

JANUARY

Owing to absence and other things this was not begun till the 15th but with Patty's help I will try to set down a correct account of work events &c.

- 1 Sunday – New Years day – Spent it at home with Patty, Fanny, Mr. Selmes, Hilda. After dinner Mr. Selmes went to Lawrenceburg to take the train for St. Paul. George drove him up.
- 2 I went to Bellevue. Aunt Eliza went home. George and Dick helped Mr. Storer haul wood.
- 3 Got telegram from Cousin Harvey Tew, saying that Sue's little Alice died this morning. Got ready to start and left on the boat at night. George took me down in the buggy – worked. Storer worked on fence row at Rock Spring. Dick stripped tobacco. Patty gave me her cheque from her father for 75.00.
- 4 Worst and only bad snow of the season – deep snow in Cin. I stayed on the boat till noon – left on the train for Jamestown about 1 o'clock. George, Dick, Bill and Storer worked, fixed sheep pen and got the sheep up. Bill and Dick stripped tobacco. George and Storer made a gate.
- 5 Got to Jamestown early in the morning. Alice's funeral was at ½ past 2 p.m. She was buried in the cemetery – poor little pet. George went to Bellevue, fed and chopped wood. Dick and Bill chopped and Storer hauled wood.
- 6 George, Dick and Storer stripped tobacco till noon – then Dick helped Bill with tobacco till 3 p.m. and George and Storer split wood and stripped tobacco and took Fanny and Patty to the river.
- 7 Storer worked all day in tobacco. George and Dick till noon. Fanny went with Patty to Cin.
- 8 Sunday – Stayed with Sue.
- 9 Storer and Dick hauled fodder and George hung gates – then they sawed wood and George hauled.
- 10 Dick, Storer and George stripped tobacco, rained all day. Patty and Fanny went to Charlie Campbell's wedding and Fanny left for Baltimore.
- 11 George, Dick and Storer stripped and bulked tobacco. I went from Jamestown to Akron Ohio, to visit Cousin Frank Goodrich.
- 12 I spent the day at Frank's and started on the night train for Cin. Patty came home from Cin. It rained. Storer worked on fence row. Dick worked. All night on the train.
- 13 Dick, George and Storer worked in tobacco. Found letters from Sally, from Nat'l. George hung up the meat.
- 14 George, Dick and Storer worked in tobacco. Bill worked ½ day. I got letter from Julia and bill from Griffith.
- 15 Sunday – Rained again. Ernest came after dinner and I sent by him 30.00 to Frank Grant, 28. for the insurance policy and 2. for sub. to Country Gentleman. Mr. B. here of course. Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 7.00 also letter from Co. Gentleman, from Mr. Cormley about renting, from Lou Higgins.
- 16 Sent by Hilda letter to Mr. Foster to Julia and to Mr. Cormley. Miserable day – misty rainy and snowy. George, Dick and Storer and Bill sawed on oak log this morning –

stripped tobacco and George washed buggy &c. Susie and Lily came at noon to help sew. I got letter from Mr. Selmes.

- 17 Snowed last night – 20 degrees above 0 this morning. George, Dick, Storer, Bill worked today. I believe they cleaned up the barn and bulked tobacco – they turned cattle in garden today to eat fodder. Susy and Lily here.
- 18 Dick, George, Bill & Storer worked this morning bulking tobacco &c. Then they all got wood. George told me to credit Storer with a full day and not credit him with any time. Lily was here sewing.
- 19 Sent by Storer letters to Bk. of Washington and Farmer's & Mech. Bk. Georgetown. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 6 days in pasture and I pd. him 1.50 on his work. The men, Bill and Dick, got wood for me. Patty and Ernest went to Bullittsburg & Pete.
- 20 George worked ½ day. Bill didn't work. Dick and Storer sawed and chopped &c. John Loudon brought his horse for me to see. Ernest went away. Lily here yesterday and today.
- 21 Mr. Ras. Rice came to see the tobacco and I sold him my this year's crop including Dick's interest which I bought last Sep. (23), at 10 for the trash and 15 for the two higher grades. I threw in my suckers and Uncle Jote's crop. I also sold my half of Bill Lacy's crop to Ras. Rice with Bill's share at 11 and 5 ½. I bought John Loudon's horse, Charlie, sorrel with white hind feet – 5 years old next June he says, for \$92.50. Went to Mr. Corbin's and borrowed \$95. and with him as witness paid John Loudon the 92.50. George and Storer worked – they helped Dick set up his smoke house and then George went to mill and took May back to Bob Brady. Mr. Storer made a maul, cut stove wood &c. Lily here today. I got letters from Cousin Harvey and from Julia. Sent letter to Sue.
- 22 Sunday – Dick Loudon came in and we straightened our accounts and I set down everything in his book and mine. He now owes me 32.44. Colder, 25 degrees above 0 this morning – bright, pretty day. Ernest came this evening.
- 23 Hauled my tobacco to Mr. Rice's barn and John W. Rice received and weighed it.

There were;

1802 lbs. bright leaf

1044 lbs. red leaf

1422 lbs. trash

4268 lbs. The 2846 lbs leaf at .5 comes to \$426.90 and the 1422 lbs. trash at .10 to \$142.20, total \$569.10. This includes Dick's crop for which I paid him \$200. before it was stripped – see Sep. 23rd. Old Uncle Jote's crop of 1880 of which I owned half, weighed only 340 lbs. Ras. Rice estimated it at ----. George, Dick, Bill, Storer and John Moreland worked hauling tobacco and I had John's team – am to haul a load for him in return. It was a cold bright day. I got letters from Bank of Washington with draft on N.Y. for \$165. and from Farmers & Mech.'s Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft for 28. Got letter from Joe Humphreys and letter from Mr. Seth C. Foster with statement of my account with him as follows; [nothing]

- 24 Dick and George helped load our tobacco (Bill Lacy's crop) and hauled it to John Wesley Rice, Bill helping. I went too. His tobacco weighed Leaf 821 lbs., trash 756 lbs., total 1577 lbs. At 11c for leaf and 5 ½ for trash it came to \$131.89 of which my

half is 65.74, which added to the \$569.10 for the tobacco delivered yesterday makes \$635.04 for which J. W. Rice gave me an order on Mr. Brooks of the Globe Warehouse Nos., Front St., Cin. He paid Bill Lacy his money and Bill paid me the 20. I lent him Dec. 3rd. John Moreland and I sold our crop of tobacco this morning to H. C. Botts at 17c. for leaf and 10c. for trash to be delivered as soon as convenient in good winter order. Will Corbin, Patty, Hilda were present and I signed a little contract and Harry a duplicate one. Lily Arnold was here and Sudy came over to help Patty. Dick and George fixed straw stack, put away poles &c. in barn and hauled some fodder today. Cold but clear and bright today.

- 25 George went to Bellevue to get Polly shod &c. – mended and hung gate. Dick sorted potatoes. Lily and Sudy here. Rained of course. I got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 26 Rained hard. Dick helped John Moreland strip tobacco. Storer and George worked for me, sorted apples. I sewed. Lily and Sudy here. Got letters from Sally and Cousin Harvey and postal from Cousin Mary G.
- 27 George took us (Patty and me) to the River on our way to Cin., via Aurora. We went to call on Mrs. Mitchell in Aurora. Went to Cin. Gave Mr. Seth C. Foster my order on Mr. Brooks for \$635.00 (see Jan. 24th) and he went to the Globe Warehouse and got a check for the amount. Went to Dr. Taylor's, Patty and I had our teeth attended to – she went to Miss Woolley's and I went out to Julia's. George got and hauled wood. Dick worked for John Moreland till 10 a.m. and helped George ½ day getting wood. Bright, warm day like spring. I went to the bank in Aurora and had my three drafts from Washington cashed for 7.00, 28.00 and 165. = \$200. Mailed letter to Mary C. and postal to Sue.
- 28 Rained last night – warm and bright today. Dick worked for John Moreland in tobacco. George till 4 p.m. Mr. S.C. Foster gave me a draft on N. York for \$100. and \$35. cash and I left \$500., the balance of my tobacco money with him to place to my credit on my account. Patty and I came home on the cars and little boat. I paid Mr. Albert Corbin the \$95. I borrowed of him (see Jan. 21). My photographs came from Sue's.
- 29 Sunday – Storer came down and I set down his work to date. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 3 more days since he was here. I settled with him in full to date and paid him off 5.25. George Youell came in and we had a settlement. His work since our last settlement Dec. 17th came to 31 ¾ days = 23.81. The bal. due me at our last settlement, 5.39 added to the money George has drawn since comes to 18.39 which left a balance due him of 5.42 which I pd. We could not remember whether he worked Dec. 31 or not and he had gotten some apples. We are settled in full except this. Sent Aunt Sally 5.00. Ernest came.
- 30 Cold 10 degrees above 0 at sunrise. George and Bill worked - hauled fodder. Patty went to Dr. Grant's. Ernest came home with her. I went to Bellevue, paid W. W. Grant's bill 10.05, Griffith's bill 6.30 and got receipts – paid in full at the Grange store, 7.40. Sent a letter Patty wrote to Mrs. Wallingford with 3.00 in it to get tobacco seed. Patty got telegram and letter from Joe about going South. Lily came this morning.
- 31 Snowed last night and this morning snow several inches deep. Dick didn't work – said he was going to help John. George worked – went to Bellevue and got Posey

shod. Mr. Storer came down and I advanced him \$10. – he is to get only half his wages every week till it is paid up. I sent letter to Cousin Mary Goodrich and postal to Sue. Katy came over this evening. I gave John Moreland a five dollar gold piece for 1881 as the premium on the best tobacco raised on the place last year.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Went to Bellevue – told H. C. Botts that I would get M. I. Corbin to see the tobacco I sold him weighed and receive the money, or the cheque for it and take care of it for me. Mike Corbin gave me the tickets he bought for me and Patty – said they cost \$40. I got him to let me have 60. and told him to take the 100. out of the money for the tobacco. Mr. Corbin gave me the 10. which Mr. Philip left for me being the balance he owed me on the cider I sold him. I paid Lily 6.00 for herself and 2.50 for Sudie. George drove us to Silver Lake he worked too. I left with Hilda 10. We got on the cars before 8 p.m. at Silver Lake. Joe Humphreys got on the cars at Lexington and we all started south. Went out to see High Ridge – the conductor took us to the platform of the rear car. The ground was covered with snow – everything was dazzling with snow and moonlight and the view was grand.
 - 2 We got to Chattanooga to breakfast, changed cars, dined at Attalla – came through pine woods – got to Meridian at night – changed cars again for N.O. Met Mrs. Anne Booth, Sarah's cousin, from Vicksburg – was on the cars. Rained all night.
 - 3 Got to N. Orleans about 10 a.m. Went to St. Charles got breakfast and came out on the noon train to Tigerville. Rained hard after we after we arrived there and Joe brought us to Oak Forest in a pouring rain through bottomless roads. Got here at dusk and found Sarah at home.
 - 4 A beautiful day, bright cool and windy. Lucy got home from Mr. Johnstone's.
 - 5 Sunday – Another perfect day. Mr. Johnstone came and dined. We stayed at home. Patty got letter from buddy.
 - 6 Another beautiful day, bright and warm. Patty got letter from Sally. Hart came and spent the evening.
- Neglected writing in this.
- 10 Bright, beautiful day – I sent letter to Sue and Hilda. Patty and Lucy went to Tigerville and to Greenwood. I got 2 letters from Sally.
 - 11 Got letters from Hilda and Sue.
 - 12 Sunday – Took a walk towards evening.
 - 13 Went in boat cordelled – saw alligators. Got letter from Ernest. Patty one from Hilda. Joe shot alligator.
 - 14 Went with Joe to get the alligator – he had it brought down – it was 6 ft. 11 in. in length. Rained last night.
 - 15 Went to Tigerville on horseback with Lucy. Patty and Joe went fishing – mosquitoes intolerable. Got letters from Hilda.
 - 16 Warmer still – mosquitoes just as bad. Patty went with Joe to Tigerville. I sent letter to Hilda.
 - 17 Sarah, Lucy, Joe, Patty and I went to Tigerville to take the train for N.O. We got to N.O. just before night. Hot.

- 18 Went around with our party – didn't see anything worth seeing. We were all invited to Dr. Ike Scott's to a little party of his youngest daughter, Annie, and went. Still hot as summer.
 - 19 Sunday – We went out to the lake and dined. Sarah and I went to Gov. Nichols's to call on Harriet – she was not at home. Buddy and Cousin Rebecca came.
 - 20 Still warm – almost sultry. We went to see Rex come in – and the procession. Lucy and Joe went with us. Received note from Miss Louise P. Brother Charlie got my draft for \$100. cashed – that I got from Mr. Foster (see Jan. 28) also one of Patty's. Went to the Proteus ball at French Opera House.
 - 21 Mardi Gras – Beautiful day, bright and cool. Went to see the procession and illumination.
 - 22 Went out to see Miss Louise P. – didn't find anyone at home – at night we went to see Patience.
 - 23 Lucy Marie Higgins and I came back to Oak Forest. Buddy, Cousin R. and Patty stayed in town to dine at Mr. Thomas I. S-----'s. Sent Sally postal.
 - 24 Sarah, Joe, buddy, Cousin Rebecca and Patty came back to Oak Forest. It was a lovely day but sprinkled a little towards evening – poured down rain all night.
 - 25 Poured down rain all day.
 - 26 Sunday – Poured all day again – cleared off at night.
 - 27 Buddy and Cousin Rebecca left for N. Orleans on their trip. Patty, Marie, Joe and I went up bayou Tiger after they left and didn't get home till almost evening.
 - 28 Rained hard last night. Yesterday I got a letter and postal from Sally and sent Hilda a letter.
- Didn't write in this till March 15th.

MARCH

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- 2 Sarah, Patty and I went to Southdown, the plantation of the Minor family, to visit Mrs. B.[H?] A. Minor and the rest – we went by the cars to Terrebonne Station and then to Southdown – stayed all night. We went with Miss Kate to see the site (n.p.i.) of my old old home and birthplace – found the house where I was born gone – nothing left but some brick bats – such is life.
- 3 Lovely weather. Mr. Hal Minor took me through the sugar house to show me machinery &c. I weighed on the Southdown scales 142 lbs. We left and went home to Oak Forest. Miss Nellie McCollom of Ellendale went back with us. We were caught in a shower – very warm.
- 4 We all remained at Sarah's.
- 5 Sunday – Very warm. Patty wore a very thin ---ll dress, Mr. Lewis Johnstone came to see Lucy. Joe went home with him being on the grand jury. This morning Joe took Miss Nellie to the cars to go home.
- 6 My birthday. Patty and I left Oak Forest – went to visit Miss McCollom. Miss Kate Minor came to see us and stayed all night. Joe also came home with Mr. Alex McCollom and stayed all night. Lovely warm weather.
- 7 Patty, Miss Nellie and I went to N. Orleans. We passed through part of the overflowed country about Lafourche crossing. We went to the St. Charles.

- 8 Patty and I went about shopping. We also went to Gov. Nicholl's to see my old friend, Mrs. Harriet W. Young (Judge Guion's daughter) whom I had not seen since we were children. Left N. Orleans about 5 p.m. to come home via Mobile, Montgomery, Nashville, Louisville and Cin. – spent night in sleeper. Met with sister Cunigrande of St. Walbricks Convent (Heaven only knows how the sister spells that) Cov. St. Walburg's Cov. 12th and ---
- 9 Came up through Alabama and Tenn. – water and rain all the way- another night in cars.
- 10 Arrived in Cin. early – went from one depot to another and came down to Aurora and from there on Little Queen to Bellevue. Walked out home thankful to get here. Got letter from my little heaven. Sent Sarah postal.
- 11 Rode up to Rock Spring to see Storer's work – came round by pike. Settled with Bill Lacy and paid him off in full 18.75. This does not include his cow pasture which Dick is to pay as he got Bill's calf. Dick says he sold out his interest in wheat to John Moreland.
- 12 Sunday – Went to church. Mr. Bobby Kirtley preached. Ernest was here to drive.
- 13 Storer came down to get saw and I settled up with him in full to 11th besides paying him for Bob Storer's work. Dr. Grant came and stayed all night. Mr. Bob Kirtley came to call.
- 14 Dr. Grant went to Florence, came back and went home. Sudy A. was here. I went to see Schwartz about trimming vines – also took to Bellevue a letter to I. M. Smith & Co. No. 7 Front St. Cin. telling him to send me 10 bus. E. Rose potatoes and to send bill to Mr. Foster. George worked for himself on his chicken house. Rained a little at night. Bill and John Lacy sawed wood.
- 15 Lucy had a fine b. calf last night – had her driven up this morning. Dick and his boy worked at moving the fence in front of the house. John M. made plant bed and hauled wood for himself out of the clearing. Bill Lacy worked ½ day sawing wood for me. John Lacy worked all day, sawed wood and fixed plant bed for me. I got letter from Mrs. Brown. George hauled wood – sod, manure from cedar trees – helped Dick with fence &c.
- 16 Raw, cloudy day- Dick and his boy and Bill Lacy and George worked on the fence – finished one string up to where the lane is to be. John Lacy burnt plant bed till noon – then helped with the fence. John M. worked for himself – dug and sowed large plant bed and Jim began to break John's tobacco ground. I went to Bellevue to settle with Mr. Corbin. John Moreland's tobacco which he sold to H. C. Botts (see Feb. 1st) came to 3153 lbs of which 1875 lbs. leaf at 17 came to 318.75 and 1278 lbs trash at 10 to 127.80. My half of 446.55 being \$223.27 of this I had already gotten \$100 (see Feb. 1st) and I paid my bill this evening at Corbin's amounting to 20.72 and received the balance 102.55 of which I left 100. with Mike to take care of till I go down for it. Mr. Brady came and Mr. McManama the assessor. Got letter and Easter card from Fanny Gibbon and my letter to Miss Gregory with 1.00 in it went Dec. 16th.
- 17 Got up early and started on the little Queen for Aurora – got the early train. Got the 100. I left with Mr. Corbin yesterday and took it to Cin. with me. Spent the day running around town buying things. It rained hard towards evening and I went out to

- Julia's and stayed all night. John Lacy ploughed on hill across the creek and made boards. Dick, George and Bill worked resetting fence.
- 18 Jonas worked ½ day. Went in town with Julia and did some shopping. It rained part of the day. After dinner we went to Mrs. Resor's. Mr. Foster gave me \$50. on my account. John Lacy worked ½ day helping Mr. Schwartz.
 - 19 Sunday – Stayed with Julia. After dinner she and Mr. Foster and I went over to Walnut Hills to see Mary (Mrs. Stettinius) and Julia and Sally, who were there. Ernest came to see Patsy. Rained hard at night.
 - 20 Poured down nearly all day but quit towards night. Julia took me in town and to the depot. Bessie McIntosh came down with me to see Patsy who met us at the river. At night it poured again. John Lacy made clap boards.
 - 21 A very windy disagreeable day – turned much colder at night. Dick worked for himself on chicken house and George helped him. John Moreland and Bill Lacy hauled gravel to the road in the yard. John Lacy worked for me – he hewed some posts and then helped the boys haul gravel. Storer came down to see about work at Rock Spring.
 - 22 Cold unpleasant day – tried to snow sometimes. Dick, John Lacy and Jonas grubbed on hill side in sand field. Bill Lacy and Jim Merchant hauled gravel and then two loads of lumber fencing from Bellevue. I sent George with one team to Rock Spring to haul rock rails &c. for the fence next Mr. W. Walton's. Got paper from Sarah and Patty a letter from Joe. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 4 ¾ days in the pasture so I paid him in full 3.56.
 - 23 Bill and Jim M. hauled gravel in the yard. Dick, John Lacy and Jonas Bailey grubbed in sand field and Dick dug my plant bed John L. made and sowed it for me. John Moreland worked ½ day grubbing hedge roots out of bottom and then helped Mr. Schwartz who came after noon with his cousin to trim vines. Patty and Bessie went to Rising Sun. I sent Aunt Sally 1.00. George made plank fence and gate from smoke house to gate. The team was still at Rock Spring.
 - 24 Colder and an unpleasant day. George went to Bellevue for tools &c. finished and hung little gate, hewed posts &c. Dick and Jonas put in oats and hauled some grape posts – they put in oats and clover on sand hill and some in sand field. Bill and John Lacy helped Mr. Schultz & his cousin in vineyard. Storer came down and said he and his brother had worked yesterday and today on the fence next Mr. Wm. Walton's – he took the team back. Wanted me to advance him some money so I paid him 10.00. Found Mr. Walton's sheep on grass on cherry hill. Heard that Mrs. Tildy Walton died today. Got letter from Julia.
 - 25 John Lacy has worked 5 days this week – didn't work today. He worked 4 ½ days last week. I paid him 5.00. Bill Lacy worked in garden vineyard helping Mr. Schwartz and cousin, who left towards evening. George worked – faced posts and laid off for fence – then went to Bellevue for Amy Campbell – she came quite late. Dick and his boy worked. Dick put in oats in sand field and helped George a little, they ran a little cross fence to keep cattle in. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Matilda Walton. Got letter from Julia.
 - 26 Sunday – warm and very windy. Rained at night. I rode to Rock Spring. Ernest came to dine – told him I wanted to buy his Almont horse. Patty and I settled up our little

account – she had gotten money of me to fully pay for the cheque for 75.00 that I got Jan. 3. I paid the expenses to La. making her trip which cost me \$75.00 upwards a present to her. I also gave her \$100. for a Christmas gift – to pay for the dress she wore to Mary Foster's wedding – this note is intended for Sally in case she wants to know of it. Dick brought in lamb that was motherless.

- 27 Got up early and sent the girls to the little boat – George drove them. Patty, Bessie and Amy went. He then faced posts and made a gate. Dick worked for me. He broke up ground for oats over the creek next Mr. Rice's – it rained at noon. Dick's hand Jonas worked grubbing and taking out grape trimmings. John Lacy worked – he cleaned out vineyard and after dinner he helped fix fence next Mr. Walton's on cherry hill. Dick worked at it. Jim Merchant worked ½ day on fence too. This morning he worked for John M. breaking up clover point. I gave Patty order on Mr. Foster for \$150. Dr. Grant called here today to bring Ernest's horse that I want to buy. Bill Lacy worked for himself breaking up his sod for tobacco in front of George's house.
- 28 Bill Lacy finished breaking up his sod ground. John M. and Jim M. worked ¾ day for me hauling rock and gravel to wash by barn cistern. Charlie was so low they had to take him out. George and Dick worked on lane fence. John Lacy cleaned out in vineyard – trimmed trees and helped on fence. John grubbed in garden and field and pike. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Sue.
- 29 Sent John B. down with letters to Sue and Sally. Patty came home this evening. I got letter from Sally – went to Bellevue. John B. went after Patty. This morning Dick sowed oats in the big field above pike. John M., Bill Lacy and Jonas shoveled them in – Dick sowed some clover but the wind was so high he had to stop – then he helped with board fence and went to see about dogs running sheep. George and John Lacy put up fence – after dinner Bill harrowed, Jonas cut stalks and John M. fixed fence below barn and began to clear out ditch. Patty brought me a cheque from Mr. Foster for \$115.
- 30 Dick and Bill put in oats and Dick sowed clover on piece John M. put in oats, and Bill rolled it. Then they worked together hauling grape vines &c. out of garden. Jonas grubbed on fence row above house. George and John L. worked on plank fence, facing posts &c. I went to Rock Spring – Patty rode May for the first time. Mr. B. here of course.
- 31 Patty went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day. I sent to Ernest by Patty a cheque for \$115. to pay for the sorrel horse I bought of him. It is said to be an Almont and was raised by one of the Allens so I call him Allen. Ernest came home with Patty and spent the evening. Dick, George, and John Lacy worked at the board fence lane - finished it. Jonas grubbed back of house. John Moreland ditched in bottom. Bill L. broke up in garden, harrowed, hauled manure &c. It was a bright lovely day. I got book from Amy.

APRIL

- 1 Lovely bright warm day- John M. worked ½ day hauling pieces of rails &c. and put in potatoes for me in garden. Jonas worked ½ day grubbing fence row. I set out my 100 asparagus plants – the colossal variety – also 75 plants I bought for Seth Bryden

strawberries. Lily and Flora came over. I got postal and Patty a letter from Sally. Dick got me a bushel and a half of oats at Aurora. George worked for himself.

- 2 Sunday – Mr. B. and Ernest came. Warm and pleasant – had a shower early. I paid Dick Loudon 5.75 for Jonas – he said he owed Jonas for all his work, 6.75 and I had already paid him 1.00 for Jonas. I had let Jonas work 14 days for me which at .50 a day came to 7.00.
- 3 Dick and his new hand Cantrell put in the potatoes I bought in Cin. over by the old torn-down house. Storer came down and got bus. potatoes for seed. George, Bill and John Lacy and John M. worked for me – getting out poles, posts &c. – for fence across the lower bottom in pasture – grubbing old hedge &c. Tonight I let John Moreland have fifty dollars to go over the river and hunt a horse for me. Very warm today – just like summer. Patty planted – spinach, lettuce and radishes.
- 4 Lovely bright warm day, like summer. Dick grubbed and burnt plant beds, his hand ploughed and did some hauling for the rest. George, Bill and John L. worked at fence and fence row. John Moreland went to Aurora with the fifty dollars but brought it back – said he couldn't get any horse for that that could work. Solon Rice sent me by Patty \$30. – said the hook for the stable cutter cost 1.00. Sold old Molly to Mr. Terrill for 30. he to pay the money in two or three days when he comes for her. Received a present of an elegant alligator hide portfolio from Mr. Selmes. The money Solon sent he owed on the lambs he bought last spring. Sudy Arnold came over and told me she was engaged to be married to Mr. Saxton the 11th of May and invited me to her wedding.
- 5 Got up early and went on the little boat to Aurora – took John Moreland to see about getting horse – borrowed 75.00 of Mike Corbin. Found Mr. Bob Brady and he chose a horse for me for which I paid \$135.00. She is a mare, 5 years old this spring – a sort of dark iron gray – with a little white on one forefoot and about her face, named Daisy. John Moreland brought her home. Dick worked – he sowed oats, clover, plant beds and helped about fence. Simpson ploughed the other side of the creek. George, Bill and John Lacy worked on fence. Simpson hauled some too. I put in office in Aurora postals to Sue and Sally and letter to Mrs. Brown. Fanny Corbin came out to sew for Patty. Angeline scalded meat and put it in sacks.
- 6 John Moreland worked part of a day – drove the new mare. He hauled lumber, manure &c. George and Bill worked at fence till it rained before noon, then George worked at gate &c. at barn, and Bill threw manure out of stalls. Simpson rolled clover and oats till rain, then sorted potatoes and hauled brush from old hedge row. Dick and John Lacy got up sheep and tagged them. Mr. Jim Conner came by and I sold him all my lambs at 3.30 a head and my wool at .22. Mr. Mulbarger came from Aurora today to see about eaves troughs, had a man with him. My Eagle harrow, and barbed wire came today.
- 7 Good Friday – Jim Merchant with John M.'s team hauled gravel 5 loads. Dick's hand worked for me hauling things for fence &c. Dick, George and John Lacy worked on fence – made wire fence the other side of the creek, hung gate and made rail fence to the hedge. Mr. B. of course. Mr. Roberts brought and paid to Hilda the 15.00 I lent his wife Mrs. D. Roberts, see Sep. 4th, 1881. Bill Lacy hauled manure.

- 8 Jim Merchant hauled gravel with John Moreland's team. Bill Lacy hauled manure from yard and barn lot to his tobacco ground. Dick worked ½ day helping. George and John L. worked on fence and tightened old wire fence. Bill hauled ploughs &c. to shop. Simpson hauled with borrowed wagon. Patty went to Dr. Grant's. Got Easter card from Bess McIntosh. Fanny Corbin went home.
- 9 Easter Sunday - Went to Dr. Grant's and dined. Patty and Ernest came home with me. A beautiful day – the river and all the country looked lovely – turned colder in the evening.
- 10 Went to Bellevue with Patty. Sent letter to Mr. Foster asking him to send me two checks for 75. each – and a postal to Sue – went to see Mr. Griffith – didn't see him. Mr. S--- Terrill paid me 30. for old Molly. He came out here afterwards and I sold him Molly's calf for 22. and Lige and Speckle for 75. He paid me 2.00 and said he would pay the balance, 95., in four weeks. Went with Dick to the other end of the place to get fence row grubbed. He worked there most of the day. Jim M. hauled gravel with my team. Bill and Simpson hauled manure and stalks out of the garden. George and John L. worked on fence near barn and all hands helped before noon. It snowed and was very cold and unpleasant. Sent Allan down by John B. and had him shod all round. Got lovely Easter card from my little heaven.
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday – Lord love her sweet soul. Cold and very unpleasant – Fanny Corbin came out. George, John and Dick worked on wire fence and watergaps in big pasture. John M. and Jim hauled gravel with my team. John quit to go down with his wife's sister to the river – said he would haul a late load to make up. Bill and Simpson hauled rails from old fence row where we put wire – and then hauled manure, straw &c. Thermometer 27 degrees above 0 at sunrise – ground frozen hard.
- 12 26 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Blossoms on fruit trees look as if they had been scalded. George and John finished the fence and hewed posts after dinner. Bill Lacy took ploughs to shop, hauled wire, &c. from fence row and after dinner hauled gravel in yard. They finished the gravel drive. John Moreland worked ½ day helping him. They hauled old gate posts &c. out of Dick's ground. Dick worked till noon for me and from 4 p.m. till sundown. He ploughed over above the orchard grass but found it too wet. After dinner he broke up his sod ground in front of the yard – then he worked for me hauling posts, trash &c. out of the bottom field John rents. Simpson worked – grubbing in the piece Dick ploughed and grubbing out posts. Josie Schwartz came to sew for Patty. Mr. I. E. Mulbarger came from Aurora and put up the eaves troughs on the house – charged me 15.00. Patty got letter from Sally H. Found long tailed young ewe with a new lamb.
- 13 Went to Rock Spring – with John Moreland, George and John Lacy and they with the Storers worked on the fence, set gate posts &c. Dick Loudon ditched in the lower bottom and Simpson grubbed out beyond my wheat. Bill Lacy worked for himself breaking up his corn ground. Got letter from Sally.
- 14 Went to Rock Spring again – took John M., George and John Lacy – they with the Storers worked on the fence. George hung gate. I suppose Dick ditched. Simpson grubbed fence row behind the house in woods. Patty and Ernest went to Petersburg.

Patty rode May. Still cold but not quite as cold as the first of the week. Bill Lacy worked for himself breaking up.

- 15 John Moreland worked ½ day hauling rails at Rock Spring – left the team for Storer the rest of the day. George worked for himself getting wood off ----- ground. Bill worked for himself ----- breaking up. Dick and John L. ----- hedge next Mr. Walton's. ----- grubbed fence row back of ----- was still cold but milder. Ben Grant and Lily came in the evening. Fanny Corbin and Josie Schwartz went home. Mr. B. brought mail. I got letter from Cousin Harvey and one from Mr. Foster inclosing two checks for seventy-five (75.) each.
- 16 Sunday – Bright day and milder. Stayed home.
- 17 Went to Bellevue with Patty – got one of my two checks cashed, 75.00, and paid Hilda 60. of it that I had borrowed of her – gave the other for 75. to Mr. Corbin to return what I borrowed April 5th. Mr. Griffith came out to see the porch and give me a bill of lumber for replacing it. I sent letters to Mr. Selmes and Sarah and postal to Sue. Mr. Brady here almost all day. Katy came over. Dick sowed his tobacco beds and mine over today – worked for me after dinner ditching. John M. sowed his plant beds over and worked ½ day hauling rails for me at Rock Spring. Bill broke up for me over by Charlie's old house. George and John L. hauled rock off the piece till noon – then hunted for and got out timber for sills for porch and gallery. Simpson grubbed I believe.
- 18 Patty went to Aurora and started to Cin. I took her in wagon. George drove. Hilda went too. Patty sent John Moreland up to Cin. with May today – to take her to Mrs. Campbell's. Got her from Bob Brady's last night. Dick ploughed for himself in bottom. Bill finished breaking up for me over by Charlie's old house – he worked ½ day – harrowed I believe. John Lacy helped harrow. Bill ploughed his corn ground this evening. John L. and Simpson grubbed fence row above wheat field. Sudy Arnold came over today. Turned warmer.
- 19 Rained hard last night or this morning – blew very hard last night and today – a tree blew down in the yard. This morning Dick went to Bellevue – didn't work for me till 3 p.m. Hauled rails &c. then to fix watergap. Bill worked ½ day hauling rails, lumber &c. out of bottom. After dinner said he would sow his plant beds over and ploughed for himself. George and John worked at the watergaps in pasture on mill road – fixed the upper one and began on the lower. Solon Rice came to see about locust poles. John Moreland came back after noon. Mr. Brady brought mail – letter for me from Sally. Turned colder this evening. Simpson grubbed. It blew so hard at night that George and America brought their children up and stayed all night.
- 20 Quiet again this morning. Dick sowed timothy and clover on the piece above orchard grass by old house and rolled it. After dinner he ditched. John Lacy had worked 30 ½ days. George and John Lacy finished the fence and watergap, then George got out locust pieces for another watergap, fixed gates &c. and John Lacy helped John M. who worked ½ day hauling rails at Rock Spring. Bill broke up his corn ground. Simpson grubbed. I caught a wounded owl that measured 3 ft. 7 in. from the tips of his wings. Set out some strawberry vines I found wild. Settled with John Lacy and paid him off in full, 12.88.

- 21 Black John and I turned 19 head of cattle in the pasture on mill road. John Moreland and Bill Lacy hauled rails all day at Rock Spring. I went up there. I told Simpson to grub buckeye sprouts in pasture – he probably worked – grubbing. George began to work repairing in yard – but was poorly and quit at 10 a.m. Dick broke up his corn ground in bottom. Storer worked laying up fence – says he worked 5 days this week – came down and got team. John B. took Polly and had her shod. Dr. Grant came down. I got letter from Sally.
- 22 Rained this morning. George made hoe handles – said it would make out ½ day for yesterday. Mr. Fred came and said he had finished cleaning up in big pasture and I owed him 1.88. I paid him 2.00 letting the .12 go on the next work. Bill Lacy came in and went over the book. Since our last settlement March 11th he has worked 23 ½ days for me – he did not work today. Dick and Simpson began to grub after noon, but the rain stopped them. Went over for Patty who got home from Cin. Got letter from Sally.
- 23 Sunday – Cold and rained some. Patty and I went to Mr. Arnold’s a little while.
- 24 Sent letter to Sarah, and Sue. George worked repairing paling yard gate &c. John Moreland, Bill and John Lacy worked on the fence at Rock Spring. I went there. Storer worked for himself breaking up ground. Dick and Simpson grubbed on the fence row above wheat and orchard grass. Patty had the dining room cleaned and put down the new rug.
- 25 John Moreland, Bill and John Lacy worked hauling rails and making fence at Rock Spring. I was there. Storer worked for himself this morning ploughing. After dinner he dragged rails for John to haul till John finished. They hauled out the tree that fell in the yard after they came back. Dick and Simpson grubbed. Mr. Fred began to cut briars and grub in piece next pasture on mill road. George helped Patty – whitewashed and papered little room upstairs. I got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 26 Bill and Simpson began to grub on fence row but quit, it rained before 11. John M. and John Lacy cut down the big oak tree by the barn and began to work on it but quit. John L. helped George with his work, cleaning buggy &c. George finished papering, mended chairs &c. Dick was working for himself breaking up bottom. It thundered and rained hard. I got letter from Sue and Hilda got one from Belle.
- 27 George and John Lacy worked putting up stile blocks and setting the old stove I brought from Rock Spring and then began to fix cistern top. Dick hauled drift and trash off bottom across the creek. Bill and Simpson grubbed on fence row back of house. I told Bill to grub after dinner and cut briars on cherry hill. John Moreland took saw down to Bellevue and then grubbed with Simpson. Jim Merchant worked ½ day grubbing in little field in other pasture. Patty and I went to Aurora. I got my saddle. I received letters from buddy and from Sarah who is at Sumner’s Forest. Patty went to the packet for Miss Molly Deshler who came tonight. John Lacy drove. Hilda had her candy-pulling at the parsonage.
- 28 Rather warmer – John Moreland and Dick worked – got my Almont colt, Ned, up and began to break him – drove him to Bellevue. I went. After dinner Dick took Polly to Bob Clore’s horse and then grubbed in bottom and helped a little in garden. John hauled and later took Daisy down to the horse but it was time wasted I understand. George and John ploughed potatoes and planted early sweet corn. Dick sowed early

cabbage seed. Simpson grubbed back of house. I bought 5 barrows of Dick Loudon and paid him \$30 for them in presence of I. Hill as witness. Today in Bellevue I bought a wagon from Ennis Nixon promised to pay him forty dollars for it. Lily A. was here. Ernest came this evening.

- 29 Mr. Fred came and I pd. him 1.00 and settled in full to date. Dick didn't work nor Bill nor George – only John Lacy and Simpson worked and they both in the garden. John ploughed. I had peas, beans, okra, salsify, carrots, radishes spinach, asparagus, cabbage, beets &c. sowed. I set out the rest of the strawberries I brought from Rock Spring. Storer brought the team home. I sent Patty down to borrow of Mr. ---- 50. and Ennis Nixon brought out the wagon and I paid him in Patty's presence 40. for it. John Lacy took the wagon down and Miss Janey McLaren of St. Paul, Miss Reby Cook and Mr. Cassily Cook of Clifton came.
- 30 Sunday – bright cool day – Mr. Dick Smith, Mr. John Morgan, and Mr. Willard Howe came down and stayed all night. Mr. Cassily Cook went home at night on the boat. Gave Patty order on Mr. Foster for 50.

MAY

- 1 Gave Patty order on Mr. Foster for 50. Patty, Molly Deshler, Miss McLaren and Miss Cook with Dick Smith, John Morgan and Willard Howe went to Aurora on the way to Cin. George drove the wagon and didn't get home till ½ past three, cut a little wood afterwards. John Lacy and Simpson worked for me grubbing on fence row. Bill and John worked for themselves and so did Dick. Dick worked ploughing his corn ground beyond the creek. Bill finished his corn ground and he and John began to put in potatoes on cherry hill. I went to Bellevue. Patty got note from Lucy Humphreys. It looked like rain towards night and sprinkled. Mr. B. here – brought Hilda back on her way from Aurora.
- 2 Only Simpson and John Lacy worked for me. George whitewashed for himself. Dick ploughed next Mr. Rice's and Bill put in potatoes with John M. Simpson grubbed by graveyard. John got poles off Dick's ground, cleared out watergap &c. and took us to Bellevue in wagon. Patty and Molly Deshler came home on little Queen. Patty brought me the 50. I sent to Mr. Foster for and I paid it to Mr. Mike Corbin in presence of I. Hill for what I got 29th. Got letter from Julia.
- 3 George broke up with double shovel the potato ground. John Moreland & John Lacy sawed on oak tree.
- 4 Dick took Posey and Daisy to Mr. Clore's. Bill and John got 2 2/3 bus. potatoes at 1.60 per bus. from Cy Kelly and planted them. Went to Rock Spring. Clover had a fine b. calf – named it Deshler. I went up on the hill with George, John Lacy and Simpson and they harrowed the ground Dick and Bill had in potatoes and another strip next the pear (-eckel) trees and put it in blue grass. Simpson grubbed up there – George quit to go to Bellevue for company but the girls didn't come and he didn't go down for them. Mr. Ryle came along and he trimmed the calf, Ellen's calf I think, born last July. I think Dick and Bill worked for themselves. Dick harrowed his corn ground. At night it rained hard with thunder and lightning. John Moreland worked ½ day hauling with Ned &c.

- 5 Wet day. George made shearing bench &c. Simpson and John Lacy began to haul brush and put it in gully up in wheat field, but quit for rain. Ernest Grant was here twice. George went down for Bessie McIntosh and Lizzie Jordon who came on the night boat. Dick, John M. and Bill hauled poles out of sand field, worked part of a day.
- 6 Dick took Polly to Mr. Clore's. John Lacy and George worked making boards and slide. I sewed on a dress and let them alone.
- 7 Sunday – Dick Smith and Mr. Howe came down and dined and are going to stay all night. Ernest came too. Lovely and bright most of the day.
- 8 John Lacy and Jim Merchant hauled gravel to wash, got up sheep. John brought wagon down. Jim went after John Coons. George finished slide and took it to Bellevue to the shop – cut wood, hunted for tree to make sled &c. Dick Smith, Mr. Howe and Lizzie Jordon went away early.
- 9 Began to shear sheep. Counted lambs – made them 151 – Ennis Nixon, John Coons, George, Dick, Bill, Jim Merchant and Simpson all worked. It rained hard last night they say and rained off and on today and was warm. Sudy and Mrs. Nancy Arnold came over a few moments.
- 10 Patty, Molly Deshler and Bessie McIntosh went to Aurora and then to Cin. George drove the wagon. This evening Patty and Fanny Gibbon came down on packet. It was a cloudy day and rained a little. John Lacy sheared the 7 sheep left in the cellar – picked burrs out of two fleeces and got wool ready to send away. After George got home they took the wool to Bellevue to Mr. M. Moody who weighed it. There were 780 lbs. which at 22 cts. came to \$171.60. Mr. Moody gave me a memorandum of the weights and money due. After we got home George and John L. set out some tomato and cabbage plants. Bill and Simpson hauled rails and fixed fence - Bill worked ½ day. Simpson grubbed and cut briars the rest of the day. Jim grubbed and cut briars. Patty and I got letters from Sally. Dick worked ½ day moving fence by his house, he got 1 ½ bus. corn.
- 11 Dick and Bill hauled poles off the new ground in sand field, but it rained before 11 and they quit. Dick took Daisy to Mr. Clore's George and John began to work up the oak tree then made boards I believe. I sewed all day nearly. Set Jim and Simpson to grubbing – they worked ---- day. Storer came down and we went over the books. Dick attended to the calves. Went to Sudy Arnold's wedding. She married Mr. Charles Saxton – was married by Mr. Dicken. Ernest and Hal Bennet were here. Mr. B. of course to take Hilda.
- 12 John Lacy and George worked at sawing and cutting up the oak tree. George took Posey to Mr. Clore's. It rained so all the times that the hands couldn't work. Jim M. and Simpson grubbed perhaps ½ day. Fanny Corbin came out and sewed. I sewed all day too.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents, may they spend it in perfect bliss. Went to Bellevue – didn't find the check for wool money – borrowed of Mike Corbin 10.00. Went to Aurora and on to Cin. George drove – worked ½ day.
- 14 Sunday
- 15 John Lacy and George worked at getting out locust pieces for watergaps and hauled them.

- 16 John Lacy and George put up the watergap – hauled the rock and put in watergap.
- 17 George and John Lacy worked on watergap and fixed wire on fence.
- 18 John Lacy worked taking down shed. George worked ½ day.
- 19 John Lacy worked – ploughed in garden – took Allan to shop &c.
- 20 John Lacy worked all day going on errands – took the company down. I came home from Cin. with Lou Pearce and Amy Campbell. While in Cin. I got 50. from Mr. Foster – then Patty sent me my wool check from Messrs. Sleet and Conner for 171.60. I gave it to Mr. Foster and got from him 100. which I brought home.
- 21 Sunday – rained all day off and on. Ernest came in the evening.
- 22 Had a settlement with John Moreland – the first since last May 28th. Paid him 22.00 in full to date for his and Jim's work – afterwards John Lacy said I left out 1 day's work see May 3rd, which I must ask him about. In this settlement John paid for the hog he got last fall. Settled up with John Lacy – he had worked 24 days since our last settlement including ½ day this morning and I paid him in full 18.00 in presence of George and Mr. Cy Kelly – also paid George the 2.00 for the .50 a week I promised to pay him extra for John's board. John Lacy quit. Went to Mike Corbin and borrowed 20. to pay John and George. George didn't work today. Rained most of the day. Ernest and Mr. Will Calvert came this evening. Found an anonymous warning on the gate post to send the negroes away. Joe and Duncan started to drive home at ½ past 12 at night so as to reach the bad road by daylight. Rained hard today. Storer took team.
- 23 Didn't write in this till Sunday so may make mistakes. Amy Campbell went home. I took her in the wagon to the omnibus and then went to Rising Sun. George drove the wagon. Aunt Eliza came home with us. Got more tomato plants, sweet potatoes and cabbage. Jim M. and Simpson grubbed next Mr. Walton's
- 24 George took Patty's trunk to the wharf boat – worked in garden too. I had my watermelons and muskmelons planted – the Southdown seed. Set out plants. Dick Smith came down and stayed all night. Ernest came down and stayed all night.
- 25 Patty, Fanny Gibbon, Ernest, Dick Smith, Dennis and I went to Lawrenceburg – the rest on their way to Cin. Patty and Fanny expecting to leave for St. Paul the next day – taking Dennis with them. Ernest brought me home. Dick planted peach blow potatoes in part of the tobacco ground John M. cleaned up. George worked on the road. Dick said his new cow had a calf. Gave Patty order on Mr. Foster for \$75. – she wrote me she got it.
- 26 George worked on the road again. I went to Rock Spring and took Aunt Eliza to the boat. Pd. Fanny Corbin for Patty.
- 27 Bill Lacy worked today for me – the only day this week – he took up asparagus and planted it and after working in garden went to Bellevue for gate lumber that I got in Aurora Sat. George worked ½ day in garden – told me he wanted to get another place in the fall, to crop. I had cucumber planted, sweet corn, replanted beans. Mr. Fred came in, said he had worked 6 ½ days which came to 4.88. Hilda paid him 1.00 last Sat. so I pd. hm 2.50 and gave him an order on Mr. Kite for 1.38 and settled in full to date. Storer brought the team back home.
- 28 Sunday – Rained very hard last night- creek up this morning over all the bottoms. John Moreland wanted some money to go to see his sick wife. Dick owed him – so I

- bought one of Dick's calves, paid him 10. and he is to let it have half the milk till it is 6 mo. old. Ernest came down to see Lou Pearce. Rained part of the time – chilly too.
- 29 Sent Posey to Mr. Clore's – they left word to send her again in Monday days. Bill Lacy set out tobacco next the pike above the hedge. I let George help him from 8 till 4:30 then George weeded my beds. After dinner Dick harrowed and laid off in his tobacco ground. Lou and I rode to Rock Spring, got green gooseberries. Jim M. says he grubbed ½ day. George took Daisy to Mr. Clore's. The hands Bill, Dick, and Jim M. helped get a locust log out of the hollow. After that only George and Simpson worked for me. Simpson grubbed till George got back and said the lumber had come – then they both hauled lumber the rest of the day. Mr. Doll Allen came to ask me to trade horses. Bill and Dick and John M. all worked at their tobacco ground. I rode up to see Dick's potatoes. Fanny Corbin here helping Hilda.
- 31 Set George and Simpson to fixing fence next Mr. Arnold's pasture that had washed out – then went to Mr. Rice's and had watergap and pole hauled out then Simpson grubbed till noon – it rained. George started for Mr. Griffith's tools but Lou and I went to Bellevue, didn't go. I got letters from Patty, Sally 2, Sue or rather Cousin Harvey – Amy – Mr. Will Campbell with telegram from Patty. Mike Corbin let me have 50. of the money Mr. Sim Terrill let him have for me (95.) see April 10. and I told him to take out the 30. I borrowed of him (see May 13 and 22) – and there is left due me 15. Charles I. Storer came down and I settled with him and paid him off in full to date. I also advanced him 40. (which I paid him in presence of I. Hill) to buy a cow with – he agrees to get pasture for the cow off from my place at his own expense and to let me take the pay for the cow, the 40., out of his share of the tobacco he is to raise – if anything happens that he doesn't have tobacco enough to pay for it I am to have the cow – he signed an agreement to this effect with I. Hill as witness. Fanny Corbin went home. Sent Polly to Mr. Clore's.

JUNE

- 1 Only George worked for me and I let him help Bill set tobacco till 3 p.m. he then hauled manure to garden. Dick set out plants he bought of Mr. Fred. I pd. 5.00 and Dick is to pay 2.50 of it himself. Cold, had fires at night and in the morning but the sun came out during the day. I sent letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and Sue.
- 2 Man with china jimson blooms came. I got my doz. and paid him for them and for all those Dick, Bill, and John got. Mr. Dick German came to ask me to subscribe for a new Fairground. George worked – went for Mr. Griffith's tools and then hauled manure, rock &c. Simpson grubbed ½ day Dick said – I went to Rock Spring. Mr. Hogan came to see about porch foundation. Hilda, Lou Pearce and I went to Dr. Grant's on the little boat. Ernest brought Lou home in the evening. Got letter from Julia.
- 3 George worked ½ day hauling sill logs &c. off Dick's tobacco ground – only George worked for me. George Youell and I had a settlement. He had worked since our last settlement Jan. 29 by my count while at home and his while I was gone, 86 days which at .75 came to 64.50. The money he got and the other things came to 63.82 leaving a balance due him of .68 so I pd. him .70 and settled in full to date.

- 4 Sunday – Cold disagreeable day with occasionally a rain so cold that I had to make up fire during the day as well as in the morning and evening. Ernest came to see Lou.
- 5 Went over the river to take Lou Pearce and Hilda to the omnibus. Very windy on the river and cool but bright – got letter from Patty. George only worked for me – he helped Mr. Griffith and later took Posey to Mr. Clore's. Mr. Griffith came and began to hew the sills for gallery and porch. I worked in the garden – planted black wax beans, hoed &c.
- 6 Storer came down and got a horse to rebreak his ground &c. – he helped all and Dick did too, dragging sill. Bill and Simpson hauled rock from Bob Brady's for foundation for porch. Mr. Fred helped them – got out the rock. George helped Mr. Griffith – after dinner they pulled down the porch. I went up to the Burlington toll gate to see about Mr. Hogan. He came down at night. Dick brought him. Hilda came home with Mr. Brady from Cin.
- 7 Mr. Griffith worked again. George helped ½ day or pretended to, he worked in his garden in the morning. Mr. Hogan and Mr. Fred worked at the porch foundation. Simpson worked for me – hauled sand and then harrowed and laid off tobacco ground in the garden – laid by potatoes, ploughed corn &c. I replanted my watermelons that George planted two weeks ago and worked in garden – then went to Rock Spring. Storer still working for himself.
- 8 George worked helping Mr. Griffith. Mr. Fred worked helping Mr. Hogan who finished the porch foundation. Bill worked ½ day for me and Simpson worked all day – he finished breaking up for tobacco in barn lot – trimmed trees, harrowed, hauled wood &c. Bill grubbed some in sand field by plant beds and helped trim trees. John Moreland planted in corn the little bottom he had in tobacco last year.
- 9 Found Ellen with a fine b. calf, red with a little white spot in its forehead. George worked helping Mr. Griffith – they framed the porch sill put it up and began to lay the floor. John B. went down to Corbin's and got a barrel of lime. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. Dick had the little bottom by his house planted in corn today and he and John M. replanted their corn. Mr. Fred came and we had a settlement. He cut thistles today – said he had worked six days since we last settled which came to 4.50. I pd. him .50 and gave him an order on Mr. Corbin for 4.00. This is the first day that felt really like summer. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon and from Joe about sheep. Ernest came later.
- 10 Warm day – looked cloudy sometimes and rained after dinner. We had new potatoes for dinner. Only George worked all day. Mr. Griffith worked ½ day – they finished putting down the porch floor. George helped Mr. Griffith and then set out tobacco – eight rows – on the 7th row next the paling I set out some plants for seed, of the few that didn't freeze. Told George W. about the sheep Joe wrote of. The first thing I put the yearling calf of Ellen over the creek, away from her and the new calf. Alice Moreland came home. Bill Lacy broke up the hill side by the fish pond this morning.
- 11 Sunday – Ernest came down for me and I dined there to meet his Aunts – two Mrs. Woods. It rained all day.
- 12 Pulled all my plants that were large enough and had them set. Only George worked for me – he set tobacco in the garden and then helped Mr. Griffith who worked on porch. The other men set their tobacco.

- 13 Mr. Griffith brought mail. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Mr. Griffith worked on porch. George worked and helped him – laid off the rest of the tobacco ground in garden. It rained towards sundown. I went to Bellevue – sent postal to Mulbarger. Got letter from Lou Pearce.
- 14 Rained a little last night and hard today off and on. Finished setting the tobacco in the garden. George helped a little and I believe made a gate. Mr. Griffith worked on porch upper railing – only he and George worked for me. John M., Dick and Bill set tobacco. Dr. Grant brought Miss Lou and Mrs. Longmore and his two sisters, Mrs. Woodses to dine. I got a letter from Sally. Let Dick have 1.50 to buy plants. He spent it for other things for himself. Very hot.
- 15 Very hard rain storm last night and the creek and branch broke loose and tore everything to pieces – it was only second to the flood of July 1874 and not very far behind that. The creek bottoms all under water for the second time this spring – watergaps, fences, &c. washed away and gullies washed in every field. George worked for Dick setting tobacco, Dick to return the work. Mr. Griffith worked on porch railing. Mr. Mulbarger came from Aurora to put the tin roof on the porch.
- 16 Mr. Mulbarger finished the tin roof and left. I took him to Bellevue and paid him in full, 12.50. Mr. Griffith worked on porch. George worked – helping to fix up fence and watergap in pasture on mill road. Dick worked ½ day I think helping – he took Daisy to Mr. Clore's. Simpson worked all day helping George and hunting for horses. We went to Mr. Rice's and hauled out pole and panel of the pole fence. After sundown there was a tremendous rain. The rain made another flood. Middle Creek was all over the bottom for the third time inside of three weeks. John's and Dick's corn is utterly ruined and I never saw such washing out of land on the place since July 1874 – the sand field and garden are full of gullies and the sand is banked up on pike. All my new fences and new watergaps are washed out and my time and money gone adrift. Such is life.
- 17 George Youell and I had a settlement – he has worked 10 ½ days since June 3rd which comes to 7.88 – he has had cash 3.00 and butter .88 which leaves due him 4.08. I paid him 5.00 so he now owes me .92. He didn't work. John Moreland says the creek was over the bottom this morning again which is a fib. George is not working today – going to Rising Sun. Mr. Griffith worked but quit earlier than normal. I pd. him 10.00
- 18 Sunday – nothing new. Susy Rice came over. Hilda went to Mrs. Berkshire's.
- 19 Cloudy all day and turned very cool in the evening. Mr. Sim Terrill came. Mr. Griffith worked – still at porch. George worked part of a day – ¾. – he made some hills where the garden tobacco was washed out and harrowed and laid off the piece next the barn. Louly had a fine b. calf – red with some white spots. I got letter from Patty written at Fargo and one from Sally. John Beatty helped John M. plant tobacco a while.
- 20 Clouded up and rather cool all day – sprinkled a little bit at night. Mr. Griffith worked, finished the porch except steps and began to repair the gallery. Only George worked for me – he helped Mr. Griffith. I went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Mr. Foster asking him to send me one draft for 55. and one for 45. and a letter to the American Paint Co. Storer brought Billy back.

- 21 Rained of course. George worked – set tobacco in the barn lot and reset part of that in the garden – he worked for Dick most of the time after dinner setting tobacco. I let the men take plants out of my beds. Mr. Griffith worked on gallery. Mr. Jim Conner came and selected out 58 lambs to take and left them in the lane.
- 22 Mr. Conner sent for the lambs. Mr. Griffith worked at the foundation of the gallery. George worked – helping him – hauling rock &c. Dick began to plough and hoe his tobacco. Very hot today and looked like rain, but for a wonder didn't. My precious little baby came home today, thank God, and Charlie, little buddy, with her. They came to Chicago with Cousin Tom Flandrau and Lizzie. I got a letter from Sally today and one from Fanny Gibbon.
- 23 Very hot again – rained a little this evening. Mr. Griffith worked on the gallery. George helped him. At noon the other men helped them carry the sills. John took Billy down to get him shod. I got letter from Paint Co. and one from Mr. Seth C. Foster with two checks – one for 55.00 to send Joe Humphreys to buy sheep and one for 45. for my use here.
- 24 Went to Bellevue and got my check for \$45. cashed at Corbin's. Sent letter to Joe Humphreys inclosing the check for \$55. that came yesterday. Mr. Botts brought me Mr. James Conner's check for \$191.40 for the 58 lambs he got – see 22nd. Sent John Moreland 5.00. Mr. Griffith worked but not all day. George worked at helping Mr. G. but lost some time. He drove the wagon and we went after the children's trunks but they had not come.
- 25 Sunday – Very hot – sweltering – shower at night. Mr. B., Ernest and Cordy here.
- 26 Went to Aurora and got children's trunks – went in little Queen. At the bank in Aurora got Mr. Davis to cash the check Mr. Conner sent me for 191.40 and brought the money home. Paid Mr. Moody freight and wharfage bill of 3.10. Bought of Mr. Moody &c. timber for plates for gallery. George hauled it with trunks. The timber came to – ft. I got letter from Mary Cochrane. Mr. Griffith worked on gallery and George worked too, helping.
- 27 Went to Bellevue this morning. Paid Mr. Moody in presence of W. W. Grant, 10.50 for the timber I got yesterday. Paid W.W. Grant's bill too of 21.90. Cy Kelly of 8.70 and Corbin & Son's bill, \$84.12. Mr. Griffith worked – putting in the plates of the gallery. George worked – he reset some tobacco the first thing and then helped Mr. Griffith.
- 28 John Moreland helped (free) George a little while fix the watergap in the pasture next mill road – then George ploughed melons fixed watergaps in big pasture and repaired cradles. There was a heavy rain in the evening. Mr. Griffith worked part of a day – he was too poorly to work much. I got letters from Sue and Julia.
- 29 Mr. Fred came and we settled up in full to date – he had worked 4 days and I paid him 3.00. George worked ½ day for me and helped John cut wheat after dinner, John to return the work. Very warm. I sewed for a wonder. Katy A. came over.
- 30 Fifteen years ago today sister Belle died. Lord love her precious soul. Mr. Griffith and Ben Corbin worked on back gallery till rain stopped them – it rained hard about 4. Mr. Mulbarger came and put tin in gutter. George helped John cut wheat – they finished what Dick put in. I paid Mr. Mulbarger 7.25 for trimming gutter. Storer came down and I let him have ½ bus. salt.

[notes found at end of book]

Oak Forest Terrebonne Parish, La.

April 7th, 1880

“McKinley died tonight at 10 minutes past 10 o’clock in the big library armchair in the front room. He died with his head on Lucy’s arm and quietly. He suffered a great deal before – up to a few hours before breathing his last. Hart, Lucy, Joe, Tom H., Mr. Schwing and Sylvia were in the room.

Homeopathic remedy for warts.

Dr. Liebold

Rx Tinct. Thujae occ.

Tinct. Phyll. dec.

NB Strong Tinct. for external use.

1881

Angeline set in to work Oct. 22nd.

Nov. 2nd bought goods came to .69.

12th bought goods – 1.65,

20 paid cash 2.50.

Dec. 16th bought goods came to 1.02.

Aug. 3rd, 1882 medicine .50 jelly glasses .22

1883

May 1st for 1 ½ yds. muslin .12

15 for sticking plaster .50

20 – cash .50

21 cash .50 for sugar –

Sally Bradford worked 9 days and set in to work again Aug. 16th.

She got cash .50 corsets .80, cash 1.50, dress &c. 1.05 – ruche 12½ - belt .35

Pd. G. Loudon .50 Sep. 9th. Pd. Sally 2.03 and settled in full to date.

12th Sep. Sally began to work again.

Sep. 22nd pd. her 1/25. Sep. 29 pd. 1.25 for shirt, for calico .84.

Oct. 10th pd. her 3.00 Oct. 15th pd. her .75 and settled in full.

Mrs. M. L. Rice’s receipt for wine

Mash the grapes and leave them in the skins about 12 hours. Strain through a cloth and add 3 lbs white sugar to a gallon of juice. Let it remain in a jar two weeks and skim it every two or three days. Cover the jar with a piece of thin goods. Then strain again and put in jugs and cork loosely, let it remain till cold weather, strain again, bottle and seal.

Pudding Sauce – ½ cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 2 eggs, wine glass of brandy, 2 teaspoonfuls of flour rubbed smooth in cold water, 2 cups boiling water, simmer but don’t let it curdle.

Aunt Nancy’s Oxford Feast

12 medium sized potatoes, peel and boil with 3 handfuls of hops, add 1 ½ gal. water, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup salt and one tablespoon of flour and one of meal. When cold, stir in yeast. Place by the fire, when it foams put in a jug. It is then ready for use.

Salve for erysipelas, and sores, itch &c. Fresh butter (not salted) 4 oz., Venice turpentine 1 oz., Red precipitate 3 drachms. Mix and apply to the parts affected 3 or 4 times a day.

Mrs. Booth's beat biscuit

1 lb. flour – 2 ½ oz. lard – mix with a little salt, and enough water to make stiff dough and beat.

Muffins –

1 pt. sifted flour – 1 pt. new milk – a piece of butter the size of an egg – 4 eggs beaten separately.

N. J. Temget began to work Oct. 4th.

Oct. 10th pd. .25 18th cash 2.50

29th order on Kite 2.25

Doll Lacy set in to work March 1st 1881. March 15th cash .50 – 17th cash 2.00, settled in full. Nancy J. Tunget began to work March 24th. April 2nd pd. her 1.60 – spool .05 April 16th pd. 1.25 – 24th pd. 1.20

May 5th pd. .50, 9th pd. .50, 12th pd. 2.00, 14th .25, 19th pd. 21 cts. for calico. 21st pd. to Georgy .15 pd. .15 30th. Pd Nancy 1.75 and settled in full to date.

June 20th Annabel Coons began to work, went home. 25th Pd. A. .15

July 1st pd. A. 2.25. July 30th pd. .10 and 3.00 and settled in full up to Aug. 1st, 1881.

Mr. I. E. Mulbarger says after a few rains have the gutters painted inside and out with red metallic (iron) paint.

Care Drexel Harjes & Co. Paris
385 Pleasant Avenue

Bradbury Trio – pg. 24 – Peacefully sleep

Unique Waltz – Kate Simmons

Dancing in the barn-

Life is but a dream

Nancy Lee Waltz

Theresa Waltz – Karl Faust

First and last kiss waltz

Flowers of St. Petersburg

Secret Love

Gaghistro in Venice

La Capricieuse – Basile Bares

Ein Hertz, ein Sain – Strauss

one heart, one soul

Thousand and one nights – Strauss

Vacheron & Constantin – Geneva

1882

JULY

- 3 Began to cut wheat above the pike. Mr. Fred helped. I went twice to see Mr. Boone Rogers about cutting about cutting wheat. Sally went to see Sudy Arnold. I sent letter to Joe by Mr. Brady. Got letter from Joe about sheep.
- 4 John finished cutting his wheat by dinnertime. After dinner he helped me – about 3 hours. Dick, Bill, Simpson and Dub helped me ½ day. Mr. Nixon came too after dinner awhile and helped harvest. Mr. Rogers Boone [?] came with his machine and cut about two acres he thought broke his machine and quit. Mr. Griffith and Ben Corbin worked – left when they finished the steps and the posts on the gallery. George didn't work. A very cool day – cloudy too.
- 5 A cool pleasant day. I finished cutting wheat and got it shocked. George, John Moreland, Dick, Simpson, Bill Lacy, Dub, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Fred worked at it. I paid Mr. Nixon 2.25. Mr. Griffith and Ben Corbin worked on chicken house, fixing cellar windows &c. I got letter from Lucy about sheep. Sent George in the evening for Mr. Brady's big spring wagon.
- 6 George fixed frame on the wagon and at 9 we started for Silver Lake (now Erlanger) after the sheep. Found 3 bucks there. They are from the flock of Mr. A. I. Alexander, Woodburn, Woodford Co. Ky. and are yearlings that have been sheared once. They are marked 3322 – 3352 and 3202 – Alex and I have set the numbers down in order of merit as far as I can judge from appearances. They got here in good condition apparently. After we got home at 5 George ploughed 8 rows of tobacco in garden. Mr. Griffith was sick today and said he couldn't work much. Ben worked on chicken house. Sent Aunt Sally 2.00 by Lewis Beatty.
- 7 Mr. Fred said he had worked ½ day in weeds besides the day in harvest so I paid him 1.88 in full. Went to Bellevue and to Rising Sun – put in the P.O. in R.S. letters to the three Banks in Washington and Georgetown. Went to see Aunt Sally who was taken very sick last evening. George worked – he ploughed tobacco in garden and barn lot and hoed some in garden. It was cool and breezy all day – quite cool towards evening, rained in the night.
- 8 Cool cloudy day. George worked – he hauled the lumber and trash away from the house and fixed up the fence in pasture next Mr. Arnold's. I sent letter to Joe H.
- 9 Sunday – warm, cloudy and there was a little shower. I sent letter to BBG. Stayed home. Ernest was here this evening.
- 10 George and Mr. Fred worked in garden. George cut grass in yard with machine and then ploughed melons, corn, &c. Mr. Fred hoed tobacco. It rained very hard at ½ past 2 and off and on the rest of the evening. Mr. Walton came. George and John B. got my buck 3202 out of Mr. Walton's pasture. I got letters from Sarah, Julia, circular of History of Windham from Mr. Dinsmore. Got letter from Nat'. Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 7.00. Told Mr. Griffith to get 2.50 at Mr. Corbin's. He and Ben worked on chicken house – not a full day.
- 11 George worked – hauled rails and fixed up fence round little pasture – then hoed tobacco. Mr. Fred hoed tobacco. I went to Rock Spring. Storer came down and got 425 clapboards and began to put them on the porch roof at Rock Spring – worked part of a day. Mr. Snyder came and got his hogs out of the pasture. I told Bob Brady about his hogs.

- 12 Sent Patty letter with Sarah's letter in it. Got letters from the Bank of Washington with draft for \$33. and from Farmer's & Mechanics Nat'l Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28. George and Mr. Fred worked for me. They hoed tobacco in the garden and George ploughed most of the barn lot piece. About noon there was another heavy rain and the creek was over the bottoms again. They cleaned out barn – then George took wagon to Bellevue to be mended and Mr. Fred reset tobacco in garden, then George hauled out a load of weeds from yard.
- 13 Mr. Fred cut weeds in yard and garden and hoed. George hauled weeds till noon. George then went away to hunt a place as he told me today he wanted to quit. Sally spent the day with Cordy. Mr. Howe stopped here.
- 14 George worked – hauled a few rails and a load of wood – fixed fence next a little watergap in big pasture – then went to Bellevue for hay bed. I got a hay bed from Mr. Gibbs, for which I am to pay him 11.50. After dinner George helped John Moreland, used his team, haul wheat – that he bought from Dick – put it in barn. Cordy came and her and Sally picked some black berries. John B. helped George haul wheat.
- 15 George and John B. hauled wheat for me. John Moreland and his team and Dub hauled my wheat too – they worked for me till ½ past 5 – then they all went to haul wheat for John M. The threshers (Mr. Gibbs) came out and set up the machine. I got letter from Joe H. with 6.25 in it he said was left from the sheep money. Sally, Charlie and Cordy went to picnic.
- 16 Sunday – Sally and Charlie and I went to Dr. Grant's to see Birdie and Mabel – they went to L. on the mail boat. Ernest and Lily came home with us. John Moreland hauled and stacked his wheat today. I sent 1.00 to Aunt Sally by Angeline's husband.
- 17 Mr. Jim Conner came and got 50 more of the lambs. I also sold him the steer I bought of Sam Eggleston for 25. and the twins Nip and Tuck for 95. and he promised to send me a check for the amount \$285., and to take the cattle this week. R.E. came and made a call. George Youell came in and we settled up and I paid him off in full to date, 2.70. Went to Bellevue and paid Mr. Kite for beef man 1.40.
- 18 Mr. Gibbs and the men to thresh wheat came and began to thresh – they threshed John Moreland's first, and did not get done. I let my horses (2) go in the machine and are to go in place of John's which was lame and ran two wagons hauling wheat. Tom Nelson stacked the straw and Douglas Rice and Dub Lacy and Bill Parsons helped. Mr. Corbin came out and I sold him my share of the wheat and my own crop of wheat at 1.00 for bushel allowing 6 ½ lbs to a bushel because he thinks the wheat not clean. John Moreland also sold his at the same. They only threshed 158 ½ bus. today.
- 19 Didn't write in this till the 31st but will try to get it down right. John Moreland's wheat was threshed out by noon and they began mine after dinner. Started the machine about 2 and did not finish till after 8. Mr. Bob Brady measured – he said John's wheat was 235 ½ bus. and that mine was 129 ½ bus. Dick, Simpson, Bill, John M., Storer, Tom Nettles, Dub Lacy, Tom Bruce and Douglas and Rob Rice helped me besides Mr. Bob Brady. I engaged Tom and Dub to work the rest of the week.
- 20 Tom and Dub ploughed my tobacco in the garden and barn lot both – then hauled wheat to Bellevue to Mr. Corbin – hauled my part of John's first.
- 21 Tom hauled a load of my wheat and then he and Dub went to Mrs. Rogers's and got her machine to cut oats. I went up for Storer and he came down at noon. They fooled

with the old machine and found it went so slow they couldn't get much done. Dick and Simpson and Tom and Dub and Storer worked at it but got very little done. Ernest Grant came down and cut timothy hay on cherry hill for me – he also helped the men with the machine.

- 22 Dick and Simpson, Bill and Storer, Tom and Dub worked cradling oats. Ernest worked in the hay. John Moreland worked ½ day helping him put the hay in cocks. I got letter from BBG. Gave Mr. Griffith order on Corbin for 10.00. Got 10. changed from Corbin.
- 23 Sunday – Stayed home tired out. Spalding came on the boat at night – brought his horse.
- 24 Men cut oats. Tom Nettles got here at noon and after dinner they put up a stack of hay on cherry hill. Dick, Simpson, Storer, Bill, Tom and Dub worked. Mr. Conner sent for the 3 head of cattle he bought.
- 25 Tom and Dub worked cutting oats.
- 26 Cut oats – Tom and Dub worked. M. and Madame Fredin and their children, Aline and Blanche came down from Florence and stayed all night. I got 10. in change from Mr. Corbin.
- 27 Tom Nettles took Madam Fredin and family down to the early boat. He and Dub hoed tobacco for me. I worked my muskmelon vines and killed bugs on them. Ernest came. Mr. Brady too.
- 28 Tom and Dub hoed tobacco for Dick to return a portion of his work. I was tired to death almost.
- 29 Dub worked ½ day in Dick's tobacco. Dick having worked for me I return it. Tom Nettles worked ½ day for me. He took the machine home to Mrs. Rogers and then hoed tobacco in barn lot. Got 10. from Mr. Corbin for Dick to pay Simpson. We all, Sally, Spalding and Charlie, went to Rising Sun. I went to the Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash my drafts from Washington amounting to 68.00. Went to see Aunt Sally. Paid Dr. Langsdale 18.20 for his medical services for her and for Aunt Eliza. Hilda went to Big Bone with Mr. Brady to a S. School Convention.
- 30 Sunday – Stayed at home tired out. Ernest came – on his way from Cin. Rained hard at night.
- 31 Didn't write in this at all till Aug. 7th – will try to straighten up things. Rained almost all day – no one came to work for me.

AUGUST

- 1 Tom Nettles came to see about getting George Youell's house and working for me. I agreed to give him 1.00 a day from the 1st of August till the 1st of Oct. and .75 a day till the first of March. He is to do my milking and I am to allow him .25 a Sunday for the Sunday work, and to let him have George's house rent free and wood and team to haul it.
- 2 Tom took the wagon and went after his things.
- 3 Tom worked in tobacco. I went to Aurora, on the evening boat. Got Mr. Davis in the Bank at Aurora to cash my check Mr. Jim Conner sent me by Mr. S. N. Brady for \$285. (see July 17th).

- 4 Tom worked for me – ploughed tobacco &c. Dub Lacy worked for me and I let him help Bill in his tobacco. George came and hauled part of his things – is moving away to Mr. Parker's.
- 5 Dub Lacy worked for me helping Bill. Tom worked ½ day for me hauling wood and chopping it. Went to Aurora for stone – I pd. him 16. to get it with. Storer came down and I advanced him 10.00 to live on at present.
- 6 Sunday – Ernest came and brought Amy Campbell and Lou Pearce. Amy went home with him to take the boat. Lou stayed with us. George finished moving.
- 7 Election day – Tom Nettles moved into George's house. He didn't work for me. I gave Mr. Brady a \$100. bill and asked him to pay my taxes in Burlington. It rained this evening. I advanced 10. to Bill Lacy. Got postal from Cousin Harvey. Sally got letter from Patty.
- 8 Tom worked for me – he hoed and primed the tobacco in barn lot and wormed some in garden. Dub Lacy worked helping Bill this makes three days he has worked for me helping Bill. Sent letter to Sue.
- 9 Tom worked for me, worming tobacco. Sally, Lou, Spalding and Charlie went to Dr. Grant's and spent the day.
- 10 Mr. Brady brought me back my \$100. The sheriff was tight and would not receive my taxes. Tom worked – he wormed in garden tobacco – ploughed that in barn lot and worked some in garden. I went to Rock Spring. Mr. Bob Brady told me he would charge 40. for training May and take 30. of it in 2 years rent of the house at Rock Spring that Tom Nelson lives in. Tom Nettles worked. I sent him to help Bob Brady thresh.
- 12 Tom worked ½ day in garden. He caught a swarm of bees which I had put in a barrel. After dinner let him have the wagon to go after his chickens &c. I went to Bellevue and took John B. to set up a post on Hilda's lot. Took letter to Mr. Morrison of Windham, N. H. saying I would take 3 copies of his History. Got letter from Patsy.
- 13 Sunday – Beautiful day – Mr. Brady told me my stag head was at the river. Cordy and Flora came over.
- 14 My precious big baby's birthday – Lord love her and grant her a happy life and death. She is 21 today – 'her own woman' as the saying is, but my baby always, just the same. Sent Tom down with wagon to get the stag head Mr. Selmes sent me from Dakota. Tom had Daisy shod behind. After dinner he hauled some oats from above Bill's tobacco and then hauled some straw into the lane. Mr. Arnold came to see about getting locust posts. Fanny Corbin came and sewed. I got note from Julia.
- 15 Mr. Jim Conner came and got the rest of the lambs, 43, and also bought 37 of my ewes. I selected the worst and he paid 2.50 a head for them and he gave me a check for \$234.40. Sally, Lou Pearce, Charlie and Spalding went to Cin. Tom took them over to the omnibus – when he got back he got up the horses and cut with the machine some weeds in the young timothy over by Charlie's old house – it began to rain a little and he went to worm tobacco. It rained hard at night. Fanny sewed.
- 16 Ben Corbin came out and said the paint had come. I sent Tom down with the wagon for it. Ben came back and painted. The paint was nasty stuff, a dirty pale blue, instead of white. I sent a letter to Julia. Turned the 3 Southdown bucks I got from Mr. Alexander in with my ewes. Mr. Conner said there were 102 of the ewes – and there

- must be near that. I aimed to keep about 100. Tom wormed tobacco. Fanny sewed. Sally, Charlie and Spalding came home on little Queen. Katy Arnold came over.
- 17 Twenty-three years ago today my darling mother died. Lord love her precious soul and give her rest. Turned quite cool. I went to Dr. Grant's to see Miss M. Longmore, Ernest, Clara and Miss Harrison came home with me. They were cutting tobacco at Dr. Grant's. Tom worked in tobacco.
 - 18 Tom finished going over the tobacco and mowed weeds with machine on meadow. I let Bill Lacy have 5.00 to pay John Lacy. Ben Corbin came back and painted shutters. Sent Mr. Griffiths \$10.
 - 19 Got letter today from my darling big baby telling me of her engagement to Tilden R. Selmes. Got letter from Julia. Fanny went home tonight having sewed for me all the week. Tom worked ½ day hauling wood. Ben Corbin worked ½ day painting tin and shutters.
 - 20 Sunday – Stayed at home.
 - 21 Fanny Corbin came and sewed. Ben painted on the house. Ben said the paint had come so I sent Tom down for it and he painted. Sent letter to Patty by him. Tom then ploughed little piece of bottom in the corner of the roads. Mrs. Cooney, now Mrs. Bauer, came to see about getting locust timber. Mr. Jim Conner sent for the 35 ewes he left here last Tuesday. I got letter from Mr. Leonard A. Morrison with the notice of papa which is to appear in his history of Windham.
 - 22 Didn't write in this till the 28th. I think Tom worked in tobacco. Fanny sewed here – went home. Ben painted on the house.
 - 23 Tom worked in tobacco. Miss Mat Longmore went home. Ernest came for her and brought Miss Brennan. Ben Corbin painted. John Moreland bought out Bill Lacy's crop of tobacco and took Dick Loudon in as a partner. They were to pay Bill \$100 when the crop of tobacco is sold. I lent Dick the 50. to go in with John and he gave me his note for it with 6 per cent interest. Sally and Bally as witnesses. John agreed before me and Bill to take the crop on the same terms exactly as Bill had it and Dick also agreed to take it on the same. Bill came in and we had a settlement. His work since our last settlement came to 33 2/3 days = 25.25. The money he got came to 56. leaving a balance due me of 30.75. He paid me the 30.
 - 24 My beloved father's [birthday], Lord love his precious soul. I think Tom worked in tobacco – at any rate he worked. Sally and Charlie went to Dr. Grant's and Hilda to Mrs. Allen's. It rained a little. Ben Corbin painted.
 - 25 I went to Bellevue – took note to Mr. Leonard A. Morrison inclosing the notice of papa which he sent me that is to be in his book. I paid my bill at the grange store \$42.60, of which 11.78 were for Dick's bacon. Ben Corbin worked and Mr. Griffith – the latter paid me the 10. he borrowed the 18th and I paid him 2.00 on his work. Tom worked, mowed weeds in sand field and vineyard and sowed turnip seed and after dinner got out locust poles for shed. Dick worked ½ day helping him.
 - 26 I got letter from Tilden R. Selmes telling me of his engagement – also letter from brother Charlie inclosing draft for 300. for Sally and a letter from Cousin Harvey written for Sue. Didn't get much done. Set Tom to hauling poles but it rained. Simpson worked part of the morning helping Tom pile oats in barn after dinner Tom gathered damsons.

- 27 Sunday – Mr. Graham came. Sally, Bally and Charlie went to Rock Spring to see the cliffs.
- 28 It rained off and on all day. Ben painted. Mr. Griffith came to go to work on shed but had to quit. Tom hauled a stick or two of timber, fixed harness &c. didn't get much done. I got letter from Patty and from Sue. I went to Bellevue – sent letter to buddy. Tom worked – hauled locust timber to stable and cut some weeds in vineyard. Ben Corbin painted. Bill Lacy said he wanted to stay another year in the same house and put in a crop. Aunt Nancy sick.
- 30 Bill Lacy and Tom worked hauling rocks and manure and then worked in barn lot and began in garden. Ben Corbin painted. I went to Dr. Grant's with Mr. Graham.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tom worked – went away to Bellevue for paint and rafters – then helped Mr. Griffith who worked raising the stable to get it ready for a shed. Ben Corbin painted. I rode to Rock Spring. Mr. Graham and Spalding went away to Lawrenceburg on their way home. I sent note to Sarah by Mr. Graham. Storer came down and got horses and slide to haul tobacco.
- 2 Mr. Griffith and Tom worked ½ day on stable – took down most of old cob house. Ben Corbin came out but didn't paint – took his ladder to mend. It rained at noon. I got letter from Julia telling me that Mary had a son born Aug. 31. Went to Bellevue.
- 3 Sunday – Lovely bright day. Went to church to hear singing after dinner. May Rice here.
- 4 Ben Corbin painted and put in glass. Mr. Griffith worked at stable. Tom helped him. Bill Lacy worked for me in tobacco. I went to Rock Spring. Mr. Bob Brady was here and I pd. him 10.00 He is to have this and the rent of the house Tom Nelson is in for two years from the time he put Joe Horton in which will come to 30. on training May.
- 5 Lovely day – Ben painted and put in glass. Mr. Griffith worked on the stable and shed. Tom N. helped him. Bill Lacy worked for me in garden tobacco and hauled lumber from Bellevue, two loads. I went to Bellevue, paid Mr. Cy Kelly for Mr. Jonas Clore 10.05 for lumber and then sent for more. Dick and John Moreland hauled and hung tobacco they brought up Bill. Sent letter to Julia. Noah West came to see me about hiring and I promised to let him have a place, probably Rock Spring, on these terms. He is to have house and garden rent free – wood and team to haul it find himself and I am to pay him .75 a day for work every day that the weather is suitable for him to work. I got meat for Tom Nettles – came to 1.10.
- 6 Mr. Griffith and Ben Corbin worked on the shed. Tom helped then till Bill Lacy finished going over the garden tobacco then Bill and Tom went on the hill in the mill road pasture and cut a white oak tree for boards. It was a bee tree and they got out plenty of comb. They sawed cuts and bolted one. Dick and John were cutting the tobacco they bought of Bill. I got letter from BB. Hilda got letter from Belle R. Sally had letter from Amy C. saying Patty would leave St. P. tomorrow.
- 7 Went to the funeral of John Loudon's baby. Storer brought my horse Charlie that I bought of John Loudon home this evening so sick that he only lived a few hours – apparently had colic. I only bought the horse last Jan. 21st. Mr. Griffith and Ben

- Corbin worked on shed. Tom pretended to work – bolted a little timber and got the horses stabled trying to go after it. Went up to Bob Brady's and borrowed slide.
- 8 Didn't write in this till Sunday. Bill and Tom worked – hauled the bolted timber before dinner – afterwards they cut another board tree and got it lodged so lost the evening's work. I sent John to Mr. Bob Brady's with slide – went on to Rock Spring. Mr. Griffith and Ben Corbin worked on the shed. Hilda went to Association – stayed all night. Rained a little.
 - 9 My beloved mother's birthday. No sweeter woman e'er drew breath. A lovely, beautiful day. Tom only worked for me. He mowed weeds in vineyard – hunted board trees – cut a little wood and after dinner cleaned and fixed spring wagon. Mr. Griffith came and got 10. but didn't work – neither did Ben. Got letters from Julia and Cousin Tom Flandrau. Sally got letter from Cousin Rebecca. She went for Amy who didn't come. Sent team up to Rock Spring for Storer to haul tobacco – he hauled what he had cut. Dick and John have been hauling Bill's tobacco they bought.
 - 10 Sunday – My dear sister Susie's birthday – spent in bliss I trust. Went to church twice - today a lovely cool day. Stopped at Mr. Arnold's for the children.
 - 11 Mr. Griffith and Ben did not work. Tom began to cut tobacco but quit at 11 because he had headache. Only Tom worked for me. I went to Aurora on the Harry – got note from Sue. Dick Loudon's wife Georgia had a girl baby. Cool and breezy.
 - 12 Ben Corbin came in the morning and put a little paint on, went away – after dinner came back and painted. Tom and Bill Lacy worked for me. John Lacy worked ½ day making clapboards. Bill worked in tobacco cutting all day. Tom went to Rock Spring for Mr. Rice's sled and took it home, then put away mowing machine &c. and fixed the house cistern, he afterwards helped cut tobacco. John took team to Storer and went after it. Charlie took Allan down and had three shoes put on. Quite cool this morning.
 - 13 Didn't write in this till Sat. Think Bill, John L. and Tom worked – hauling tobacco and hanging till Bill finished cutting then all three hauled. Patty got home from St. Paul – brought Charlie back. Ernest came down. Ben Corbin painted.
 - 14 Mr. Griffith worked on shed. John Lacy helped him. Bill hauled tobacco by himself till I got home from Erlanger. Tom drove spring wagon and I went up after Sarah who came from Lex. Tom went to the river in the evening for Sue Tew who came with her three children and nurse. The baby born May is named Jas. Dinsmore after papa. Ben Corbin painted.
 - 15 The three, Tom, John L. and Bill finished hanging tobacco then suckered a little in barn lot. After dinner Bill and Tom sawed a board tree and fooled away time with bad saw. I believe John made boards then all suckered tobacco. Ben Corbin painted.
 - 16 Willie Tew's birthday – he is six today. I rode to Mr. Griffith's to see about getting saw set. Sent it down by Tom – then he and Bill cut two lengths of tree while John finished tobacco. They all three worked ½ day. I went to see Mr. Green about working on shed. Ben Corbin came out and finished up the painting of the house – said he would not charge for what he did today.
 - 17 Sunday – Sarah and I went to Burlington to church and dined with Mrs. Dills. Ernest came and took Patty to Dr. Grant's to dine.

- 18 Tom worked – bolting and hauling board timber. Bill and John Lacy worked sawing board timber. Mr. Brogan came to see orchard. I went to Bellevue.
- 19 Mr. Morton Green came to work on the shed. Ben Corbin worked helping him. Tom hauled and bolted timber, Bill and John Lacy sawed timber. It rained tonight very hard – was hot today. Dr. Grant and Miss Lou came to call. Mr. German came to collect taxes. I paid him 64.76 for mine and pd. 5.28 for Bill Lacy, 5.13 for Dick Loudon and 5.13 for Tom Nettles and got receipts for all.
- 20 Rained during the night and early this morning – showered during the day. Patty, Sally and Charlie went over the river to the omnibus on their way to Cincinnati. Tom drove the wagon – when he got back hauled clapboards to the sheds and cleaned up barn and hauled hay from stable. Bill Lacy helped Tom and also helped John Lacy who made clapboards. Mr. Green and Ben worked on sheds. Mr. Brogan came to say he had not decided about apples. I gave Patty the draft for 300. her father sent see Aug. 26 to buy things for Sally.
- 21 Rainy day – Mr. Green worked on the sheds. John Lacy worked making boards. Tom and Bill worked – they finished hauling hay out of stable and hauled some poles for trees. Mr. Green went home at night on account of rain. I went to Bellevue to the funeral of Harry Botts’s wife Eva Sutton that was. Got letter from Tibbs & Brogan, Aurora saying they would take the orchard on cherry hill. I asked him 100. for it not including the little piece beyond the cherry trees.
- 22 Didn’t write in this till the 25th. Bill Lacy and Tom hauled tier poles till noon and then Bill cut tobacco. Tom hauled a little wood and then he helped Mr. Green. John Lacy worked helping Mr. Green who worked on shed. Cousin Rebecca, Googoo, Charlie, Patty and Sally came at night – brought May home.
- 23 Bill Lacy cut tobacco – said he worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day. John Lacy and Tom worked on shed with Mr. Green. Amy Campbell came at night. Lily and Kate -----
Moreland finished cutting tobacco. Got letter from buddy.
- 24 Sunday – Lovely day. Mr. & Mrs. Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Winston came to dinner. Ernest came at night.
- 25 Mr. Green and Ben Corbin worked on sheds. Tom helped till noon – then bolted timber. Bill and John Lacy cut a tree and sawed board timber. Mr. Brogan came to see about apples and gave me a check for \$100.00. I got letter from buddy. Amy C. went to Aurora early to go home.
- 26 Mr. Green and Ben Corbin worked on shed. Bill Lacy and John L. sawed and bolted timber and Tom hauled it. Then John made boards and Bill and Tom hauled some tobacco from barn lot and hung it in wine house. Tom went to Bellevue for lumber and I went too – bought lumber from Mr. Jonas Clore and two pieces from Corbin. Ernest came in the evening and Joe Humphreys with him, also Dr. Harley Sutton and Mr. Stratton. Patty and Sally went home with Ernest to get on the boat.
- 27 I went to Mr. Rice’s and he lent me 1000 ash tobacco sticks which Tom hauled after his dinner. Bill and Tom worked – they finished hauling in my tobacco and put it in wine house. Bill helped trim timber for John Lacy who made boards. Mr. Green and Ben C. worked on shed. I went to Bellevue twice. Patty and Sally came home on packet. Ernest and Joe were here. Tom drove wagon to river.

- 28 Joe and Miss Lou came and spent the day. Storer came down and said he owed his brother Robert 4. for work which he will return for me at .75 a day – that I owed him C. I. Storer for ½ day on roofing and owed Robert 1. for roofing – so I pd. him .38 and gave him an order on Corbin for 5.00. Bill Lacy worked helping at the new sheds – John L. made boards and Mr. Green and Ben Corbin worked at shed. Tom had a sore foot and didn't work. Turned warmer – lovely day.
- 29 Rained hard between 8 & 9 this morning and showered besides. Mr. Green and Ben Corbin worked on shed. John Lacy made boards. Bill helped Dick cut tobacco. Tom didn't work. I went to Bellevue. Went to Mr. Mike Clore's and got him to cash the check Mr. Conner gave me Aug. 15th for 234.40. Ernest and Joe came down and took Cousin Rebecca, Sarah and the children to Dr. Grant's and brought them back – it rained at night. Paid Mr. Corbin the 5.00 he let Storer have yesterday.
- 30 Mr. Green went home this morning. He charged for 9 days at 1.25 per day and I pd. him 11.25. John Lacy worked ½ day and came in and settled. He had worked 15 ½ days and had drawn 3.00 so I pd. him 12.50 and settled in full to date. Ben Corbin came out and we settled up and I paid him off in full 50.60. Tom didn't work still laid up. Dick drove the spring wagon at night down for Amy Campbell and I am to pay him for it. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Baker.

OCTOBER

- 1 Sunday - Hart Grigsby came. Hilda left with Mr. Brady for Silver Lake on her way to take the train for N. Jersey. Cousin Rebecca, Goo-goo, and my precious Sally left for Aurora to take the Cin. train for N. York. John Moreland drove the wagon with the baggage – am to pay him for it. Joe H. drove the spring wagon. Polly gave out and they had to leave her in Aurora. Ernest came down late. Susie Rice came over. Sent letter by Cousin Rebecca to Cousin Wm. Paid Sally 50. I owed her 43. and gave her the 7 to make up the 50.
- 2 Mr. Green came and worked finishing up at the tobacco sheds. Tom Nettles helped him. Bill Lacy and John L. cut corn up in Bill's corn. I went to Bellevue. Joe H. and Hart went up to Aurora and drove Polly home. Cousin Harvey Tew came with them. Ernest came too. Joe went home with Ernest to leave tomorrow.
- 3 Hart Grigsby went away after breakfast – went across the river. Found the tobacco strutting and rotting and doing everything bad it possibly could – such is life. Bill and John Lacy worked in the tobacco – moved all in the winehouse on the scaffold. Mr. Green and Tom worked on the tobacco pen and fixing a stall or so. Mr. Brogan's man came to see about cider mill. Dr. Grant and Mr. Brady came. Hot weather.
- 4 Tom, Bill and John Lacy worked at putting tobacco out of sheep cellar on a scaffold and then they sawed and hauled wood. Tom hauled the cider mill up on cherry hill for the apple man. I got letter from Amy telling me Sally and all the rest started Monday morning. Still very hot for the season.
- 5 Cousin Harvey, Sue and the children and nurse left this morning. Tom went to Aurora with them in the wagon. I took Sue over and then went on to R. Sun. Brought Aunt Eliza over with me. Kate and Mike Corbin came to get some grapes. Mr. Green came this morning – worked at fixing stalls. Tom helped him after he got back. Bill worked

- putting tobacco back in wine house cut some corn first I believe. John Lacy helped him worked ½ day. Pd. J. W. Rice 20. for seed wheat.
- 6 Got up early this morning to see the comet – it is beautiful. Mr. Green worked part of a day – said Dick wanted me to pay .50 for him which I did – that I owed him 4.00 of which I paid him 2.00. Mr. Green finished fixing the four stalls in barn shed – eaves troughs &c. Tom helped him – then helped tier in tobacco shed and hoed my strawberry plants. Bill worked - cut corn a little while and then put tobacco back in sheep cellar. I bought 20 bus. ----- wheat from J. W. Rice.
 - 7 Patty and I went to Burlington to be there at Mrs. Loudon's case in court – fortunately it was dismissed. We went to call on Susy Saxton and Mrs. Dills. I went to see Mrs. Baker. Tom worked ½ day he says – he went to John Wesley Rice's and got the 20 bus. wheat I bought. None of the rest worked for me. Aunt Eliza went home. I got photograph of Spalding – a letter from Sally and postal from Cousin Rebecca.
 - 8 Sunday – Stayed home and rested. Noah West came to see about getting a place.
 - 9 Sent letter to Julia. Tom, Bill and John worked cutting corn. It rained a little last night and sprinkled this morning.
 - 10 Tom didn't work – he came in and we had a settlement. His work up to date has amounted to 51.63 and he has drawn 39.50 which added to the 5.13 I paid for his taxes – see Sep. 19th for which I gave him the receipts made 44.63 – leaving me owing him a balance of 7.00. Bill worked ½ day cutting corn. John Lacy worked – cut corn in the morning – hauled board timber to Bill's afterwards. I went on cherry hill to see the apple man – it rained a little.
 - 11 Paid Tom 7.00 settled in full to date – he didn't work. Bill and John L. cut corn before noon – afterwards John L. went to haul tobacco sticks from Mr. Rice's pen – got 175 sticks and Bill and he both dug garden potatoes. Mr. Philip came out to see about orchard. I sent by him a letter to Sally. Went to Rock Spring. Mr. Owen Rogers came to tell me he had attachments amounting to 34. on Storer's tobacco. Ernest came. I got 2 letters from Sally and from Hilda and Sue. Dick began to sow wheat in the piece of Bill's tobacco next Mr. Arnold's.
 - 12 A little misty this morning – rode to see Squire Green but did not find him at home. Storer came down to see about the tobacco. Bill and John L. worked – they cut corn till noon – then dug potatoes in garden. John L. went to Mr. Arnold's after my harrow. Tom didn't work. John Loudon came to see about getting house. Mr. Selmes came today.
 - 13 Bill and John began to cut corn but it rained at about 10.15 and they had to quit. John then hauled some tobacco sticks and put in his time somehow. It rained hard. I went to see Mr. Rice about getting some sticks. John Lacy hauled 81 sticks. Mr. S. rode Ned up to Dr. Grant's.
 - 14 Bill worked ½ day – cutting corn. John Lacy worked till about 4 cutting corn and cutting some wood from apple tree.
 - 15 Sunday – R. E. came while we were gone. We all went to Dr. Grant's and took dinner. Lovely weather.
 - 16 Dick sold his red cow they say, taking her away before his calf was 6 months old. Mr. Kirtley came and made a call. Only John Lacy worked for me – he cut and tied up corn and hauled the wood he cut Sat. I got letters from Julia and BBG.

- 17 Mr. Griffith came out and wanted to settle up. I had paid him 61.50 and I charged him .50 for George's time going after his tools. His bill against me was 66. in full – so I pd. him by giving him an order on Corbin for 4.00. No one worked for me today I believe. It rained early this morning.
- 18 No one worked for me. Patty, Mr. Selmes and I went to Cin. via Erlanger, came down at night . It rained as we got home. I went to Mr. Foster's office and got 125. of which 25. I let Patty have. Bought 3 grates and other things. Got letter from Hilda.
- 19 Only John Moreland worked – he ½ day hauling barrels sand &c. Dick went to the river for me with wagon to get the grates – he got two. Dick got a load of corn for himself out of Bill's corn.
- 20 First frost of the season. Only Bill worked for me – he cut corn in bottom. I went to the funeral of Cap. Bob Piatt in Bellevue.
- 21 Only Bill worked for me – he hauled sand and went to Bellevue for bricks – got ----- . We went to Aurora – Mr. Selmes, Patty, Charlie and I went for Amy Campbell. I went to Tebbs and Brogan and got them to cash their check for 100. Got two letters from Sally. Sent Hilda's box by Ex. from Aurora.
- 22 Sunday – Ernest came to dine. This is lovely weather – clear, cool and bright.
- 23 John Lacy came to settle. He had worked 10 ¼ days since our last settlement which came to 7.70. He had drawn 5.00 and I pd. him 2.70 and settled in full to date. Bill worked for me helping Mr. Griffith who worked setting grates. He set the one in the room over the parlor. Dick hauled some potatoes and buried them in the garden. Amy went home early via Aurora.
- 24 Mr. Griffith worked again on grates, set the one in my room and began on the one in the parlor. Bill Lacy helped him. Tom began to work again, he and Bill hauled some apples and Tom went to Bellevue for Radiant grate. I had to go down to see about fire bricks. John Moreland broke up wheat ground for Dick – worked his horses to pay for the time I let him have my horses to move George Youell.
- 25 Mr. Griffith worked till noon – set parlor grate – put up my mantelpiece &c. Bill and Tom worked – hauling and putting away apples and Bill helped Mr. Griffith. A man named Taylor who had been picking apples by the barrel came and charged me for picking 72 barrels of which I only got 47. Told him to quit picking. Storer came down and got 10. saying he would work it out – or let it go on the tobacco. Got letter from Sally and card from Mrs. Brown. Tom cut a little wood and Bill cut some briars.
- 26 Patty and Mr. Selmes went to Cin. Tom and Bill picked apples.
- 27 Tom and Bill and Dub picked and hauled apples. I worked at home all day cleaning up. Patty and Mr. Selmes came home.
- 28 Tom worked picking apples. Bill ½ day picking. Dub a day. Dick finished hauling his potatoes.
- 29 Sunday – Sarah and I went to church – then we all went to Bellevue to the baptizing, Mrs. Dircken – there were 2_ - baptized, among them Cordy Arnold.
- 30 Tom hauled apples. Didn't write in this for a week but will try and set things down right. Mr. Selmes went away on the little boat to Lawrenceburg on his way home. Sarah and I went to night meeting. Simpson worked – helped Dick shuck corn and then hauled apples. Bill worked picking apples.

- 31 Cousin Rebecca came and Googoo. I think Simpson Cantwell quit working for Dick. Tom went to Bellevue got 300 bricks and got Daisy shod by Birkle. Bill worked ½ day.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Only Tom worked – unloaded wagons – stripped tobacco and after dinner cut wood.
- 2 Set Tom to hauling wood and timber that old Mr. Lacy bolted up on hill next Mr. Garnett's. He quit to take Cousin Rebecca to Bellevue – when we got there found the boat wasn't running. Took Cousin Rebecca and Charlie and Goo-goo to the ferry at Lawrenceburg on their way home. It was after dark when we got home. Tom drove the wagon – no one else worked for me. I paid Dick Loudon for Simpson Cantwell 23.00 and he paid him off. I gave Simpson the tax receipts for the 5.00 I had paid Mr. German for him.
- 3 Tom and Bill worked ½ day hauling bolted timber to Bill's for Mr. Lacy to make up.
- 4 Angeline went away today to Rising Sun. I went with her. I went to the bank in R.S. and got a draft of Patty's that her father sent her for 150. cashed. With Mr. Jim Perkins as witness paid Angeline 105. of it and paid her .50 out of my porte monnaie. She had worked for me from Oct. 22nd, 1881 to Nov. 4, 1882 in all 54 weeks. Of these 49 at 2.00 a week came to 98. and 5 at 1.50 to 7.50 total 105.50. She had drawn of her wages 6.58 which at her request I left for her to pay when she returns out of her wages in future. Aunt Eliza came home with me. Stopped at Bellevue to see the baptizing by Mr. Dicken of ----- people. Got letter from Sally and note from Cousin Rebecca. Bill said he had worked two days this week. Tom didn't work for me – he helped Mr. Lacy haul a little timber for boards. Patty got her Whitman saddle Mr. Selmes sent her from N. York. Brogan shipped 11 barrels apples.
- 5 Sunday – Dr. Grant came and dined with us. Frost last night and a skim of ice on pans and tubs this morning. Tom didn't do his Sunday work - was gone.
- 6 Only Bill Lacy worked for me – he stripped tobacco – it rained this morning and then again at night. Tom didn't work. I went to Bellevue – engaged 100 bus. coal at .13 from Mr. J. Clore and 200 bus. at .12 from Mike Corbin. Got letter from Sally. Patty got her engagement ring from Mr. Selmes and another Whitman saddle from Chicago.
- 7 Tom worked, hauling coal from Mr. Corbin's. Bill stripped tobacco. Mr. Brogan came and paid me 5.00 for the 11 barrels of apples he got out of my reserved piece of orchard.
- 8 Mr. Lacy and John L. came to get paid for boards. There were 1467 of those they made in the tree at .40 a hundred and 291 of those they made from timber bolted out at .20 a hundred and I paid Mr. Lacy in full 6.45. Mrs. Carter and Louisa Aikin came and made a call. Tom worked hauling coal from Mr. Corbin's and I believe some from Mr. Clore's – he drove Ned in the wagon. Bill Lacy chopped apples trees in big pasture. I got letters from Sally and Julia. Rained at night.
- 9 Raining a fine misty rain part of the day. Patty and I went to Mr. I. W. Gaines's. Tom worked part of a day – hauled coal till noon – after that unloaded the wagon. Bill Lacy stripped tobacco.

- 10 Drove my 5 two year-old steers down to Mr. Clore's and engaged them at 4 ¼ and Mr. Mike Clore paid me for them. The 5 weighed 4845 lbs. and they came to \$205.90. I went to Mr. Corbin's and paid Mike 14.00 for cash I had gotten from them, order to Griffith for 4.00 Oct. 17th and 10. I also paid Mike for the coal I have just had hauled – 193 2/3 bus. at .12 which came to 23.24 and got a receipted bill for it. Sent letter to Sue. Went to see Mrs. Baker. Bill Lacy stripped tobacco. Tom did not work, was gone away. It rained off and on a little today. Patty rode to Dr. Grant's.
- 11 No one worked for me. Tom still gone. My white cow Snowdrop had a red and white b. calf. I saw the most beautiful shooting star I ever saw. Sarah and I were walking on the gallery and as we went towards the kitchen the end of the gallery was lit up as if by lightning and hurrying forward I saw the blazing star shoot through the sky. Rained at night. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Sent letters to Sally and to Julia.
- 12 Sunday – Rained. Patty rode to Dr. Grant's.
- 13 Bill and Tom stripped tobacco. It rained last night and early this morning – turned cold afterwards. Got letters from Sally and Hilda. The boys said Storer had a tobacco stripping.
- 14 Angeline came back. Patty and I went to see Mr. Griffith about the flue. I went to Mr. Jonas Clore's and paid him for the lumber I got Nov. 1.74 and for the coal 122 bus. 48 lbs, 15.91. Hard frost and some ice. No one worked for me. Bill and Tom got wood for themselves. Storer hauled wood.
- 15 Angeline gave me a note of Miller & Son for \$105. which she lent them for safe keeping. Tom and Bill helped Dick shuck corn in the shocked corn of Bill's crop. Dick hauled me 2 loads which makes 3 I have had. Dr. Grant came today. I got letters from Sally and Charlie. Warmer today. Aunt Eliza and Aunt Nancy went to Rising Sun.
- 16 Went up to Erlanger after Sally Humphreys who didn't come. Dr. Grant and Ernest came by and dined. Tom drove the spring wagon for me. Bill shucked corn I believe. It was cold this morning, turned warmer and rained a little after dark. Tom got 1 ½ lb. butter.
- 17 Bill stripped tobacco. Tom worked fixing stalls for horses and mangers &c. John B. went to Burlington for telegram for Sarah. It was misty and cloudy most of the day.
- 18 Bill worked ½ day in stripping. Tom worked tinkering up stalls, buggy house &c. Got letters from Sally and Julia – note from Tebbs, Brogan & Co.
- 19 Sunday – Patty went home with Ernest and dined.
- 20 Mr. Griffith and his brother Josh came out and worked on the flue in Hilda's room and topping the chimneys. Tom waited on them. Bill sorted Peach -----s and buried them in garden – hauled 1 load of corn for me and put it into little crib.
- 21 Went out to Erlanger for Sally Humphreys, who came from Lex. Tom drove the wagon. I didn't write in this till the 26th so may not get all set down. The Griffiths worked and Bill helped them. He hauled more bricks from Bellevue, hundred I believe. Tom helped when we got home.
- 22 The Griffiths worked – they set Dick's grate I believe and Josh Griffith painted chimneys. Henry Griffith painted chimneys. Henry Griffith worked ½ day and I settled with him. He had worked in all 5 days at 2/50 a day which came to 12.50. I had paid him 5.00 so paid him the 7.50 in full. Sarah and I went to the river. I got

letters from Sally and Julia. Tom worked ½ day hauling wood. Bill helped the Griffiths.

- 23 Julia Foster and her Julia came on the little boat. Tom Nettles worked. He hauled boards up the hill then drove the wagon to Bellevue for Julia. John M. and Dick hauled the last of the corn off Bill's piece and put it in the little crib – they said they put 4 loads in it. Mr. I. Griffith worked, and Tom helped him on Bill's house. Bill didn't work for me.
- 24 Julia and little Julia went away on the boat. Tom and Mr. Griffith worked on Bill's house. Bill helped ½ day.
- 25 Tom didn't work – went away. Mr. I. Griffith worked and Bill helped him. They finished putting the roof on Bill's house. Mr. I. Griffith had worked 6 days at 2.00 and I paid him in full 12.00. Got letter from my Sally. Dick put in crib 1 load of corn out of bottom.
- 26 Sunday – There was a slight skim of snow in spots this morning – it rained. Amy Campbell and Ernest came and dined. I sent by him box to send Sally with cake &c.
- 27 Rather cold this morning – ground slightly frozen. Tom, Bill and Dick worked for me hauling out fence that was washed away and repairing it. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Mr. Foster.
- 28 Mr. Griffith came and fixed the dining room fireplace. Tom helped him. Dick and Bill worked on the fence between the hedge and the creek. John M. hauled me the first load of corn out of the bottom and put it in the crib. Hilda came home from Phil. Patty took Angeline to see the Dr. in Burlington. Aunt Eliza came. Ernest was here. Mr. Brady came to bring Hilda home. Storer got the team to haul wood.
- 29 Tom took the wagon down to Bellevue for Hilda's trunk and a barrel of flour. He worked at the fence with Dick and Bill and at night went to the river with the wagon to meet the company. Only Amy C. came from Cin. Patty went to Aurora to meet her.
- 30 Thanksgiving Day – Hilda, Sarah, Ernest, Amy Campbell, Sally H., Patty and I dined together. Mr. Brady and Horace Grant came afterwards. Tom, Dick and Bill worked on the fence.

DECEMBER

- 1 Sarah and her Sally went to Erlanger on their way to Lex. Tom drove the wagon – he worked ½ day. Patty and Amy Campbell went on the little boat to Cin. Bill and Dick didn't work – killed their hogs. Tom helped them in the morning. It was a mild pleasant day. I gave Patty a note for Mr. Foster asking him to let her have 100.
- 2 No one worked for me. Set Tom to chop wood but he said he had headache and quit. John M. hauled and put in crib the 3rd load of corn out of the bottom. Katy Arnold came over. I pd. her 1.00 for sewing for Sally and pd. her .50 for Lily for sewing for Patty. It was a mild day – cloudy and with occasional sprinkles. John went for mail. I got letter from Julia.
- 3 Sunday – Stayed home all day alone. Bright beautiful day.
- 4 My precious little baby's birthday – 16 years old today. Lord love her and keep her as pure and good and sweet as she is now. Sweet sixteen – 'thou hast the dew of thy youth.' Went to Bellevue twice – took letters for Sarah and her Sally that came last mail. Got letters for Sarah and one from my Sally written from Miss Bessie

Woodruff's home – Litchfield, Conn. Tom and Bill worked for me – they buried some potatoes first – then sawed and cut oak wood back of the house on the hill. Dick gathered corn in bottom, he hauled 1 load to crib. John M. put in the 4th load, he hauled it to Bellevue and it weighed ----.

- 5 Rained all day – Tom and Bill worked for me sorting apples in the morning and stripping tobacco in the evening. I went to Bellevue for Patty who came on the boat. She got the 100. from Mr. Foster, kept what I was owing her and brought me \$55.
- 6 Sent letters to Sally to Julia and Sarah's mail to her. Got letter from Sally saying she received her box. Tom and Bill worked for me – they stripped tobacco in the morning and then got wire off the grapevines on cherry hill. John M. hauled 2 more loads of corn into the crib making 6 in all so far. It was warm and misty and looked like rain.
- 7 Turned bitter cold during the night, only 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Cold all day and at 10 p.m. only 1 degree above 0. Tom only worked – he cut wood in woods. Bill began to work and Dick started to – on the watergap and fence but they said it was too cold to work. Mr. Clore came to engage locust pole. Sent John B. down and had Bill shod at Birkle's. He turned 11 head of cattle in big pasture.
- 8 Sent letter to cousin Wm. Bitter cold still – down to 0 at sunrise and up to 18 degrees above 0 at 10 pm. Sent by Hilda to Joe Birkle 5.30 to pay blacksmith bill he sent me receipted. Only Tom worked for me – he went to Mr. Corbin's for sled and hauled wood. Got letters from Julia, Joe H. and Aunt Sally.
- 9 Milder – No one worked for me. Got Dick and John to help me put up the stove in dining room. Mr. Selmes came before noon. Joe Humphreys and Ernest came after dark and stayed all night. It rained at night.
- 10 Sunday – Joe and Ernest left before noon. Mr. Selmes went away. I sent by him letters to Sally and to Miss Porter. John B. went to Aurora with Mr. S. Tom did his milking and he and John Moreland helped doctor May who is sick – they worked with her till after nine.
- 11 Bill and Tom worked for me sawing and chopping wood. John Moreland gathered corn – hauled to the crib 5 loads, 3 in his wagon and 2 in Jim Love's. Ernest and Joe H. came down and hunted. I went to Bellevue.
- 12 Went to Rising Sun on boat. Bill and Tom worked sawing ash tree. Tom took Mr. Corbin's sled home. Dick put in crib 2 loads of corn out of bottom he said. I saw one. Joe and Ernest came down and Joe stayed all night.
- 13 Patty started to Cin. to attend the wedding of Bessie McIntosh's mother tomorrow. Joe H. drove her to Aurora. Came home and dined here and went back to Dr. Grant's. I got letters from Sarah and my Sally and a note from Patty. Turned warm and rained last night. No one worked for me today.
- 14 No one worked for me today either. I went to Bellevue – pd. Will Grant's bill of 13.40 and got receipt. Paid Cy Kelly 3.44 for the last lumber I got of him – for tobacco shed – and 3.80 for sundries including boots for John B. at 3.25. Mr. Lillard was here a few minutes. It turned colder.
- 15 I paid John Moreland \$54.00 for 120 bus. corn which I bought from him out of his share in the bottom corn so far – after this he is to divide the rest. Mr. M. Clore came out and got a locust pole for which I charged him 1.00. He asked me to pay him for the coal Dick Loudon bought of his son Tom so I pd him 11 and let the pole go for

- 1.00 as the coal Dick bought came to 12.00. Dr. Furnish came to see Angeline. I made a fruit cake. Went to Mrs. Corbin's afterwards. No one worked for me again today. Tom and Bill were getting wood for themselves.
- 16 Very cold, 12 degrees above 0. Took Aunt Eliza down to Bellevue but the boat didn't run so she couldn't go. Got note from Patty. No one worked for me.
- 17 Sunday – Snowing hard nearly all day. Went to Dr. Grant's and only stayed a little while. John drove me. Tom didn't do his milking – gone.
- 18 Colder, only 20 above 0 at sunrise. Walked to Bellevue and sent letters to Patty and to Amy C. No one worked for me. Turned warmer 22 degrees above 0 after sundown. Got letter from Cousin Wm. and picture papers from BBG. John Moreland put his father's cow in pasture.
- 19 Warmer – went up above freezing. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Dickens's. Dick worked for me cutting some trees in little bottom. Storer came and got team to haul wood. Rained at night.
- 20 Rained hard – almost all day. Mr. Brady came and dined on his way home. I got letter from BBG. No one worked for me. Bill helped Dick strip his tobacco.
- 21 Ten years ago today my beloved father died. Lord love and bless his soul. I miss and mourn him still. Went to Bellevue tonight to see about boats. Rained part of today, not hard. Warm and muddy. Weaned Pink's calf, Katy Gibbon. Only Bill worked for me – bulked the tobacco in wine house and finished stripping that in sheep cellar. Dick and John M. bulked tobacco in barn and stalls.
- 22 Sally and Patty and Mr. Selmes came down from Erlanger. It rained part of the day. Only Bill worked for me – he stripped some tobacco and hauled some drags of wood. Storer came down and I let him have 5.00.
- 23 Aunt Eliza went home. No one worked for me. Got letter and packages from Mr. Graham.
- 24 Sunday – Ten years since my beloved father was buried in the bitter cold and snow. This Christmas weather is mild. Ernest dined with us.
- 25 Christmas. Mr. Selmes, Patty, Sally and I, with Hilda and Mr. Brady dined together. In the evening Mr. Selmes rode to Aurora to telegraph. Bill Lacy's account is settled up to the last of the year see Jan. 12, 1883.