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## JANUARY

- 1 Monday – Moderating – 14 degrees above zero. I stayed home – cut out work for the Coons girls. Miss Robinson came and Mr. Porter with her. Mr. Allen came, and Mr. Rice, the latter to tell me about preventing hog cholera – mean to have it attended to. The children rode to Bellevue.
- 2 Bright and colder, only 4 degrees above at sunrise. Mr. Rice came over and pd. me 1.87 for the pasture of Ella's cow for 1 mo. 1 week. He then asked me about the hedge plants and I gave him the original memorandum. Mr. Seth Rice got 1812 and Ras Rice 1600 total 3412. I had gotten 4.50 on them through a settlement with C. Rockwell, see his a/c and that left 412 unpaid for. I threw out the 12 of course and Mr. S. Rice paid me .61 for the 400 as he had the benefit of the plants – though I preferred that it should be considered Ras Rice's debt. Ernest came to see Patty and brought me some sugar cane. John came back. I sent him to Bellevue to get sled fixed and get meal. Miss R. sewed. 2 degrees below 0 when I went upstairs.
- 3 Moderating – 6 degrees above when I came down. Miss R. sewed. John hauled some wood. It snowed part of the day. Ernest and Homer Grant came in a sleigh. Down to 0 at bedtime.
- 4 4 above 0 when I came down. John hauled wood – after dinner took us to Bellevue in sled – went to see river – it is frozen clear across and as far as one can see it down the bend – got mail – a bill from Dr. Watson for 2.00 for Aunt Sally. Charlie Burns came out settled with me for pasture – paid for 1 2/3 mos. for 2 cows 5.00. Ernest came and stayed all night.
- 5 Ernest went with Patty to Aurora to put her on the 11 a.m. train. It was cold in the morning – 8 degrees above 0 but at noon it went up to 38 degrees above. The snow began to thaw. I wrote letters and after dinner took them to Bellevue – one to BBG and one to Julia. A piano tuner named Alb. Pohl came, but I didn't have the piano tuned. John Dumont came to see about chopping wood. John took Molly to Mr. Garnett's but said it was no use. He hauled logs for wood, on the snow. Lonely without my big baby, bless her life.
- 6 25 above 0 in the morning. Went up to 38 above. John hauled fodder and went to Dr. Grant's. I stayed home all day – had my settlement with Miss R. so that I would know how much money to get for her. Got letters from buddy telling me he had returned home from Washington and from Sue and Julia.
- 7 Sunday – Thawing all day – towards evening a misty rain. Sally went to Mrs. Arnold's and I went for her – stayed home and read.
- 8 Snowing hard this morning and cold. 14 degrees above 0 when I came down. Quit snowing somewhere about noon. John hauled fodder then cut a walnut tree on the hill and hauled a log off of it down. I walked up to Mr. Hunt's – afterwards went to Bellevue in sled. Sent letter to Sarah. Turned colder – 2 degrees below 0 at bedtime.
- 9 Coldest day of the winter – 20 degrees below 0 when I came down just before sunrise. John didn't do much but cut a little wood and go for mail. I got postal from Patty and letter from Julia. Had to have several chickens killed because their feet were frozen.

- 10 Moderating – 20 degrees above 0 this morning and went up to 28. Snowing hard – quit about 11. John hauled a little fodder and shelled corn for mill etc. Let Mr. Hunt have order on Grange store for ½ bus. meal.
- 11 Turned warm and thawed – thermometer up to 41 degrees above. Went to Rising Sun in sled with John and Charlie Rockwell. Went to bank in Rising Sun and got \$100. Paid my bills, see account book. Went to see Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally. Crossed the river on the ice which was thawing fast and water running over it. Put in R. Sun P.O. letters to the 3 banks in D.C. sending for my dividend – and to Sue, Patty & Buddy. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Met Mr. Bennett at the gate – had been here to dine. Paid Miss Robinson 20.60 – 8.00 of it for my sewing and 12.60 for the children's. Sally went to school.
- 12 Charlie and John went to Aylor's store with the intention of going on to the mill at Big Bone – but on account of roads had to come back. Ground a sheet of ice and a cold rain part of the time. Sally went to school. I covered the sofa with the red calico – it turned colder at night.
- 13 No mail on account of state of river. Mr. Wm. Walton came for me to sign the right of way for the pike and I did so prefixing the condition that the old road should be changed as proposed at the meeting of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and that I would furnish no timber. John hauled a load of fodder and did some little odd scraps of work – only pretended to work ½ a day. Colder – 19 degrees above 0 at 8 a.m., 20 degrees at 8 p.m. The ground a sheet of ice so that it is not safe to walk or ride.
- 14 Sunday – A dull, lonesome day – at night it began to rain. I heard the river broke up this morning.
- 15 Rained all night probably, and all day. John hauled some drags of wood, 2 for us, 1 for Charlie who helped him – then did little or nothing the rest of the day. I had headache yesterday and today – not very bad but dull and heavy. Sally didn't go to school. Ground still a sheet of ice.
- 16 All went to Bellevue in sled – took Sally to school – went to look at river – it is high and full of ice – broke up Saturday night old Philip says. John hauled some fodder and cut a little wood. I went for Sally. It has been cold all day – below freezing.
- 17 Rode up to Burlington to see Belle. The road a solid sheet of ice most of the way up. Stayed all night at Mrs. Dill's. Wrote a note to Patty and sent her 5.00 in it. John says he hauled fodder. Turned milder and began to thaw. Dr. came back from Cin. and says the river is up in the streets and still rising.
- 18 Much milder and thawing. Stayed to dinner at Mrs. Dill's and then rode home. Miss R. got mail. I got letters from the three Banks in Washington & Georgetown containing drafts on N.Y. for 83. in all. Also letter from Julia – one from Mary C. with photograph and from Aunt Nancy.
- 19 Still thawing – Henry Hall came to get money for his share of stove wood – 2 ¾ ricks at .75 a rick + 2.06 his half, 1.03 + 37 for ½ day digging out trough = 1.40 which I paid him. R. E. came and stayed to dinner. Charlie and John went to mill down at Big Bone. Came back late leaving the wagon the other side of Gunpowder. Billy got his leg hurt.
- 20 Sent Charlie and John after wagon. Wesley K. went too – didn't get back till about 2. Then John hauled some straw on the ice. I walked to Bellevue to carry mail – sent letters to Mary C. and Cousin Wm. Went to Dr. Jimmy Grant's sale – got letter from

Patty. Ground thawed and very muddy when I walked down – river very high and still rising they said.

- 21 Sunday – Stayed home all day – so did Sally. Colder again – 19 degrees above 0 this a.m.
- 22 Milder and a bright beautiful day. Sally went to school and Hilda and I went to Bellevue. Miss R. too, to try to go to Rising Sun – couldn't get a skiff so came back. Sent Miss Robinson to Mrs. Shepherd's on horseback. Mr. Slayback came and borrowed 5.00 leaving his part of tobacco as security, and promising to let me take it out of that when he sells. Hilda & Miss R. witnessed. A man named John P. Goodman came to see me and I rented him the house Mrs. Loudon lived in. I drew an article which he signed and it is in my account book. Ras Rice came to borrow the screw from the cider press and promised to let me have it when I want it and to have it replaced exactly right – is to come for it tomorrow.
- 23 Colder but bright. Hilda went to Rising Sun and I went to Burlington. Went to Mrs. Dill's. Belle had her sale. Mr. Rice proposed to rent my piece of woods over next Mr. Wingate's to put his hogs in. Uncle Jilson came after his apples etc. John cut wood etc. Ras Rice came and got the screw. When I came home Uncle Jilson was here after his apples &c. Hilda got my 3 drafts that came 18<sup>th</sup> cashed in Rising Sun Bank, also I gave her a cheque for 30. which she got cashed. She put my 3 letters to the banks in the R.S. P.O. – they were receipts for the drafts I gave Mr. Dill to put in the PO a letter to Patty.
- 24 Sent old Louly to Mr. Garnett's again. Spent the morning rushing around waiting on Uncle Jilson – then sent John to haul his things to the river. Went to Burlington in wagon – brought home the things I bought at Belle's sale. Gave Dr. my watch to leave at Owen's. Belle came home with me. Cold day but bright. Mr. Goodman moved up.
- 25 Colder still, only 12 degrees above zero this morning at sunrise. John hauled wood and went for mail – got letter from BBG. We all stayed home, Sally too. Mr. Goodman came over for plank tools &c. said he had moved.
- 26 Bright day – 26 degrees above zero at sunrise. Charlie Rockwell came in to get his share of the money for stove wood and making trough, see 19<sup>th</sup> and I pd. him 1.40. We all went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day. After dark John went to the river for Dr. Raymond who came down from Cinti.
- 27 Lovely bright day and warmer – almost like spring. Mrs. Kelly came up to tell me that Ed. Kelly's hogs are sick. I had tar fed to mine and fixed sulphuric for them. John hung the meat then went to office for mail, got letters from Julia & from Sarah, asking me to come down.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 1 draft for children for \$100 and a photograph for Sally – letter from Sue and Aunt Nancy.

On the Tom Sherlock going south till the night of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> we landed at New Orleans.

- 12 All went ashore at New Orleans. Saw sights etc. McKinley told us that Louly was very ill and Sarah expected in N.O. on her way to Versailles. She arrived in N. O. at night and came to see us.
- 13 Mardi Gras – saw the processions. It rained almost all day – Sarah left for Versailles

- 14 Went about town and to the Lake with the rest. McKinley came in the evening and told me Louly died this morning about 20 minutes to ten – her baby was born the 3<sup>rd</sup> I believe. Poor Louly, Lord love her soul and send her rest after all her troubles and disappointments. Left buddy's draft with McKinley to be cashed.
- 15 We all started on our way again. The rest towards Galveston. Sally and I to Tigerville. My pocket was picked on the ferry boat and I lost over 40. and other things. Found letters from Julia and Patty waiting for me. Sally and Lucy came for me and we got safely to Oak Forest at last. Hilda let me have 5.00 out of 100. I had lent her.
- 17 McKinley came from N.O. and brought me the 100. I got a letter from Lily Arnold; I think it was today.
- 18 John and his wife Kim and I went in the carriage up to Greenwood and Magnolia.
- 19 Tobe went to New Orleans.
- 20 McKinley went to New Orleans.
- 22 Rained – got letter from Julia.
- 21 Sent letters to Julia & Hilda.
- 23 Sally and I rode to Tigerville. I took a letter to Sue – got letters from Patty and Belle.
- 24 Got postal from Pat.
- 25 Sunday – Saw 1<sup>st</sup> alligator.
- 26 Mr. Murdock moved down Monday. Got letter from Sudy Arnold.
- 27 Tuesday – Mr. Hal Minor, wife and babe came. I sent letters to Patty and Cousin Eugenia and afterwards to Lily Arnold. Mr. O'N brought up the alligator. It measured 8 ft.
- 28 Mr. Minor &c. went home. I got a telegram from Patty. We took a drive and it began to rain about dark.

## **MARCH**

- 1 Rained hard last night and this morning.
- 2 Bright pretty day – got letter from Julia.
- 3 Sent letter to Patty, got letters from Harriet Young and from Sue.
- 4 Went to Tigerville church to Sunday School – turned very warm. Sally sick – had fever all night.
- 5 Sent letter to Julia – got letter from Sue and postal from Patty.
- 6 Mrs. Eva Gibson went to N. Orleans, Sally went to Mrs. Pratt's and I went after her. I sent letter to Patty. My birthday – a beautiful day. Got letter from Julia.
- 7 We went to Tigerville and on the bayou fishing.
- 8 Rained hard. Sarah came home. Sent letter to Patty.
- 9 Sent postal to Patty.
- 10 Got letter from Patty and from Dr. Raymond. Sent letter to Belle at Galveston and note to Dr. R. inclosed to McKinley. Wrote to Harriet F. Went to Tigerville.
- 11 Sunday – Bright day but cold. Sally went to Sunday School with the others. Sent by Lucy the letter to Harriet F.
- 12 Lucy and I went to Southdown got there before ten. Sally went with us. I believe I sent a postal to Patty.
- 13 It rained last night and nearly all day.

- 14 We went down to see the old house and then came home – got here at dinner and found Miss Eliza Hare here. Found a letter from Julia – got one from Dr. Raymond telling me they would be at T. tomorrow.
- 15 Joe and Mr. O'Neill went to New Orleans. Sally H., my Sally and I went to Tigerville – saw Dr. R., Belle and Hilda for a second – gave Belle a note about house &c. Left at O'Rourke's a postal for Patty to be sent. Sally sent a letter to Patty.
- 16 We stayed home. I wrote letters.
- 17 We went fishing down by Mrs. Hare's and up bayou Tiger in a skiff. I sent letters to Patty and Sudy Arnold – got letter from Patty. Joe and Mr. O'Neill came back.
- 18 Sunday – The rest went to S., School. I stayed home with Sally who has a very sore mouth and throat.
- 19 Sally still sick. The rest went on a fishing excursion. Sarah and I and the children stayed home. I packed – sent Patty a postal to tell her I expected to start tomorrow.
- 20 Left Oak Forest – got on the train at Tigerville – got to N. Orleans about Tuesday 5 p.m. McKinley met me at the ferry landing (Morgan's) and took us to the St. Charles. Sally quite sick. McK. went for Dr. Jos. T. Scott and he came in the evening and prescribed for her. It was so warm when we left Tigerville that I could not keep any wrapping around me and very dusty.
- 21 Bright pretty day but I could not stir out of the hotel on account of Sally. McKinley got my ticket for me and we left about 5 p.m. on the Mobile train for Cinti. He put us on the cars and we started off a lovely bright evening. I watched the scenery by sun and moonlight till we got to East Pascagoula when I had to give it up. Sally sick all night.
- 22 Never got out of the car – kept on our way through Alabama and Tennessee – got to Nashville about 8 p.m. Sally rather better during the night.
- 23 Friday – got to Cinti at 8 a.m. Went right to the Shirley, got my room, left things there, went to Mr. Foster's office and then to Miss Nourse's school to see Patty – found Patty had mumps and went out to Walnut Hills to see her – left Sally with her, went back to Cinti and we all came down on the boat – got to Bellevue at 6 p.m. – came out in Jimmy Burns's wagon – stopped at Louisa's got keys and came on home – found house all right and went to bed thankful.
- 24 Got Joan to help about breakfast, went to Mrs. Loudon's to see if I could get her to work for me, could not. Came home and got Charlie R. to go to Rising Sun in skiff with me. Took down 6 ½ bushels wheat to Talbott's and had it ground – went after Aunt Eliza and brought her up with me to work. The Tom Sherlock came along and I went and saw Dr. Raymond and he and Belle and Hilda got off at Bellevue and came out in the wagon. We didn't get home till after dark. Mr. Kelly came to see about renting house. Hilda returned me the 95. see Feb. 15.
- 28 Sunday – rained nearly all day.
- 26 Got Mr. Murdock to let his boy Jake go to Petersburg to hunt a hand for me – he was hired out. After dinner got Mr. M. to go to Burlington to hunt another hand – didn't get him. Got Charlie to go for Sebe the same evening. Rented the Loudon house to Jim Loudon – made contract with him. Went to Bellevue to get things, see my store a/c &c. Went to Mr. Clore's to see the sick baby and again to offer to stay at night. Louisa came over to call. Dr. Grant came. Hands are working here on pike.

- 27 Sebe Garland set in to work – he hauled some stove wood from the rick and hauled apple trees out of the way that the pike hands cut down. Dr. Grant came. I went to Bellevue – took note to Miss Nourse and letter from Sally to Sarah. Paid my account at Corbin’s and got bill receipted 96.50. Left with Mr. Corbin 1.60 to be given to Mr. B. F. Garnett for subscription to paper. Patty got the mail. I got letter from Julia.
- 28 Sebe hauled fodder after breakfast then stove wood. Uncle Jilson came for grape vines, corn &c. I went on cherry hill with him – got a hundred pickles of Mr. Hunt. Told Mr. Hunt he could put part of the little clover patch in potatoes. He says most of the fruit is killed. I let Sebe haul Uncle Jilson’s things to the river. Dr. Raymond went to Burlington. I sent by him a note to Mr. Tucker asking for my share of garden seeds. Ernest Grant came and stayed to supper.
- 29 Sebe hauled fodder and then stove wood and a few rails – said he was sick towards evening. I sent for gobbler. Got mail – paper from Julia. Sudy Arnold and Katy came. Let Mrs. Noble have ½ gal. vinegar on credit.
- 30 Rented to Wesley Kelly today with Charlie Rockwell as witness on the following terms. W. Kelly is to have the house now occupied by C. Rockwell and the part of the old shop towards the edge of the hill as a stable for seven months from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April till the last of Oct., 1877 for two dollars per month, the rent to be payable at the end of every month. W. Kelly is to have the strip of land that will be above the fence on the upper side of the pike in the piece that Mr. Hunt had in sweet potatoes last year for a garden, for which he is to pay me five dollars, payable the last of Oct. next. He is to let me have this piece of ground as soon as he gets his potatoes dug, that I may put it to what use I please. I am not to furnish W. Kelly with wood – he is to haul that for himself from off his brother’s place. I am not to pasture his team at all and he is to keep them up in the stable rented to him. I am to pasture his cow at the rate of .75 per month for the month of April and 1.50 per month from the first of May till the last of Oct. payable at the end of every month. Sebe still sick. Lily and Cordy came over. Cousin Frank came from Aurora and stayed all night. Jim Loudon had my team to haul his things when he moved in the house I rented him. I rode round attended to the everlasting renting business and began to repair Pat’s cloak. Ernest came.
- 31 Sebe still sick. Mr. Murdock said he brought me the sacks because he finished sowing the oats and clover and timothy this morning. There were gunny sacks and seamless ones. I made Patty’s fruit cake. The pike hands grubbed the locust trees in the grove by the house. Dr. went for mail. I got letter from buddy. We churned for the first time since I got back.

## **APRIL**

- 1 Easter Sunday – Looked like rain but cleared off and blew hard. We all went to Dr. Grant’s to spend the day. Mabel gave me the first wildflowers I have seen here this spring.
- 2 Sebe set in to work again. Jim Loudon, Charlie and Tom worked for me, sawing and splitting the locust timber that the pike men grubbed. Mr. K. began to work on the road and was turned off. Dr. went to Burlington to county court. I had some clover hay hauled for the calves, and some manure hauled on the garden.
- 3 Started 3 hands to work on the garden. Sebe and Jim L. and Tom R. The last two didn’t get much done. Tried to get my potatoes in but didn’t. Weaned the calves. Took

Patty down to Bellevue and put her in care of Mr. Corbin to go to Cinti. Gave Patty \$34.00. Dr. R. was sick and couldn't go as expected. Mr. Raymond's mare and Charlie's colt turned in the pasture over the road.

- 4 Bright pretty day. Sebe got the potato patch harrowed and planted. I went to Dr. Grant's to tell him about money. Told him also I didn't want to buy cattle. After dinner rode to Bellevue to see about getting potatoes – then to Mr. Richard's to try and get some, then rode to Jim Loudon's to see how he was getting along with brier cutting, he worked at it today. This morning I stopped at Mrs. Bott's and engaged a turkey hen. Had Posey turned in the big pasture to wean. Mary Ann worked today and helped clean the store room.
- 5 Went to Bellevue and took letter to Sarah. Sent Sebe for turkey hen. Rode round the clearing and new ground when I got back. Saw Mr. Slayback and bought his share of the tobacco for 25.00. Rode up to see Jim L. working at briers. Sebe hauled stove wood off the potato ground. This afternoon Mr. Murdock went to Aurora to see Mr. House about potatoes. I sent by him a few lines to Julia. Dr. R. went for mail. I got postal from Mr. Tucker about garden seeds.
- 6 Sebe hauled wood in the morning and broke the wagon tongue. I got Dr. R. to go up to Dr. Grant's to see about stock hog. After dinner Charlie R. went up to Dr. Grant's with Sebe in a wagon and brought down his hog. Mr. Bennett and the children came after dinner. Charlie helped Sebe haul a load of wood and brought my wagon home. Jim says he worked at the briers.
- 7 This morning I went to Bellevue in Mr. Murdock's wagon and Sebe took mine to the shop to be mended. Sent by mail a box to Sally H. and letter from Sally to her papa. Sebe filled washes &c. with cornstalks. After dinner a while said he was sick and quit work. Let Charlie have Polly to break up his garden and Jim have Jane to go to mill. Jim said he worked ½ a day cutting briers. Horace came and brought Mr. Utz. Dr. went for mail – got letter and postal from Patty inclosing letter from Mr. Tew – letter from Cousin Augusta they would come to see us and one from Mr. House about potatoes.
- 8 Sunday – Rained off and on all day. Ernest Grant came down and brought me a check for 160. to return the money I paid Mr. C. G. Ingram for Dr. Grant, see Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. I wrote note and postal to Cousin Augusta and postal to Mr. House and sent them by Mr. Kite.
- 9 Afternoon Charlie, Jim and Tom put down the tobacco and hauled manure on garden. We worked hard getting the house cleaned.
- 10 Charlie and Tom worked – hauled manure and broke up in the garden. Charlie took two trips to Bellevue – went after potatoes and took Belle and Dr. down. Cousin Augusta came with Clarence and his wife. Mr. Corbin sent them out in his spring wagon and Charlie brought the baggage. Charlie brought the wagon from the shop. I gave my check to Dr. who cashed it. Sent Patty by Belle 20.00.
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday – a lovely spring-like day. There everlasting spring abides and never fading flowers. We took a walk to look at the pike. Charlie and Tom hauled manure and broke up the garden. Sebe came back towards evening and went to Bellevue for Belle and Dr.
- 12 Not as warm but rather pleasant. Sebe set in to work again. Charlie and he laid off beds in the garden and planted onion sets and some peas, beans, spinach. I got letter

from Nat'l Met. Bank Washington asking me to empower someone to vote for me and letter from Dr. Carter inclosing photograph.

- 13 Charlie and Sebe worked in garden and hauled some rails for fence.
- 14 Charlie and Jim and Tom worked at fence. Sebe went to Burlington in morning worked ½ day I believe. Sent to river for potatoes Mr. House sent on boat. Got letter from Patty.
- 15 Sunday – Hilda went to church – the rest stayed home. We went to see the colt of Mr. R's mare. Dr. Grant came.
- 16 Sebe hauled wood in the morning then quit for Clarence to have the horse to go to Burlington with Dr. R. Charlie had Jane to break up ground for his potatoes. Sebe raked the cutting out of the grapes and turned the two steers and two heifers across the road. Sally began to go to school. I sent a letter to buddy with the bank letter.
- 17 Dr. tried his surgical skill on the calves and then Sebe turned all three across the road. Lovely day, warm and spring-like. It rained and thundered hard last night they say. Jimmy Burns brought out my mattress that I sent up to be made over. Sebe hauled out some of the grape cuttings. Got postal from Patty. After dinner Sebe moved some fence that the pike hands threw down, then hauled grape cuttings again.
- 18 Rained again last night. This morning rode up to Jim Loudon's to see him about cutting briars. Let Mr. Murdock have a load of clover hay which was guessed at 1000 pounds. Dr. R. had a fuss with Henry who was drunk and caned him. Sebe hauled a little stove wood then rode after a stray horse and afterwards helped me in the garden. We planted some radishes, lettuce and beet seed.
- 19 Sent letter to Patty – got letter from her and paper from BBG. Sally got letter from buddy. Cousin Kate, Clanny and I rode up the pike to Mr. Joe Lillard's and I took a 100 dollar bill as my first installment of pike subscription. Mr. Lillard was not at home so I gave it to his wife. Mr. Nathan Allen came here to ask for my subscription to Woolper bridge but I could not give it to him now. Mr. Tonell came to look at my tobacco but I did not sell. Sebe and Jim L. worked with the tobacco part of the day. Grubbed a little in the garden &c. It rained hard last night and again this evening.
- 20 Sebe didn't work today, went to Burlington – I rode to see George Walton about his cattle. Charlie walked with me – he afterwards shot the blue hawk. Jim Loudon came over and I paid him off for his work and agreed to let him have my team to haul rails. I sent a note to Patty inclosing 5.00. Sally didn't go to school. It rained a little.
- 21 Heavy white frost this morning. Sebe and Charlie hauled fodder this morning then Sebe hauled locust posts from the field we call the old willow patch at 3 o'clock and after Sebe helped Jim Loudon and had the team hauling rails and ploughing for him – he to return the work. I heard they had the bounty business up in court today. Got a letter from Patty saying she had sore throat and wanted to come home. My little young sow has 3 pigs.
- 22 Sunday – heavenly day – as warm and bright as summer. I sent a note to Patty by Belle with 2.00 in it. Bought Mr. W. H. Raymond's mare and mule colt of Dr. Raymond and gave him an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster for \$100.00. Cousin Augusta, Clarence and Cousin Kate went away and we all went down to see them off. Belle and Dr. went too on their way to Montana.
- 23 Another bright warm lovely day. My little sow mashed one of her pigs and killed it. Sebe worked in the garden. I took Sally to school and then took Aunt Eliza to



- Bellevue to buy some things. Planted okra, snap beans, Valentines and Lima beans. Charlie has Jane breaking up his corn land. Sally got a letter from Mitty. I went to Bellevue to see if Patty came on the boat. She didn't.
- 24 The little sow's three pigs departed this life – that is the pig's from 3 sows that have all died or been eaten up by unnatural parents since I went south. I don't find 'handlin' hogs' very profitable. Took Sally to school and went to Bellevue twice – got letters from Patty and Julia. Hilda went to spend the day at Mrs. Brady's. Sebe worked ½ a day only – in the garden and hunting bugs on the meat – was sick with ague the rest of the day. Patty came down on the boat. Horace brought her out. Charlie had Jane breaking up ground again.
- 25 Sebe sick. Charlie had Jane in the morning to lay off his potatoes and the wagon and horses to haul them out. Then he helped Jim Loudon haul rock till noon. After that he had Jane and ploughed for himself. Jim dragged the willows that John Coons grubbed on top of the old creek in the willow patch field and filled up the ditches Mr. Rice dug, also made a dam with them across old creek bottom. I was out overseeing almost all day. Lily Arnold came. It was warm all day and everything seems to grow.
- 26 Went to Bellevue with mail. Molly sick – had her dosed – Tom Roberts worked for me part of the day breaking up a little piece in the garden and some for Mr. Hunt. I let Mr. Murdock have a barrel of cider for vinegar at 5.00 he to return the barrel. Went to Bellevue for mail, got letter from buddy with advice about the bank business. Went to Louisa's and subscribed 25.00 towards a Baptist Church to be built in the Bellevue bottom.
- 27 Tom worked for me today. Charlie says he works for .75. He broke up the rest of the ground for Mr. Hunt and then hauled the rest of the locust posts out of the big bottom field and hauled a load of manure on the garden. I put down the new matting on the big hall.
- 28 Sent the paper to the Nat'l Metropolitan Bank signed by Hilda and Patty. Rode over to look at fence in pasture. Tom worked for me but didn't get much done. He went to mill. John Dumont rubbed the meat with pepper and hung it up. Old Mr. Moreland came to see me this morning. I made Pat a fruit cake. Aggie, Alice and Sudy came.
- 29 Sunday – Put away Pat's cake. Rather cold this morning. After dinner we all went to Louisa's.
- 30 Sebe set in to work again. I went to Rising Sun and drew the balance of the money I had in bank there, \$61.67. Stopped at Corbin's and pd. Mike 30.00 which I told him to credit on my account. Went to see Aunt Sally &c. Put in PO two letters for Dr. Raymond. A cold raw windy day, very unpleasant. Sebe ploughed the potatoes and hauled a load of manure and made the hills for melons in the garden. Then he went to hunt the red calf.

## MAY

- 1 Very cold – ice in pans and buckets – hard frost and thermometer down to freezing. I took Pat to Aurora and put her on the train for Cin. Let her have in all 6.00. Stopped at Dr. Grant's on my way home to see about hog. Went to Bellevue to see Mr. Clore about corn – told him to sell mine with his. Got mail – letter to Miss Nourse by Pat. Charlie had Jane to harrow after we got home. Sebe went to bed sick. I went up to Mr. Hunt's and all around to look at fruit clover etc. Aunt Eliza went home. I settled with

- her and pd. her for the time she has worked for me, see a/c book. Mrs. Loudon set in to work for me and Martha Dolph worked. Charlie found the red calf.
- 2 Let Charlie have my two horses to harrow his ground and he worked for me to pay for it – he ploughed the grapes till noon with my Billy. I settled up with Sebe Garland in full and as he is too sick to work I engaged John Dumont at the same wages, 10.00 a month. He came up to get corn for Aunt Eliza. Cold last night, down to freezing this morning – potatoes, corn, and beans all frost-bitten. Charlie cleaned out hedge row in the garden after dinner. Dumont came over in time to milk. I rode to see Jim Loudon about cutting briers and to see the field Mr. Murdock was ploughing. Lily Arnold spent the day here. John Smith said he had turned his cow in.
  - 3 Cold rain. Sent letters to Sue and Pat. Mr. Harvey Aikin came out and said he wanted to get pasture for his cow – would turn her in tomorrow. John Dumont set in to work. He cleaned stable, sorted apples etc, took and went for mail. I got letter from Belle and postal from Patty. Mr. Burns turned cow in pasture.
  - 4 Went to Burlington – dined at Mrs. Dill's. Went to see Mr. Winston about Moreland business. John grubbed in the bottom field next Mr. Rice's, and brought Hilda's trunk out from Bellevue. It was cloudy and cold and muddy this morning.
  - 5 Went to Mr. Warren Rogers's funeral this morning – it rained hard on the way there and afterwards so I didn't go to the grave, came home and was so tired I didn't do much. Dumont began grubbing again but had to quit on account of rain and sorted apples, and went for mail. I took letters to the mail – one for Aunt Nancy inclosing a dollar – one for Mary Read and one for Patty. I got postal from Lucy and letter from Clarence and BBG and one for Dr. R. John Deek turned cow in pasture. Mr. Baker sent word he turned 2 cows in pasture. Jim Moreland turned a horse in to pasture. Another cold dull day. After dinner we went to Mrs. Rice's.
  - 7 Mr. W. Kelly brought me 2.00 for rent for his house and stable the month of April. Mr. Sullivan's boy came to get me to pasture his father's mules and horse on Sunday's and at night and I said I would leave the price to George Walton. Dumont cleaned the kitchen cellar, chicken house – after dinner he stripped tobacco. Jim Loudon and John stripped after dinner almost half a day – and I had my Kelly tobacco hauled up. Took Sally to school and went for her – and wrote some letters. It rained almost all day. Betty came over in the evening.
  - 8 Sent John with letter to buddy and seed corn, and letter to Julia. Took Sally to school, it rained some and was cold and raw. Mr. Clore came out and told me the man had offered .50 for corn and I told him to sell mine. George Walton looked at my tobacco. John Dumont helped Charlie today with his tobacco. Got letters from Sarah, Patty and Julia.
  - 9 John grubbed in the bottom across the creek till dinner, then Mr. Murdock furrowed out my sweet corn and John replanted it. I let Mr. M. have the horses to break up with. I went over for Mrs. Garnett and she came to spend the day. Mr. Hunt got a bushel of corn.
  - 10 John & Charlie grubbed out the fence row next to Mr. Rice's above the watergap. Mr. Murdock had the horses to break up with all day – he finished. I rode all round to see about the work – up to see Jim L. cut briers and for Sally. Went to Bellevue for mail. Got letter from Cousin Augusta. I went to Mrs. Rice's to leave word with him about grubbing his side of fence row.

- 11 Still cool – frost this morning. Let Mr. Hunt have Jane after noon to lay off his ground. Rode up there first thing then took Sally to school and stopped to see Mr. Arnold about line fence. After dinner rode to see Jim Loudon cut briers. This morning John hauled some wood – cleaned out the old shop where the hogs sleep – afterwards went with me to look at fence next Mr. Arnold's pasture and dragged a little wood. Betty went home.
- 12 Had a settlement with Tom Roberts. Paid him up in full for all the days work he had done to date. They came to 9 days at .75 = 6.75 and for 12 shocks of fodder he cut = 1.20 all together came to \$7.95. He wanted eight dollars to get his boots so I pd him 5 cents extra and then as he wanted .50 more I just advanced the .55 on the ground he is clearing and pd him all together 5.05 cash and gave him an order on Corbin for 3.00. Dumont cut a little wood – shelled corn for mixing with tar for hogs. Planted musk melons and a few cucumbers and stuck peas. Hilda and Billy went to church. Mr. Hunt had Jane to plough grapes. Mr. Utz came and a man with books. I went for mail – got letters from Julia, Cousin Kate and Aunt Nancy and paper from Julia. It turned somewhat warmer. Mr. Baker told me about horses.
- 13 Sunday – papa's and mamma's wedding day – Lord love them both. We stayed at home, it was a sunny, pretty, lonesome day and I did little else but rest.
- 14 Bright and pleasant. Found one of my young hogs, a barrow, dead this morning. Doctored the hogs. John buried the dead one – moved the rest over to the pasture across the road and the troughs. Took Sally to school and went to Bellevue to see about corn boat. Dumont hauled three loads. Jimmy Burns four. Jim Loudon worked for me today in the corn and with the hogs &c. They hauled two loads of clover hay to the barn. Wesley Kelly helped ½ day at the crib. Mr. Hunt worked about a quarter of a day at the crib. Dr. Grant came down for a little while. I went for Sally in the evening. Charlie and Mr. Kelly exchanged houses today – really moved.
- 15 Sent letter to Patty with stamps. Jim Loudon worked at the river at the corn boat. Mr. Hunt and Mr. W. Kelly at the crib. Jimmy Burns hauled 1 load from Mr. Kelly's corn room towards paying me his debt – weight gross 3175-2025 lbs. He hauled in all loads. Dumont was hauling his 6<sup>th</sup> load when the rain came and he left it at Mr. Corbin's. I took Sally to school and rode to look at the hogs. Mrs. Garnett and Franklinia Grant came and spent the day. I got 2 letters from brother Charlie with draft for \$100, also letters from Sue and Belle. Warm and rained right hard in the evening. Hauled corn again till 4. pm.
- 16 Jimmy Burns hauled and Dumont. Jim Loudon worked at the river. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Kelly at the crib. I took Sally to school. Before breakfast set out the early cabbage plants Mr. Murdock gave me. Went to Bellevue and got tomato plants and set them out. Mr. Bennett came and spent the day. Found another of my young burrows dead. John and Jim buried it. They hauled a load of beech stove wood after they quit hauling corn. I rode round to see the hogs, went after Sally and watered my plants after dark. Warm today.
- 17 Henry Roberts came and paid me 5.50 for the bedstead I let his mother have – the one I took at Mrs. Kelly's request when she moved. Rode to Jim Loudon's but he said he couldn't work – took Sally to school. Set out more tomato plants. Set John to hauling rails and rock to make a pen to doctor sick hogs in. Went to Bellevue and saw Mr. Snyder – got the weights of the corn hauled – 4a5535lbs = 66943 lbs. Got mail, letter

from Patty. Gave Mr. Will Grant 2.25 for Mr. Carson for mending wagon tongue. Dr. Grant and Mr. Bennett came and brought me medicine from Aurora for hogs. After they left I went for Sally. Mr. Rice came over to show the hands about drenching the hogs. Mr. Murdock and John Coons helped John and we drenched them with Aurora medicine.

- 18 Took Sally to school. Went to Rising Sun. Got the draft for 100. that I received from buddy the 15<sup>th</sup> cashed at the bank. Sent Patty a letter with 5.00 in it. John worked in the garden stuck peas &c. and hauled a load of beech stove wood. Mrs. Kelly took the care of the chickens.
- 19 Jim Loudon came down and we had a settlement – see a/c book. Went to take mail. Sent letter to buddy. Afterwards John dosed 4 sick hogs. W. Kelly helped him an hour. Also again in the evening he helped another hour. John worked in the garden – harrowed corn ground and corn that is up – planted more sweet corn and ploughed potatoes, stuck peas &c. I planted summer squash and more bunch beans. Another of my young barrows died and several hogs look very sick. Hilda went for mail – got letter from Patty. Very hot – 90.
- 20 Shower this morning and shower during the day – Charlie took Billy and went to Zach Kelly's to ask what he dosed his hogs with. I am to pay him for the time. Mr. Bennett came and dined. Horace came to call. Lily and Cordy came too. I wrote to Patty and to Julia and sent Julia \$40. to buy summer things for Pat. Went to Mrs. Corbin's and gave him the letters to take up to Cin. Went to Mr. Core's to find out about corn boat. On my way home told Mr. Rice about Mr. Richards and the hogs. John went to look at my hogs – found Aunt Eliza's dead and buried it. Very hot again. Mr. Bennett said the thermometer was at 91 in the shade at Dr. Grant's yesterday. Had lettuce for dinner out of my garden for the first time.
- 21 Charlie helped John dose the hogs with soft soap – worked about an hour. One of my five young burrows died while we were dosing it and John buried it. I rode around to look at all the rest and help John drive the sick ones in the shade. Sally didn't go to school, sick with a stiff neck. John hauled poles off the ground Charlie grubbed after dinner and then drove all the well hogs in the pen and dosed them with soft soap. Charlie helped all the time with the hogs and Mr. Kelly helped them after they were in the pen. Held the bottle. I gave the hogs 2 quarts of soft soap today. Very warm again.
- 22 Dosed the hogs, the first thing, 5 of them, the sick ones, found them alive and apparently better. Charlie helped. Louisa came over. I went after Mrs. Barnett but she was poorly and didn't come. John hauled poles in the morning. After dinner took wagon to Bellevue to have Jane's shoe and the end of the wagon singletree fixed. I rode up to Mrs. Loudon's. Hilda and Mr. L. went to Willoughby to hear Mr. Bristow preach. Sally still sick with stiff neck. John and I drove the hogs into the pen and gave them a nasty dose of medicine in the trough. Got the mail – letter from Patty. Heard that Mr. Murdock finished planting corn.
- 23 A cool, breezy, particularly lovely day. Sally better – took her to school and then went to Bellevue to see about corn boat. The first thing I went to have the sick hogs dosed with copperas – found one young barrow sick. Charlie helped a little while. John worked in the garden till about 4 pm when John Deck brought out Jimmy Burns team and said the corn boat had come – he hauled 2 loads. John 1. Hilda and Mrs. L. went

- to church. I hoed okra and snap beans, hunted nests, helped in the corn crib &c. W. Kelly helped in the crib from 4 pm till they quit work. Jim Loudon came down to see about helping with the corn, but went home sick.
- 24 Found the young barrow dead – the little spotted sow that had pigs died today. In the morning dosed hogs. John hauled 3 loads corn I think. Jimmy Burns hauled 3 – finished hauling the corn. I went down to get the weight to 933 bushels 46 lbs. Came home and got ready to go to night meeting at Willoughby. Mr. Bristow preached. It was so cold I had to wrap up like fall. John buried the 2 hogs after he got his dinner. My new gobbler died. Heard that there was no knowing what would become of the pike. Got postal from Patty.
- 25 Very cool, down to 40 about 6 am. Dosed hogs – little blazefaced sow died and John buried her – buried gobbler. I can't get my work done for burying things. Took Sally to school. Worked in the garden-hoed & planted beets and also a row of musk melon. John broke up part of the garden and harrowed it. Light frost today.
- 26 Still very cool. Sent postal to Patty and a few lines in Hilda's letter to Sue. Took Sally to school. Miss Parker taught Saturday to finish up. Went to Bellevue to try and find out about pike. When I got home Mr. Murdock came in such a worry about getting some money that I went up to Petersburg to the office of Freiburg and Workman and settled with Mr. Snyder. He gave me his account of the corn which came just like mine 933 bushels 46 lbs. and at .50 a bushel it came to \$466.83. Mr. Snyder paid me cash \$100. and gave a check on Freiburg & Workman for \$366.83. I let George Murdock have \$100 and took his note for it with Dr. E. L. Grant as witness because the signature was imperfect. Came with Dr. G. as far as his gate then went on to Bellevue – got mail – letter from Nat'l metropolitan Bank – Washington about returning certificate of stock on account of reduction of capital stock. Stopped at Louisa's on my way home. Late set out tomato plants.
- 27 Sunday – Bright pretty day but very cool. John drove the sick hogs back into the old hog lot – the big listed sow, no. 8, the curly sow, and two barrows. Mrs. Garnett came over and spent part of the day. Ernest came after dinner.
- 28 Found no. 8 dead this morning. John ploughed and harrowed the sweet corn and went to mill. Mrs. Rice sent me some sweet potato plants and he made ridges and planted them. Hilda, Sally and I went to Rising Sun – took Sally to dentist's and had her teeth filled. I put in Rising Sun PO a letter to Geo. H. B. White Cas. Natl Met. Bk Washington inclosing certificate no 777 for 4 shares capital stock of the Bk. Went to Bank of Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash check on Messrs. Freiberg & Workman for 366.83, drew \$146.83 and left \$220. in Bk. and got certificate of deposit. Stopped at Corbin's on my way home and pd his a/c.
- 29 Lent Charlie Rockwell \$30. this morning and took his note payable in three months for it. John worked in the garden till dinner then hauled poles off the new ground. I worked in the garden most of the day, replanted Lima beans and planted some pole beans, replanted all the earliest corn. Went down to Bellevue – took Sally, got letter from Julia.
- 30 Mr. Tonell came and I sold him my tobacco at these rates; for 1/3, 7 dollars a hundred for 1/3 6.00 and for the other third, 3.00. to be delivered at Rabbit Hash at a convenient time. I went to Bellevue in the evening and paid Jim Burns 9.00 for

hauling corn. Stopped at Louisa's on my way home. John finished hauling poles out of the new ground.

- 31 Went to Bellevue with mail – a letter to Patty. Paid Mike 3.50 for T. Clore for weighing corn. Went to Tom's and bought gobbler of Mrs. Clore. Mrs. Noble was here when I came home with chickens one of which she let me have for the vinegar she got – the rest I bought. Betty came over after dinner and Hilda went with her to see a sick woman. I boxed Pat's cake and carried it to Mr. Corbin's – got mail – letters from Patty, cousin Augusta and BBG. John hoed a little in my melons – hauled rails over by Mrs. Loudon's and after dinner helped Charlie trim trees in the new ground. Joe Eggleston and Jim L. came to see about making fence.

## JUNE

- 1 John ploughed the potatoes and laid them by – he also replanted the 2<sup>nd</sup> corn and planted some more. I worked in garden nearly all day – hoed things and planted beds, snap beans & cucumbers. Joe Eggleston and Jim Loudon grubbed at the line fence between me and Mr. A. they say. John chopped weeds, put up ashes mended fence & helped dose sick hogs.
- 2 Took letters down to Belle and one to Patty inclosing 5.00. My big spotted sow died – was found dead this morning and John buried her. He then fixed the fence over by the hedge, and shelled corn for Aunt Eliza & Aunt Sally. John Dumont quit work at noon. Mr. Kelly came to settle for his rent and pasture – paid up all for May and had 1.26 left toward next month in our settlement. I allowed for the corn that there was beyond what my debt called for, 1.76, for 3 days work 3.00 and he is now out of my debt. Went to Bellevue for mail. Got letter from Aunt Nancy with her picture. Got Sally's books sent from Cousin Augusta. Stopped at Louisa's. It rained a little last night – only enough to lay the dust – for several hours. A man brought out a cow that he said was Jesse Hewitt's to put on pasture.
- 3 Sunday – rained in showers this morning but not very much. Stayed at home all day and found it very dull and lonesome – wrote to Cousin Augusta. Mrs. Loudon sent Maggy to work in her place.
- 4 Mrs. Loudon brought me 2.00 which she said Mr. Stauffer sent for pasture for a colt he turned in yesterday. John found the little curly sow dead and buried it. I rode up to see the fence row next to Mr. Arnold's pasture that Jim Loudon and Joe Eggleston were grubbing along the fence next Mrs. Garnett's place in the woods to see it and found it hardly a fence at all. Had a hunt for Dr's hog and found it – brought another young sow that looked poorly and turned it in the old hog lot. Charlie took the mare I bought of Hillhouse Raymond's and Polly, to Burlington to Hedgeford Dr. John said the trip was of no use as far as Polly was concerned. John hauled wood for Charlie off the new ground, while he was gone, but only made three loads so I must make up the rest of the work. Charlie didn't get back till ½ past 2.
- 5 Hilda took mail down – I sent letter to Patty with 5.00 – letter to Aunt Nancy with 5.00, and letter to Cousin Augusta. Mr. Arnold came and rode to show me the line fence between our pastures. John got cabbage plants from Mr. Hunt and set out some. Mrs. Rice sent me some cabbage plants too. I went to Mr. Baker and told him I wanted him to take out of pasture old Nig' and his other mare and Mr. Grigsby's mule. Got 200 sweet potato plants from Mrs. Corbin. It rained part of the day – was

cloudy nearly all day. I got mail – letter from Nat'l. Metropolitan Bk. Washington D.C. inclosing certificates for 2 shares of stock, and a draft on NY for \$230. for the other two shares – also note from Mrs. Graves asking Dr. R.'s address and letter from Miss Martha. Charlie went to Burlington again with Polly. Mr. Hunt had Jane to work half a day.

- 6 Cool after the rain – John got cabbage plants from Mr. Hunt and set them out. I went to Bellevue and got 100 sweet potato plants (eighty from one) and John set them out, worked at it nearly all day. I bugged potatoes in the evening – began to make soap – Sally went on the hill and got cherries – very bad and wormy. Took letters to mail – one to Mrs. Graves and one to Belle inclosing Mrs. Graves' note.
- 7 Took letters down – one to BBG, 1 from Sally to Patty. Went for mail and to see Mr. Flick, but didn't see him. It rained after John got his dinner. He set out sweet potato plants in the evening and some cabbage plants. This morning he worked for Charlie replanting corn to pay Charlie for going to Burlington Tuesday. I rode over to see Jim L. and Joe E. grubbing. Rode up to cherry hill and got some sour cherries to eat. Got letter from Patty.
- 8 Lily Arnold came over a little while. I bugged potatoes but it rained. Mrs. Kelly helped me. John worked all day for Charlie stripping tobacco – he got drunk at night. I wrote letters &c.
- 9 John wanted his money this morning and thinking he was going to leave I pd. him up in full – see a/c book pg. 37 and he quit for present. Went to Bellevue in the rain – gave Mr. Corbin 3 letters to take to Cin., 1 for Patty inclosing 6 dollars – 1 for buddy and 1 for G. H. B. cashier Natl Bk. Washington D.C. Joe Eggleston came over and settled for his work – he says he worked 3 days – 2 hours – so his work came to 2.80. I let him have yesterday by Willis Dolph 1 ½ bus corn .75 and pd. him the balance 2.00. Jim Loudon came over and settled, see a/c book. Went again to Bellevue in the rain for mail. After dark Mr. Graham came.
- 10 Clear and cool and bright after the rain. Hilda went to church. Aggy and Miss Baker called for a little while. Mr. Will Grant came out this morning to tell Mr. Murdoch what he thought the buggy was worth, he said 20 and I told Mr. Murdoch he might have it at that. Mr. G, Sally and I went on cherry hill. R. E. came and stayed to dinner. Hilda, Sally and I went to meeting at the school house. Mr. Graham went away.
- 11 Still very cool. I worked in garden some and planted in the sweet corn the white beans Mrs. Kelly gave me. Betty came this evening. I took Sally to Louisa's and went for her. I rode up to see the fence row but no one was at work. Jim said he worked ½ a day but it is a question.
- 12 Raining when I woke up and rained some little time. I sent John down and got Billy shod. Then he hauled 3 loads of rails to the fence round the old willow patch and hauled some over to the fence row the boys grubbed. Then he helped catch the Raymond mare. I worked in garden – planted dwarf beans and pole beans – replanted what few musk melons I had. Mr. Bennett came after dinner. Clear and cool the greater part of the day. Got mail – letter from Julia.
- 13 Clear and cool in the morning – turned warm afterwards. Spent the morning most of it boiling down the soap. Charlie went to Burlington with Polly and the Raymond mare. Mr. Hunt suckered and tied up grape vines in the garden. John ploughed and harrowed sweet corn and ploughed ground to put more corn in – then ploughed in

grape vines in garden. Late he took Raymond mare down for Mr. Corbin to look at the swelling on her shoulder. I went to Bellevue then went up to see Jim Loudon and Joe E. work. They grubbed out the fence row in the woods on my side of it, and finished the day cutting briars. John buried one of the young sows that had been sick some time.

- 14 John took Raymond mare down to Mr. Corbin to have the swelling on her shoulder opened. Then he planted sweet corn up to the grape vines and harrowed it in. I took up the soap and had it put away. It was only 9 bucketfuls of good and some less. Let Joe E. have 13 ½ lbs meat at 10 ½. John harrowed the grape vines, then went down with wagon to Bellevue. We all went to meet Pat who came home for vacation. Very hot and cloudy.
- 15 Rained nearly all day – didn't get much done. Started John to hauling rock for the fence but he quit on account of rain. He says he cleaned the stable and shelled some corn. I helped Pat unpack, sewed &c. Patty not very well.
- 16 Cloudy and hot this morning. I got Wesley Kelly to help John load the tobacco – he worked till 11 a.m. and I got his mule to help haul it. Went to Rabbit Hash with the tobacco. Saw Mr. Jovell and got the weights – as follows – gross 2520 lbs wagon 1170 lbs net 1350 lbs – 450 being ½, the whole at 7, 6, and 3, came to \$72.00. He gave me an order on B. C. Calkins for the amount, which I brought home. I got a note from Cousin Harvey. Gave Mr. Calvert a letter for Sue to put in office. They began to work on the pike between here and Bellevue today. The tobacco included all of Mr. Slayback's crop and my share of the Kelly's crop which Wesley said amounted to 400 lbs. I bought Mr. Slayback's half paying him \$25 in all – 5.00 of it Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and the balance, 20. April 6 or 7 I forget which – he sent his daughter for the money. John was working with the tobacco and hauling all day. It rained late.
- 17 Patty had a chill and fever last night. I went down to see Horace but he was gone – in the evening he came over and prescribed for her. Ernest came too. Hot and cloudy all day. Sunday school began again. Hilda went. Sally and I went on the hill and got cherries.
- 18 Hot as pepper and cloudy all day – threatened rain and sprinkled a little this evening. Let Mr. Hunt have Jane today to plough. John went to mill and hoed in the grapes. I went to Rising Sun to see Mr. Calkins – he gave me a check for \$72.00 which I cashed at the Rising Sun bank. I also drew \$170 of the money I had in Bank, leaving only 50. there. Rode up to Mr. Joe Lillard's and paid him \$200.00 – being all that has been called for on the pike so far. Mrs. Lillard was present when I paid him the money and he entered it in the pike book. Hot as pepper again. I worked in the garden before breakfast hoeing tomatoes. John hoed grapes all day. Mr. Hunt had Polly ½ day to plough. Charlie had Jane to break up his tobacco ground with. Late we went down for Sue and her children who came. John made two trips with the wagon. We got mail. I had letter from BBG and one from Cousin Kate with her's and Clarence's photographs.
- 20 Hot as pepper again. Charlie had Jane to break up – John worked in the garden, stuck some of the tomatoes and hoed. I helped and hoed some of the rest. In the evening I went to Bellevue with mail – took letter to Mrs. Brown.
- 21 Hot as ever except that the wind blew and it clouded up. About the middle of the day it [blew] hard. John worked in the garden – stuck beans and hoed. Patty very poorly.



- Horace stopped to see how she was. I rode round to see crops and Charlie's new ground – he had Jane to work.
- 22 Very cool after the rain. I hoed in the garden – went to Louisa's in the evening. John hoed cabbages and sweet potatoes. Charlie had Jane to plough.
  - 23 Lovely day – bright and cool. I worked in garden till dinner time – hoed onions, pole beans, Lima beans, tomatoes &c. John harrowed corn, ploughed corn, cabbages, sweet potatoes and ploughed and harrowed the piece next the sweet potatoes and broke up and harrowed the little piece above my musk melons. After dinner he hauled wood off Charlie's tobacco ground for which I am to allow Charlie 1.00. Got letters from Julia and Belle.
  - 24 Sunday – Lovely day – late in the evening heavy rain. Hilda and Sally went to church at Willoughby and home with Mrs. Garnett. Began to use potatoes.
  - 25 Lovely cool breeze but hot day. Charlie took the mares to Burlington and didn't get back till near 3 o'clock. John didn't come back. In the evening a hard wind and rain storm. Mr. and Mrs. Brown came about bedtime.
  - 26 Bright day after the rain though it clouded up sometimes. Charlie had Jane to plough in his new ground. Mr. Murdock cut wheat in the field next Mr. Rice's.
  - 27 Mr. Harvey Akin brought out a horse to put on pasture. Charlie had Jane to break up. Late in the evening he drove the wagon to Bellevue for me to take Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Flora to the boat – they left on the U. States. Bright and warm today.
  - 28 Charlie had both mares to plough his new ground till noon – after that he hauled the rest of the wood off the ground but is not to charge for that work. I am to allow him 1.00 for the wood. Jim Loudon helped him ½ day on my account. Mr. Murdoch finished cutting wheat this morning. Bright and hot. Tom Nettles came this morning and I hired him for a month at 13.00, he is to set in tomorrow. Got note from Mr. Brown. Patty worked in melons all day. I hoed in musk melons and sewed some.
  - 29 Tom Nettles set in to work for me. He and Jim Loudon worked cutting briars on the hill by the young vineyard. Charlie had Polly and Jane all day harrowing his new ground. I hoed melons, rode about &c.
  - 30 Last of the best summer month. Sister Belle died ten years ago today, Lord love her pure soul – and let me find my own again some happy future day. Jim Loudon worked ½ day. He and Tom hauled one little load of clover hay from the hill – it rained so they had to quit – Tom shelled corn. Mr. Murdoch's mule that was hurt died last night. The engineer's went over the pike today. Ernest Grant came to supper. I went to Bellevue and stopped a few moments at Mrs. Corbin's. When Ernest was here I gave him in presence of Hilda 25.00 to give his father as my contribution to the Woolper Bridge. Hot as Africa.

## **JULY**

- 1 Very hot all day. Sally went to Sunday School. Lily and Katy came over in the evening.
- 2 Hot as pepper – Jim Loudon worked in the clover and they finished the day hoeing in the garden. Mr. Rice came over to see if I would trade hogs for calves. Charlie took Polly to Burlington – the season closed today. Mr. Hunt had Jane before noon to plough.

- 3 Jim didn't work – he went to Charlie's law suit. Tom ploughed in the garden, ploughed corn, cabbages, grapes and sweet potatoes. Went for the gobbler I bought of Mrs. Clore at night. I went to Mrs. Hunley's twice. Ernest had a birthday dinner as he is 21 today. He came for Patty and Sally and they spent the day there. Very hot.
- 4 Tom concluded not to work today, but to go over the river. Very hot and threatened rain all day, with some light showers. Mr. Murdoch laid by his watermelons. Let Mr. Hunley have Jane today.
- 5 Jim Loudon came over and he and Tom worked in the garden till noon. Tom ploughed corn, cabbages and grapes and harrowed grapes, planted more sweet corn, thinned corn &c. Jim helped and hoed. After dinner Tom took the team and hauled rails for Jim's garden fence.
- 6 I let Tom help Charlie till noon setting out tobacco. Also Jim Loudon helped him on my account and Charlie is to return the work. John Drummond came and I pd. him .60 all I was owing him. Mr. Rice came to tell me about having the line fence fixed. After dinner Tom & Jim hauled some new oak rails to the line fence between Mr. Arnold and me, and some rails from the old fence on the ridge to the line between me and the Grant heirs.
- 7 Tom and Jim Loudon cut timothy and hauled 1 load. Jim worked in the garden early and put the hay in cribs late. I took Patty to Bellevue and she went down on the new boat, Gen. Pike to Madison – on a visit to Mrs. Brown. Before noon I took Tom and went with Mr. Rice to find where the line runs between me and the Grant heirs. Very hot.
- 8 Sunday – Still very hot. Sally went to S. School with Hilda, and then to spend the day with Cordy whose twelfth birthday it is. Mr. and Mrs. Wm Walton came down in the evening – afterwards we went to Louisa's.
- 9 Tom and Jim finished cutting the timothy and hauled what was left cut Saturday. They then mowed some weeds and in the yard. I went to Burlington to see Mr. Moses Rice about running the fence line for me. Went to Mrs. Tousey's to see Kate Lewis.
- 10 Mr. Moses S. Rice came down and ran the line between me and the Grant heirs – from the corner of Mr. Scott Rice's land. He marked line trees fore and aft and also some side line trees – all young ones – and set stakes for one to run the line by – also set a stone to mark the middle of the string of fence or rather the middle of the length of the line. Charlie and Tom and Jim Loudon helped. Charlie said he would call his work ½ day. After dinner Mr. Rice ran the lines and measured the ground Charlie grubbed for tobacco – he made it out 3 acres 34 poles. I agreed to take the ground from him and allow him \$12.00 an acre for clearing it which Mr. Rice said would come to 38.55. Mr. Scott Rice put on pasture this evening 4 cows, two of them with making calves. Got postal from Patty and 2 letters fro her. Jim hoed some in grapes while Tom mowed in the yard and afterwards they hauled in the last of the timothy from the little patch in front of the yard. Very hot. Old Mrs. Garnett came.
- 11 Mr. Rice sent word that he took the weaned calves out and put 2 colts in the place of them. I let M. Johnson have a shoulder 14 lbs at 8 cents, she to pay in washing. Jim Loudon worked hoeing grapes afterwards helped Tom plant fodder in part of that land Charlie grubbed. Charlie planted turnips in the side next the road to cherry hill. Tom went to mill and hauled a load of rails to the place where the pike hands cut away the hedge. Sue and I went to see Mrs. Rice in the evening.

- 12 Jim Loudon worked for me ½ day, then helped Mr. Murdock who began to harvest oats. Tom ploughed in the garden and raked up the yard &c. I went to Rising Sun and took the draft from Nat'l Met. Bank Washington received June 5<sup>th</sup> for \$230 to the bank got it cashed and left the money there. I also drew the 50. I had left in bank June 18<sup>th</sup>. Stopped at Corbin's and pd. his bill. Put in the P.O. in Rising Sun letters to the 3 Banks in Washington and Georgetown and a postal to Patty. Cool and breezy day.
- 13 Cool pleasant day, but I was poorly all day. Tom fixed fence and gate, salted hogs and mowed in yard in the morning. After dinner hoed corn in garden.
- 14 Tom hoed in garden, went to Bellevue and got Jane shod. I got letter from Patty. Dr. Grant and Charlie came down and Sally went home with them. Very hot.
- 15 Sunday – very hot. Sally came home from Sunday School. Mrs. Kelly cooked in Mrs. Loudon's place.
- 16 Very dry and hot till noon, when it rained, refreshing showers. Tom helped Mr. Murdock in the oats. I rode up to see them. After dinner Tom didn't do much but go to Bellevue.
- 17 Started Tom and Charlie to drive Dr. Grant's hogs home. Sold my red steer Bally for \$75 to Tom Clore. After C. & T. came home they hauled the cut grass out of the yard. After dinner they worked for Mr. Murdock in the oats. I went to Bellevue, got mail, postal from Patty. Rode up to the end of the place next to Mr. D. Rice's and walked to Joe E's to leave word about the fence.
- 18 Raining – kept on nearly all day – Tom shelled 4 sacks of corn and took them to mill. Went to Bellevue about sundown for Patty who came on the boat from Madison. Mr. Corbin paid me \$75. that Tom Clore gave him for me for the steer he bought yesterday.
- 19 A date I always dread – Lovely, cool day. Patty poorly – slept nearly all day, and better at night. Till noon Tom has led rails to the fence row Joe E. grubbed – after noon he worked for Mr. Murdock in the oats. I went to Bellevue – got mail – letters from buddy, Julia and the three banks in Washington inclosing drafts for \$10, \$39 and \$26. Rode up to old Mrs. Kelly's and bought a young cow from her for \$32.50. Mrs. Kelly says she is 3 years old, has had one calf and is expected to have another about the middle of Nov.
- 20 Mrs. Kelly's son drove the cow down and I told him to turn her in but never saw her and she instantly disappeared. Tom and Jim and Joe E. worked at the line fence in the pasture next Mr. Arnold's pasture. I was out all day. Cool and showers. Mr. Bennett came but went before I got home.
- 21 Sent letters to Julia and Belle. Tom hauled some rails and went for the Kelly cow – she broke loose and went back. After dinner Tom went after her again and Jim went with him in consideration of getting Jane to go to mill. Joe E. and Jim worked not half a day at the fence – they only set stakes. I went to see Mr. Arnold about the fence row – found Louisa very sick. Went to Bellevue for mail. Turned Clara in the little pasture.
- 22 Found one of my young sows had lost 7 pigs – from a severe kick she received I suppose as he is very lame. The red calf, Willie, got one of his horns broken off this morning and it had to be tied up – no end of bothers. I went to call on Sudy Piatt at Mrs. Loudon's. Ernest and Mr. Bennett came. Sunday

- 23 Settled with M. Johnson to today inclusive and let her have a shoulder, 14 lbs. at cents on which she had pd 28. Tom hauled rock to the fence row and one load of rails – then went to see if Mr. Tew had come. After dinner ploughed corn in garden. We put the new carpet down in my room. Then went for Mr. Tew who came on the boat. I took to P.O. letters to the 3 Washington banks to acknowledge receipt of drafts.
- 24 Susy's birthday, 6 years old – Rained hard. The pike man came and told me that he would have to open the road. Tom hauled the fence back partly and put some of it up. I went for John Loudon to help him and he got here at 2 pm till 4 pm. Mr. Murdock helped some putting up the fence. The children went for mail.
- 25 Very hot – extremely sultry. Joe. E and Jim Loudon worked at the fence row, they had to grub enough on Mr. Arnold's side to lay the worm. I went over there to see about it. Tom and John Loudon worked at the fence in front of garden – hauling rails and laying them up. I measured the length of paling I wanted for garden. Went to Bellevue – had a shoe put on Billy – stopped at Mrs. Burns's and at Louisa's coming home. Mrs. Burns told me that the heifer I bought of Jimmy was calved the Nov. that she was living on this place. Pat put down the new oilcloth on the little passage.
- 26 Was so busy I forgot to set down the work – believe Tom went to mill with wagon and brought 2 sacks home, then hauled rails to the line fence. After dinner he worked in the garden. Joe E. and Jim Loudon finished the fence.
- 27 Rained almost all day off and on. Very hard part of the time. Sent the wagon down for Sudy Piatt and Alice Walker and their children who spent the day. Tom cut some weeds but didn't get much done on account of rain. Joe E. came this morning and I settled with him and paid him all I owe him. Very hot. R. E. came.
- 28 Tom hauled two loads of broken rails from the fence line – after dinner he hauled oats for Mr. Murdock till 20 min. of 5.p.m. Then he got ready and took the wagon down to the river. Miss Jane F. Irwin and her brother Archibald came down to visit Patsy. Very hot.
- 29 Sunday – Another very hot day. Mr. Tew, Sue and all the family and Mr. A. Irwin went away on the boat. We went down to see them off.
- 30 Engaged Tom for another month at the same wages, 13.00. He spent hours hunting the horses – ploughed cabbages. After dinner he hauled oats for Mr. Murdock. Jim Loudon perhaps worked ½ day cutting thistles. When I went to see him, he was gone. Aunt Eliza came. I rode to the clover field to see the pike hands haul rock. Tom worked till after nine o'clock for Mr. M. Hot.
- 31 Unlucky morning – found that Pink had lost her calf – also that the young sow, that lost her pig's the 22<sup>nd</sup> was dead, had been for several days apparently. Drove the Burns heifer into the little pasture. Put Pink in the pen under the barn and tried to drench her but couldn't. Jim began to cut thistles but the bees scared him off and he came over here and went to hoeing in the garden. Afterwards went to plough the fodder corn. Tom ploughed up scraps of the garden and then went to plough fodder corn. I went to Mr. Rice's to ask him to take out his 2 colts that are in pasture. Got mail – letter from Julia. Ther. 99 above 0 in the shade, in Bellevue 120 in sun yesterday and 95 in shade.

## AUGUST

- 1 Mr. Murdock had W. McMullen here threshing. Jim Loudon and Tom Nettles helped. Pink got out from under the barn – seems better. I had my largest old black sow driven over and put in the chicken yard. They threshed the wheat and began the oats. Hot as Africa.
- 2 Threshing again – finished before dinner. Mr. McMullen says there are 149 ½ bushels wheat and 279 bushels oats. I paid him 6.95 for threshing half of the oats and am to pay to hands, Jim & John Loudon, Joe E., W. Merchant, and Pierce Bince .50 each for my share of the hands in the oats. Joe E. got a shoulder, 14 lbs. at . Tom and Jim ploughed and cut weeds in the fodder corn after dinner and helped about Mr. Rice's rye.
- 3 Began to cut bushes in the pasture across the road, Tom, John L., Joe E., and Mr. Kelly worked all day. Jim began to work but quit to go and get shoes and didn't come back. I was out almost all day. Horace came to see the girls in the evening.
- 4 Cut bushes again. Mr. Kelly worked ½ day, Tom, John & Jim L. and Joe E. all day. My largest black sow had some pigs which Mr. Kelly says were dead and ate them up. Not so hot yesterday and to-day. Grange picnic at Burlington. Billy followed some people up the pike and Mr. Murdock found him and brought him home – one of the Calverts had him driving in a buggy.
- 9 Mr. Lantry got 18 bus. 6 lbs oats the other day. Mrs. Sullivan came down and pd. me my milk and butter bill, \$5.80. Went up to see men cutting bushes. Joe E., Jim and John worked ½ day I believe. Tom cleaned up his room and went for milk. I got letters from Sue and her husband and from Miss Nourse saying she was coming down Saturday. Also book from BBG.
- 10 Joe Eggleston came and I settled with him and paid him all I owe him. Went to Bellevue for scythe. Pd. W. W. Grants' bill and got receipt. Jim L. is supposed to be cutting briars. Tom and John L. fixed the new scythe for John but got it done too late for him to do much. Tom finished cleaning up his room. Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's after dinner. This is sister Belle's wedding day, Lord love her and her children. Man named Driver from Ind. came to rent the place.
- 11 Tom set in to work again. Sent him down to Bellevue for the paling lumber, 150 sticks, said to be 600 ft. Got mail; letter from Orr about grapes and note from Sally Perry saying that she and Miss N. would defer their visit (till they hear from me, probably). Tom only worked part of a day – said his hand hurt. I went over to the pasture to see the briars Jim cut. He said he worked ½ day and that John's scythe handle split about 11 a.m. so he had to quit. Rained a little shower after dinner. Mr. Schwartz came with a subscription paper for Mr. Sayers to get a school. Mr. Hunt got corn.
- 12 Sunday – Showery in the morning and hot – Stayed home all day. Ernest and the girls came in the evening.
- 13 Hot again and cloudy. After 2 p.m. a hard rain storm with wind, hail and plenty of lightning. This morning I rode to see Jim and John cutting briars and bushes in the hollow back of Mt. Pisgah. Mr. Kelly worked part of a day cutting grape vines in the thickets in the big pasture. Tom fixed cistern top. Ben Sturgeon put mare in pasture.
- 14 Mr. Murdock sold watermelons to his father he said. I sent letter to Miss Nourse. This is my dear big baby's birthday, sweet sixteen. Lord love her. Mr. Murdock said he sold 83 watermelons, 12 ½ and 13 muskmelons at .05. Tom finished cistern top, got

apples &c. Only worked ½ day. Said he was sick. Jim and John cut briers ½ day; bushes were too wet in the morning. Mr. Kelly cut grape vines in the thicket today. Got letter from Breitenbach about grapes and from BBG.

- 15 Showery – Jim and John worked a while in the morning and quit. I went to Bellevue. My smallest black old sow died this evening. Mr. Murdock sold 50 watermelons.
- 16 My little Burns heifer, Hetty, had a bull calf this morning. I sent for Jim L. to come and work here, the rest of the day; he buried the sow, fixed up the pen, put salt and ashes, corn and tar for the hogs and did other little jobs of work and took the wagon to Bellevue. I suppose John worked, will see. Mr. Murdock got letter from Smith and Bryan, 8 Front St. and a check for \$142.70 as returns for the wheat and oats. Went up to Aurora, he said, to get it cashed. I sent by him letter to Breitenbach to ask for 50 stands. Got letter from Nina C. saying she expected to go to Cal. and note from Mrs. Eliza Brown saying she would send Spalding here tomorrow.
- 17 The day mamma died, Lord love her soul. Mr. Murdock came up and paid me \$71.35, my half of the wheat and oats money. He afterwards paid me my share of the oats sold to Mr. Lantry – they came to 5.35 and he paid me 2.70. He sold watermelons. I rode up to see Jim and John cutting briers. Mr. H. B. Graham came and brought Spalding. Mr. G. went away very soon. Mrs. Loudon said she was too sick to work, and went home. I went to Rising Sun for Aunt Eliza who came home with me; we didn't get back till after 9 p.m.
- 18 Aunt Eliza began to work for me. Tom came back and said he could not work but would milk, feed etc. till he was able. Jim L. came and said he worked ½ and we settled up again. I got note from Miss Nourse saying she and Sally Pollock would come. Sent down for them and they came. Mr. Murdock took off watermelons and sold Mrs. Murdock sold some.
- 19 Sunday – Stayed home to entertain my company – Sally and Bally went to S. School.
- 20 Tom Nettles took Miss Nourse, Sally Pollock and Jane Irvin up to Aurora to take the 11 a.m. train. When he came back he told me he wanted to quit work to crop with his brother-in-law and I settled with him in full and paid him off 11.55. I then rode to Mr. Bince's and to Mr. Sullivan's to see about getting a hand. Went to Mr. Corbin's and pd. my bill, 32.29. Went to see the hands cutting briers. Jim & John worked. Got letters from BBG, Julia & Miss Nourse.
- 21 Boy named Williamson came to see about getting me to hire him – didn't agree. Went down to Mr. George Smith's on Gunpowder to try and hire Ben Drake – found him hired. Came back and went to Sullivan's after an Irish boy named John Foley. Brought him back so he could set in to work tomorrow. Jim and John cut briers part of the day.
- 22 John Foley set in to work for me. He ploughed and thinned the young corn in garden, cut stove wood, chopped weeds and went down with wagon in the evening to meet the boat. Patty's friends didn't come. I worked hard all day making tomato catsup. Very hot. Jim & John cut briers.
- 23 Rained hard last night. I went to Bellevue; took letter to Breitenbach telling him to send 75 stands. Got letters from Mr. Bennett, Belle Mitchell and Aunt Nancy. John cut weeds, got apples &c. as it was wet. I rode up to see the boys cutting briers. Jim said both worked ½ day. Hilda got letter from Clarence.

- 24 Cloudy and hot. Hilda went to Mr. Morton Green's. So did Mandy and found Dick my dog there. I found a snake upstairs in the house and killed it. Spalding broke my porcelain picture of sister Belle. Jim and John L. cut briars till noon then iron weeds and Jim helped me move the 8 hogs over into the little pasture & put Clara, the Hunt heifer, into the big pasture. John Foley chopped and mowed weeds. Williamson boy came back to see about hiring.
- 25 John and Jim Loudon didn't work. They came down and I settled with them and pd. them both off in full. I went to Rising Sun. Got my drafts from Washington received July 19, cashed and drew \$30 of the money I had in bank. John fixed fence round little pasture, turned hogs in, cut weeds etc. I put in Rising Sun P.O. a letter to Belle Mitchell and one to Aunt Nancy. I turned my old sow in the lot with the others and put the young sow with expectations in the chicken yard; also turned Hetty's calf into the front yard. I brought John's chickens home for him. He took the wagon down to meet the boat and Miss Posey Whiteman, her brother, Will, and Miss Jenny Herron came. I got a postal from Breitenbach saying he sent the stands and they came on the boat, 50 stands came.
- 26 Sunday – Mr. Sebern Brady and his wife came by in their buggy and I gave him the \$25 for the church and \$100 to pay Mr. Lillard for the pike. Stayed home all day. Ernest and Horace came in the evening.
- 27 John hauled the stands out to Mr. Hunt. Afterwards he ploughed in the fodder corn. Joe E. made the maul and brought it to me – said the trees wouldn't do to make rails. I made tomato catsup.
- 28 Went to Bellevue – took letter to buddy. Joe E. worked cutting bushes and chopping trees in the locust grove. John Foley hauled 22 stands of grapes down and shipped them or rather Mr. Hunt did. I sent note to Breitenbach – got postal and bill of empty stands from Breitenbach. John Foley helped a little at the grove. Very hot. Mrs. Wm. Walton came.
- 29 Hot as pepper again. Joe E. and Mr. Kelly worked in the locust grove. Jim and John L. appeared. John worked a while after dinner and quit. John F. worked there some too. Went to mill and to Mrs. Roberts's for chickens. Mr. Murdock came up to divide the watermelon money. He said what he had saved since the 7<sup>th</sup> came to \$166.60 of which I got my third, \$55.53 and adding to this the 1.65 he pd. me Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, my share is \$57.18. Mrs. Wm. Walton came.
- 30 Jim & John L. worked in the locust grove. John F. worked a while then he hauled grapes and picked pears. I sent to Breitenbach & Co. 24 stands grapes and 1 stand pears. Horace and Sudy and Mr. Bennett came to take supper. Buddy came – from Cinti. in a buggy. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Wm. Walton came to tell me about opening the road. Very hot.
- 31 John & Jim L. worked cutting locusts and clearing up grove. John Foley helped. It was extremely hot. At night it lightened and blew hard and rained a little.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Turned quite cool – got mail with note from Belle Mitchell saying her mamma would come tonight. I went down for her and she didn't come. The Loudon boys didn't work – it looked a little like rain – they came down and I pd. them up in full. John F. hauled

stands, cut weeds &c. I got postals from Breitenbach. I had 2 sows and pigs turned in my hog lot, strays.

- 2 Sunday – Quite cool. I paid Charlie for the calf I bought the other day. Rode up in the pasture and was caught in the rain. It rained hard and was a cold rain – then cleared. In the evening Buddy and I rode up the pike. Ernest and Homer Grant came.
- 3 Cool and bright. Jim L. and Lewis worked in the locust grove. I went out before dinner and had the locust trees that fell on Mr. Kelly's potatoes worked up and hauled off. John Foley helped and worked there after dinner. Patty and her company went to Dr. Grant's. I canned pears after dinner.
- 4 Warmer. John worked some in the locust grove and after dinner hauled 22 stands grapes to the river. I sent a note to Breitenbach. I rode all over the pasture hunting Molly and could not find her. Mr. Charles Anderson, Jim & Lewis worked in the locust grove. Hilda got letter from Belle from Cin. came. Mr. Murdock got Dr. Grant's straw press. Dr. Grant came to see me or rather buddy. He told me about getting sheep and I told him to buy me 100, the price to be 2.75 a head. Ernest came and stayed to supper.
- 5 Sent John to hunt Molly and he found her with a fine heifer calf evidently a day or so old. This is Molly's third calf – she had one when Mr. Nelson owned her and one Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1876. I named this one Jenny after Jenny Herron. Ed Kelly came and we had a settlement – he says he got 20 bushels corn which at .40 came to 8.00. Then I owed him .50 for working at hog killing and .25 for use of horse hauling and 3.00 for team and self hauling ice – total 3.75 which leaves me a balance of 4.25 which he paid me. Jim & John worked ½ day. My little sow had 9 pigs. The 6 girls, Posey & Jenny, and Mr. C. Anderson, left at 10 a.m. Mrs. Roberts came and got me to write a letter for her to her son. John waited on the company and mowed grass off potatoes. Buddy and I went to Dr. Grant's – got mail on our return – letter from Breitenbach with statement of the sale of pears and grapes. Rained some.
- 7 Mrs. Mitchell came before breakfast. Jim & Lewis worked digging potatoes in the garden – began at 8. They said John was cutting briars. Aunt Eliza went home. I settled with her, pd. her all and gave her 1.00 besides. Mrs. Loudon set into work again. I went to Bellevue to take Aunt Eliza, then on hill to see about pears. Mr. Hunt told me the grapes paid so little he would have to hunt another place. Buddy went away. John took him to Lawrenceburg to take the train. Jim, John and Lewis worked digging potatoes till noon – got a full wagonload out of the garden. Then went up on hill to pick pears – had 8 stands hauled down. Mr. Hunt packed pears, worked all day I believe.
- 9 Sunday – My dear mother's birthday. Lord love her soul. Mr. & Mrs. Dills came down and spent the day. John Deck came out and paid me 6.00 for 4 months pasture of his cow. Mr. Murdock had 27 bales straw hauled down to ship tonight.
- 10 My dear little sister's birthday but she is where the blest never grow old. I went to Rising Sun with flour – 6 bushels 40 lbs. I think the man said. Sent a letter to Aunt Nancy with a P.O. order for 5.00. Went to bank and drew \$50. of the money I had there. It rained hard part of the day. Jim and Lewis rowed the skiff. John took the wagon down twice and got apples.
- 10 I went to see Bellevue people about their cows on pasture.



- 11 Mr. Murdock came and pd. me my share of the straw money which expenses deducted came to 1.30 – he also paid me 1.00 more on the watermelons. Mr. Hewitt came to tell me that he is going to take his cow out. John Loudon came over and I pd. him in full to date – see a/c book. Mr. Murdock brought me a bill for 63 cents more on the straw so I had .98 for my share of the straw. It rained off and on all day. John sorted potatoes in the cellar. Patty went to Dr. Grant's after dinner. Ernest came home with her. I cut out work, cooked grapes &c.
- 12 Cut out a little and took work to Mrs. F. Corbin. Canned damsons & grapes and made damson pickles. Jim & John L. worked – began at 20 min. of 9. They worked at the old hedge cutting it down and hauling it away. John Foley helped. I went to see about Mr. Murdock's using new corn. Jake says he has been feeding it since last Sunday.
- 13 Sullivan's boy came and paid me .75 for eggs – also paid me \$5.00 towards the pasture of his mules and horse. John L. and Louis worked all day cutting bushes in the little pasture and finishing the old hedges. John Foley hauled out the trash. I was half sick all day. Got letters from buddy and Sue and postal from Breitenbach & Co. about pears. Horace came to tell us goodbye.
- 14 John L., Jim and Lewis worked ½ day. I went to Corbin's to see about lumber. John hauled 1 load before dinner, 696 ft. Mr. Corbin said hauled another load after dinner. R.E. came in the evening and stayed all night. I sewed and canned and felt poorly.
- 15 Jim Loudon came to work and cut bushes in the little pasture. Just after dinner it rained hard and he quit. John Foley hauled 1 load of lumber and I told him to oil the harness and clean the stable. Mrs. McDaniel or Donald came to see about getting work. Got letter from Aunt Nancy saying she received the P.O. order sent the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 16 Sunday – Very hot. Stayed home – got ready to leave. Sudy A. and Ernest came to tell Patty goodbye. Patty and I went to Bellevue in the wagon to take the boat but missed it and went home again.
- 17 Patty and I went to Aurora in spring wagon and took the cars. Sally started school. Got to Cin. near 2 p.m. Went to Miss Nourse's and saw her and then we did some shopping and went out to Julia's. I went to Breitenbach's and got check for \$143.35 and I took it to Mr. Foster to get cashed. John hauled seed wheat. Jim L.
- 18 Julia's three children left for Phil. Patty and I went in town shopping – got my money and stayed shopping till evening. Patty went home with Jane Irwin. Jim says he cut briers.
- 19 Julia took me in town – took me to call on Mrs. Herron and Posey Whiteman and finished my shopping – then took me to Highland House and to the club. I went to Miss Nourse's to tell Patty goodbye. I came down on the Shirley. Jim L. worked ½ day cutting briers.
- 20 Mr. Hunt came and we had our settlement. He had gotten 7 bushels of corn of me according to his a/c and this with ploughing I had done for him and the use of the horse to plough came to 9.60. He had worked for me in my garden grapes, crib & packing pears to the amt of 6.25 leaving bal. of 3.35. Then he owed me 1.08 for my share of grape he sold making 4.42. The three shipments of grapes came to 44.55, 33.70, 60 = 138.25 of which his share would be 69.12 to that I add .50 which was the expenses in 1 stand of pears shipped with them and that makes it \$69.20 and we are now settled in full to date. I rode to Bellevue to Mr. Arnold's, got mail – note from Sue with the children's pictures. Sent John down to see if he could get a load of

gravel but he couldn't get it – he then ploughed some in the garden. Jim L. says he worked cutting briars.

- 21 Jim came down and I pd. him off in full. John hauled stove wood. I rode up to Jim Loudon's to look at his work – he did not work today. I also went to look at the woods where he wants to grub – also went to Mrs. Rice's.
- 22 Mrs. Loudon went home sick soon this morning. After breakfast I rode up to see her – then came home and went down to Rising Sun for Aunt Eliza and brought her back with me. I went to the bank in R.S. and drew \$100.00 of the money I had there. Put in R.S P.O. a postal for Patty. Got letters from Patty, Sarah, and Julia. I then went to Bellevue to mill twice. Mr. Rice took his cattle out of pasture and fixed the fence to try and keep out Mr. Rice's shoats etc. I stopped at Mr. Corbin's on my way home and paid my bill of
- 23 Sunday – Stayed home all day. Hilda and Sophie went to church.
- 24 Jim came to see about my getting the brier cutting let by the job. I made John try to burn brush piles but they wouldn't burn. He took Aunt Sally home as far as Bellevue – she came while I was gone to Cinti. Isaac came for her. I went to Mr. Arnold's.
- 25 Mr. Arnold came and looked at the briars – said it was worth \$10.00. Jim came down and discussed the question – finally concluded to take it at that. Mr. Murdock took the gray mare, Ben Sturgeon's, away to Cin. John worked in the graveyard cleaning it out. I helped and showed him. Mr. Lantry put 2 horses in pasture this evening or sometime today.
- 26 John finished cleaning out the graveyard – then pulled seed corn in the garden – helped get ready for the pike hand who was hurt. This man named Martin Maloney was brought out by Dr. Piatt. I went to Bellevue this morning, actually sewed some after dinner. Ernest Grant came down this evening and stayed to supper. I gave him an order on Mr. Seth C. Foster, Cin., for \$325.00. It was payable to the order of I. Frank Grant, because he was to get the money for Dr. E. L. Grant. The money is to buy sheep for me.
- 27 Got 2 letters from buddy – one inclosing note from Belle Atwater – the other a letter for Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Hunt packed the 23 stands with apples, which he has been at work picking for me the last 2 or 3 days. John hauled the 23 stands down to be shipped – they were full of Canada Red apples. I sent by the boat a letter to Breitenbach, also one to Patty and one to B.A. Sent to Patty a letter from Miss Phipps I think.
- 28 John picked up and hauled part of a load of down apples, Canadas. Mr. Murdock hauled some down too – said he wanted to make some cider. Charlie began to dig potatoes. Jim L. worked for him. Mr. Kennedy came down, but did not run the road. Dr. Grant came down and brought me a memorandum of the expenses of the sheep. He got 191 head for 525.25 which makes them 2.75 a head. Expenses on them were 7.20.
- 29 I went to Bellevue. While I was gone Harry Botts came after the money due his father for seed wheat, 18 bus. At 1.25 – \$22.50 and Hilda paid him. I met him at gate and he told me about it. John Foley got his hands poisoned and could not work. He went down in the evening for Mr. Graham. Mr. Murdock made the first cider.
- 30 Sunday – Hot as pepper.

## OCTOBER

- 1 John still poisoned – can't work. I went up to Mr. Moreland's. Mr. Murdock's hands made cider.
- 2 Charlie hauled the potatoes from his patch. I had my half put in the kitchen cellar – 19 baskets full. Charlie said the basket would hold about 3 pecks – doubt it. Mr. Graham and Bally left. I sent them to Lawrenceburg ferry. Charlie drove them. John still poisoned; couldn't work. He helped me drive the Kelly cow, Jane, and Charlie's calf I bought into the big pasture. We drove the 2 colts, Posey and Charlie's, into the hog lot. I went to hunt Clara and found her with a heifer calf – had her put into the little pen and got Mr. Hunt to milk her. Mr. Lantry's son came to pay for his father's pasture. We calculated it at 6.50 and as I couldn't make change he paid me 5.50 and said his father would bring me the 1.00. Mr. Murdock paid off his note and I gave it to him. It was the note I took May 26<sup>th</sup>. I charged him 6 percent for 4 months and he pd. me \$102.00. I got letter from Patty.
- 3 John Smith sent his boy out to pay me his cow pasture – 5 months, and it came to 7.50 which he paid. I had the Raymond mare and the colts put in the open pasture. I went to Dr. Grant's to get my sheep – intended to get 96 but think I got 97 – drove them home. John still poisoned but helped me drive the sheep. Charlie & Jim L. made kraut.
- 4 Dr. Grant came and we went up to Mr. Lillard's to look at sheep. I paid Mr. Lillard \$100.00 for the pike – the last payment, thank Heaven. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Sue and Julia. Turned cold from being very hot. Charlie took load of turnips to Aurora.
- 5 Charlie brought me 3.00 for my share of the turnips sold, 22 1/2 bus. Let Mrs. Sullivan have 2 1/2 bus. potatoes. Mr. Kelly cut sweet potato vines last evening. Lewis began to dig them today. I took Sally to school – met Mr. Garnett and asked him about shingles he said get 18 inch. John Foley went with Hilda and me to Mr. Lillard's. Found the bucks wouldn't drive so came home – after dinner sent Lewis and John with wagon for them. They brought the 3 back. Sent Pink to Mr. Lillard's and had her left there.
- 6 Set Lewis to cutting corn tops. Went to Jim's twice – looked at the briers he cut by contract, they were not finished but on condition he would get the rest cut today I settled up and pd. him for the whole – see a/c book. Sent letter to Patty, got 2 from her and one she sent from buddy. John went after Pink.
- 7 Sunday – Still dry as powder. Stayed home all day. We have had 3 hard frosts. Rained and was quite cool.
- 8 Mr. Green came to see about the number of shingles I need. I sewed a little and took Sally to school and went for her and went to Bellevue twice. John not able to work yet. Pike man came to ask for a shed for mules.
- 9 John set in to work again – didn't do much to speak of – gathered some sweet apples and some red apples on the hill. Hetty was sick and I dosed her – she seemed better. I rode around the place some. Sent letter to Julia – got letters from BBG and Breitenbach & Co. saying the stands had come – there were 11 bbl of them and they brought net 7.80. Jim cut tops.
- 10 Rode up to see the hands cut corn and to see the potatoes in Mr. Murdock's patch – also to look at a piece Mr. Hunt wants to grub for the crop – let him have it on

condition he would grub it in the best manner and work up the beech trees on it and not to use the oak timber. Jim cut corn by the shock, also my fodder corn. Tom Roberts and Lewis cut corn tops till noon and then sawed locust posts. Charlie gathered apples to make some cider. John Foley made a little cider for apple butter and got some Canada Reds besides, a sack of them. Mr. House, wife and baby came and stayed all night.

- 11 This morning had a settlement with Mr. House and paid him off for everything except the 2 sacks of potatoes he sent last. After deducting from the cost of barrels, ladder, potatoes &c, the amount due me for balance on apples, John's work &c., I was owing him \$50.17 – I pd. him the .17 and gave him a check on Rising Sun Bk. for \$50. That is the last I have in that bank, I believe. I engaged to take 2 cistern tops from Mr. House at 16.00 for both – he to have them put in. Jim L. finished cutting fodder by the shock. John Foley hauled 2 loads of shingles; he said 30 bundles – he also hauled the apples Lewis picked. Lewis picked Newtown pippins. Tried to make some apple butter – got letters from Patty and Belle Atwater.
- 12 Mr. Ras Rice brought back the screw of the wine press and put it up and took home his cider mill that Charlie got while I was away. Mr. Murdock put my 3 barrels of cider he made in the cellar – also Wes. Kelly's he made me. I went to Mrs. Steve Burns's and engaged Ann Eliza Bachelor to work for me in about 4 weeks. Told Mr. Sullivan he could have rock out of the corn field on the hill on condition he did not injure the field. Rode over to see Louis pick fruit – pippins. Jim L. said he would pick some Genitans on the shares. John hauled 2 loads shingles bundles.
- 13 Sent letter to buddy, and one to Patty inclosing order on Breitenbach for 19.30, the balance due me from them. John hauled one load of sheeting and shingles from the river – 15,000 shingles all together. He took sick at noon and quit work. Louis picked apples in the morning and hauled the rest of the sheeting and 3 bunches shingles in the evening. Mr. Deck pd. me 1.50 for another month's pasture. Mr. Dave Snyder came to settle for his pasture and take his cow. He owed me 8.00 for 5 1/3 months – he paid me 5.00 and as I could not make change he said he would leave the 2.50 at Mr. Corbin's for me, I having told him to keep .50 for my share of school fuel on Sally's account. Got note from Mr. House and letter from Julia. Had a chase after Clara and a terrible time to get her milked.
- 14 Sunday – Still hot as pepper and dry as dust. Went to Locust grove to church. Dr. Piatt came to see John. Morton took Charlie's colt away. Last night coon hunters chopped down an oak tree on the point above the little pasture.
- 15 Hot as summer. Dr. Piatt came to see John again. Mr. M. Green and his son, Harry, came to shingle. They began on Mr. Murdock's house. Charlie helped shingle. Jim Loudon came over and we settled in full to date. He said he had cut equal to 34 1/2 6 ct. shocks and 10, 10 ct. shocks. John Dumont made his appearance in the kitchen, and I sent Uncle Jilson a sack of corn by him. Mr. House came down and got 3 barrels apples. The last shipment of potatoes mentioned Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> came to 6 1/4 bus. Which at 1.05 per bus = 6.56. Mr. House brought a qt. whiskey at .60 = 7.16 – 3.00 for apples = 4.16 which I paid him and now I owe him only for the 2 cistern tops he brought today. Louis hauled shingles, picked apples &c.
- 16 Mr. Green and Harry and Charlie shingled, partly on corn crib. Louis sawed posts, hauled shingles, cleaned out spring &c. Jim worked not quite 1/2 a day, chopping

weeds and sawing posts. Louis shingled a little after dinner. Hot as summer still. Ernest came down this evening and brought me the money left from buying the sheep. What I owed his father was 271.72 and as he was to pay Mr. Joe Lillard 30.00 for the 3 sheep I got from him, it all came to 301.72. Ernest pd me the balance 23.25. Got letter from Belle R.

- 17 Tom Roberts came and I settled with him and deducted .55 due me for violin strings I bought him, see a/c book. Mr. Green, Harry, Charlie shingled partly on Mr. Murdock's house and partly on corn crib. I went down to Mr. Corbin's and ordered 8 thousand more shingles making 23 thousand in all. Still hot as pepper.
- 18 Mr. Green went home last night and came back some time this morning. Charlie shingled and Louis helped when his other work was done. I went to Bellevue, got letter from buddy with draft for the children for \$100 and letter from Patty. Mr. Brady came and I paid him 1.50 to give Mr. Riddle for my subscription to the Boone Co. Recorder. Little shower this evening.
- 19 Rained off and on all day. Mr. Green and Harry went away. Louis sorted some apples. I cut out and sewed a little.
- 20 Sent letter to Sue. Mr. Green came back today and shingled. Lewis helped him some. It rained part of the day. I went to Bellevue – got letter from buddy with draft for \$100 for the children.
- 21 Sunday – Gloomy day; rained fine rain most of the day. Ernest came in the evening. R.E. came and stayed all night.
- 22 Bright lovely day. Ernest and Mr. Bennett came down to shoot birds & took dinner. Lewis hauled shingles. They charged toll on the wagon for the first time. Martin Maloney, my patient, went away to the other end of the pike. I sewed some. Mr. Murdock finished digging potatoes.
- 23 Sent letter to buddy. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Mr. Green and Harry shingled. Lewis helped. John hauled some stove wood and some shingles and took Molly to Mr. Joe Lillard's. I rode to the potato patch. Mr. Murdock divided the potatoes he hauled. I had about 75 bus. as near as I could calculate.
- 24 Mr. Green & Harry shingled – finished this side of the big barn. Lewis set up corn tops till near noon, then helped shingle. John hauled old shingles and afterwards straw and rock to put in the washes round the barn. Mr. Kelly worked helping Lewis first and then John. Joan Rockwell had a boy baby.
- 25 Mr. Green and Harry worked on the shed this side of the barn. John Foley hauled stove wood and one load of fire wood and Jim L's apples. Mr. Kelly and Louis cut wood in the new ground. Mr. Kennedy came down and ran off the new road and located it. Rained last night and rained and drizzled off and on today. Lewis didn't work – went to Petersburg with Mr. M. Mr. Green and several others prized up one end of the big crib. Harry sawed some palings. I went to Bellevue and ordered 9500 more shingles and lumber for eaves troughs. Mr. Green & Harry didn't work all day on account of rain. John took me to Bellevue in wagon and went to mill with wagon.
- 27 Threatened rain but turned out lovely. I went to Bellevue and Rising Sun with wheat to get flour. Got the drafts received from buddy the 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> cashed – left \$50. in Rising Sun bank and got the rest. Aunt Eliza went home with me and Mrs. Loudon set in to work again. John took Hetty to Mr. Lillard's. I got letter from Patty.

- 28 Sunday – Bright warm day. Sally right sick last night with bad cold, sort of phthisic. Sophie went to Bellevue to go up to Cinti. We all went down in the wagon. I took the bill I got at Mr. Corbin's yesterday amounting to \$133.88 down to Mr. Corbin and got him to receipt it and gave him an order on Mr. Foster for \$134. I also sent by him a note to Mr. Foster inclosing \$40. for Patty (of the money I got yesterday). I also sent by Sophie Mitchell a letter to Patty inclosing the check for 19.30 that Breitenbach gave her which she sent to me to endorse. Warmer than usual at this time of year. We had roasting ears for dinner today. Martin came.
- 29 Warm pleasant day. Mr. Green and Harry worked on the barn shed. Louis helped them. John was sick again today. I rode to see Mr. Hunt's grubbing & through the woods. Sally better. Went to school.
- 30 Mr. Murdock said he gathered 2 loads of corn today for me out of the piece in the clover field. He says he sold 6 shocks out of that on the pasture hillside to the pike men and hauled 4 for himself – making 10 in all that have been taken out of there. Rode to show Jim trees and logs to make into rails and to Bellevue twice. Louis took Louly to Mr. Lillard's. He helped Mr. Green and Harry who worked on the shed the other side of the barn.
- 31 Bright lovely warm day. Mr. Green and Harry worked on the same shed. Louis hauled 27 bunches of shingles. Mr. Green said they were an inferior article and I went down to see Mr. Corbin about them – also went to see Nolan about doing some stone work. Mr. Kelly worked for me today cleaning out the home cistern and bungling at fixing the pump in. The men opened the new road today and worked on it.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Cold, raw morning. Mr. Green and Harry shingled till the rain about 4 P.M. made them quit. Louis helped. Mr. Kelly was to have worked on the road but as they didn't work on it he went to shingling till after dinner when he and Mr. Murdock cleaned out the barn cistern and then it rained. I went to Bellevue twice. Got letter from Patty saying she had received the letter I sent by Mrs. M. Also card from Sophie. Cold raw rain. Hilda, Mary Ann & Nancy finished sorting apples. I packed Patty's barrel. Harry Green went away.
- 2 Mr. Green left after breakfast, on account of bad weather. I kept Sally home from school. Mr. Kelly made cider for me; filled Mr. House's ½ barrel and made some for me for apple butter. Louis hunted lumber from Bellevue and a load of wood. Mr. Nolan came to see about stone work. I took the carpet up off the dining room floor and had the room cleaned. Cold, windy very disagreeable day.
- 3 Brighter and pleasant day. Mr. Nolan and Lewis hauled a large rock from John Henderson's quarry & Nolan began to dress it for a cistern top. Mr. Green & Harry came and worked on shingling the barn shed. Lewis hunted a load of wood too. I made apple butter and finished putting down the carpet in dining room. Got letter from Mary Cochran.
- 4 Sunday – Bright, beautiful day. I stayed at home all day and tried to rest. Cordy came over to see Sally. Hilda went to Dr. Grant's. Martin came down – his head is almost well. Dr. Piatt cut a gravel stone out of his forehead.

- 5 Rainy, drizzly, cold day – Louis fixed the stable floor, headed barrels – helped me put up dining room stove etc. Nolan worked on the cistern stone. Went to get his tools sharpened. I went to Bellevue to get groceries, worked most of the day on stove.
- 6 Bright cold day – ice on the creek and ground a little frozen. Went to Bellevue twice and to Mr. Jim Rogers's – got letter from Patty. Took down Patty's barrel of apples to be shipped. Louis hauled sand and waited on Mr. Nolan and drove the wagon to Bellevue. Mr. Nolan worked on the cistern and cellar door. Mr. Green came alone today and worked.
- 7 Cold and bright, only 22 above 0 at sunrise. Creek frozen and ground too. Mr. Green and Harry worked. Mr. Nolan put down the cistern stone and spent the rest of the day fooling with the cistern top pretending to set it – had Louis helping all the time and at last I had to get Mr. Green to set it just before sundown. Turned warmer this evening. Charlie Rockwell got home this morning with Bud Roberts.
- 8 Rained last night and this morning and off and on nearly all day. Mr. Green & Harry worked at eaves troughs and fencing posts. Louis spent part of the day running things out of field – he put the flowers in the cellar – set the stove in the other room &c. I was busy all day sewing and attending to such things as could be done in rainy weather. Got letter from Sue from Jamestown where she has moved again. Sally didn't go to school.
- 9 Rained a little and was cloudy and raw. Mr. Green & Harry worked – finished the barn roof – said it took about 22 M shingles for the barn and barn shed. Mr. Green and Harry went home this evening. Louis spent as usual some of the day driving out things – he cleaned out the little crib and patched the plaster by the windows in dining room – got the hogs up in pen and put rings in the noses of some including the young sow and her 8 pigs. Charlie helped him ring them. Mr. Kelly marked the 4 little he pigs. I helped Louis drive the small colt out of the pasture again.
- 10 Sent by Dumont letters to Sue and Patty. Mr. Murdock began to put corn in my little crib, put in 2 loads. I went with Jim Loudon to count the rails he made – oak that hunters cut – 100 – oak by Mr. Hunts', 99, big ash, 141, 2 oaks by Charlie's new ground, 313, total 653 rails. Louis went to Rising Sun after dinner. He fixed the little crib before dinner. Dumont came after meal and vinegar for Aunt Eliza. Got letter from Julia.
- 11 Sunday – Bright, pretty day but cold. I stayed home all day and rested.
- 12 Cold morning – ground frozen, heavy frost and air full of mist & frost. Turned out a bright beautiful day afterwards and much warmer. Miss Robinson came. John Foley set in to work again – he and Louis hauled rock from John Henderson's quarry – loads. I went to the quarry, cut out Aunt Sally's dress and afterwards went to Bellevue in wagon.
- 13 Another bright lovely day – Louis & John hauled 5 loads of rock and some of the old shingles. Mr. Murdock put 4 loads of corn in the little crib. We went to Mrs. Rice's to dinner. Got letters from Patty and Sophie M.
- 14 Another bright lovely day – killed a snake today. John & Louis hauled 2 loads of rails from the hill up next Mr. Rogers's line – 1 of ash and one of oak to the line fence next Mr. Rice's by the old road. Louis had to cut a road through the underbrush. They hauled a load of stone there the first thing. After dinner I let Charlie have the team to haul his corn, he put 2 loads in the little crib. Mr. Murdock put 1 load in. I went

through the woods hunting rail timber for Jim L. Came down through the thicket I had cut – saw George Walton and told him again about his hogs. Miss Robinson sewed.

- 15 Raining and warm. Mr. Murdock put 1 load of corn in. I sent John down with letter to Patty. Mr. Nolan worked putting in the cabin hearth. Louis helped him. I had George Walton's 9 shoats in my pen. John Foley didn't do much on account of rain – he blackened stove for upstairs. Miss R. sewed.
- 16 Lovely warm day – like spring. I went to Mr. John Botts to see about getting lime. Louis and John hauled stone and went after lime before dinner – got about 2 barrels. After dinner Charlie had the team and hauled corn – he put 2 loads in the little crib. Mr. Murdock put in 2 loads also. After dinner Louis helped Charlie shuck my shock corn. John chopped some wood in the woods and did the milking &c. The first thing this morning the boys hauled a load of rails and fixed the fence by the watergap. George Walton came down and got his shoats. I bought one sow shoat. Miss R. sewed. Mr. Nolan worked on rocks for chimney.
- 17 Another lovely day like spring. Charlie hauled me ½ load of corn with the sideboards on – which finishes his corn. Mr. Murdock hauled 1 load and put it in crib. Louisa very sick. I went to see her. Mr. Nolan worked here today at the rocks for the kitchen chimney. Louis helped shuck my shock corn in Charlie's corn this morning and took me to Bellevue in the wagon to get lime &c. John F. chopped wood. After dinner they hauled oak rails from the point beyond Mr. Hunt's grubbing to the line fence next Mr. Rice's. They hauled 2 loads. I got letter from Patty.
- 18 Sunday – Bright pleasant day. Hilda, Sally and I went to see Louisa who is still very sick. Katy dined here and went with Hilda to Mr. Brady's. Miss R. went to her sister's. Ernest and Hal Bennett came.
- 19 Bright pleasant day. Hilda, Sally and I went to Rising Sun. Sally had teeth pulled. Lewis took us down in a skiff. I took 2 sacks of wheat and got flour. Also got 2 of Mr. Jeff Howard's jack screws. John F. sick again with ague. Mr. Nolan worked on crib formation. I went to the R. S. bank and drew the 50.00 I left there Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 20 Sad day – five years ago papa was taken sick. Almost like spring it is such a lovely weather. Mr. Nolan and Charlie worked at raising the crib and putting the stone work under. They used the jack screws. Louis helped them till dinner and then hauled ash rails. Mr. Murdock says he put 2 loads of corn in crib. I went to Louisa's and sat up with her all night – thought she would die.
- 21 Rained all day – Mr. Nolan and Charlie began at the crib but had to quit. They then went to the old Coons house and took down the chimney. They worked at kitchen chimney. Louis did sundry things about the house in the way of repairing.
- 22 Rained nearly all day. Mr. Nolan and Charlie worked at the kitchen chimney and hearth – didn't get it done because the rocks split so they could not see them again. Louis hauled sand – fixed the home gutter and other little things and went to Geo. Walton's for the young sow I bought but couldn't get her. Mike Corbin and Miss Kate Botts were married. I went to Louisa's and stayed all night.
- 23 Rained nearly all day. Mr. Nolan, Louis and Charlie went up Middle Creek to Mr. Roberts's and hauled some rocks for the kitchen hearth. Louis helped them some but couldn't do much after dinner account of rain. I went to Bellevue today. Sally sick with cold.



- 24 Rained nearly all day. Cordy and the baby came and stayed all day. Sally still poorly. Only Louis worked. He hauled a load of wood and after dinner pointed the kitchen &c. but didn't get much done on account of weather. I went to Louisa's and found her better. I cut out work. Got letter from Patty telling me Jennie Herron was engaged to Mr. Charlie Anderson.
- 25 Sunday – Another misty, cloudy day – in the evening rained. Hilda and Miss R. went to church and to Mrs. Burns's. I stayed home with Sally.
- 26 John took Pink to Mr. Lillard's again. Mr. Rice sent his little boy over to tell me to have that string of fence put up so I went over with the hands and had it done. Charlie and John Loudon helped and worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day. It rained almost all the time. Louis hauled rails and helped with the fence. Mr. Green came to see about the work and got some of his tools. Sent to Bellevue by Charlie letter to Patty with 2.00 in it and letter to Belle R. After dinner Louis went to Mrs. Hunley's and got gobbler.
- 27 John says Pink came home today. John began to work again today. He hauled oak rails for bottom rails on the string next the wheat, 7 loads. Louis helped Mr. Kelly kill his hogs this morning then helped Mr. Nolan at the crib. Mr. Nolan worked today. Charlie helped him a while in the morning – began late and quit before noon. I cut out work &c. Mr. Murdock hauled loads of corn. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Disagreeable, cold day – trying to snow. Mr. Nolan and Charlie worked at the crib foundation and finished it. Louis began to build the fence below the clover field next the pike. John Loudon helped. John Foley hauled rails. After breakfast Louis and John L. took Billy and dragged the oak rails of the tree the hunters cut down in the little pasture and John F. hauled them to the fence row. I sent Miss Robinson to her sister's, Nancy took her. At night I went down in the wagon with Louis to meet the boat. He took the jack screws down and gave them to John Smith to return to Mr. Howard's. Jane Irwin and Patty came down on the boat. I am thankful to have my big baby home again. Mr. M. hauled loads corn.
- 29 Thanksgiving Day – very cold; 25 above 0 at 6 a.m. 18 degrees below 0 at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 P.M. and cold all day. A little light snow on the ground in the morning. Mr. Nolan worked up at Jim Loudon's putting in the arch and repairing the chimney he said  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day. Charlie helped him. Afterwards Mr. Nolan came down and we had our settlement. He says he worked 14  $\frac{3}{4}$  days at 2.00 a day = 29.50. I had paid him .75 and paid him the balance, 28.75 today, see a/c book. Louis said it was too cold to work on the fence so he and John hauled wood. Ernest Grant came for a little while in the evening. Mr. Murdock hauled 2 loads of corn.
- 30 Colder; 16 degrees above 0 at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 a.m. – 23 degrees above 0 at 9 p.m. John Foley sick again. Louis fixed up the big crib a little – didn't do much else except the every day work. Had a settlement with Louis Le Fevre; his work from Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> up to today, inclusive, came to 47  $\frac{1}{2}$  days which at 12.00 a month came to 22.15. He had already drawn 13.80 and the balance due him was 8.35 and as he wanted to go away, I paid him a 10.00 bill and telling him to leave the change with Mr. Corbin, so he did. I got Mr. Kelly to feed the horses and hogs tonight. Mr. Murdock told me today that he traded off old gray two weeks ago last Tuesday. Mr. M. hauled loads corn. Mr. Arnold came to borrow some sacks. Jim Loudon came for me to count the rest of the rails he finished making and I did so they came to 8.67, oak, walnut and ash.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Still cold – about the same. Charlie worked ½ a day cleaning out part of the big crib, hauling away cobs, corn &c. and getting the crib ready for corn. Mr. Murdock told me that up to noon today he had gotten 20 loads in all of corn and I heard he gathered 2 afterwards. Sudy Arnold came over to see the girls. Ernest Grant and Dr. Bennett came down in the evening. Will Corbin came and got 1 barrel apples.
- 2 Sunday – Bright pleasant and warm – went up to 4 degrees above freezing one time. Patty went to Louisa's in the morning. Hilda went there and to Mr. Brady's. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan came down to settle; they sent for ½ a bushel of potatoes this morning. I calculated the pasture the best I could and they paid me for all to date – \$20.25. Ernest and Dr. Bennett came after the girls to take them to Dr. Grant's to take the boat. They went about 5. P. M. I let Patty have \$20.00.
- 3 Bright lovely day and warmer. Mr. Green came and went to work facing posts. Charlie and Jim Loudon sawed posts until noon then I got John Loudon to help and Charlie hauled posts. John Foley was not able to work but went to Dr. Grant's to bring Billy back – afterwards he went to salt the sheep and feed them. I had them fed ½ bushel of corn, according to Ernest's directions. Ben Sturgeon began to put corn in the large crib – put in loads. I went to Bellevue and for Sally who began to go to school again today and stopped to see Louisa on my way home.
- 4 Sally's birthday, she is 11 years old and my little heaven still. Rained all day, hard most of the time. Mr. Green worked at facing posts. Charlie helped. I walked round in the rain to see after various things. Went after mail – got letter from Julia – stopped to see Louisa and Mr. A. Louis came home in the night.
- 5 Cloudy disagreeable day – hailed and tried to snow at times and much colder. Mr. Green and Charlie faced posts. Jim & John Loudon sawed and all hands had quit at ½ past 4 p.m. Louis hauled some posts – ran cattle out and fixed up fence a little and did the other work. When I took Sally to school I went to Mr. I. Rogers's and then to I. W. Gaines's to see about post digger. Mr. Green went home this evening.
- 6 Mr. Green came back this morning about 9 and began to dig and set posts. Charlie went to Mr. Gaines's this morning for post hole digger and helped Mr. Green. Louis did his usual work and helped Mr. Green. Jim and John L. sawed posts. It was a very disagreeable day – cold wind and some snow – ground frozen on top early and late. Mrs. Sullivan sent .50 for bushel of potatoes and her boy got them.
- 7 26 degrees above 0 at ½ past 6 a.m. up to 45 above 0 at ½ past 2 p.m. – a bright pleasant day – a contrast to the weather lately. Mr. Green and Charlie set posts. Louis helped some hauling posts and digging. Jim and John sawed posts. Louis put a set of pole bars in across the creek & worked fixing the crib. I rode to see the corn and to tell Mr. M. about the bars. They put 2 loads of corn in the big crib. I rode to Bellevue, got yesterday's mail – letter from Patty.
- 8 25 degrees above 0 and clear this a.m.. Very pleasant day. Mr. Green and Charlie worked at the fence and gate posts – they quit at ½ past 4 or sooner. Lewis helped some and hauled some posts – he took the wagon to Mr. Rogers's for the young sow I bought of George Walton but did not get her – some mistake about George's message Mr. R. said. Louis fed sheep &c. Jim & John L. sawed posts ½ day. I went to Mr. Rogers's and to Bellevue. Mr. Murdock put in load of corn.

- 9 21 degrees above 0 at ½ past 7 a.m. Turned pleasant afterwards. Sent Sally to Mrs. Arnold's and Hilda and I went to Locust Grove to church. I sent Pat's skates by Mr. Corbin.
- 10 2 degrees above freezing this morning and a lovely day – with a gorgeous crimson, gold and purple sunset. Killed hogs, 8 in all – my old black sow, a young sow and 6 barrows. Charlie R. took wagon for lumber but didn't get it. Hilda and I went too. I sent a letter to Mr. Foster – got one from Patty. Louis helped Mr. Green after dinner – did his usual work and fixed corn at crib &c. I helped with the lard. Sally sick still – warmer during the night. The day bright, warm & lovely. Mr. Murdock gathered corn, put in loads.
- 12 A perfectly lovely spring-like day. Charlie helped Mr. Green today – they worked setting posts in the bottom by the pike where the road is changed. Louis hauled posts, fixed crib corn, hauled old clapboards etc and a load of wood. I got Jim L. to take some bones, pates &c. to Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally – am to pay him in fresh meat. Sent by him letter to Patty. John Loudon helped Louis ½ day – hauled some clover hay too. Mr. John Henderson came by for apples and I let him have a barrel for 2.00 to pay for the rock I got from his quarry, for crib foundations. Mr. M. gathered corn.
- 13 Another bright lovely day. John Loudon came and I settled with him and paid him for all his work in full to date see a/c book. Mr. Green worked at the fence, Charlie helped him, Louis hauled lumber for fence from Bellevue and some posts and old lumber to the bottom, fixed corn in crib &c. I got John Foley to take the wagon down to the shop to be mended. I finished up the lard and sausage meat. They put up the bell in the Bellevue church. I got letters from Mr. Foster and from Aunt Nancy. Louis took off some of the old fence lumber.
- 14 Went to old Mrs. Foster's hoping to see Julia, but didn't – spent most of the day there. Mr. Green worked and Charlie helped him. Louis fixed crib and hauled rails and posts. Mr. M. told me tonight that so far they had hauled 31 loads of corn in all this week.
- 15 Mr. Green and Charlie worked at the fence. Louis fixed the ground at the side of the big crib – hauled rails and after dinner went to Bellevue for the wagon bed. Dr. Grant came for a little while. Sally sick last night, or rather early this morning – better now. Advanced money to Jim Loudon and let him have Billy to go after a saw for Mr. M. Got French invitation from buddy. Sent a letter to Mr. Foster to buy me some lumber. Still like spring.
- 16 Another warm day but hazy and looked rather like rain. Miss Lou and Ernest came down and took dinner with us.
- 17 Warm and rained a little and misty most of the day. Mr. Green came about noon and began on the fence again. Louis hauled some posts and shelled corn and took it to mill. Charlie helped Mr. Green. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. Mr. Murdock finished gathering corn this evening. Sally went to school again.
- 18 Warm as spring still. Louis hauled posts this morning, cut wood this evening. John Foley hauled some wood after dinner. Mr. Green & Charlie worked at the fence. I went to Bellevue and got Billy shod – got letters from Patty and Julia and note from Mr. House about pump fixtures – got the pump fixtures from Mr. Sherman. Sent my sow over to Mr. Rice's by Mr. Kelly. Went to Louisa's – she is very sick again. Witnessed Hilda's will.

- 19 Almost like summer today. Louis sick today, didn't work. John worked for the first day for a long time. He hauled posts out of the grove for Mr. Green. Mr. Green and Charlie set posts & hewed. Charlie began rather late. Mr. Kelly worked for me today – before noon he got out poles in the thicket I had cut off; after he cut tops in the grove and helped John load. I went to Mrs. Rice's this morning. While there a young man, Mr. Grigsby, paid me \$2.50 for pasture he owed me. It is so warm I thought my sausage meat might spoil and sold off most of it yesterday and today.
- 20 Went to Bellevue early – took letter to Mrs. Minor. Mr. Green & Charlie worked at the fence. Louis did not work. John hauled posts; after dinner he took the wagon up to Mr. Walton's to get the young sow I bought of George. I went too and she was brought home. Mr. Kelly worked in the locust grove. Jim L. came for me to measure his ricks of stove wood – 6 ½ ricks. Heavy fog and mist this morning; cleared off and turned lovely afterwards. Sally got letter from cousin Belle with 5.00 for Christmas gift.
- 21 Five years ago today my dear papa died. Lord love his soul. Patty came home this evening for the holidays. Louis was poorly and didn't work. I went to Louisa's and afterwards picked over apples – got a load ready for Julia – took it down when I went for Pat. Louis helped with the apples. John Foley hauled new rails to the fence row and afterwards took me to the river. Pat brought me a letter from John. Warm as spring still – I never saw such winter moonlight nights as we have had lately. The moon rises like a globe of fire as it does in the summer and looks warm. Mr. Green worked on the fence, Charlie helped. Mr. Sherman and another man came down and put in the cisterns that I got of Mr. House. Mr. Kelly cut tree tops & poles. Patty brought me a crayon picture of her mother that she drew from a photograph. It is lovely in the child to have done it and though it is not a perfect likeness of sister Belle, it gives me much pleasure.
- 22 It rained off and on most of the day. Charlie went to a shooting match and Louis helped Mr. Green. Mr. Green went home before 4. John got a few rails hauled went for mail &c. I got a letter from Belle. Still warm.
- 23 Warm and rained a little and again at night. Ernest came. I went to Louisa's. Sunday. Louis came in and I settled with him and pd. him in full to date, see a/c book. Went to Bellevue in wagon to get salt &c. Mr. Meikle paid me 2.00 for pasture. John Foley came in and we had settlement. He has been sick so much that he has only worked 56 ½ days in all that brings his wages to 24.73 and he has drawn 15.34 which leaves me now owing him 9.39. Jim Loudon got 1 ½ bushels of the potatoes in kitchen cellar that were due Mr. Murdock and that he told me to let Jim have. Charlie worked part of the day at the fence below the clover field – began about 8 and as it rained they quit about ½ past 3. Mr. Kelly helped and part of the time he examined the meat and resalted part of it. Jim L. worked a little. He got dinner here and helped John Foley haul a load of clover hay to the stable. Louis didn't work; went to Rising Sun. Mr. Thurman and Mr. Joe Walton came. It rained part of the day. Sally went to Bellevue with Hilda to see Christmas tree. Today five years ago papa was buried, may he rest in peace.
- 25 The strangest Christmas – not like Christmas at all – raining, muddy, dull and would have been lonesome but for the children who thank heaven are with me. Hilda was the only one besides ourselves. For a wonder I read nearly all day. Sally got a letter

- from her father with present of 5.00. I pd. John Foley 9.40 and settled up even. The boys didn't work today. I got letter from Sue. John took Clara to Mr. Lillard's.
- 26 Rained hard during the night and a little this morning and during the day and was misty and cloudy & warm. July had a little lamb, a Christmas gift. Ernest came down after dinner. He and Patty went to Bellevue and brought a letter to me from BBG and one for Sally from Cousin Rebecca. Charlie Rockwell came up and we had a settlement – the first since last Christmas. All the work he has done to date came to 43.11. I gave Charlie his note for \$30. see May 2, to pay for the ground he cleared, see July 10<sup>th</sup>. Not charging any interest, he called the clearing money \$38. The balance due him I paid with 8. due me for his pasture of calf and only charged him with .75 pasture see a/c book. My account against him came to 19.39 which deducted from 43.11 left me owing him 23.72. I paid him .70 and he wouldn't take the 2 on a/c of little things I had let him have without charge, so I now owe him \$23. The boys didn't get much done. John Foley hauled the sleepers out of the old kitchen I am making a stable for Mr. M. Louis took the boards out and they pulled the chimney down.
- 27 Sent by Charlie a letter to BBG. The boys John & Louis worked – hauled some corn tops and at the stable they are altering. Mr. Anderson and Jenny Herron came down from Cinti.
- 28 Got a package of books from BBG. Mr. Anderson and Jenny went away after dinner. Sudy Arnold came out. John & Louis worked at the old stable. John Foley cleaned buggy &c. Jim L. said he worked ½ a day grubbing in the clover field. I had the 3 yearlings turned into the big pasture.
- 29 Sent Louis down with letters and to see about the lumber – it had come – after John Foley hauled a load of rails to the fence he and Louis went down and hauled up lumber from the landing to the upper bank and brought one load out, then it rained and they quit hauling and went to finish the stable for Mr. M. Charlie & Jim L. worked at the fence about ½ a day probably. Aunt Eliza came and Mrs. Loudon quit work for a rest. It rained hard and turned rather colder.
- 30 Sunday – Rained all night was colder this morning and snowed a little while. Had my sow that had pigs put in the chicken yard with the little sow. Louis went to Bellevue to see about lumber. Sow got right out.
- 31 Found little lamb dead. Mr. Green came back to go to work on the fence. Charlie helped him. Louis and John Foley hauled the lumber out from the river. I sent by John F. to Mike Corbin with a request to register it for me, a letter to Aunt Nancy inclosing 5.00 – also a letter to Mary Cochran. Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's and dined. John Loudon worked grubbing the fence row in the clover field.

