of an expectation for Sep. and from Breitenbach and Orr about grapes. Mr. Rice came over at dark to tell me the corn boat had come. Hot and showery today- rained hard at dark. Graves cut weeds, went for mail, got Jane shod behind &c.
- 18 Mr. Corbin came out to tell me the boat had come- his team and Mr. Arnold's and mine hauled all day. Mr. Rice sent Mr. Smith's and his teams to help after all his was hauled. Mr. Hunt and Ben Corbin and Will Corbin and Charlie Burns worked for me. Mr. Arnold told me that his team and Mr. Slayback were to return John's hauling for him with my wagon in thrashing. Mr. Wiesickle and Henry Roberts came and worked between the showers cutting weeds- said they made out ½ a day. I sent by Will Corbin a postal to Robt. Orr & Co. telling them to send 50 grape stands. Solon Rice came to see about rye- didn't want it. Showery and hot all day. I worked Ed. Kelly's gray horse ½ a day.
- 19 Dumont came over to hire again to work- I said I should not like to hire him on account of the fuss about him and Annie. Settled with him and paid him all I owe him, also returned him Morton Thomas's note that was in my care, see June 6th of this book. Graves brought out the sewing machine, also sugar, dried beef. Hands hauled in all 44 loads of corn they said. My team, Mr. Arnold's with Ben Corbin to drive, Mr. Smith's with himself, Mr. Rice's with black Henry and Mr. Corbin's with Will. Mr. Hunt and John Deck worked in crib- quit about 4:20 p.m. I rode to Mr. Ingram's- met Mr. Rice who gave me corn weights. My corn turned out to be 1045 bus. Got letter from Ada Bissell.
- 20 Sunday - Stayed home. After dinner Mrs. Ellis and child came - after that R.E. came and stayed all night.
- 21 Got up at 4 or rather before. Sent John Graves to take Hilda in wagon to Burlington - she missed the omnibus and came home - Mr. Arnold came over and I asked him to order me 100 more stands for grapes. Mr. Garnett came and bought 30 bushels of rye, paid me 15 dollars for it. Mr. Dave Snyder came out and I ordered 200 bushels of coal.

- 21 Mr. Clutterbuck from Florence, the man who collects the bounty from swindle money came. He showed me the figures in his book by which papa's estate is held for \$1520.32 with a credit of \$296. being the 200 he paid at the time with int. I have a receipt for \$1000 of the debt which leaves a balance of 224.32 with 6 per cent interest since 1872- mean to go and see Mr. Winston about it. Horace brought Miss Lou and Miss Katy to spend the day- after they left I went to Mrs. Rice's for a few minutes. Mr. Rice was here when I got home. Annie sick with rheumatism in her arm & hand. Mr. Wiesickle, Henry Roberts and Dick worked cutting weeds. Graves is supposed to have helped. I couldn't oversee them at all.
- 22 Sent John down for grape stands- only got . Had them hauled to Mr. Hunt. Shipped 20 stands to Orr and wrote for more. Got letter from him by mail. Lovely cool morning. Took Hilda to river and she left on the Valley for Aurora to take train. Got letter from Patty at Phil(adelphia). Graves hauled &c. Dick, Henry Roberts, Mr. Wiesickle and Charlie Burns worked. Mr. W. and Charlie cut weeds in fence row by my wheat patch and on line between me and S. Rice where C. Rockwell lives. Dick & Henry deadened timber in new ground and where Dick expects to grub and began on thicket next old Learey place. Got medicine from Horace for Annie. Steve Burns and Tom Nettles came for the rye for Mr. Garnett- got the 30 bushels. Mr. De Witt came again to see about getting a house.
- 23 Found Polly this morning with a fine mare colt. Went to Rising Sun in skiff- went to Mr. Potts's and got the money for my corn. I had 1045 bushels and at .40 a bushel it came to \$418 which Mr. Pate paid me in bank. I left \$250 in the bank of Rising Sun, Mr. Perkins gave me a certificate of deposit. I stopped in Bellevue on my way home and pd. Mr. Corbin's store bill, Mr. Green's bill and left \$14.35 with Mr. Keit in the Grange Store for Mr. McMullen. George Walton pd. me 1.25 for 2 ½ bus. seed corn he got last spring. Mr. Wiesickle and Charlie Burns worked cutting weeds &c. in the corn field next Mr. Rice's and in the clover patch next Mr. Arnold's. Henry Roberts worked ½ a day in the thicket. Graves hauled 2 loads of coal- brought out Mr. Flick's mowing machine, hauled me, flour &c. home. Hot as Africa.
- 24 My dear papa's birthday, Lord love his soul. Set John to mowing the crabgrass and after it was done sent the machine home to Mr. Flick. Mr. Martin Aikin and Mr. Goings came out to see about renting. Dick and Henry worked ½ a day in the thicket. Dick came in and we settled up even to tonight and I pd. him 5.00 I got letter from Robt. Orr about grapes. Mr. Wiesickle worked part of a day cutting weeds and hedge sprouts. Mr. Murdock came to see about wheat. I sent John down with 4 stands of grapes to ship with Mr. Arnold's. Rained hard.
- 25 Cloudy wet morning. Henry Roberts came, not to work but to get his money so I paid him in presence of Lizzie, he being a minor, 5.50, and settled to date. Made grape jelly and canned peaches. Mr. Rice came to ask about tobacco land &c. Mr. Lacy came to see about clapboards. John brought apple, turned hay &c. and after dinner took Annie and her children to Dicks' on horseback. I sent him down late to see about stands and Buddy, Patty and John Riddle came home with him. Mr. Wiesickle worked today.
- 26 Cool lovely day. John went for stands before breakfast got Letter with them from Orr. Children went for mail - got letter from Mrs. Brown. Mr. Wiesickle worked today - put hay in cock's - this evening I had a settlement with him. He had worked 11 ¾

days = 11.75- his pasture up to Aug. 28 came to 6.37 leaving due him 5.38. I paid him 4.00 of it. Mrs. De Witt came and told me she had gotten a house. John went to picnic after he hauled the stands.

- 27 Sunday- cool bright lovely day. Belle and Dr. came down- they said they moved to Burlington Thursday. Dr. went back in the evening and Belle stayed. Mr. Rice came for a few minutes to tell me he was going to join fence with me above the road.
- 28 Sent John down for stands- none came- he brought back a barrel of salt and load of coal. Mr. Slayback came to get tobacco sticks and see about hauling tobacco- he cut some. John hauled in the crabgrass hay. Henry Roberts cut bushes in the thicket and towards evening helped John haul the last of the hay. May came down to bundle up Annie's things. Buddy helped John with the hay a while then walked around with me to look at crops, hay, cattle &c.
- 29 John hauled stands and grapes all day. I wrote a note to Robt. Orr &c telling him we would ship 45 stands tonight and asking him to send down 12 more tomorrow. Dr. Raymond came down for Belle and they went back to Burlington in the evening. When the mail was brought out a bill of lading was sent stating that the 25 stands which came down yesterday were from Breitenbach so I had to go to Mr. Hunt and change the note I had written. I wrote to Breitenbach that I shipped him 25 stands and to Orr that I shipped him 20 stands. Got a letter from Miss Nourse telling me to send up 1 of her horses - came too late to send him, also got letter from little Julia. Henry Roberts says he worked cutting bushes.
- 30 Buddy left this morning. John took him in the wagon over the river to meet the omnibus. After he came back Mr. Slayback had the wagon to haul tobacco. John cut wood part of the time only on account of headache- made up for it by going after stands in the evening- brought letter from Orr and waybill for 10 stands and the stands. He caught Miss Nourse's horse and put it in stable. I made plum or rather damson jam and began to make tomato catsup. Louisa rode over late in the evening. Henry Roberts worked in the thicket.
- 31 Henry Roberts came to get money - 2.00. It rained last night and early this morning. Mr. Slayback came and fixed Charlie Rockwell's house so he could put tobacco in it. Then he hauled tobacco. Mr. Hunt came and picked and packed grapes. John Graves helped him. I sent 10 stands out of my garden to Orr and 6 stands off the hill to Breitenbach with notes to both. Sent Miss Nourse's mare up on boat. Got mail note from buddy- and card from Breitenbach. Worked at my tomato catsup.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sent John to hunt Molly- found her with a b. calf. John almost sick with headache part of the day. He went to Bellevue and took 2 bags corn to mill- one for the woman I promised it to. I put up catsup- went to Bellevue once. Two men came to see about renting farm over the river I believe. Solon Rice came to see me about that note of Mr. Flick's. Henry Roberts came to work in the thicket but it rained so hard he could only have made out part of a day.
- 2 Bright and beautiful. Dr. Grant came to meet Mr. George Terrill and look at my cattle. Mr. T. didn't come. John poorly- didn't do much. Mr. Slayback had the horses hauling tobacco till noon. John Graves wanted to settle and see how he stood- so I settled with him and paid him off in full up to Sep. 1st. Charlie Burns came out to

settle for the pasture- he said Jimmy counted his and the mules work at 2.25 from 12.00 leaves 2.75 which he paid me and the pasture is paid for up to Sep. 11th. Mr. Terrill came and looked at cattle but didn't make any offer. I got letters from Breitenback and Orr. Went to Bellevue and paid my store account at Corbins' and John hauled 9 stands home. Henry ½ day.

- 3 Sunday- Stayed home till late in the evening- then went to Mr. Ingram's to see Willie.
- 4 John hauled the stands to Mr. Hunt- then ploughed in the grass field in front of the garden. Mr. Clore and Mr. Corbin came to see me about a road (or pike) from Burlington to Bellevue. I told them not to depend on my taking more than 500. stock at any rate. Mr. House came and I told him he might take the Canada Reds, Smith's Cider, Bonnie Beauty and Leather Jacket apples in the orchard on cherry Hill and the Canada Reds and Roma Beauty in the orchard in the big pasture for .50 a barrel on the tree, reserving all I want for my own use. I did not sell him any in the little Jenitan orchard or in the orchard back of the Searcy branch. The children and I went up on the hill and picked pears and packed 2 stands to send up- gathered most of them. Mr. Hunt filled the rest of the stands and John hauled them down.
- 5 Sent letters to Sue and Mrs. Brown. Gave Uncle Jilson a good sow pig. Let Wesley Kelly have 5 bushels of wheat at 1.00 a bushel. Mr. Brady & Dr. Bob Kirtley came down to look at the cattle- I went to Bellevue. Mr. Corbin gave me the bill for the freight for Miss Nourses's horse and I paid him 1.50. I shipped to Orr & Co. and sent him a note. 7 stands grapes and 2 stands pears- also ordered returned the 34 stands left at Bellevue for me. Hilda got home this morning- she got off boat last night. I got letter from Breitenbach with a/c of sale of the 6 stands. Mr. Rice came over to see about bringing corn. John finished ploughing the piece in front of the house. Henry says he worked.
- 6 Rained this morning and off and on all day. John harrowed the piece he ploughed and then hauled away the locust tree that blew down and fixed the paling. Henry says he worked.
- 7 Hilda and I rode to Burlington to Association- went to see Belle. Got letter from Miss Nourse about horses. Told John to cut wood chop weeds &c. Very warm. Mr. Gaines came to buy cornfield.
- 8 Hot as pepper. Mr. Slayback hauled tobacco till noon- then he sowed Timothy in my little patch. John got apples, picked damsons, cut weeds &c. Then harrowed the piece just sowed. Henry says he worked in the thicket- came in the evening for money, 3.00. Sent letter to Breitenback to send draft for money due.
- 9 Mr. Lewis Conner came down and bought my 26 head of cattle and 4 for the other six- to be weighed at Will Walton's. John Graves took holiday – went to Aurora- after he got home caught Miss Nourse's 2 horses and put them up. Got letter from Orr & Co. Louly and Sudy and Lily came over after dinner. R. E. came and stayed to supper. Hot as Africa- rained a little. This was my dear mamma's birthday I hope she is spending it among the blest.
- 10 Sunday- My beloved sister Susy's birthday- Lord love her. Stayed home. Sent Miss Nourse's horses and 7 horse shoes up on the boat, with note to check of Bannock City- about the horses.
- 11 Rained this morning but cleared off afterwards. John hauled wheat to old Mr. Roberts and I went up with the last load.

- He hauled 100 bushels 36 lbs Mr. Roberts paid me \$100 for the wheat and let the odd pounds go to pay him for setting a saw for me long ago. Uncle Jilson helped John load the wheat. Hatty came to get vinegar for Annie- Mr. Hunt made some wine.
- 12 Mr. Hunt picked grapes in the garden and made wine. Uncle Jilson helped him. Graves didn't work and started on his trip over the river. Pat and John rode to see Miss Robinson. I went to Mr. Arnold's and then came home with Pat. Mr. Murdoch came home with Pat. Mr. Murdoch came and I rode round with him and then went to Charlie Rockwell's. Got letter from buddy.
 - 13 Mr. Slayback hauled tobacco all day. Mr. Hunt finished making wine. I have 2 barrels, 1 in wine cellar, 1 in house cellar. Engaged Henry Roberts to shock corn next week. Sewed some altering Pat's dress. Uncle Jilson tried digging potatoes. Mr. Arnold came to look at wheat- told me something he heard about making a pike.
 - 14 Mr. Arnold came over and bought 6 bushels of wheat. I told him to take out 2 dollars to pay for the wagon and horses I had Aug. 19- so he paid me 4.00. Patty and John went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day. Uncle Jilson got apples and dug potatoes. Had first fire of the season.
 - 15 Sent children and Uncle Jilson to Mrs. Resor's for chickens- didn't get them- so I sent Uncle Jilson back to tell her to catch them. Then he took Polly to the shop and had her shod. I went to Mrs. Burns's. Stopped at Mr. Rice's on my way home and paid him up all I owe him for hauling and John Deck's work, 7.25. Left with Mrs. Rice 3.00 for Mr. Smith's to pay for hauling he did. Fire in the fireplace this morning and evening.
 - 16 Cool yet. Mr. House came and said he would pay me .40 a barrel on the tree for some other apples on the hill. Sent Uncle Jilson for the chickens- got 1 doz. I let Jilson have 2 bushels corn. Patty got letter from Sally H. I lent Mr. Hunt 5.00.
 - 17 Sunday- Rained. Got ready to go to Cin. Ernest came and went to Bellevue with us. I got Charlie Rockwell to drive the wagon for me. We went up on the Shorley, Patty, John Riddle and I.
 - 18 We went around town all day. Went to see Miss Nourse. I left with her a memorandum of the amount of horse pasture and the freight bill Mr. Corbin pd. on her mare 1.50. She hadn't time to attend to it then.
 - 18 Went shopping with Patty. Met Miss Fanny R- and Emma Eaton. Mr. F. and Julia and family gone to Centennial- John Riddle was to leave for St. Paul on the 1 a.m. train. I left Pat and came home on the boat- found Mr. House and his boy here- and Mr. Murdoch and his hand named Gacy. Miss Robinson came up but did not stay till I got home. When in Cinti. I went to Breitenbach's and got \$45.35 for grapes and to Robt. Orr and got \$116.70 for grapes- part of which was to go to Mr. Hunt. Henry Roberts cut corn in sand field.
 - 19 Mr. Hunt came and told me that the young Aylor cow had calves- heard afterwards that Ed. Kelly saw them last night. I went to see them found both b. calves- and weak, white one particularly so. Mr. House and hands gathered apples. Mr. Murdock and hand put in wheat. I had Henry Roberts and Uncle Jilson cutting corn in sand field. John Graves came home at dinner time. I got a letter for Patty and one for John Riddle from Cousin Rebecca. Mr. Hunt brought his account and we had a settlement up to the present date. He paid me the 5.00. I lent him the 16th and I paid him the balance due him on his half of the grape money, \$67.25. My 10 stands out of the

garden came to 4.35 total \$21.60. My half of the balance sold to Orr & Co came to \$47.55- and my half of those sold to Breitenbach to \$22.67. I sent little note to Dr. R. for Belle by beef man.

- 20 Mr. House gathering apples. I went up on the hill to see them. Mr. Lacy cut corn after dinner. John Graves set in to work again. Uncle Jilson cutting corn. Mr. Murdoch and hand putting in wheat. Hilda went to see Willy Ingram.
- 21 Rained off and on, not very hard. Sent John with letters to Bellevue. Uncle Jilson cutting corn. Mr. Cook came to buy wheat for seed. Mr. Cook came to buy wheat for seed. Mr. Murdoch put in wheat. After dinner I went to Bellevue- called at Mr. Flick's – went for mail- got letter from Miss Martha postal from John Riddle- letter from Cousin Harvey telling me that Sue had a boy born the 16th. Got paper from BBG. Went to Mr. Ingram's.
- 22 Mr. Murdock and hand finished putting in wheat and left before 12 n. He has been here since Monday with 1 hand and 2 horses and 2 mules. Aunt Huldah's Henry worked for Mr. M. yesterday and part of this morning and I gave him his supper and breakfast. Told Mr. M. I would take my pay for boarding them and keeping the teams in work when he came here to live. Henry Roberts came and said he had cut 45 shocks corn- had cut his finger and had to quit. Joe Eggleston came to see if he could get Dick's chance to grub tobacco ground. Hilda cleaned storeroom and had a mouse hunt.
- 23 John took the pan home and went to mill- then he worked with the vinegar barrels and fixed the cistern &c. Mr. Corbin and Mr D.G. Rice stopped to see about the pike route. Mr. Dave Snyder and the Corbin boys made cider of Canada Reds. The little white calf sucked this evening. I got a postal from Pat and a letter from John Riddle from Chicago. Mr. Lacy says he cut 26 shocks. I sent Patty's letter with a note and letter to John returning his mother's and letters to Sarah.
- 24 Sunday- Mr. House came up and paid me \$50.00 for the hundred barrels of Canada Reds he shipped last week. Mr. Kelly came up and told me the tobacco was rotting. Just as I was writing a hornet fell in the neck of my dress and stung me 3 times.
- 25 Got up early and Hilda and I began the day by killing 2 mice. Sent John up to work in Charlie Rockwell's place while he came to cut the big poplar tree by the graveyard. Mr. Lacy helped him- they finished by 11 am. Charlie threw the tree right so as to escape the wall. John dragged limbs out of the way- hauled a few apples &c.
- 26 I went to Burlington to see Belle and ask Dr. R. about the pike. We went to Messrs. Winston & Calvert's office. Mr. W. was not at home. Mr. Calvert gave me a doleful account of the bounty business. I paid him \$46.00 for my proportion of what was due them as attys. in the case and for the expenses of recording the case for the Court of appeals. He gave me a receipt which is in my tin box. In Belle Raymond's presence as witness I gave him the paper which is the transfer of \$1000 worth of the stock in the bounty case from Aquilla Baker to Jas. Dinsmore- the paper was written and witnessed by A. G. Winston. Mr. Calvert is to show it to Mr. W. and send it back to me. Stopped at Mr. Brady's coming home to see about meat and ask him about pike. Got letters from Patty and Lizzie Dinsmore. It turned cold this evening and we had frost.
- 27 Cool bright beautiful day. I went to see hands cutting corn. Hilda & Lizzie picked damsons. Mr. Cook and Dony came and got 27 ½ bushels wheat for seed at 1.00 a

bushel. Mr. Cook promised to pay me within two weeks. Betty and Aggy Rice came. We had frost at night.

- 28 Made damson jam. Rode round to see the corn shocks- paid Mr. Lacy for his cutting corn and for his help chopping the tree and 13 cents over for which he promised to cut a little more corn. The gentlemen who were surveying the road came through and I went with them to see the line run- then Mr. Rice went to show me the best place to run the other road. Went to Bellevue in the evening. Sally got letter from Patty. I got note from Miss Robinson.
- 29 Mr. Lears Conner came for the cattle. John Graves helped him drive them and I went with him to Mr. W. Walton's to get them weighed. The 26 head weighed 31955 lbs and the money came to \$1340.70. I gave him Mr. Foster's address and told him to leave the money with Mr. Foster. After dinner Dr. Grant and Mr. Bennett came- we went on cherry hill. Mr. Hunt dug sweet potatoes. Mr. House shipped 150 lbs. apples.
- 30 I sent letters to Burn Resor for stovepipe &c. and to Mr. Foster telling him Mr. Conner would leave the cattle money with him. Uncle Jilson went home. John Graves did not work all day. I went to Mr. Ingram's sale. Met Mr. Cook there and he paid me 16.00 on the wheat. Saw Dick Loudon- said he would grub the land. Got letters from buddy and Julia- cold day- At the sale Mr. Joe Lillard asked me to subscribe to the pike and I set down 500. conditionally- the gentlemen agreeing that if I let the pike run through on the line they surveyed, they will have the old road changed to suit me.

OCTOBER

- 1 Sunday- Stayed home- Louisa's 3 girls came over. Mrs. Garnett and Mr. & Mrs. Brady came. Hilda left on the boat for Philadelphia. Cold and cloudy.
- 2 I gathered and sliced tomatoes for pickles- picked pears, quinces &c. John fixed fence and turned calves in and they got right out again. He dug Irish potatoes, Uncle Jilson helping him and put them in the cellar. He fed cut corn to hogs &c. Mr. Hunt hauled another load of sweet potatoes. Mr. House came back.
- 3 I went to Bellevue with wagon to get things from Corbin's. Sent postal to Miss Robinson. Went to Mr. Ingram's for chairs. Met Dr. Grant. Showed John how to fix the fence again after he hauled rails enough. He finished getting in Irish potatoes. I made quince jelly. Rained at night.
- 4 Mr. Brady came and brought me two sides of meat. I cooked tomato pickles. Belle came in the buggy alone. John hauled the walnut rails Mr. Lacy made on the hill and ricked them- says there are 152. He then hauled corn to hogs and hauled Mr. Hunt's last sweet potatoes- boards &c. He put rings in some of the pigs' noses.
- 5 Sent letter to Pat with 5.00 in it and letter to Julia with 2.00 and my ticket for dyed goods- got postals from Hilda and John and letter from Patty. John hauled coal all day- 5 loads- that makes 8 loads all together 15,250 lbs = 190 bus. 5 lbs. Uncle Jilson went home. Mr. Rice came over and told me about grubbing the old creek bed in the bottom. I made pear pickles.
- 6 Dr. Grant came and wanted to borrow 160. till he got the money for his cattle to pay Lum Ingram so I wrote an order on the Rising Sun Bank for 160. for Mr. Ingram and gave it to Dr. Grant.
- 7 Pink was sick and I worked with her a good deal. John went to mill, Belle and I went to see Mr. Arnold who is poorly- then to Bellevue- got mail, letter from Julia. Dr.,

- Mr. W. H. Raymond and Miss Fanny came on the boat. John didn't work all the evening- he went to Bellevue. Hard frost at night.
- 8 Sunday- clear and cool. We all stayed home- after dinner Dr., his brother, Miss Fanny and Belle went away- to Burlington.
 - 9 I went to Bellevue after Miss Robinson. It was cold- black frost and ice last night. John went to Burlington for Billy then took Jane to be shod- after dinner hauled apples to wine house for Mr. Hunt and they had a fuss. Mr. Snyder came and picked Rome Beauties for Mr. Corbin. Mr. Ingram came and brought back my order on Mr. Perkins for the 160. and said I would be obliged to get it myself.
 - 10 Sally's birthday, 9 years old. I went to Rising Sun with the mail carrier. Got the draft Cousin Rebecca sent me for 40. cashed and drew 120. of the money I left there Aug. 23 and when I got to Mr. Corbin's paid C. G. Ingram the 160. on Dr. Grant's account. Got letter from Julia telling me price of potatoes. I left 130. in the Rising Sun Bank so that I can check it out. Left John Graves to pick up down apples while I was gone. Mr. House paid me \$100. for apples- said he had shipped so far 330 barrels. John picked Canada reds after dinner.
 - 11 I went to Aurora- Dr. Harryman refilled my tooth. I went to the bank and got a check for 100. with the money Mr. House paid me- enclosed it in a letter to Mr. Seth C. Foster and put it in the P.O. Stopped at Mrs. Ingram's on the way home. John picked and hauled apples. Clear and tolerably cold, frost.
 - 12 Weather the same. Mr. Walton came and I walked around with him to see the road line, clearing &c. and up in the orchard. After dinner went to Bellevue in wagon- got letters from Hilda and John Riddle. Paid Mr. Snyder 15.00 towards the coal and Mr. Green's bill 3.95. John hauled corn to the hogs till dinner, emptied and washed barrels &c.
 - 13 Sewed part of the day. After dinner Mr. Rice and Aggy came and I took Sally and went to look at Mr. Rice's ditches &c.
 - 14 Mr. Hunt came down and packed sweet potatoes in barrels and hauled to the river. John got barrels of Mr. Corbin. He hauled to the river 33 barrels. I got a letter from Mr. Foster saying he had received the check for 100. I sent the 11th and that Mr. Conner had called and paid the \$1340.70 he owed me for the cattle. Got postal from Hilda. Cold rainy evening. Mr. Graham came on the boat.
 - 15 Sunday- clear and bright. We went walking round the place. Miss Robinson rode to her sister's.
 - 16 Bright lovely day. We went walking after dinner. John hauled apples. Mr. Arnold came to see about picking apples. Mr. House came back. John Coons set to grubbing.
 - 17 Clear and beautiful. John went round hunting a spring wagon. Got Mr. Boone Rogers's. Mr. Graham, Sally and Lizzie left about 2 p.m. for Aurora on L. to take the cars. I sent by him Sally's letter to Pat.
 - 18 John took wagon home- went to Bellevue- got mail- I received from Walter S. Cox, Trustee Washington a draft on N. York for 228.67 as my share of the last payment on Grandma Macomb's house. Sally got letter from Pat. I went up on hill to hunt sweet apples. After dinner went to Mr. Will Walton's to meeting about the pike. Mr. S. P. Brady was elected Pres. and 4 directors; John E. Walton, Wm. Walton, Joe Lillard and Jim Rogers. Told them about the condition of my consent and they all said the

other road should be changed to suit me. John Coons came at noon to tell me he was done grubbing.

- 19 Went to Bellevue in the morning. Sent letter to Hilda- receipt to Walter S. Cox and postal to Sally H. then rode to see about ditch- concluded not to have it dug. John Coons worked for me today. He came after dinner and made some sweet cider and helped haul apples. I got letters from Patty, buddy, Julia and one from stable man about Mr. Raymond's mare. Julia's letter told me of the death of Mrs. Sarah Resor who died last Sunday. I boiled down cider. Louisa came over to ask about apples. Warm this evening and looks like rain.
- 20 Almost as warm as summer. No fire in dining room all day. Mr. Murdoch came down to buy potatoes and bring farming supplements. John Coons and Uncle Jilson worked packing and picking up apples- made a little cider. I cooked apple butter. Mrs. Rice over. Mr. D. M. Snyder came out and I settled with him for the coal. I got 15250 lbs which at 76 lbs per bushel made 200 bushels 50 lbs and as a bit a bushel came to \$25.05 I let him have locust timber and apples which I counted at 2.20 and that with the 15.00 I paid him the 12th left a balance of 7.85 which I paid him. Mr. W. H. Raymond's mare came on boat.
- 21 I went down to Bellevue to take Miss Robinson- stopped at Mr. Corbin's on the way home to tell the Ingrams good-bye. Had Mare's leg attended to- dosed sick heifer-cooked and canned apple butter. Annie came. John Coons only worked 1/2 day- he cut down big dead beech by the kitchen, made a little cider. Got mail- letter from buddy with draft for \$100.00 for children- one from Patty- from Spalding- letter and telegram from Hilda about levee bonds, 1 from Dr. R. Miss Lou Prest came with Birdie and Sally went home with them.
- 22 Sunday- Rained last night- thundered hard. Dr. Grant came & I gave him Hilda's Levee bonds in a [line missing] should take them to Aurora tomorrow on his way to Petersburg. Also gave him a letter to Hilda left open for Ernest to put in the Ex. Receipt before he mailed it. Rained off and on during the day. Belle came. Sent Uncle Jilson to Sunday School for Sally- she came home. Miss Robinson came back.
- 23 Rained hard last night and almost all day but not so hard. John Coons worked making cider and John Graves, Uncle Jilson went to Bellevue fixed fence &c. I cut out and sewed- wrote letters at night.
- 24 Sent letters to buddy acknowledging draft and to Patty. Mr. Corbin went to Cinti and I sent by him Patty's cloak and a postal to her- got letter from Julia and bill from Resor & Co.
- 25 Got up early and took Sally to school and went to Mr. Rice's to see about [missing] Mr. House brought me. Mr. House came to see me. I told Wesley Kelly I would take 1 barrel of his potatoes at .50 a bushel. John Coons worked making cider. Graves hauled some barrels up on the hill to pick apples in. Mrs. McDonald came to see about getting house. Miss R. Sewed 1/2 day.
- 26 Sent Sally to school- went with Belle and Miss Robinson to Burlington to the debate between Miller and Carleton- took dinner at Mrs. Dills's. Didn't get home till late- went for Sally- Belle stayed up in Burlington. John Graves picked pippins on hill.
- 27 Took Sally to Mrs. Arnold's and went for mail. Got letter from Sue telling of the death of Mary Marvin (Odell) on the 16th and postal from Hilda. John hauled corn and some fodder and wood. Wesley K. picked some apples on halves. Mr. Steel came

to see me about getting his sale note. I took his bill receipted and Wm W. Grant's – and gave him the sale note. The note was for \$39.75 with int. for 3 years and 1 mo. But as he thought I ought not to count int. on the whole note as the work was done partly before and mostly within 3 months after the note was due I only called the note \$35.75. Mr. Steel's bill came to 17.05. Will Grant's to 17.55 = 34.60 and Mr. Steel pd. me the 1.15. Mr. Rice came to see about getting Ella's cow pastured.

- 28 Mr. Rice had Ella's cow turned in to the pasture. John hauled rails away from the line fence in the old willow patch next Mr. Rice's land. At noon it rained- he took the horses down to get them shod. I sent Aunt Sally by Uncle Jilson her winter dress and an order on Davis for a pair of shoes. I sent a letter to Patty. Wesley K. gathered some apples on shares. Mr. Murdoch came down to fix the house to move in.
- 29 Rained almost all day- Sunday. As lonesome as can be.
- 30 Bright and warm- looked and felt like spring- saw blue birds flying. Took Sally to Mrs. Arnold's. Went to Mr. Morton Green's to see him about putting a roof on kitchen- left word. Saw Dick Loudon who at last said he wasn't coming to grub the ground. Uncle Jilson and John gathered apples in the morning and corn after dinner. R. E. came and took dinner. Mr. House came back. The Corbin boys cane and made cider for me.
- 31 As warm and bright as summer almost. Belle and Dr. came down. John and Uncle Jilson gathered apples. Mrs. Wesley Kelly had a girl baby. I got letters from Patty and one from Hilda saying she was coming back and telling me she heard cousin Wm. was sick. I sent letters to Sue and Bally.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Just like summer- bright and warm and birds singing. Mr. Slayback began to gather corn and put it in the lower crib. Charlie came over to see about getting a place. Belle and Dr. went home. I gave them a letter for Cousin Wm. and a postal for Louly. John hauled for Mr. House ½ day. Mr. Aiken made cider. Took up dining room carpet.
- 2 Went to Rising Sun. Got draft for \$100 that buddy sent for children rec'd Oct. 21st cashed and brought the money home. Got the draft for 228.67 cashed, that I received from W. S. Cox Oct. 18th and left the money in bank. Met Dr. J. M. Grant in store and he pd. me \$4.50 for cow pasture 3 months. I pd. my store bill at Corbin's and got it receipted. When I got home packed or helped to- Patty's barrel of apples and sent it down to go up with Mr. Corbin tonight. John worked for Mr. House ½ day. He gathered corn and helped about barrel and took it to Bellevue. Miss R. sewed ½ day.
- 3 I went to Bellevue and to Mr. Rice's to see him about Charlie. The filling in my tooth came out again. Miss R. didn't sew. Kellys put nearly 10 barrels of corn in big crib.
- 4 John barreled apples and then hauled rails for watergap next Mr. Walton's. George sent hands for locust timber & lumber for watergap. Charlie came and agreed to come and grub 5 acres. I got postal from Hilda. Put carpet down.
- 5 Sunday- Bright and warm, lovely day. I stayed home till in the evening we went to Louisa's. Miss R. went to her Aunt's. Mr. Hunt turned Mr. A's bull in pasture.
- 6 Rained hard last night and this morning. Sally stayed home from school. John barrel apples (sic) and at noon hauled rails, posts &c. to watergap and fixed fence. George turned his hogs in next the pasture. Mr. Shepherd came for Miss R. and she went home with him- her sister being sick. Sent old Louly to Mr. Arnold's.

- 7 Election day- Uncle Jilson went to R.S. I sent John to Bellevue for keg nails and to Mr. Rogers's to take Mr. Horne's things. He hauled some corn and fixed the fence by the new water-gap. I sat in the house and read most of the day having a bad cold and feeling tired. I took Sally to school and went to Louisa's for her. Got letter from Julia.
- 8 Cold and not pleasant. Sally has a cold but went to school. I stayed home and began to fix my black cashmere skirt. Mrs. Loudon came and I quit and made a cake. Put my stove up in my room and tried the coal for the first time. Charlie came and buried potatoes in garden. Mr. Slayback hauled 2 loads corn. John shucked shock corn and hauled it. Mr. Aikin made cider again.
- 9 Made another cake for Maggie Moreland's wedding. Mr. Rice came over to see about my having trees cut along his hedge row. Ben Kelly came to get storage for barrels. Sally stayed home. Charlie Rockwell moved in his old house. Sent letter to Patty with 3.00 in it and one to Julia. Mrs. L. Kelly came and got lard and settled up with me for what she got paying me 1.30. John hauled corn that he shucked.
- 10 Sally went to school. I cut out part of my black skirt. John shucked and hauled corn. Charlie hauled apples for cider.
- 11 Aunt Sally came. Heard that Hilda was at Bellevue. Went down in wagon- paid Mr. Corbin my bill and settled with him for pasture up to 1st. His pasture, apples came to 24.00 and I pd. him 9.00 for the work of his boys and teams hauling corn in Aug. Mike paid me 6.00 for pasture of his horse for 3 months. John went got letters from Patty and Julia. Lily Arnold came and stayed all night. Uncle Jilson blacked my stove but it was so warm I didn't have it put up. Charlie hauled apples in the morning. To mill after we came from Bellevue. He didn't work after noon.
- 12 Sunday- Warm and lovely. Stayed home – While we were at dinner Belle and Dr. came and after dinner R.E. came and he stayed all night. The others went back to Burlington.
- 13 Warm again so that we let the fires all go out. John shucked and hauled corn. Mr. Slayback hauled some corn. Mr. Rice came to show me where to put a fence round the orchard. Charlie made cider.
- 14 Cloudy and warm in the morning- rained from noon on. John hauled corn till nearly dinnertime, then he nailed boards &c in corn crib, put glass in his window went to Bellevue for mail. I got letters from Patty, Louly, Julia and Cousin Wm. Sally came home in the rain. Charlie began grubbing. Mote made cider.
- 15 Cloudy and sprinkling- turned cooler. John gathered corn. Blk. Henry came to see me about shucking. Mote finished making his cider. I sent Uncle Jilson down with letters- to BBG, to Patty and postal to Sally H., also sent Lizzie's mittens and thimble. Had dull sort of headache- sewed some on Sally's hood.
- 16 John hauled corn to crib. I had dull head again, didn't do much- sewed some on hood. Henry Hall came- rode up to see the boys grub and on cherry hill to see about vineyard &c. Went to Bellevue, stopped at Mrs. Rice's on the way home. Mr. House came for 2 lbs. cider.
- 17 Dull, misty morning- took Sally to school- Uncle Jilson and John made me a barrel of Gentian cider. Then they took my 3 sows to Mr. Rice's and after that John hauled corn to hogs. Rained fine rain late. Yesterday I pd. Mike Corbin 5.00 for freight and expenses on Mr. Raymond's mare, forgot to put it down. Katy Arnold came over.

- 18 Rained- John worked in the morning with the apples and I did too. John didn't work but ½ day. I got letters from Patty and BBG.
- 19 Sunday- Rained- raw and colder. Miss Robinson came back.
- 20 Misting rain. Mr. Rice brought back the spotted sow. I rode with him to see if the engineers had come to lay out the pike. They had not so we went to Mr. Will Walton's to see about it. Coming home we took the north route so that Mr. R. could show me the line Mr. John E. Walton proposed. John hauled corn to hogs. I went to Bellevue.
- 21 Misting rain. Then cleared off, then rained. Hilda went to Rising Sun. I went to Mr. Hunt's for pickles then went to see the engineers laying off the pike. Rode to near the old school house then left the party and came home alone. John shucked shock corn.
- 22 Unpleasant and colder. John shucked corn and after dinner got wood. I began to make cake. Mrs. Rice came over for a little while. The men were engineering the pike I heard. Mr. House came back. The Corbin boys made cider.
- 23 I went to see the line run – by the engineers from the branch beyond the Searcy home to the corner of my yard. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Murphy are the engineers. Mrs. Clore and Betty came and stayed a while after dinner. Aunt Sally went home. I went to Bellevue in the wagon with her - after that John hauled corn. It turned cold and snowed a little.
- 24 Friday- the day set for the party to the young people of the neighbourhood. Sent for mail - got letter from Sally Humphreys and Bally. Louisa came and helped me cook a while. Had the stove put up in the dining room. John hauled and cut wood &c. Dr. and Belle came down and stayed all night. The young people came and we had a lively party- they stayed till nearly 3. Turned warmer.
- 25 Belle and Dr. left in the morning. Dr. pd me 5.00 that I paid on his brother's mare. Birdie and Mabel stayed last night. I was tired out but had to work. John waited on Dr. and then sorted apples, went to mill &c.
- 26 Sunday- Cloudy, variable day. Hilda went to Sunday School and they closed it for the winter. John took Mr. Raymond's mare up to Dr. early in the morning. After dinner Ernest came for Birdie & Mabel. I went to Mr. Corbin's and took him a letter for Patty inclosing 5.00 and a note to Messrs. Resor & Co. inclosing a bill for stove pipe &c. which I told Mr. Corbin to pay - also sent for copper boiler.
- 27 Snow on the ground but light. Kept Sally home from school on account of weather and her cold. The Kellys killed their hogs and John helped them and they helped kill my smallest fattening hog. John then hauled corn to my hogs. Miss R. sewed for Hilda.
- 28 Sent Louly and Molly (the cow) to Mr. Garnett's. Mr. Rice brought home my two black sows. I had the rest of my hogs killed as the day was colder. There were 6 of them & with the one killed yesterday, 7 in all. Charlie Rockwell, John Coons, the two Kellys helped - got done about 10 o'clock. Sent John to Mrs. Loudon's. Went to Bellevue for mail and to settle with Mr. Corbin, and brought Sally home. Charlie cut up the hog that was killed yesterday, after dinner.
- 29 Charlie Rockwell cut up the hogs and salted them. John Graves helped. They got done about ½ past 2. John hauled wood. Patty brought me money for pasture from Miss Nourse. Mrs. Loudon came and brought Mary Ann and tried out lard. After

sundown I went in the wagon to Bellevue for Patty. She came, bringing Miss Callie Bangs and Miss Florence Woods.

- 30 Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Loudon helped with the lard again. John got wood- after dinner went to Burlington for cough medicine for Sally's cold - he went to get the mail too. I got letters from Sue and Julia and papers from BBG. Turned cold. Mr. Clore came and got money for Mrs. Stare.

DECEMBER

- 1 Bitter cold, only 16 degrees above zero when I came down - snow on the ground. Henry Hall came for me to look at the stove wood. I went up and paid him for 4 ricks at .75 a rick 3.00. Mr. House came and paid me \$100.00. John hauled some fodder-fixed cow lot &c. I began to make sausage. So cold I had to quit.
- 2 John didn't work. I sewed some. Weather moderated somewhat. Ernest came to see Pat.
- 3 Sunday- cold but not so bad. Patty and the young ladies went back to Cinti on the boat. We went to Mrs. Burns's and waited for the boat. I sent by Patty a letter to Julia with 45.00 to get some things for Patty and a few for Sally. 4th My darling's birthday, 10 years old.
- 4 Mr. Arnold came by and I sent by him money to pay my taxes. There was to be a meeting of the stockholders in the pike in Burlington. John hauled a little wood and didn't do much all day. I sewed some & went to Bellevue.
- 5 Cold - 15 above zero in the morning. Turned rather warmer afterwards. Mr. Brady and Mr. Thurman a Baptist preacher came. Then Mrs. Star came to see about getting house. Hilda went to Mr. Arnold's and brought me my tax receipt, \$63.71. John finished gathering the corn beyond the creek in the sand field, hauled and cut a little wood &c. I finished getting the sausage meat ground, sent mill & pot home. Got letter from Julia with photograph and one from BBG.
- 6 Sally went to school again- as the weather turned warmer. I cut out work- Sally's navy blue dress &c. John shucked and hauled corn from up by Mr. Hunt's, hauled wood &c. Phoebe Nettles came to see about renting a house.
- 7 Rather colder - Mr. Morton Green came and began to put roof on kitchen. Charlie Rockwell helped him. John gathered a little corn from on the hill- then the popcorn, hauled clapboards &c. Mrs. Garnett came and spent the day. I cut out work some. A man named Hatcher came and sold me a patent churn which I already regret having bought, or rather engaged to buy. Mr. Cook came and paid me \$11.00, the balance due me on the wheat he bought Sep. 27th. Mr. Rice stopped on his way home from Burlington. I got a postal from Mr. Early about subscription for Country Gentleman and a letter from Julia saying she got letter and money.
- 8 Mr. Green and Charlie worked on kitchen roof till the cold and snow stopped them. I paid Mr. Green .50 that Charlie owed him. Sent Uncle Jilson to get Billy's shoe put on. John hauled in a load of corn, hauled clapboards &c. Towards evening it snowed hard and blew hard. I went up and saw 6 ricks measured and pd. him 4.50 for it. The worst evening we have had this winter. I sewed some and cut out a little.
- 9 Bitter cold- 5 below zero when I came down about 7 o'clock. Sent John to Bellevue with letter to Louly. John didn't work all day - said it was too cold. I sewed some. Mrs. Kelly brou

- 10 Moderating- Sunday- 9 degrees above zero when I came down stairs. Hilda went to Sunday School. John brought mail. I got letter from Julia with list of things she bought. Went to the Kellys to ask about hauling ice. Uncle Jilson took Pink to Mr. Garnett's.
- 11 Moderating- I think the thermometer was 25 degrees above zero in the morning. It was 34 above at ½ past 8 a.m. I set hands to putting in ice- had Ed. Kelly and team and Charlie, John Coons, Henry & Tom Roberts to help, besides John and my team. Belle and Dr. came and took dinner. Dr. brought Mr. Raymond's mare for me to winter or keep till further notice. I spoke to Caroline about coming to work for me.
- 12 Sent letter to Julia- took Sally to school- heard that the County Court had yesterday thrown out the bounty tax. John shucked some corn and hauled a little wood. After dinner I went for mail. Got letter from Patty. Paid Mr. Corbin as agt. for the directors of pike 2.50 for my share of the expense of paving road engineered. Stopped at Louisa's and brought Sally home. Got the box from Rising Sun with things Julia bought me for Sally.
- 13 Lovely bright day, much warmer. John shucked corn and hauled some. Hilda went with old Mrs. Garnett to her old place. John Coons took old Jane and went after Caroline's clothes. I cut out and sewed some- after breakfast went up and measured 5 ricks of stove wood and pd. Henry Hall for it.
- 14 Sent letter to Patty with 5.00. John hauled corn. George yesterday and today says he got 23 shocks shucked and I pd. him deducting .40 he owed me for vinegar. A bright pretty day. Hilda poorly all day. John Coons came back. John got mail. I had a letter from Patty and one from Sue.
- 15 Colder- ground frozen hard. Mr. B. P. Garnett sent for me to see about moving in my fence. I rode up to the line to see him. Mr. Green came and finished the roof on the kitchen and roofed the necessary. Charlie helped him- they didn't work all day. Caroline Coons began to work for me. I finished my black dress. Both Mrs. Kellys came up. Hilda sick all day.
- 16 Colder- 10 degrees above zero. Sent John up to set in the fence. Charlie R. helped him. I went to Bellevue with Aunt Eliza- she and Uncle Jilson went to Rising Sun. Lily and Cordy came over a little while. John Graves only worked 1/2 day. I had to go out and get white boys to put the horses and cattle up and feed them. When I settled with Aunt Eliza I owed her for 17 weeks and 1 day's work 25.72. goods that I had bought for her and cash paid came to 8.16 leaving her a balance of 17.56. I pd. her .60 in money and gave her a check for 17.00 on Rising Sun Bank. Hilda poorly but rather better. I sent a letter to Sue and note to Patty- got a letter from Julia.
- 17 Sunday- Moderating- 34 degrees above zero at 9 P.M. Miss R. went to her sister's, Sally to Louisa's and Sunday School. I stayed home. Hilda sick all day.
- 18 Cold- 15 degrees above zero at sunrise. I took Sally to school and went to Bellevue. Sent sausage meat down for Mr. Corbin to take to Julia- got ready to go to Cin. Mr. Rice came over to tell me about the road line and my fence &c. but didn't stay because I was getting ready to go. I rode up to Burlington after dinner- took John- had to walk up the creek on account of ice. Stayed all night at Mrs. Dills's where Belle boards. Belle went with me in the evening to see Mr. Moses Rice to ask him about the roads- fences &c. Hilda still sick- left Miss Robinson to stay with her.

- 19 Left in the omnibus early in the morning for Cin. Bitter cold but I didn't suffer going up. Went over to Cinti- to Mr. Foster's, to Miss Nourse's to see Patty, and then shopping. Met Julia in town and went home with her.
- 20 Went in town with Julia and to the depot for Mary and the boys on their return from Phil. Pat came out and stayed all night at Julia's. Went to the zoo with Sally and boys - cold. This day 4 years ago dear papa died. I trust he is as happy as he hoped to be in his Summer Land. I went in town with Julia. Went with Mary to Mrs. Resor's in the evening. Pat came out.
- 22 Much milder - thawing in Cinti and very disagreeable and wet in the streets. Last evening I settled with Mr. Foster and he paid me the sweet potato money and I paid him 11.00 for Pat's bill from Dr. Crank which he had paid. This was the last day of school at Miss N's but Patty didn't go- she stayed with me and we left Julia's somewhere about 11 a.m. and went in town on the cars - shopped, went to Mr. F's office, went to Cov., dined at Day House- came home as far as Burlington in omnibus, and stayed all night at Mrs. Dills's.
- 23 John came up for us with wagon- he got both horses shod and we didn't start till after dinner. Before we left Mr. A. G. Winston came to see me and gave me a check for \$13.00 which was a balance due on Mr. Kendall's sale note. Dr. Raymond cashed it for me. We got home in good time- colder than yesterday - roads better than I ever saw them this time of year - found Hilda very sick - Sudy Arnold was here and Mrs. Rice came to see her. Henry Roberts was here and I settled with him for shucking 45 shocks corn and for working in ice. I found a letter from Patty, Louly, Julia, and two from BBG with presents for children &c.
- 24 Sunday - cloudy and cold - turned bitter cold in the evening and began to snow. Belle and Dr. came after dinner. Ernest and Homer Grant came. Four years ago papa was buried- it seems much longer.
- 25 Christmas- got some pretty presents- very dark cloudy morning. John didn't work. Mrs. Hunt came down and I showed her Mr. Foster's bill of sale of potatoes and sent by her a copy of the following bill of expenses to Mr. Hunt. Mr. F. got for all 33 barrels of potatoes 27.00- he pd. freight 4.95 drayage 2.00- I pd. Mr. Rice for 22 barrels 5.50 and Mr. Kelly sent me wood he would charge .35 for the 11 I got from him so I put down a charge of 3.85 which I told Mrs. Hunt had not been paid- total expenses 16.30. Deducted from 27.00 leaves 10.70 half of which is 5.35. Having advanced 2.00 to Mr. Hunt before, I sent him by Mrs. H. 3.35. Mean to settle with Mr. H. when I see him about the potatoes we kept and pay him the difference on mine. Tom Roberts got me to settle with him for his half of 6 ricks of stovewood. Dr. measured it. Charlie Rockwell and I had a little settlement and I paid him up even for all the work he has done since he moved back, including his half of the 63 ricks of stove wood just mentioned. Ella Beasley came and got gal. vinegar. Dr. R. went to Dr. Grant's and took dinner. Sudy, Lily and Cordy came for a little while. Patty received an invitation to Miss Fanny Bott's party tonight.
- 26 Dr and Mrs. Grant came and took dinner. Ernest came in the evening and took us to Louisa's to the party. Old Mrs. Garnett sick. Still cold.
- 27 Dr. and Belle went home after breakfast. Ernest came and took Patty home with him to go skating. Mrs. and Mr. Rice came and dined. I had a settlement with John Graves this morning - from Sep. 1st up to Dec. 23 inclusive - paid him all but 10.00 which I

now owe him. He said he was going to Big Bone and I engaged Charlie to feed &c in his place.

- 28 Rode to Bellevue with Miss Robinson - she took the horse and went on home and I walked home. Had invitations to a party at the N__s tonight. Ernest came and brought Patty home - she said they had fine skating on the river. I rode down for mail and went to look at the river- it was frozen clear across.
- 29 Was snowing hard when I woke up and cold, about 20 degrees above 0. It snowed all day and the wind blew- it was a terrible winter day.
- 30 Colder, 14 degrees above when I came down - bright and clear. Sudy came and stayed all night.
- 31 Very cold- 10 degrees below zero at sunrise. Sudy went away- we all stayed home.