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Diary for 1884

Patty M. F. Selmes
Sally G. Flandrau

JANUARY

- 1 Very disagreeable weather. Hailed, snowed, rained and at night blew hard. Patty, Tilden and I went to Burlington and dined with Hilda and Mr. Brady. Mr. Brady gave me the receipt for my taxes for 1883 which he paid yesterday – it was for \$62.08. I gave him \$10.00 and Angeline's bill and asked him to pay Dr. Furnish the money and get it receipted on the bill. Ernest Grant was here this evening. Joe worked. Bill hauled his tobacco two loads to Mr. Terrill's.
- 2 Bill gave me the check that Mr. G. W. Terrill sent for the tobacco. It is for \$292. on the ----- and as the tobacco was sold at 10 c. all round there must have been 2920 lbs. Joe worked but only fed, chopped a little stove wood &c. It was one of the most disagreeable days of the winter – thermometer at 18 degrees above 0 all day and the wind blowing hard all last night and today.
- 3 Very cold – 1- degree above 0 at sunrise. Only Joe worked, he fed, hauled some little wood &c. Spalding Graham came. Joe went after his trunk. I went to Bellevue, gave Mr. Cy Kelly a check for \$30 to pay for the orders, flour &c. the men got and pd. him 1.00 for sugar. I got present of silk mittens from Cousin Belle.
- 4 Very cold, 8 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Only Joe fed – he didn't even water the horses. It was snowing when we got up and snowed all day. Got letter from Nat'l Metropolitan Bk. Washington with check for 7.00.
- 5 Very cold – 18 degrees below 0 at sunrise. I let R. Loudon have \$50 of his tobacco; money – with my Sally as witness.

Settlement with Wm. Lacy; Took my books to Bill's and went over them to settle. I

was owing him for 68 days work	51.00
For balance of I. Lacy's board	3.00
For three loads corn at .45	<u>23.85</u>
	\$77.85
He was owing me for cash	99.28
For orders	20.00
For vinegar, butter &c.	<u>3.07</u>
	\$122.28
	<u>77.85</u>
	44.43

His share of the tobacco money, see Jan 2 146.00

	<u>44.43</u>
	101.57
½ toll	<u>.32</u>

\$101.84 - 70 for potatoes

This does not include pasture for Bill's horse and 1 ½ bus. potatoes he got last year. One buck lamb with blk. ---- on back of neck. Only Joe worked and he part of the day – fed &c.

- 6 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came. Mr. Brady brought me Angeline's bill with Dr. Furnish's credit of 10.00 on it. Dr. Grant and Ernest came to call. Bitter cold – thermometer 20 degrees below 0 this morning.
- 7 Thermometer at 0 at sunrise; came up they say to 14 degrees above. Joe fed – and drove the wagon after dinner. Paid Wm. Lacy 50. of his tobacco money. Mr. Selmes and Spalding went to Erlanger. I sent letter to Julia by Mr. S. It snowed hard towards sundown and all night so far as I could know.
- 8 Snowing hard and 14 degrees above 0. Snowed almost all day. Found my little lamb with his two hind feet frozen stiff – so he dragged them - thawed them out in cold water. Joe fed and cut a little stove wood. He got a sack of corn for his chickens.
- 9 Milder – thermometer went up to 22 degrees above 0 during the day. I went to Bellevue and Mike Corbin let me have \$200. for which I gave him a check on the First Nat'l Bk. Aurora. I also got my bill there, which was 84.27 receipted and gave him the .27 and a check on the same bank for \$81. This bill includes 289 bus. coal. In presence of Cyrus Kelly pd. Richard Loudon \$150. of his tobacco money – which with the 50. I let him have the 5th makes 200. he has received of it. Joe fed and I believe cut a little stove wood. Patty and Sally went to Burlington to Hilda's on their way to Cincinnati. Dennis drove them up and brought the buggy back. They told me at Bellevue that the thermometer there had been as low as 22 degrees below 0.
- 10 Much milder – thermometer went to 36 degrees 0. Began to rain and rained all day. Joe partly fed and milked, went fox hunting and to Bellevue. I sent Dennis to Ernest Grant's with Patty's note. Mary Coons came and began to work.
- 11 Ernest came down and took Fanny to Burlington. I went too and found the children at Hilda's we dined there and came home. Thermometer went down to 9 degrees above 0 at bedtime. Got letter from Ins. Co. about my money to be pd. in Feb.
- 12 Went to Bellevue twice – got note from Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. Moderated again. Joe fed &c. I pd. him 10.00
- 13 Sunday – Much warmer – above freezing at sunrise and thawed all day. Bill Lacy moved to Ed Kelly's place. Patty and Sally went to Erlanger on their way to Cin. Sally starting for school. Mr. B. and Hilda came down but went away.
- 14 Still mild – about sundown began to snow hard again. Jim Moreland moved into Bill Lacy's house. Only Joe worked for me and he didn't do much – took cistern stalk out and tried at fixing it. Black Anderson's wife came here and hired to work for me but he came after her. I went to Dr. Grant's to see Ernest about going for Patty. Went to Bellevue – remailed to Sally a letter from her father, one other and a package. Mary Coons finished ironing.
- 15 Ernest came down and went to Mr. Brady's for Patty who came home from Cin. Joe, Dick and Jim worked – they hauled poles from fence I had made round orchard grass last summer and fixed fence round hay shed – hauled some for wood 22 Found 9 new lambs. I sent by Patty to Julia Foster 30. to buy ticket to Opera Festival. It turned colder at night.

- 16 Much colder, 2 degrees above 0 only at sunrise. Joe worked – chopped wood and helped Dick cut bush tree in new ground – after dinner he went to Burlington after the rolling grate I sent for by Patty. Dick worked ½ day chopping. Got note from Spalding.
- 17 Dick, Jim and Joe worked - the two former cut trees in the new ground. Joe did till noon – then he went to Erlanger and brought Mr. Gordon down. It was rather mild. Fanny got letter from Lucy H. saying she was to be married the 12th Feb.
- 18 Dick and Jim worked ½ day chopping in new ground. It rained after noon. Joe worked I believe. I went to Bellevue – gave Mike Corbin a check on Aurora bank for \$30 and got the money from him. Wrote a note to Aunt Sally and left 5.00 in it to be sent to her. Got letter from Julia telling me Sally had arrived safely at Farmington. Dick said he worked 3 ½ days this week. Let R. Loudon have 6.00 on the balance of his tobacco money, he has now received 206. (see 9th).
- 19 Very disagreeable – snowing and at night snowed hard. Joe only milked and fed sheep. There was one buck lamb born. I got letter from Sally.
- 20 Sunday – Colder – at 0 at sunrise, rose to 18 degrees above during the day. There was another buck lamb this morning. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest Grant came.
- 21 Still colder. I saw it 5 degrees below 0 and Julia said it was 11 below. Joe fed and milked - after dinner took Mr. Gordon on the buggy to Burlington to spend the night at Mr. Brady's on his way home. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent by them letter to Sally. Got two letters from Sally – one with a cheque for \$50. to replace 50. I let her have when she left for school.
- 22 Bright and warmer, 18 degrees above 0 and went up to 36 degrees at noon. Dick says 1 pr. of twins among them. This evening found 2 more new lambs – among these one bell ewe has a buck lamb and a small black faced and legged one has a lamb – three of them look dark Sold Dick some hay and Jim too – gave Jim an order for flour 6.85. Joe milked & fed – the rest of the time hauled wood for himself from Mr. B. Brady's. Patty and Fanny went to Dr. Grant's. Heard Mr. B. F. Garnett was dead. The hay I sold Dick Loudon was 1225 lbs and that Jim Moreland 965 lbs.
- 23 Mr. Bob Brady brought Sally's filly back – weather too bad to train her. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to send a registered letter to the Continental Ins. Atlanta Ga. containing \$12.00 my due in Feb. on the policy. Got letter from Sally. Counted 20 lambs in the morning – 7 more born during the day including 2 pairs of twins. It was mild and towards night rained.
- 24 Cold, 12 degrees above 0 and snowing furiously, snow quite deep. Turned colder and was 4 degrees below 0 at 10 p.m. Hilda and Mr. B. went away in the evening. They and Patty and I went to the funeral of Mr. B. F. Garnett in Bellevue church. Joe fed and milked – hauled wood for himself. I found two lambs dead, several new ones – but I have lost the count of them.
- 25 Bitter cold last night – down to 17 degrees below 0 at sunrise – got up to 14 degrees below during the day. Patty and I went to Bellevue – I sent letters to Bk. of Washington and Farmers & Mech's Nat'l Bk. Georgetown, asking for my dividend – also to Aunt Eliza with 2.00. Patty got letters from Sarah about Lucy's marriage. Found 3 dead lambs and there were several new ones – found one ewe lamb with

frozen legs and thawed them out. Joe only fed &c. – he and Jim hauled wood for themselves.

- 26 3 degrees below 0 – moderated, went up to 26 degrees above. Joe worked cutting wood, helping about sheep &c. till noon – milked – went to Bellevue on his own account. Hilda and Mr. B. were here for a while. I got letters from Sally and Mr. J. R. Berry.
- 27 Sunday – much warmer 17 degrees above 0 at sunrise – went up to 34 above. 3 lambs dead – 8 in all so far. Several new ones. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to stay all night.
- 28 Much warmer above freezing all day. Sent by Mr. B. letter to Mr. Berry – got letter from Charlie Flandrau. Found 2 dead lambs, 10 in all so far – several new ones. Dick and Jim bulked part of Jim’s tobacco in the barn. Joe worked – cleaned out the stables where the oats were piled and hauled out the manure, fed &c. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 29 Warm and misty. Patty and I went to Aurora and at the bank there I got cashed the check Bill Lacy brought me from Mr. G. W. Terrill Jan. 2nd. for the tobacco. Also the draft for 7. from Washington Bk. see Jan. 4th. – also a check or draft Sally sent me that she got from her father for \$50. to return 50. I let her have. Also got the balance on the 500. I had left in the Aurora bank Dec. I had given checks on this for \$30 - \$100 - \$81 - \$30 – see Jan. 3rd, 9th, 18th and Mr. Gibson the cashier gave me \$189. which is 30 too much – see about it. I got in all 538. at the bank. The river was full of ice and we barely could cross in a skiff. Got letter from Sally. Joe fooled away more time on the cistern pump without fixing it – went to see about lost watergap, cut stove wood &c.
- 30 Still warm and rained part of the time. I went to Bellevue – found that Mr. Cy Kelly still had the check for \$30. I gave him Jan. 3rd. He gave it to me and I paid him the 30. and burnt the cheque. Went to W. W. Grant’s, pd. him \$10.00 and got his receipt in full to date. Got letter from Bk. of Washington with draft for \$198.00 and from F. & Mech’s Bk. Georgetown for \$28.00, also receipt from Ins. Co. Atlanta Ga. for registered letter, see Jan. 23rd. Patty got letter from Lucy H. saying her Aunt May was dead. Went to see old Mrs. Garnett. Pd. F. Corbin 1.25 for Sally’s -----. Jake Anderson began to move into the house Jim M. left on cherry hill – Joe helped him. Jake to return the work. Several new lambs yesterday and today.
- 31 A real spring day, warm and bright – snow almost gone. Got letter from Sue and receipt from Ins. Co. Joe helped Jake Anderson part of the day about moving – fed, milked &c. Ned’s wife came and got .75 which was due him for 1 day’s work grubbing Nov.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Colder but bright and pleasant. Lily A. was here. Mary Coons came to wash. Found a new ewe lamb. Heard boats again tonight. Patty got letter from Sally. Joe worked – cut down some hay and hauled some sheaf oats to the barn. Jake Anderson helped Joe ½ day hauling oats &c.
- 2 Patty and Fanny started via Erlanger for Cin. with Dennis. Bill Lacy came and in the presence of Patty’s Julia (Loving) I pd. him \$57.20 the balance of his tobacco money

see Jan. 5th. Dick Loudon came and wanted the balance of his tobacco money. I was to let him have 242.45 see Dec. 29th, 1883. He had already received 206.00 see Jan. 18th. This leaves a balance of 36.05 which I paid him in full. Dick hauled a load of rails and ran a little fence across the road in pasture to keep sheep out of barn Joe fed and milked, went to R. Sun. bottom. Bright spring like day – Patty and Fanny came home after dark and Mr. B. and Hilda with them. I paid Mr. Brady \$203.50 for the money I got from him (see Oct. 15th, 1883) and got the note I gave him and burnt it. Got letter from Julia.

- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. went away. Ernest came late.
- 4 Rained very hard after noon and thundered hard at night. Misty this morning with light rain. Joe said Lucy had a dead b. calf. Joe worked and Jake helped him ½ day – they hauled out manure from stalls. Joe then tinkered at some watergaps – the creek was partly over the bottoms and I hear the river is over the banks in places. Lily was here – stayed at night. I got letter from Sally.
- 5 Rained off and on during the day and very hard at night. Joe and Jake tinkered at some water gap gates, hauled some manure &c. Patty went to Bellevue. I sent letter to Julia by Dennis this morning. Lily was here. It thundered hard today – and the rain is so heavy there is every prospect of a flood in the river.
- 6 Rained all day - only Joe worked and he fed and patched up sheep racks a little &c. Lily was here today. Aunt Nancy sick in bed. Patty went to B. River very high and rising all the time. Mr. Corbin said our mail couldn't be brought over. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Mr. Selmes got home tonight via Erlanger.
- 7 Sent Joe over to Mr. Arnold's with letters – one for Sally. Rained slightly off and on all day. I went to Bellevue – river still rising. Pd. Mr. Kite my bill at the grange store and got receipt for \$13.15 in full. Pd. my toll 4.16.
- 8 Patty, Fanny and Mr. Selmes went to Cin. and returned via Erlanger. Flood in Cin. almost equal to that of last Feb. Hilda and Mr. Brady were here on their way to Bellevue. I got letter from Sally and from Mr. Berry. Lily was here. I pd. her 1.00 for my work and 1.50 for Patty's. Joe worked – fixed at cistern again – buried lamb &c. I found one new ewe lamb. Joe and Jake worked – they hauled some hay and oats to the barn. Joe went to Bellevue for flour, salt and candles. I counted the lambs as well as I could and made out 76. Jake came down and got his tools and said he would begin to cut briers on the hill.
- 9 Joe only worked ½ day – he and Jake went to Bellevue after dinner. Joe hauled a little wood. Susie Rice came, also Hilda and Mr. B. I went to see the river, still rising.
- 10 Sunday – Ernest came down to go to Woodford with us. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home. I found one new ewe lamb and one dead one – good ewe lamb. Cow worse. Raining a cold rain all night.
- 11 The umbrella supposed to be lost !!! Dick's boy Flave broke his arm --- after we left. Jennie Herron's calf born Monday night (a heifer). We went to Lex. Patty, Til, Fanny, Ernest and myself – and on to Sumner's Forest in the rain. Jake says he helped Jim strip tobacco.
- 12 Tuesday – Lucy's wedding day “eu so forte” [I'm strong]. Heard Mrs. Humphrey's lecture on “Matrimony”. Lewis S. Johnstone and Lucy A. Humphreys were married by Mr. McCready (Episcopal minister from Versailles – don't know his Christian

- name) in presence of our party and plenty more. Lord love them both. Went to Lex. at night – got there late. Jake says he helped Jim strip tobacco.
- 13 Wed. All left Lexington for Erlanger and arrived safely (with the umbrella). Water 69-3. We arrived home safely and it rained all the way, found the cow alive but low. I went on to Cin., got off the train in ‘de floatin’ scow’ was poled to a pavement that waved up and down under my feet – went in omnibus to 4th St. paddled round in the rain and got out to Julia’s too late for the matinee, which was Lucia.
- 14 Thursday – Gave Sarah Moreland six dollars for toll &c. for Jim who is to start with his tobacco tomorrow. Jake cut briers. Water in Cin. 71 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. at its highest point in this great flood of 1884.
- 15 Friday, Joe got Ben shod to take the trunks to Erlanger and Jim with Dick, started to haul tobacco by way of Burlington, drove Dick’s horses & Polly & Grannie. Let Jake A. have \$5.00. The cow like little Boy Blue “under the haystack (almost) fast asleep” – for the last time –
Jake cut briers.
- 16 Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briers.
- 22 Aunt Nancy says her namesake my heifer Nancy Magruder had a heifer calf. I named it Angeline.
- 23 Jake says he worked 2 days this week in new ground trimming and piling brush. Jim M. says he worked 2 days in new ground.
- 24 Sunday – Snowed a little then rained a little and quit. I went in to Cin. with Mr. Foster and came down on the City of Madison. Came out home with Hilda and Mr. B. who stayed all night. No one here but Aunt Nancy. Dennis gone to his mother’s, left a week ago Sat. she says.
- 25 Joe and Dick worked hauling hay &c. to the barn and after dinner Jim helped $\frac{1}{2}$ day fixing watergap. They put up a big pole and hung some gates. It snowed about noon – then melted off. I found a lamb dead, one with blk. spot on shoulder. Long tailed ewe had twins. Jim got 2.00 and Joe got 2.00. I got letters from Patty and Mrs. Selmes and wedding cards from Lucy. Joe and ---- went to Bellevue at night with wagon to get the things that were to come on the boat, but said they couldn’t get to them for the tobacco hogs heads. Jake worked in new ground and briers. Jim Moreland gave me the weights of his tobacco.
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| 1 st load | 2965 lbs. | – 1105 | = 1860 lbs. |
| 2 nd load | 2910 lbs. | - 1090 | = <u>1820 lbs.</u> |
| | | | 3680 lbs. |
- 26 Joe and Jim went down with wagon to get the oats, grass and clover seed, garden seed &c. that I bought in Cin. Barbed wire didn’t come. Dick chopped wood while they went. Then all worked on watergaps – finished those in big pasture after dinner and then fixed fence and watergap in the other pasture. I turned sheep out in pasture today – the first time they have been across the creek since Dec. 16th over ten weeks. Dick got .60. One of the twin lambs born yesterday was dead this morning. I went to see Jake – found him cutting briers on the terraces in old vineyard – he says he worked all day.

- 27 Ash Wednesday – Chilly raw day – about noon began to rain – turned to snow and ground white by dark. I went to Bellevue – found that a landslide had taken off Betty Rice's house all but the little ell kitchen, and the yard in front where I landed from the boat last Sunday. The slip took with it my barbed wire which my fools wouldn't find when I sent them yesterday. Slide also took the bank by old Philip's house. Got note from Julia – also pair 'footins' from Sue. Only Joe worked for me – he hauled some rails I believe this morning and probably worked at making watergaps afterwards. Turned 14 head of cattle, including Jenny Herron and her little heifer calf into the pasture on mill road, named calf ----- . Left 5 calves, Amy's 2, Fanny's, Katy's and Roan's in the big pasture to wean.
- 28 Cold and disagreeable – 21 degrees above 0 at sunrise – snowed about ½ day. Joe worked – milked the extra cows &c. Dick helped him ½ day sawing I believe with new saw, in new ground. I got letters from Patty, Sally & Julia. Sat by fire most of day and wrote and read for a wonder.

Feb. 29th, 1884

Settlement – with James Moreland. Today Jim Moreland came in and we had a settlement. His work since he came here March 14th, 1883 to date came to 68 ¾ days. Deducting 8 ¾ days for the time my hands helped him leaves me owing him for 60 days, which at .75 comes to \$45.00. He owes me for cash and orders including 3.00 pd. today 122.45 to which must be added 5.10 for meat, butter and vinegar, total \$127.55. From this deduct the 45.00 I owe him for work and it leaves him owing me 82.55. This does not include the pasture money, 9.75 which he is to work out, or the hay, 965 lbs. the price of which is to be left to Mr. I. Rogers. I pd. Jim .90 as my share of the toll on tobacco. Cold – 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise and I didn't see it above 18 degrees. Joe and Dick worked – hauled some oats to barn and saved a little in new ground I believe.

MARCH

- 1 Milder but still cold, 20 degrees above at sunrise. Snowed hard most of the day. I went to Bellevue took letters to Sally, Sally and Julia – got little note from Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. came this evening. Joe only milked, fed &c. – no one worked. My white cow Snowdrop had twin calves, b. and h. last night or soon this morning, both found dead. Dick got an order on Cy Kelly for a barrel of flour -6.50 see Apl. 3.
- 2 Sunday – Still cold – towards evening colder and snowing very hard. Ernest dined here – Hilda and Mr. Brady went home. Dennis and his step-daddy came to see me about Dennis. Joe came in at night to say Billy had colic but got over it.
- 3 Colder, 14 degrees above 0 at sunrise and didn't go above 24 degrees all day that I know of. Only Joe worked for me and he didn't get much done – took saw to Griffith to have it set.
- 4 Colder again, 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise – went up to 27 degrees during the day. Found one good-sized ewe lamb dead and another larger hurt in rack. Joe and Dick worked. Joe broke wagon and took it to Will Grant's. I got letters from Fanny and Julia. Dick and Joe chopped and sawed a little in new ground.

- 5 24 degrees above 0 at sunrise – 29 degrees at sunset – snowed hard this morning – then sleeted and rained a little misty cold rain. Only Joe worked – he split some stove wood, hauled some, fixed maul perhaps.
- 6 My birthday – dull cold & lonesome. Charlie Grant from Kansas came to see me for a few minutes. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Fanny G. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Katy and Lily A. came over this evening. Anderson's wife came to see about working for me. I let Jim Moreland have 4.00. Aunt Nancy sold 4 turkeys. Only Joe worked for me. I think he hauled some wood and split stove. Gave W. W. Grant 2.00 to send for wagon skein.
- 7 Just below freezing all day and not a ray of sunshine. Joe only milked, fed &c. He and Dick got wood for themselves. After sundown a cold rain that froze as it fell.
- 8 Jake came and said he had worked Friday of last week – and of this week Monday 1/2 day and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. He got 1.50. Joe only milked and fed. No one else worked for me. Rained and froze. Patty, Tilden and Julia got home from Washington. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Sent for trunks but no boat.
- 9 Sunday – Took letter to Mrs. Selmes when Tilden and I went to see about trunks. Sent Joe and Dick with wagon for trunks. Hilda and Mr. B. left. Ernest dined here. Got letter from Julia.
- 10 Went to R. Sun in skiff with Katy A. Cold and unpleasant. Went to see Angeline about working. Joe milked & fed, was sawing wood for himself. Got letter from Sally and birthday present. Went to Bk. in R. Sun and got Mr. Perkins to cash draft for 28. from Wash. (see Jan. 30th).
- 11 Rained and turned much warmer – rained hard at night. Two good-sized lambs died today and I found another dead in rack. Dick worked before dinner trimming garden hedge and milked at night when Joe was gone. Joe went to Erlanger. Mr. Selmes went away after dinner. Lily A. was here. Joe fed in the morning and milked, but sawed for himself before dinner. Mr. Gaines the assessor came.
- 12 The only bright clear day we have had for a long time. The sheep all went out today as the snow is almost all gone. Joe, Dick and Jim worked cutting hedge – began to cut that on pike. Jim got 3.00. Lily A. came today. Mary Coons washed.
- 13 Bright this morning but clouded up. Joe, Dick and Jim worked at trimming hedge. Lily A. here. I got letter from Fanny G. Pd. Lily 1.50. Mary Coons here.
- 14 Chilly unpleasant day – Joe, Dick and Jim trimmed hedge, over the creek by the oats ground. I rode round and on cherry hill to see Jake cutting briars. Pd. Mary Coons 2.00
- 15 Patty and I went to Mr. Schwartz's to ask him about trimming grape vines and on to Dr. Grant's. Jake worked 3 ½ days. Angeline came back to work. She got 1.00. I went to Bellevue for some of her things. Got letter from Sally. Joe worked ½ day and milked &c. helping Dick and Jim who worked ½ day on hedge next Mr. Rice's pasture. I turned Posey, Daisy and Polly out in pasture. Jim got 1.00, Dick 5.00.
- 16 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. Brady and Ernest dined here. Pleasant day but not sunny all day.
- 17 Jake came down for money 3.00, says he worked 3 ½ days last week. Jim and Dick made plant beds for themselves. Joe worked, he hauled some wood. Hilda stopped by. Patty and I went to Bellevue. Got letter from my Sally and sent her one.

- 18 Found another lamb dead, large one. Joe says he buried first 12 then 8 and this makes 21 we have found that died. Rode round pasture to see sheep – found 1 young dead one and two or three live lambs born since the sheep were turned out. Rained a little. Man named Sage – sewing machine man – came with order from Jim Moreland and I pd. him 10. for Jim and got receipt. Went to see Jake's wife who is sick. Pd. Jake Anderson 2.00 for Joe West to pay for corn he bought. Joe milked &c. but worked for himself, hauling manure on his garden. Jim & Dick worked ½ day trimming hedge – finished down here and went on cherry hill. Warm.
- 19 Patty and Lily Arnold went to Hilda's. Warm and rained a little. I sent letter to Mr. J. C. Plant, Macon, Ga. about willow bugs. Got letters – 2 from Sally and from Julia. Dr. Grant and Mrs. Allen married. Joe milked &c. but did not work before dinner – he, Dick, and Jim worked ½ day after dinner fixing watergaps and fence up on pike.
- 20 Turned the milk cows in pasture on mill road and 14 head of cattle back on orchard grass. Jim Moreland got 1.00. Mr. Schwartz came and began to trim vines. Joe cut briars and helped in vineyard. Dick and Jim finished trimming hedge and then piled brush in new ground. After dinner I saw Jake cutting briars on cherry hill. Went to Bellevue.
- 21 Mr. Schwartz cut vines and began to tie them. Joe helped him and worked in the new grounds. Dick and Jim worked in new grounds. I rode to see Jake work but didn't find him working. It was a lovely spring day, not much sunshine till after noon but warm. Jim got 1.00. Dick's wife 2.00.
- 22 Sun rose bright and clear. Didn't write any more in this till Monday and may leave out things. Only Joe worked for me and he ½ day. He helped Mr. Schwartz who worked part of the day and raked trimmings out of vineyard in garden. Dick and Jim burnt their plant beds. Jim's wife got 2.25 and Joe got 2.75. I went to Mrs. G. W. Terrill's to get the money for Jim's tobacco but he was not at home. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Got letter from Sally. Jake says he only worked 1 day this week.
- 23 Sunday – Lovely bright day – walked in the woods and found plenty of turkey hens. Hilda and Mr. B. came back and stayed all night.
- 24 Patty went to Cin. I went over the river with her and saw her in the omnibus – came back and took Hilda and Mr. B. to Bellevue. Lovely bright warm spring day. Planted tomato, pepper, and eggplant seed in boxes. Got letter from my Sally. Mr. Jim Conner came and bought my wool at 22 cents, and my buck lambs except the cripples at 3.50. Joe worked – hauled manure out of chicken yard, and ashes in garden – then hauled wood out of new ground. Dick and Jim worked in new ground. I saw Jake cutting briars.
- 25 Went to Bellevue and took letter to Sally. Joe and Jake began to put in oats on the ground that was broken last fall – they had to quit at 11 on account of rain – then sorted potatoes and afterwards hauled trash out of garden. It rained right hard part of the time, and was warm. I think the other men didn't work for me. Jim hauled his potatoes and Dick said he was going to sow plant beds.
- 26 Began to rain fine misty rain. Jake came down to put in oats but as Joe was going to split wood for himself he went back on the hill – and perhaps cut briars. Dick says he worked ½ day in new ground. Joe milked &c. and at night drove the wagon to the river. Patty came home from Cinti. I got letter from Mr. Graham telling me that Mary

Spalding's husband, Mr. Reed, died last Friday. I got letter from Mr. J. C. Plant. I sent letter to Mary – put it in at night.

27 Bright pretty day. Joe and Jake put in oats. Dick worked in new ground. I let Jim have 2.00. Patty took my photograph salting sheep.

28 Foolishly did not write in my book till April 1st and may make all sorts of mistakes. Went to Mr. G. W. Terrill's found him gone from home. Mrs. Terrill gave me a memorandum like this.

Weight of James Moreland's tobacco –

2965 – 1105 = 1860 lbs.

2910 - 390 = 1820 lbs.

3680 lbs.

100 lbs. Docked for being wet

3580 lbs.

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429.60

Pd. Moreland 51.50

\$378.10

also a check for 378.10 which I took to Petersburg, got Frank Grant to cash and brought the money home. Sent for Jim Moreland and showed him the figures. See our settlement Feb. 29th. Jim's half of the 429.60 would be 214.80. Deduct from this the 51.50 Mr. Terrill kept out and it leaves 163.30. At our settlement he owed me cash 82.55 and since then has had cash 24.25 = 106.80 which taken from 163.30 leaves \$56.50 which I paid him in presence of Patty Selmes. I think Joe and Jake put in oats. Amy Campbell came on the boat at night. Joe drove the wagon when I went for her. Kate Corbin and the Misses Botts were here.

29 I went to Bellevue – sent a registered letter to Sally with 20. and got receipt. Dick says he worked 3 days this week and Jim says he worked 2 ½ days. Jake worked all the week he says. Joe worked ½ day today.

30 Mr. B. and Hilda came to dine and stayed all night. Ernest came. I hired Dick's and Jim's horse and sent Joe with wagon to take Patty's trunks to Lawrenceburgh (sic) ferry. Ernest drove the spring wagon with Amy, Patty, Patty's Julia and myself. We went to Lawrenceburgh and Amy went to Cin. and Patty left for St. Paul. Mrs. Barrett gave me papers with accounts of the riots in Cin. and the burning of the courthouse.

31 Found Ellen with twin heifer calves. Angeline named them Blanche and Olive. Blanche has a little white in her forehead. Found poor Darby Pink's calf dead, also two ewes mired – one dead, the other died after being taken out. Hilda and Mr. B. went to Burlington. I got letter from Sally. Joe and Jake worked – they finished putting in oats and began to harrow in some clover seed on the clover on the bluff in bottom. Dick and Jim made plant beds for themselves.

APRIL

1 Rained last night and tonight and a little this morning. Joe worked – sent him with Ned and got Birkle to shoe him – he sheared some wool off a ewe – then he and Jake started to saw in new ground. Jake worked ½ day – he got 1.00. I went to Bellevue, paid my bill at Corbin's, 47.78. Pd. Birkle 1.60 to date. Hilda and Mr. B. came and

- dined. I got little note from Patty from Chicago. Sent today letter to Sally – to Patty inclosing one for her. Julia sent Fanny two letters that came for her – also letter to Julia F. Dick and Jim made plant beds they say.
- 2 Turned colder and rained snowed and hailed off and on all day – rained hard last night. Joe worked Ned after dinner hauling manure. Jim worked ½ day, driving Ned. Jake says he cut briers.
 - 3 Joe worked hauling manure – I found Jake cutting briers. Jim & Dick worked for themselves, Dick broke up his little piece for potatoes. I went to Bellevue. It was cold – some say there was ice last night. I pd. Patty's bill at Corbin's amounting to 1.88, also pd. Kelly 2.00 for potatoes and pd. for the flour Dick got March 1st, 6.50.
 - 4 Milder and pleasant. Worked 5 hands today in new ground. Dick hauled wood with his team. Jim and Joe West hauled with Ned, and my team and Jake and Mr. Fred chopped grubbed and piled brush.
 - 5 Joe milked but none worked for me. I went to Bellevue – sent letters that were there to Patty and letter to Sue. Got postal from Til and 2 letters from Sally, 2 from Julia and photograph from Julia. Let Jake have 10. and Dick 25. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
 - 6 Sunday – Bright pretty day. Stayed home. Hilda went home.
 - 7 Daisy had a horse colt – looks black all over now. Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns came out and began to repair Dick's house. Joe worked – hauled out tool chest and seed potatoes, hauled sand rock &c. for Mr. Griffith. Dick hauled wood from new ground with his team. Jim worked for himself breaking up back of his house – worked his mare but not all day. In the new ground Jake, Mr. Fred and Joel Deer worked – sawing and chopping.
 - 8 Got letters from Patty, Sally and Charlie. Went to Bellevue for lumber – got letter from Sally. Sent one by Mr. Griffith to Patty. Joe worked – hauled wood – went to B. for lumber. Mr. Fred and Joel Deer worked ½ day in new ground. Jake too – he brought saw over and Griffith set and sharpened it. Got lumber from Mr. Clore and Mr. Corbin. Cold, very disagreeable day – snowed, hailed, rained off and on almost all day. Joe got barrel of flour at Corbin's, 6.00.
 - 9 Mr. Schwartz came and finished tying up grape vines. I pd. him in full 4.00. Dick hauled out of new ground with his team. Jim broke up his tobacco ground, used his mare, quit about 3 p.m. Joe worked hauled wood out of new ground. Joel Deer and Simpson worked ½ day sawing and chopping. Jake worked day sawing. Mr. Griffith and Charlie were here working. I went to Bellevue – got note from Julia saying my and her Sally would be there tomorrow.
 - 10 Didn't write in this till the 15th and expect to get things half wrong. Went to Burlington and Mr. Brady took me to Erlanger on my way to Cin. Met Sally at depot and brought her down on boat at night. Joe Humphreys came with us – we got off at Dr. Grant's and Ernest and Joe brought us home. Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns worked. Left with Mr. S. C. Foster \$100 to get me some things. Dick says he hauled with his team. Joe West hauled wood for himself.
 - 11 Good Friday and Sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her soul. One of the Deer men came and said he, his brother and Simpson had all worked 7 days and I was to pay him for all, which I did, 5.25. I got letters from Patty (2), Sue, Cousin Loulie R. and

Fanny. Dick hauled out of new ground with his team. Joe worked hauled wood he says.

- 12 Hilda and Mr. B. and Joe H. and Ernest came and stayed all night. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 1 ½ days and I pd. him 1.13. The Deer, Noah, said he and the other two had all worked ½ day and I pd. him.

Jake Anderson said he had worked Mon. Tues. Wed. ¾ day, Thursday, Friday and Sat ½ day. I paid Jake 5.00 Joe didn't work except milk &c. I paid him 2.00. Griffith and Charlie worked part of a day and I paid him 10.00. Dick didn't work.

- 13 Easter Sunday – Hilda, Mr. B., Joe H. and Ernest all went away.

- 14 Griffith and Charlie Burns finished work for the present. Griffith still owes me for stone. Mr. Griffith said they had worked 6 ½ days which at 3.25 came to 21.13. Add to that .30 for screws and spikes and 1.00 for sharpening saw, and it comes to 22.43. I had pd. him 10. (see 12th) and paid him the balance, \$12.40. The men who used my saw are to pay .50 for one filing. Jake, Simpson -----
Went to Bellevue, Pd. Mr. Jonas Clore .70 lumber. Joe worked – hauled manure on garden. He went to the boat at night for my sugar, coffee and soap – didn't get back till 10 p.m. in a rain. Rained hard, and blew. Dick worked ¾ day hauling with his team. Got letter from Patty.

- 15 Rainy day off and on. Joe hauled manure on garden and fixed fence next Mr. Arnold's. Dick, Jake and two Deers sawed in new ground, they worked ½ day. I went to Mr. Arnold's to see Lily.

- 16 Disagreeable day – misted a little in the morning. Sally and I went to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's. When I went to the new ground Dick was hauling with his team and Jake, Noah and Joel Deer were sawing splitting burning brush &c. Joe worked hauling manure on garden. Got letter from Belle Raymond.

- 17 Sally and I went to Erlanger with the mail carrier and to Cin. We spent the day shopping and came home on the boat. Mr. Snyder brought us out. Dick says he hauled with his team. Joe worked, hauled manure.

- 18 Sent Joe out to Burlington for Ben and the buggy. Noah Deer came and said that he, Joel and Simpson had worked 10 ½ days this week which came to 7.88. I pd. him 6.88 and am to send him the other dollar. Dick hauled with his team. Joe worked in garden.

- 19 Jake says he has worked all this week except this evening. I went to Bellevue and got Mr. Kite to cash the draft for 50. that Patty sent me for money I lent her. Got letters from Patty, buddy and Julia. Sent letter to Julia and Lucy's cards to Sue. Dick Loudon came and I sold him my bay mare Jenny for \$40. to be paid when his next crop of tobacco is sold. I wrote a promise to pay which he signed and Sally Flandrau witnessed. Joe West came in and we had a settlement. Our last was Aug. 19th, 1883 (see book) and I paid him the balance due on that settlement Oct. 13th, 1883 (see book). Since then to date his work came to 170 days, which at .75 comes to \$127.50.

He had received in 1883 in cash	23.50
Meat and sundries	4.66
Cash & flour (Apl. 8) 1884	<u>36.75</u>
	64.91
	127.50

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- 62.59 I pd. him \$5.60 which leaves me now owing him \$57. Joe and Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day hauling manure on garden – this work went into the settlement of Joe's I mean. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I got letter from Cousin Rebecca with a draft for \$500 for Sally's use.
- 20 Sunday – cold and unpleasant. Sally in bed with phthisic. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 21 Sent Joe down with Daisy and Bill to be shod – sent letters to Patty and Fanny G. Went to see Lily A. and to Bellevue – got letters from Patty and Julia. Got check for twenty dollars (20.) cashed by Mike Corbin. Pd. Birkle 1.20. In presence of Sally Flandrau as witness paid Joe West \$57.00. The vinegar and potatoes his wife got were not included in our settlement and must be taken out of his next work – he didn't know what they amounted to. Cold and raw day – raining at night. Sally still poorly. Joe and Jake worked – Jake split stove wood and went to mill for chicken feed while Joe was gone to the blacksmith's and then they hauled manure in garden.
- 22 Joe and Jake hauled manure I believe in the morning – didn't write in this till Thursday night. After dinner Joe drove the spring wagon and Sally and I went to Hilda's. It was raining hard and very cold rain. We stayed all night at Hilda's – and sent Joe back. Jake quit work on account of rain.
- 23 Sally and I went to Cin. via Erlanger in the mail wagon and train. Rainy and cold. Went to Mr. Foster's. He wasn't in the office – signed and left the draft for \$500. for Sally's use (see Apl. 19th). Mr. Foster cashed this and Sally took of it \$136.
- 24 Came in to Cin. with the Fosters. Sally left on the 7.30 train for N. York with Sally and Julia F. I came down to Erlanger on the 8.30 train. Met Hilda & Mr. B. at the station, came to Burlington with the mail carrier who brought me home. Stopped to call on Susie Sexton. Found Joe hauling manure on tobacco ground. Sent Sam for mail – got letter from Patty and one for Sally. Cloudy and cool but not raining. Pd. the Deer the 1.00 I owed him (see Apl. 18th) Jake says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briers – all he did since I left.
- 25 Got 3 bus. oats ---- Jenny Herron. Joe didn't work, went to Aurora. Jake cut briers. I went to Bellevue and rode around the place – went to see Lily A. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 26 Jake worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day – began to cut briers and then came down and broke up and harrowed part of garden and planted onion sets. I pd. Jake Anderson 4.00. Dick sowed the oats I got. Dick wanted to pay Clay Hensley a note he had bought of Sam Eggleston and as Clay said Mr. Terrill would pay it if I would be responsible for it I wrote a note saying to Mr. Terrill that if it suited him to pay Clay Hensley the money, \$100, I would pay him. Dick then gave me his note on the amount of the original note \$110. with 6 per cent interest and witnessed by J. H. Brady. I got letters from Sally and Julia and note from Will Foster with two receipted bills, Andrews, Bates &c. for groceries 44.88 and for my May Festival ticket 14.25. Helped Hilda with her cake. She and Mr. B. came back this evening. I set out and worked strawberries. This is the first warm pleasant spring day. Susie Rice came over.
- 27 Sunday – Rained this morning. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Ernest came this evening.

- 28 Pleasant spring-like morning. Went to Bellevue – sent letters to Patty and Sally and two shirts to Patty. Went again and sent letter to Sally that came for her and left basket of plants to be shipped to Julia. Got letter from Bessie with garden seeds from Washington. Joe and Jake worked. Joe hauled wood from new ground. Jake sowed orchard grass where I had thickets and woods grubbed and after dinner worked in garden. He planted lettuce, radishes, spinach, beets, peas, beans, butter beans. I worked in strawberries. Dick and Jim both broke up in Dick's tobacco ground in front of yard. I advanced Mr. Fred 1.00.
- 29 Lovely spring day. Joe worked - he hauled out of new ground till noon – then made shearing benches and ditched. Jake worked in garden ½ day – put in okra, carrots, beets &c. He broke up his own garden after dinner. I worked in strawberries. Went to Dr. Grant's to see about sheep shearers – and to Bellevue. Dick and Jim broke up in bottom.
- 30 Lovely warm day – sprinkled a little in the morning. Joe worked – he harrowed some ground for grass and after dinner double–shoveled in the ground John Moreland cleared. Jake helped him ½ day – he had worked in the morning in his own garden. Then they put the sheep in the sheep cellar. I went to Bellevue – sent Sally the basque of her white lawn. Got letters from Sally and Miss Porter. Went to Mrs. Dicken's. Dick and Jim were breaking corn ground in upper bottom.

MAY

- 1 Cloudy, warm and windy most of the day. Sheared sheep. Dr. Grant's two black men, Sam and Oscar came and the two Deer and Simpson. They sheared about 108 more or less. Joe and Jake worked shoveling up ground for grass. Jim's last year's garden &c. on cherry hill. Dick and Jim broke up corn ground. Dick finished that piece below the barn and above the ditch. Sprinkled a bit at night.
- 2 Continued sheep shearing – got done by noon. Sam from Dr. Grant's and blk. Henry worked ½ day also 1 Deer. Simpson worked all day – caught sheep till noon and helped with the wool, then ploughed in Dick's place while Dick dug at ditch in bottom next barn. The men counted the sheep at 144 but I don't think the count was accurate – that includes the yearlings. Joe and Jake worked – they hauled away a load of manure from the yard then hauled some stable manure to my melon hills – then shoveled and harrowed in grass seed on cherry hill. Sent Sam for mail – got letters from Patty and Mary Spalding (Reed). Cool today and cloudy most of the day.
- 3 Posey had a mare calf last night which I named Kitty Reed. It is a kind of bay with black mane and tail. No one worked for me. Joe milked &c. Went to Rising Sun. Put in the Rising Sun Bank the rest of Sally's money \$364.00 and Mr. Perkins gave me a certificate of deposit. Moved Aunt Sally from Susan Steel's to Aunt Eliza's and pd. her for the month ending the middle of May, 1.00. Pd. Susan Steel in full 2.00 and Aunt Sally's other debts &c. Got seven sacks from Mr. Clore to put the wool in for Mr. Conner. Cloudy and cool and sprinkled while I was in R. Sun. Sent letter to Sally by Betty Scott.
- 4 Sunday – Poured down last night and early this morning and rained frequently during the day. Hilda & Mr. B. came and dined, but went back. Dick's mare had a mare calf.

- 5 Cloudy and rather warmer. Went to Bellevue twice – took bill from Zimmer ---- St. Paul and sent to Patty. Got envelope for Mr. Brady – sent it out to him by Mr. Joe Walton. I got letter from Sally. Emmy Hunt brought me 5.00 that her father had owed me for years, for apples he bought after he moved to Mr. Walton's. Joe and Jake put the wool into 6 bags and took them to Mr. Jonas Clore who weighed them. They weighed 800 lbs. Mr. Clore left it to Mr. Conner to deduct for the sacks. Jake Anderson got a barrel of flour at grange that I am to pay for – it was 5.00, he also got .60 cash. After dinner Joe and Jake hauled some hay trash on poor points and hay from shed to barn. Simpson and Deer worked part of day grubbing out locusts in sand field.
- 6 Cloudy cool day – rained hard at 3 p.m. Dick worked – day ditching. Jim M. worked – day ditching. Joe and Jake finished hauling hay to barn and then hauled manure and hedge brush. Got letter from Julia.
- 7 Raining again, a cold rain. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter and corn and okra to Cousin Rebecca, letter to Julia. Went to Mr. Clore's and pd. him for Bob 20. for the two colts [stud fee]. Told Mrs. Nolan to keep my toll account for 3 months to see what it would be with a view to getting my toll by the year. Joe and Jake worked – they hauled hedge brush and manure and made clapboards during the rain. I went to Lily's – pd. her 1.00 for Sally's work and .75 for Patty's.
- 8 Cloudy most of the day. I set out wild strawberries. Sent by H. Brady letter to Patty – got letter from Sally and note from Hilda. Joe and Jake worked – finished hauling hedge brush and began to haul rocks off the pike. Dick worked on his ditch. Jim M. worked on his. Ernest came this evening and brought Methodist preacher Mr. Fro-- to call.
- 9 Went to Dr. Grant's to get little scraper – and to Bellevue, no mail. Bright beautiful day. Dick finished the ditch –says he worked $2\frac{3}{4}$ days on it, not counting the $\frac{1}{2}$ day he exchanged with Simpson. Jim says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day on his ditch today and before this 1 day and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. He worked for himself ploughing potatoes this evening. Joe and Jake worked hauling stones and filling gullies above pike.
- 10 Deer came and I pd. him in full for their work, not counting Simpson's 1.38. Joe and Jake worked. They began to put in grass but the rain stopped them and they made some clapboards. I set out a few more strawberries. Melissa Acra and Ida Kelly stopped in out of the rain. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 11 Sunday – I went to church – put in P.O. letter to Belle Raymond. Sent by Mr. Brady postal to Patty. Cloudy and uncomfortably cold.
- 12 Louly was found with a heifer calf – red with white spots. Aunt Nancy named it Letty. Got letters from Patty and Lucy H. Johnstone. Joe and Jake worked hauling rock off meadows. The sun actually shone most of the day. Cut out and sewed some.
- 13 The wedding day of my dear parents. I trust their match was made for heaven. Joe brought my calf from Mr. Rice's pasture and turned it in with the other four. Jake began to skin trees to kill this being the dark of the moon, but it rained before 12 and most of the day. It poured down last night and the ground is as wet as ever. Jake says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's to the gray Norman horse – left her there. Dick I sent to see Mr. W. Ryle about the colt. Joe worked at board timber after he got back. I sewed again for a rarity.

- 14 Mr. Ryle came and handled the colt, Til. Dick and Jim helped while he was here. Joe worked, he took the horses Ben and Posey to be shod and fixed barn lot fence a little. After dinner he and Dick and Jim all worked in the new ground hauling, rolling, piling trash &c. and Jake helped them some. The rest of the day he skinned willows and other trees in the little swamp. Got letters from Julia and BBG. Went to Bellevue and to see Lily – paid her 1.25 for Sally's work. Mr. Fred was cutting briers and elders in pastures.
- 15 Bright pleasant day – rained a little before 10 p.m. Dick and Jim planted some corn in the little bottoms near their houses. Joe worked – went to mill and ploughed in garden – ploughed corn, potatoes, strawberries &c. and after dinner cleaned out the troughs and gutters of the nests of the little English pests. Jake says he worked.
- 16 Joe worked in the garden before dinner hoeing &c. – Jake cut briers afterwards they both worked at scraping the dirt from the ditch Dick dug – then in the garden. Ernest came and brought Katy Graves and 3 ladies.
- 17 Mr. Fred came – said he had worked brier cutting &c. 3 ½ days which came to 2.63 deducting the 1.00 I advanced (see Apl. 28) I pd. him 1.63 in full. Joe and Jake worked ½ day shoveling up the ground above Jim's potatoes. I pd. Jake 1.80. They worked a little in garden first. Planted a few watermelons and musk melons. Dick and Jim got corn of me, which is to go into a load Dick is to buy that is his share of it. Went to Bellevue got a letter from Patty & two from Sally. Jake said he had worked 5 days this week.
- 18 Sunday – Warm bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed to dinner.
- 19 Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 3.00. Joe set out tomato plants. Didn't write any more in this till the 27th but will try to get things as straight as possible. Dick says he got 22 ½ bus. corn. Jim M. says he got 3 bus. Went to Burlington – stayed all night at Hilda's. Mr. Brady brought me Mr. Jim Conner's cheque for \$171.38. Joe worked – he got bird nests down out of eaves troughs.
- 20 I went to Cin. via Erlanger. Left my cheque at Mr. Foster's to be cashed one of the twins brought my money out to me.
[May Festival]
- 24 Dick says that this week Joe worked for him 3 days – and he had Posey to work 2 ½ days and that he (Dick) worked ½ day for me sprouting tobacco ground. Joe says he worked 5 ½ days this week.
- 25 Sunday – Came home on the boat and Joe brought me out in the spring wagon. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped a little while. I got my mail – letters from Patty, two from Sally – note from BBG, letter from Sue and from Fanny.
- 26 Jake came down and said he worked 3 days last week cutting bushes and briers probably. Jake got 3.00. He and Joe worked ½ day for me and ½ for Dick for which I am to pay and Dick return the work. They helped Dick set out tobacco – he set out the piece in front of the yard. They set out sweet potato plants for me in the garden and tomatos (sic) and hoed and Joe broke up a piece. I worked in my strawberries. It rained hard before noon and they sprouted some potatoes. Showers during the evening and rain at night time.
- 27 Joe worked – set out more potato plants and cabbage plants then went to Bellevue with wagon – got 3 reels wire for fence – 3 barrels of salt, flour & lime – then took

Dr. Grant's little scraper home. Jake came down after he set out his plants and cut some grass in the yard – worked – day. I took to Bellevue letter to Mr. Graham. Got mail – letter from Patty. Stopped to see Betty Rice. I went to Mr. G. W. Terrill's and paid him the \$100. with .50 for interest, that he let Clay Hensley have for Dick Loudon (see Apl. 26th) Mr. Terrill gave me the note I sent him with Clay Hensley's receipt for the money written on it, and I put it with Dick's note. It rained hard while I was at Mr. Terrill's.

- 28 I went for Betty Rice and we went to Burlington and spent the day at Hilda's. Got 2 letters from Sally. It was very cool all day and at night there was frost enough to wilt my pepper plants and eggplants in the boxes. Joe worked helping Dick, ploughed the piece in the garden and the piece by graveyard. Jake worked in yard mowing, and cutting weeds in pear orchard pasture.
- 29 Jim Moreland got 3.00. I sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by Lewis. Very cool this morning. Joe went to mill and got meal, then finished breaking up my garden and broke up a piece in the sand field. Jake worked – he cut weeds till my dinner back of the house and then burnt brush in new ground. Dick began to break up in new ground after noon. I set out a few tomato plants by paling. There was frost enough to wilt my pepper plants and I had to set them in the shade to revive. Mr. Birkle came to borrow spring wagon & horses to go after his family. I had strawberries out of my patch for dinner.
- 30 Deer came down and got the money I owed Simpson for work in full to date 1.87. He also got 1 ½ bus. potatoes. It was very cool again this morning. Mr. Birkle brought the wagon and horses home at noon. Got letters from Patty, telling me of a pair of Til's horses getting killed and from Julia, and Cousin Mary Goodrich. Joe and Jake both worked. Joe grubbed and ploughed in sand field and then sowed millet. Jake cut down and worked up thorn trees back of the pear orchard cut weeds and helped Joe that is harrowed for millet.
- 31 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 7 days deadening trees and cutting weeds – it came to 5.25 and I paid him in full. Joe and Jake worked ½ day putting in millet over by Jim's potatoes. I went to Bellevue – got letter from BBG. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night.

JUNE

- 1 Lovely warm bright day. Ernest and Hal Bennett came and dined and Hilda and Mr. B. dined too. I had strawberries for dinner.
- 2 Began to clean the house. Lewis came and whitewashed. Joe and Jake worked for me in garden and putting in millet over by Jim's ground. Joe ploughed corn and potatoes and they planted my mammoth sweet corn.
- 3 Cleaning house again. Mary Coons came and worked. Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me. I think Joe cut his tree in the new ground and Jake helped him. Lily came for a few moments late. A warm day – looked like rain and sprinkled a little about sundown. Went to Bellevue this morning – sent notes to Patty and Sally and postal to Howell Gans & Co. about wire.
- 4 Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me. Joe hauled wood for himself, he milked. Mary Coons cleaned the house – she stayed all night.

- 5 This was to be the wedding day of Mr. Graham and Miss Christine Blair. Cleaned the house. Mary worked and Lewis came back and worked. He filled hole in chimney and white washed. Joe and Jake worked. Joe hauled grubs from back of the house. Jake cut and piled. I got letter and pictures from Sally and letters from Cousin Rebecca, Fanny Gibbon.
- 6 Good rain – tobacco season. After noon Jake helped Dick and Joe helped Jim set out, they are working for me and the men are to return the work – Jake began to work in garden till the rain stopped him – he replanted tomatoes and set out some cabbage. Jim set out and planted some eggplants. Joe milked. Lewis La Fevre finished what whitewashing I needed – worked 2 ½ days and I pd. him in full 2.50. Mary Coons was here cleaning the house, we put the carpet down in dining room. The country looked beautiful after the rain.
- 7 One year ago today my darling big baby was married. Lord love them both, and may the honeymoon never wane. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 2 ½ days cutting thistles &c. and I pd. him 1.50 leaving me owing him for the ½ day. Georgie got on Dick's account 1.00. Jake got 3.00. Joe West and order on Corbin (cash) for 3.00. I pd. Mary Coons 2.00 and gave Dick an order on Mr. Kite for a double shovel plough 5.00. Joe and Jake helped the men set tobacco this morning I believe. Mary Coons worked cleaning the house. Mr. R. E. Kirtley dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. were here. A lovely bright day.
- 8 Sunday – Went to the dedication of the Campbellite Church in Bellevue. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. It rained hard, a fine season.
- 9 I sent by Lewis Beatty letters to Patty and Sally and 1.00 to Aunt Sally. Let Angeline have 1.00. Let Jake and Joe help Dick and Jim set out tobacco. It poured after dinner between 2 & 3. Mary Coons cleaned house. Joe went to Bellevue to shop and got some potato plants. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Mr. Kirtley called on his way home. I had the cattle turned out of the woods pasture into the little pasture on dirt road. Mr. Griffith came by to give me an estimate on some work.
- 10 Rained this morning and afterwards and cloudy all day. Mary Coons came and worked. Joe and Jake helped Jim and Dick in tobacco. Mr. Will Grant came out to see about plants. We cleaned store room today and began to clean parlor – took carpet up.
- 11 Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Sally. Let John Loudon have plough – (Holmes double shovel) for \$3.00. Dick is to pay for it – that is I am to charge Dick with it. Jim says he is done setting tobacco. That Joe helped him Friday after dinner ½ day - Sat. till dinner ½ day, Monday ¾ day – Tuesday 1 day and Wed. today, 2 hours, and finished out the half day working for Dick. Paid Dick 3.00 to pay Bud Roberts. Paid Jake Anderson 6.00, he went to R.S. Paid Mike Corbin 3.00 and got the order I gave Joe West (7th) Pd. Jim Moreland 2.00. Pd. Mary Coons 2.10 in full.
- 12 Rained again today in the morning – hot afterwards. Jake picked cherries till noon, then grubbed on row for wire fence – and helped Joe load wood from there. Joe pulled weeds in garden, cleaned out cellar, then shelled corn for chicken feed and took it to the mill, then hauled wood from grubbing. I made cherry preserves. Jim M. took Polly and took his family visiting.
- 13 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked ¾ day since and that with the ½ day I was owing him for came to a day and a quarter (see 7th). I pd. him .95 in full. Jake worked

- ½ day – picked cherries and grubbed a little. Joe worked – he went to fix fence in big pasture and then he went to Mr. Terrill's and brought back Daisy and the colt. It poured down rain at about 2.30 p.m. and from that on and the branch and creek ran over the banks – in the corn. Piano tuner came and tuned the piano – paid him 5.00.
- 14 Jake worked ½ day picking cherries and grubbing. Joe worked ½ day cutting briars and weeds and going after stock that got out. Sam caught 3 groundhogs. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I got letter from Mrs. Beebe.
 - 15 Sunday – Went to church and to Dr. Grant's with Hilda. She and Mr. B. went home. Sam caught a big groundhog. Susie Rice was here. Began to cut hay.
 - 16 Only Joe worked for me – he cut clover and ploughed some in big field. Jake worked for himself. I went to B. and dined at Hilda's. Bought 4 sides for which I am to pay .12 a pound. They were weighed at the store and weighed 54 lbs. Sent letters to Mrs. Beebe and to Julia – went to Bellevue myself.
 - 17 Sent Joe down for spring wagon. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Sue and little drawings from Susie Tew. Gave Dick's wife an order on Kite for shoes, 1.00. Joe and Jake both worked – Joe cut hay and afterwards hauled some. Jake began to grub on fence row and then turned hay and helped haul it. Miss Lou and Mrs. Longmore and their boy came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue to see if Bessie would come – she didn't.
 - 18 Went with the ladies to Burlington and spent the day with Hilda. Got meat from Mr. B. side weighing. Sent from Burlington letters to Cousin Mary and Sue. Joe and Jake worked. They hauled the last of the clover from sand field, 7 loads in all Jake said and put it in the barn. Joe cut timothy on little point on mill road. They said they fixed road at creek and Jake worked some in garden. Miss Lou and Mrs. Longmore went home this morning. I got letter from Sally. We have had lovely weather this week –hot today. Jake worked in garden, hoed, stuck butter beans &c. Joe ploughed in garden and got timothy hay in – loads. Joe found Amy with a fine heifer calf he said, this evening – named it John. Jim M. was replanting corn.
 - 20 Joe and Jake both worked – they got in the part of a load of hay there was left on the little point then Jake worked in the garden. Joe brought up Amy and her calf and then ploughed over in the clover in big field. In the evening they got the sheep up and attended to a lamb that got hurt and was flyblown – also tagged some lambs. Dick and a hand were ploughing corn and began to plough tobacco in front of house. Jim Moreland got corn. Warm and bright again.
 - 21 Mr. Conner came by and I sold him Clara for \$45. – got his check on Farmer's and Trader's Natl. Bk. Cov. Took check to Mike Corbin and he cashed it. Left with Mike 5.00 for my subscription to the making the landing at Bellevue. Hilda and Mr. B. called.
 - 22 Went to Rising Sun and at the bank got Mr. Perkins to give me a draft on N. York for \$75. of Sally's money (see May 3) and sent it to her in letter from R. S. Sent letter to Patty too. Thermometer 100 degrees in the shade in Bellevue today, Midsummer's Day. Let Jake Anderson have 3.50 and Dick Loudon 2.62 to pay Jim Moreland. Pd. W.W. Grant's bill 6.25 and got receipt. Pd. Joe Birkle 2.25 in full. Paid Aunt Eliza 1.00 for Aunt Sally's rent and 4.00 for a bill she owed Jones – also cotton goods .53.

- Paid Aunt Sally and bills 4.53. Pd. .40 for Jim M. for beef. Got things for Angeline .81. Ferry and sundries for home and self 4.38.
- 22 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. They brought me some more meat. I got all together so far 72 lbs. side and 12 lbs. ham at 12 cts. = \$10.08. To this at shoulder 11 lbs. at 7 cts. (.77) and it comes to 10.85 which I paid Mr. Brady in presence of Mrs. B. Very bright hot day. After they went home I went to see Mrs. Burns who is sick. Let Jim Moreland have .50.
 - 22 Dick began to cut wheat. Joe and Jake both worked. I let Jake help Dick all day and Joe ½ day – he to return the work. Joe cut timothy beyond the creek this morning and they put butter of antimony on the calf John's feet this morning early. I got letters from Julia and from Sally telling about coming home. Hot as pepper. Jim and his family went to his wife's mother's funeral.
 - 24 Went to Bellevue – sent letters to Sally and to Julia. Went on to see Mrs. Burns. Jake and Joe both helped Dick in the wheat till noon. Then they got in timothy hay from the other side of the creek, 3 loads. Dick finished all but a little of his wheat that was down on green. I let him have 6.00 to pay his hands. Got beef .25.
 - 25 Joe and Jake worked – they got the sheep up and tagged some lambs and I doctored the lamb again, then they hauled in the rest of the timothy that was cut and worked in the garden. I have had more corn planted. Got letter from Patty. Sprinkled a little this evening.
 - 26 Turned very cool last night – sprinkled this morning. Joe and Jake worked – they ran the lamb till nearly half past 8 – caught it and put it with the sheep again. I let Jake help Joe nearly an hour and a half getting some bees he found in the pasture. Then Jake grubbed on wire fence row. Joe ploughed some across the creek in big field, got birds (sparrows) nests down again and hauled a load of poles from fence row and worked at getting old lumber out of ice house. I gave Jessie Moreland order for .40 for raspberries on Kelly. Mr. Jonas Clore brought out some honey for me. I pd. him 4.00 in full for it.
 - 27 Gave Jim Moreland's wife an order on Corbin for 3.00. Got letter from Bessie McIntosh and wedding card from BBG. Let Dick Loudon have 2.00 to pay his hand. Jake worked ½ day grubbing on fence line. Joe worked – he cut this week – made shaft for hay rake and then I told him to cut weeds.
 - 28 Jake worked ½ day, picked raspberries. Joe worked ½ day and then went to the river with wagon when I went down for Bessie, who came on the mail boat. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I got 3 notes from Julia.
 - 29 Sunday – I sent by Mr. Brady letters to Patty and to Julia. Ernest was here for a few moments.
 - 30 Today seventeen years ago sister Belle died, Lord love her precious soul. We had pleasant shower today about 1 p.m. I went to see Mrs. Burns. Jake worked ¼ day picking berries. Joe worked cutting weeds in barn lot.

JULY

- 1 Jake says he worked ½ day in cutting briers – Joe tried to plough over where he had sowed old millet seed – gave it up as too dry – worked after dinner cutting oats. Pd. 1.00 for wire and writing paper.

- 11 I went down to meet little boat. Joe Roberts brought berries – pd. him .60. Sue and her children and nurse came down from Aurora. Joe and Jake worked cutting and binding oats.
- 12 Got up early and took Bessie McIntosh down to the little boat. Joe and Jake worked ½ day hauling in oats. I pd. Jake 4.00. Joe got corn – this is 4 times he has gotten 1 ½ bus. Got letters from Banks in Washington with checks for 28. and 33.
- 13 Sunday – Little shower or sprinkle last night. Hilda and Mr. B. and Hilda’s cousins Miss Emma Hubbell and Miss Shreve came to call after.
- 14 Got up early and went with Sally to Aurora in little boat, put her on train for Cin. Bessie met her and she went to dentist. Went to McHenry’s and bought lumber and door for the partition upstairs. Went to the Bank in Aurora and got my 3 checks cashed 68. in all. Didn’t write in this till Wed. and may forget things. I went to Bellevue to meet Sally who came on the packet. Joe and Jake worked in the oats. Mr. Brady came. Sent Aunt Sally by Lewis Beatty 1.00.
- 15 Went to Bellevue to see if lumber came. Got McHenry’s bill for it, \$11.01 and gave the money to Cap. Bradley. Joe and Jake worked, they cut and hauled in oats and Joe went to Bellevue and hauled out lumber and sash door &c.
- 16 Jake and Joe worked and Dump Rains too cutting oats. Dump got dinner at Joe’s. Dick was hauling his wheat to shed. Jim got corn --- bus. Spalding came on little boat. Mary Coons washed.
- 17 Joe and Jake worked in oats. Dump Rains worked ½ day – he got dinner at Joe’s. I pd. him in full 2.25. The oats Joe staked in shed were moulding and he and Jake had to take them up in the barn to dry out. Lily was here sewing – pd. her .50. Joe R. brought the first blackberries. The men finished cutting and shocking oats and Joe went and got Spalding’s trunk.
- 18 Looked like rain, but only had a little sprinkle. Mary came to iron. Got letters from Patty. Joe worked – he tinkered cradles, turned oats, ploughed late corn in garden, and after dinner attended to cow. Cherry had twin calves, one heifer dead and the other b. calf alive. I named it Willie Tew. Jake cut briers – day.
- 19 Never forgotten, day of doom. Lord love their souls. Went to Rising Sun on little boat. Went to the bank and got 75. of Sally’s money for her. Pd. Aunt Eliza 1.00 for Aunt Sally’s rent. Have started my book right again and will not have to put down all expenses in this. Joe worked ½ day – he did odd pieces of work – cleaned out orchard grass seed. Jake says he cut briers ½ day. Amy and Ernest came down to call. Put letter to Patty in P.O. at R.S. Sunday.
- 20 Spalding got up early and went to Cin. via Aurora, to see Bessie about when they would leave – came back at night. Amy and Ernest called after dinner. Amy took Sally’s Bebe home with her. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped by to call. I gave Annis 1.25 to give Mr. Omer Kirtley for Miss Gregory’s book.
- 21 Went to Burlington with Sue to take her child (Jamie) to see Dr. Furnish. Called at Hilda’s. Joe cut grass and I suppose Jake cut briers – after dinner they started to haul hay but a tire came off and I can’t find they got anything done.
- 22 Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 3.00. Didn’t write in this till Friday and may get things wrong. Joe went to take wagon wheel to shop. Jake pulled onions till he got back and split wood then they hauled in hay.

- 23 Got up early and went to the river with Joe and Jake to take the trunks to the boat – sent them up by Cap. Bradley to Aurora. Joe drove the spring wagon and I went to Aurora. Put Sally and Spalding on the 11 a.m. train for Cin. Sally is to meet Bessie and they are all going on to Patty's together. Got letter from Julia. Very dry and dusty. Jake was to cut briers till Joe got back from Aurora – then he helped Joe haul in some hay. Sent Fanny Gibbon's trunk by Sally.
- 24 Mary Coons came to wash. Joe and Jake began to haul oats then Joe broke my old wagon tongue and had to go to Bellevue for the wheel of the other. Jake pulled onions while he was gone. After dinner they hauled in oats till it rained. We had a little shower then I believe they piled oats in barn. I was busy making jam and putting up cordial. Mr. Brady came down today to get Ben and the spring wagon. Saw a big fire tonight towards the river – which was a boat on a bar with electric light.
- 25 Joe worked cutting briers and weeds in oat field. Jake says he worked ½ day cutting briers. Mary Coons ironed. Mr. Brady called on his way home.
Paid Aug. 16th.
- 26 No one worked for me. Gave Dick Loudon a cash order on Mr. Corbin for \$10. to pay his hand he said. Gave Joe West a cash order on Corbin for 10.00. Pd. Jake 3.00 Sue and Susie and I went to the Sunday School Convention. Got letter from Patty with letter in newspaper of buddy and letter from Julia. Mr. B. and Hilda came to call. Little Jamie sick again tonight. The blessed rain at last – a sprinkle during the day and shower at 9:30 p.m.
- 27 Sunday – Hot and dry even dusty again, the shower was so slight. Hilda, Mr. Brady, Miss Hubbell and Miss Shreve came and stayed all night.
- 28 Raining this morning – a gentle soaking rain. Sent by Mr. Brady Sally's and Spalding's letters that came. Joe milked and split a little stove wood early – but didn't work for me – neither did Jake. The company left after dinner and I finished putting up jam. Got letter and postal from my precious own. Rained a little off and on during the day.
- 29 Joe went to Bellevue and got me a barrel of flour and had Daisy shod – then it rained after dinner and he tinkered around in the barn and smokehouse. Jake says he worked ½ day cutting briers. Rained a little at night.
- 30 Sent letter by Sam to Sally. Joe ploughed over by Jim's tobacco and in the oat field. Jake grubbed there. Dr. Grant and his new wife called. Rained a shower about sundown.
- 31 Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me – they had to work on the road. I sewed part of the day. Ernest was here. I went to Bellevue and engaged 20 bus. of rye from Mr. Len Clore. Got letter from Patty and one from Sally from St. Paul. Bright pretty day.

AUGUST

- 1 Only Jake worked – he grubbed. Joe milked as he did yesterday. Angeline went to Rising Sun. I went to see Ida Kelly who is sick. Sent letter to Patty. Got one from Belle R.
- 2 Joe and Jake worked ½ day – Jake split wood and helped Joe haul in the rest of the oats and they stacked up the rest of the oats in the barn. Gave Jake an order on Mr.

- Kite for 3.00. Aunt Eliza came. Went to Bellevue and to Mr. Clore's to see about threshers.
- 3 Sunday – Mr. Brady sent Ben and the spring wagon home – he was very sick the man said and Sue and I went up to see him. We had a fine shower about 10 a.m. and the day was cool and pleasant after it.
 - 4 Election day – Joe milked but neither of the men worked. I went with the children to Rock Spring. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia.
 - 5 Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for .50. Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed and went to Mr. Clore's for the rye he got ----- . Jake grubbed and cut briers in the oats field. I went to Bellevue and to see about rye and to Mr. Rogers's to see about threshing. Sue and Susie went to Burlington. Very cool – thermometer down to 50 degrees at sunrise. Mary Coons washed.
 - 6 Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed in oats field and Jake grubbed and cut briers and weeds. Sue and I went to Dr. Grant's after dinner. I sent letters to Patty – got one from Sally.
 - 7 Only Joe worked for me – he ploughed in oats field. I went to see about getting sacks.
 - 8 Went down early to send by Cap. Bradley for sacks for wheat. *Borrowed of Mr. Corbin 10. Sprinkled a little about 5 a.m. Sue and children went to Burlington. I went to Bellevue again. Put in P.O. letter to Fanny Gibbon. Joe worked – ploughed above hedge in oats field and ploughed corn in garden. Jake grubbed in sand field. * Pd. Aug. 16th.
 - 9 No one worked for me. Joe and Jake went to the Aurora fair. Hilda & Mr. Brady and their company came and stayed. Got letter from Patty and paper from Julia. Jim M. sent word he got 1 ½ bus. corn.
 - 10 Sunday – Twenty-five years ago sister Belle was married. Sent letter to Patty. Aunt Nancy started for Oxford. Sue and I went to church. Amanda Smith and her children came home with me and dined. Hilda and her company stayed till evening and Susie went home with her. Cool as fall – and dry and dusty.
 - 11 Went to Bellevue to take Aunt Eliza down. Joe and Jake worked. It is so dry we had to turn the cattle out of the pasture on the mill road. Mr. Conner came by and towards evening the men got up sheep and cattle. Joe and Jake hauled some briers and trash into gully and Jake cut grass in slough while Joe cut clover second growth in sand field. I got letter from Julia. Mr. Conner said there were 149 sheep and lambs remaining. I suppose including the cripple which would leave 148 ewes yearlings and ewe lambs.
 - 12 Mr. Jim Conner came and took the 1 buck lamb he didn't get last time and 45 old ewes – also he bought my bull Rover calved July 3rd, 1881, Roan the heifer of Snowdrop, the one who had a heifer calf last Sep. while I was away – named Bessie – Amy, calved Nov. 12th 1879 and her calf named Juno June 19th, 1884 – and 4 steers, Whitecross, Jan. 16th, 1883, Seburn (Dick's calf I bought) May 2nd, 1883, John, June 12th, 1883 and Gen. John, Aug 12th, 1883. For all these he gave me a check on Farmers and Traders Natl. Bk. Cov. for \$300. Mr. Conner is to send me a thoroughbred buck to pay for the 5 late lambs he took away while I was gone to Dakota last fall. Got note from Amy Campbell. Went to Bellevue and got sacks for wheat. Joe and Jake worked. Joe worked on turnip ground – he and Jake helped with

cattle – fixed watergap &c. After dinner hauled second growth of clover from sand field. Jake cleared out spring.

- 13 Sent letters to Julia and Amy Campbell. Joe and Jake worked – hauled the last of the hay in – then hauled briers and brush to the road gully – then worked in slough. Jake cut grass and briers and Joe cut and piled willows. Sue went to Burlington after Susie. Still dry and today hot – clouds in sky.
- 14 My darling Big Baby's birthday. Lord love her and make her good and happy. Took a letter for her to Bellevue and sent Aunt Nancy a letter from Oxford. Got new scythe for Joe to use at Mr. Kite's. Joe and Jake both worked. Joe fixed scythe, spring wagon, sowed turnip seed and after dinner cut grass in slough. Jake did too. Sue and I went to Mr. Lillard's after Ben and dined there with Hilda, Mr. B. and their company.
- 15 Got up early and went to Erlanger with Sue and family. Joe drove the spring wagon and I the buggy. Got home at 12:15. Stopped to speak to Hilda at the gate. Dick Loudon had the steam thresher here while I was gone and threshed his wheat ----- bus. Jake helped him thresh. Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 3.00. Got letters from Julia and Amy. Joe and Jake hauled the wheat into the barn – they filled my ticks – and worked a little in the garden. Jake cut grass some today in the slough. Aunt Eliza came this evening. Very hot and dry – clouded up after dinner.
- 16 Mr. R. A. Brady came and got my sorrel horse Ned – said he would break him all right and would charge for it and the breaking of Sally's sorrel filly Bebe \$60. I went up this evening and pd. him the 60. in presence of his daughter Emma and Miss ----- also Hubert Brady. Joe worked I suppose ½ day hauling wheat. He and Dick said there were only 63 sacks which allowing two bushels to the sack, make 126 bus. It was taken by Cap. Bradley to Lawrenceburg. Dick Loudon got 13.00 to pay the threshers and some hands and Asa. *pd. Sep. 19th. Jake said he worked ¼ day helping thresh for Dick's returning work. I went to Rising Sun and got the check Mr. J. M. Conner gave me for \$300 cashed at the Bk. Stopped at Mr. Corbin's and paid him the \$30 borrowed (see July 26th & Aug. 8th) and pd. his bill \$21.60 Pd. Mr. Kite for Mr. Len Clore for rye 12.60.
- 17 Sunday – It is 25 years today since my beloved mother died. In that blest land they take no count of time. Lord love her soul. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined – took Ben out with them. Aunt Eliza went. Very hot and dry.
- 18 Joe and Jake cleaned kitchen cistern then cut some buckeye trees in pasture, then Joe went for Mr. Griffith's tools and bench, and Jake cut a cherry tree that lodged. I got letters from Patty and two for Sally. Mr. J. M. Conner brought me an Oxford down buck – as pay for the 5 late lambs he got while I was gone to Dakota.
- 19 Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns came and worked on the partition upstairs. Joe, Jake and Joel Deer worked. They all chopped at the cherry tree and got it down – then Joe and Jake cut a blk. walnut – then they hauled grass out of the slough. Joel Deer cut grass and briers over there and burnt some brush piles. The fire got out in some orchard grass. I must notice if it kills it. Hotter and dryer than ever.
- 20 Joe worked, cut some grass in slough with machine, and then cut iron weeds by the creek. After dinner I sent him to cut willows in slough. Jake worked till about 3 p.m. then got wagon and went for some chickens. He cut weeds and briers. They say Joel Deer worked too, cutting weeds & briers. Mr. Rush came to see about renting. Mr.

Griffith and Charlie Burns worked on alterations in house. Very dry and hot as Africa – about sundown clouded up and we had a little sprinkle. Sent to P.O by Charlie two letters that came for Sally.

- 21 Charlie and Mr. Griffith worked – they brought mail – got letters from Julia and Aunt Nancy and book of pictures from Julia. Joe worked sowed some turnip seed – then cut and piled brush in slough and back of yard. Jake worked ½ day – he cut weeds and set some stumps on fire. Joel Deer worked ½ day cutting weeds. Mary Coons washed – it rained some this evening after sundown – sprinkled about 2.
- 22 Got letters from Sue and Hilda. Sent by C. Burns letter to Patty. Mr. Griffith and Charlie worked – they fixed gutters and barn cistern and mended some furniture. Joe and Jake worked – they put in some rye in ground that had been ploughed. Joel Deer cut weeds in pear orchard.
- 23 Gave Dick Loudon an order on Mr. Cy Kelly for a barrel of flour. Joe and Jake worked ½ day – they finished sowing the rye on that part of the field that was ploughed & cut some briars. Joel Deer worked ½ day cutting weeds in little pasture. Mr. Griffith and Charlie got done their work. Mr. Griffith said they had worked 5 days which at 3.25 a day came to 16.25 from this I deducted the money for the stove he got 2.50 and it left 13.75. I paid him in full. Amy Campbell and Miss Foster a friend of hers came from Cin. Hilda and Mr. B. came with their company, Mr. & Mrs. James Webb, Miss Hubbell and Miss Shreve. They stayed all night. Aunt Eliza came with them.
- 24 Sunday – Ernest came and took Amy and Miss Foster to his house and then brought them back – Hilda and her party left after dinner. This was my darling Papa's birthday – Lord love his soul.
- 25 Joe and Jake worked fixing the line fence between Mr. Arnold's and my pasture. Joel Deer came and said he had worked 4 ½ days and I pd. him in full 3.38. This is Sue's wedding day – Angeline's leg was so bad she sent for Dr. Furnish who came to see her. Amy and Miss Foster left after breakfast. Looked like rain all day and sprinkled at 8 p.m. then all cleared off.
- 26 Joe and Jake worked cleaning up the slough – made a pile of the logs they got out of the dirt and tried to burn it, burnt brush piles &c. Mr. Brady came and brought home Ben and the wagon. Ellen came to see Aunt Eliza. I sent Aunt Sally 2.00 by her. Got long letter from Fanny Gibbon. Sent letter to Patty and Sally's letter.
- 27 Dick began to cut tobacco – that in front of the house. Joe and Jake worked getting out logs in slough and piling them. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Sally and Julia. Still dry and hot. Paid Mike Corbin 1.00 for Mr. Moody who was taking subscriptions to help repair the school house.
- 28 Dump Rains and Geo. Coons began to ditch the slough. I am to pay them 6.00 if done according to contract. Joe worked there – cutting roots, getting out logs, burning briars &c. Jake worked ½ day there. I went to Bellevue at noon. Mr. Kite gave me freight bills from Gen. Pike amounting to 2.00. There was a slight shower while I was gone to Bellevue.
- 29 Cloudy and hot this morning but no rain. I went to Bellevue this evening and pd. Mr. A. Corbin for Cap. Bradley the freight on the wheat (see 16th.) there were 63 sacks which at 8 cents a sack came to 5.04 – of this ½ is charged to Dick Loudon. Dump

and George worked at the ditch. Joe and Jake worked – cutting willow stumps, burning off hollow – cutting briars – grubbing &c. in the field sowed in rye. Went to see Mr. Clore about shoats – met him. Got note from Sally asking for draft.

- 30 Jake didn't work. Joe worked ½ day – he went to Bellevue for wagon and brought it out. Dump Rains and George Coons said they finished the ditch and I pd. Dump in full 6.00. Went to Bellevue to see Sarah and Nancy Moreland baptized. Got little note from Sally. Mrs. Wendell (formerly Miss Coyle) came with 3 children of her own and Julia Smith and stayed all night. I let Dick Loudon have \$10.00. Didn't get time to write in this till Sunday night. Joe West came and we had a settlement since the last (see April 19th) to date. The work comes to 95 ½ days which at .75 comes to 71.63. Joe had received since I pd. him off Apl. 21st. cash 45.00 to which add 1.27 for potatoes &c. on last settlement – corn 2.70 butter and vinegar 2.80 makes 51.77. This leaves .14 less than 20. so I pd. Joe 20. and now owe Mrs. West for 13 meals she has let my hands have at different times – the 14 cents.
- 31 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. Brady and Miss Hubbell came. I took Miss H. to church. They and Mrs. Wendell and children stayed to dine and all left in the evening. Still very dry but cool this evening. Ellen came today.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Very cool – thermometer 50 degrees at sunrise. Still dry and dusty. Joe and Jake doctored Louly's foot again – hauled dirt out of the ditch to the little piece of ground above it – hauled some hay to shed from low place and Jake cut some bushes. Joel Deer cut weeds in little pasture. Lily and Nony came over. I went to Bellevue – got note from Amy and Miss Foster. Sent John Beatty for Aunt Nancy who came home on the boat.
- 2 Joe and Jake worked. Joe helped Dump Rains lay off a ditch – then Joe and Jake both gathered pears. Aunt Eliza went home with John Beatty. I pd. her 1.00 for rent for Aunt Sally's room. Took Aunt Eliza to Bellevue. Dump Rains ditched.
- 3 Went to Rising Sun and at the bank got from Mr. Perkins a draft on N. York for \$114 for Sally and sent it to her in a letter I gave Mr. Corbin this evening. Got note from Cousin Mary G. and sent answer. Sent Sally the picture of memorial cottage. Went to see Aunt Sally, gave her 1.00. Found Phoebe with a new girl baby. Went to the river and saw Jim and Carrie Moreland, and Dick and Georgie Loudon baptized. Ernest and Miss Lou Prest from N. O. and Miss Mat Longmore and Mabel Bennett came to call, late. Jake went to Aurora with pears – sold them for 10.10 out of which he pd. .60 for ferry – leaving 9.50 for me. Jake didn't charge for his day because he went to get bran for himself. Joe worked – cut briars and grubbed.
- 4 Cloudy and heard the roar of a shower this morning. Paid Mrs. West what I owed for the meals 1.81 – see my settlement Aug. 30. Mrs. Roberts, Charles Rockwell's mother, brought me a note of his for land payment and asked to keep it for her. I lent her \$10. which I am to take out of the payment when Charlie makes it. I showed the note to Mr. Brady. He and Hilda came and he left her here. Dump Rains didn't come and Joe worked at the ditch. Jake didn't work for me – cleaned his cistern &c. Very hot and drier still. Got letter from Julia.

- 5 Didn't write in this till Sunday but will try to get things down. Worked at canning nearly all day then Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's. Jake worked, helping Dick cut tobacco in the garden. Dump Rains and Joe finished the ditch not long after dinner. Joe then hauled wood and poles out of slough. Still very hot.
- 6 Joe worked ½ day hauling dirt from ditch and poles. Jake worked ½ day cutting briers and grubbing in graveyard. Mr. Brady and Miss Hubbell came and they all stayed all night.
- 7 Sunday – Very hot – clouded up more than usual and we had a little shower – very slight. Susie Rice came and spent the day. Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss H. went away after dinner. Mr. I. W. Gaines stopped to ask about corn.
- 8 Angeline went to Burlington to see Dr. Furnish. Joe worked. I went to Bellevue in a wagon and he got 5, 2 in. boat planks and built me a bridge over the ditch – also he got 4 boards to make a bottom to the wagon and worked on that. Jake said he worked till 10 a.m. picking pears. I strained my grapes for wine. Very hot and drier. Mr. Fred came and got scythe to cut briers.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday – may she spend it in perfect bliss, Lord love her soul. Hot as Africa still – clouds every day – plenty of lightning and thunder this evening but no rain. Went to Bellevue late. Joe and Jake worked. Joe went down for wagon irons – got plough – then fixed wagon bed – hauled what pears Jake picked yesterday and then hauled dirt from ditch. Jake cut briers and weeds in vineyard and round hedge and then helped Joe haul dirt. Dick had Polly to ride to Rising Sun. Jim cut tobacco.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday – Lord love her soul. Still hot and dry. Joe and Jake worked hauling dirt from ditch. I canned pears – sent Patty a letter with bill from Zimmerman's.
- 11 Hotter and drier. Joe and Jake worked, cut stove wood – bushes and hauled dirt from ditch. Mrs. and Miss Longmore and Miss Lou came and spent the day. Lily came over.
- 12 Joe helped Jim Moreland cut tobacco today. Jake helped him ½ day. I am to pay them and take it from Jim's work. I worked all day making up quinces, pears &c. Got notes from Julia and Cousin Mary Goodrich. Wind blew last night and turned cooler – no rain.
- 13 Paid Mr. Fred for 3 ¾ days work this week cutting briers 3.56. Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 3.00. Gave Jake Anderson an order on Mr. Kite for 6.00. Joe helped Jim cut tobacco ½ day. Jake worked ½ day cutting briers &c. I canned again. Got letter from Sally. Hilda, Miss H. & Mr. B. came.
- 14 Sunday – They stayed till after dinner and went home. Aunt Nancy poorly.
- 15 Sent Joe to Rising Sun with wagon for the 3 gates I ordered at Whitlock's. When he got back he hauled some sand. I let Jake help Dick cut tobacco. I worked making tomato catsup. Got a letter from Patty. Cool this morning, 50 degrees at sunrise and drier than ever.
- 16 Cloudy all day and cleared off after sundown. Joe and Jake worked helping Dick cut and haul tobacco from new ground. Jim's out by the new ground is all cut. I finished the tomato catsup. Spoke to Mr. Conner about getting shoats.

- 17 Early this morning had a pleasant shower – rained gently off and on for about three hours – laid the dust. Joe didn't work this morning – neither did Jake. Joe after dinner took Bill, Daisy and Ben to Will Grant's to have some shoes put on. Jake said he wanted to fix eaves troughs at his house. Hilda and Mr. B. came and went.
- 18 Paid Jake Anderson 5.50. Went to Lawrenceburgh and to Moore's Mill and settled for the wheat that Cap. Bradley took them Aug. 16th. The clerk said there were 131 bus. 20 lbs. which at .75 a bus came to \$98.50. He gave me a written statement and the money. Cool windy day. Joe and Jake helped Dick get in his tobacco. Cool clear and windy day.
- 19 Went to Bellevue – sent letter to Julia with 3.00 in it. Let Joe and Jake help Dick with his tobacco. Dick came in and I gave him a statement of the wheat money. His half of 98.50 came to 49.25 from that I deducted the half of the freight 2.50 (see Aug. 29) and the 1300 he got for threshing & hands (see Aug. 16th) which left his share \$33.75. Of this I kept the 13.75 which is to be credited to Dick and I paid him 20.00. Cool and cloudy.
- 20 Joe and Jake worked ½ day helping Dick with his tobacco. Dick came in to talk about renting but didn't make any agreement. Cool and dry.
- 21 Sunday – Clear and cool. Hilda, Miss Hubbell and Mr. Brady came to call – so did Ernest Grant.
- 22 Sent Sam with letters to Patty and Sally – got paper from Sue. Joe and Jake worked helping Dick cut tobacco. Dick says he wants to rent.
- 23 Rained for about 2 hours this morning – a very pleasant shower. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Sue. Got letter from Julia. Rode up to Mr. Walton's – wishing to ask him about line fence, didn't see him. Joe helped Dick with tobacco except from the rain till dinner. Jake helped Dick till it rained. After dinner helped Jim in tobacco. Paid W.W. Grant's bill, 19.00.
- 24 Jake says he helped Jim M. till 10 a.m. when it rained – then helped Dick in barn till noon. Had a rain off and on – later a good hard rain. Joe didn't work, only milked.
- 25 Got the sheep up and sorted them – found 48 yearling ewes, 49 old ewes and 49 this year's ewe lambs. Found one late buck lamb that had been overlooked. Turned the 48 yearling ewes and the Oxford Down Buck in pasture on mill road. Turned the 2 Alexander bucks in with the 49 old ewes in the big pasture, and put the lambs in the pear orchard pasture. Bright warm day. Joe and Jake worked sorting sheep, fixing fence &c. I sent letter to Patty – got one from Sally and Julia.
- 26 Took letter to Sarah. Mrs. West had a girl baby last night. Jake killed a lamb for me. Jake helped Dick haul a load of tobacco this morning then ploughed for rye till it rained – we had a good rain after dinner. Joe didn't work. Got letter from Patty.
- 27 Mr. Fred came down and said he had worked 9 days since I paid him (see 13th). That came to 6.75. He took a piece of lamb at .50 and I paid him in full 6.25. Joe worked ½ day – ploughing – he said he would get 1 ½ bus. corn. Jim M. said he got ---- corn. Jake worked ½ day grubbing sprouts. Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss Hubbell came down and stayed all night. It rained harder than it has since before the drouth – poured.
- 28 Sunday – Rained off and on today – warm as summer and grass turning green rapidly. Got letter from Sally in St. Paul. Hilda and the rest left this evening.

- 29 Joe only worked ½ day making cider. Jake worked – gathered and hauled apples and made cider after dinner, which I boiled for apple butter. It rained hard after noon and at night. I set out some strawberries.
- 30 Joe and Jake worked gathering and hauling apples. I boiled cider and went to Bellevue. Took letter to Sally. Looked like rain all day but barely sprinkled. Warm as summer and grass turning green fast.

OCTOBER

- 1 Hot as summer – 95 degrees on the porch at Mr. Corbin’s store at 4:30 p.m. Rained a shower just before noon. Joe and Jake worked – ploughed for rye. I went to Rising Sun – got draft on N. York for \$75. of Sally’s money and sent it to her by Rising Sun P.O. Paid Whitlock for the gates Joe got (see 15th) 8.50. Paid Aunt Eliza for Aunt Sally’s rent 1.00. Judy Jones was there.
- 2 A year ago today I got home from Dakota. Another hot day – Joe worked – ploughed, made a paddle to stir apple butter. Jake worked – cut and shocked some corn in garden and then ploughed. I made apple butter. No rain today.
- 3 Very warm again. Joe and Jake worked putting in rye. Joe also ploughed a little in strawberries. Mr. Brady stopped by. I got a letter from Patty – sent her one when the black woman went away. Aunt Sally’s Judy was here.
- 4 Very warm again – sultry even. Joe and Jake worked ½ day. Joe shoveled in rye in the tobacco ground next the graveyard and Jake ploughed below there. Hilda, Miss Emma and Mr. Brady came down by moonlight and stayed all night.
- 5 Sunday – Mrs. Roberts came and told me goodbye – told me when Charlie paid the note she left with me. (see Sep. 4) and I took out my 10. to take out 5 for Hilda (I. H. Brady) that she had lent Mrs. Roberts. Ernest came to dine and they all left afterwards. It was as warm as summer – sultry.
- 6 Another bright warm day. Joe and Jake worked ploughing and putting in rye. Jake broke one of my chilled ploughs. I made apple butter – went to Bellevue late. Joe began to wean Daisy’s colt and Posey’s.
- 7 Joe and Jake worked putting in rye. Jake finished harrowing in that next ----- and put the trash in wash.-----
- 8 Joe worked and Jake worked ½ day breaking up and putting in rye. I went to Bellevue with Mr. B. or rather to Mr. Corbin’s – got caught in a shower. In the evening I went home with Hilda and stayed all night. Turned cool.
- 9 Hilda and Mr. B. and Miss Emma and I went to Mr. Kirtley’s and spent part of the day and dined with his daughter Mrs. Cropper and family – went back to Hilda’s and stayed all night. Joe and Jake said they worked. Joe said he helped Jim Moreland till 2 o’clock with his tobacco and Jake says he worked ½ day helping him – they ploughed or put in rye the rest of the time.
- 10 Came home after breakfast – brought Miss Emma. Found Joe and Jake breaking up beyond the field fence on the hill – where I had millet sowed. They turned Louly’s calf Letty to wean when I went to ----- . Got letter from Sarah. Ernest came. Mr. Fred came and said he had cut briers 9 ½ days since I last paid him (see 27th) and I paid him in full 6.94. Jake told me to pay Jim M. 4.00 for him and Jim sent Jessie for it. Joe and Jake worked ½ day – they sowed and harrowed in rye in the little land

between the gate road and ditch – and ploughed and put in rye in the little land next spring – also timothy and clover on the latter. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. Turned warmer – like summer again.

- 12 Sunday – Sent by I. H. Brady to renew my subscription to Century Mag. 4.00. She brought me 23 lbs. bacon at 14. She and the rest left this morning. Paid for meat 3.22.
- 13 Only Jake worked for me he grubbed and ploughed where the millet was sown. Joe cut wood for himself. It was very warm. I set out strawberries in the ploughed rows. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty, Sally and BBG. Sent letter to Patty. Mr. C. N. McWethy of Petersburg came today and bought a lot of apples in the orchard in the big pasture for .45 a barrel on the tree – see contract. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's.
- 14 Cool this morning – no frost here. Only Jake worked for me – he grubbed and ploughed just back of the new fence next the rye. Sent letters to Mary Reed and Sally.
- 15 No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue to see Belle Huey and Bob Clore married – in church. Got letter from Sally. Cool at night – enjoyed a little fire.
- 16 Warmer today and had a sprinkle of rain. I set out a lower row of strawberries. Found bunches of lilac blossoms on the bushes with fresh leaves come out since the foliage was killed by the drouth. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home. Dick began to cut corn for me – worked ---- Dump Rains and Mr. Jeffreys cut some by the shock. Joe didn't work – he hauled wood for himself – Jake worked for himself but milked. Got a telegram from Mr. Graham saying Mary's daughter Kitty Reed died the 13th – Poor Mary. Got a letter from Julia.
- 17 Bright warm day. Jake cut fodder for me. Joe worked for himself. Jim said he was going to cut after dinner. Dick worked cutting fodder.
- 18 Went to Bellevue, took letters to Mr. Graham and Messrs. Wm. Resor & Co. Got letter from Patty. Gave Jake Anderson an order on Kite for 1.50. Joe didn't work. Jake worked 1/2 day cut corn and took wagon to Bellevue – got barrel of flour, salt &c. Dick and Jim cut corn 1/2 day. I rode up to Ernest's before dinner.
- 19 Sunday – Hilda, Miss Emma & Mr. B. came and stayed to dinner. Ernest came in the evening.
- 20 Another lovely warm bright day. I went to Mr. Arnold's and to Bellevue – got note from Bessie McIntosh. Joe, Jake, Dick, Jim and Dump Rains all cut corn by the day. Joe drove the horses out of Mr. Walton's pasture too. Dennis came back to see if I would take him again.
- 21 Went to Bellevue, took letter to Bessie. Went to Ernest's – got 5 bus. rye which I didn't pay for – am to get more. Told Dennis's mother I would take him on trial. Mr. Walton came. Jim Moreland came to see me about renting – said he didn't work. Joe and Jake cut corn, and Joe says Dick and Dump cut.
- 22 Let Dick have an order on Kite for 1.50. Mr. McWethy came and got apples – 10 barrels – pd. me 4.50. Mr. Walton came again to see about bucks. Joe and Jake worked cutting corn. Black Henry came to see about getting work. I set out two rows of strawberries – the next lowest from volunteers. Sent Dennis for mail – got letter from Sally and note from Buris Resor – and paper with notice of Kitty Reed's death. Joe says Dick, Jim and Dump cut corn.

- 23 Cooler – 36 degrees at sunrise – a little frost in spots and streaks of ice in a bucket. Let Jim Moreland have an order on Corbin for 1.00. Let black Henry have an order on Kite for 1.00. Dump Rains worked ½ day cutting corn. He says he and Mr. Jeffreys cut 3.2 shocks which at .08 comes to 2.56 and he has worked by the day, 3 ½ days, 2.63 – total 5.17. He got 1.00 Sat. and I pd. him the balance 4.19. Joe and Jake worked cutting corn and digging potatoes. Jim worked ½ day cutting corn. Dick worked cutting corn & digging potatoes. Last night the frost killed tomato and sweet potato vines. Mr. M. Clore bought what old corn I don't need at .60 in the crib. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally and one from Sue with Jamie's picture.
- 24 Coldest morning yet – 27 degrees at sunrise and white frost. Joe, Jake and Dick worked, finished digging potatoes and put them in cellar – kershaws too. Mr. Clore came and got some corn – pd. me 25. Mrs. Corbin and Fanny and Permelia came. I went down at night in the wagon for the girls. Bessie McIntosh, Lou Pearce and Louisiana Gibson came – Joe drove the wagon.
- 25 Jake Anderson got order on Kite for 4.00. Joe, Jake and Dick all worked ½ day putting in rye and grass over above Jim's potatoes. Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss Emma came.
- 26 Sunday – Ernest came to dinner. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 27 Rained last night and today. Only Joe worked for me ½ day. Dick began to strip tobacco. Joe sorted potatoes in wine house, those Dick raised. Jim Moreland told me he would rent this year.
- 28 Mr. Walton sent his son for one of my Alexander bucks – he is to buy both for 20. and take the other Nov. 1st. Mr. Clore came and got the rest of the corn – said it was 90 bus. which at .60 comes to 54 – he had paid me 25. (see 24th) and paid me the balance \$29. We went up to Ernest's and he came home with the girls and stayed to dine. Jake didn't work. Joe worked – he cleaned out room at barn, wine cellar &c. and put away potatoes – said he would work for Dick fixing wagon after dinner – Dick to work in return.
- 29 Got up early and went to Erlanger with Louisiana, Bess and Lou put Louisiana on the Lex. train and the others on the Cin. It rained a cold disagreeable rain. Joe worked – drove the wagon – sorted some potatoes after he got home. Gave Dick Loudon an order on Kite for 10.00 to be paid me when he sells his corn.
- 30 Pleasant day and warmer. Mr. McWethy came and got another load of apples and paid me 4.50. I went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Messrs. Wm Resor & Co. Got letters from Sally and Julia F. Joe and Jake worked. Joe fixed the corn crib – raised it and put rocks on the blocks it sets on – put tin round corners, hinges on window &c. Dick and Dump helped him a little raising the crib. Jake shucked corn by himself for Dick as the hand I have to furnish to shuck the shocked corn.
- 31 Hilda and Mr. B. came home last night – left for home this evening. I sent by Emma Brady letter to Patty & Sally. Joe and Jake worked shucking corn for Dick. Dick began to put corn in my crib, put in --- loads. Mr. McWethy sent and got another load of apples – paid me 4.50.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Gave Jake Anderson an order on Kite for 1.75. Gave Joe West an order on Corbin for 2.00. Joe didn't work, only milked. Jake worked ½ day as my hand helping Dick shuck. I worked in my strawberries, manuring them &c. Gave Jim Moreland order on Kite for 2.00.
- 2 Sunday – Rained last night and this morning. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. I gave Mr. Brady in Miss Hubbell's presence \$65. to pay my taxes with. They went home after dinner taking Miss Emma with them.
- 3 Jake and Joe worked – Jake helped Dick shuck all day and Joe helped Jim in the morning and Dick after dinner. Jim hauled a load of corn to Dr. Furnish. I went to Bellevue and to Ernest's. Took letters to Patty and to Mary Reed. Got letters from Patty and Fanny G. and invitation from Sally Gray.
- 4 Election – no one worked for me. It rained a little occasionally. Dr. Grant and Ernest called. Dick hauled me a load of corn, part sappy – he said he had put 5 loads in the crib.
- 5 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Julia. Got letter from Louisiana Gibson. Mr. McWethy's man paid me 4.50 for a load of apples. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's – Mr. Walton's sons came and got the other Alexander buck. My young long tailed ewe (not Sarah) died today – found her sick when we drove up the sheep. Joe helped Jim shuck corn and Jake helped Dick. Colder & disagreeable.
- 6 Didn't write in this till the next day. Got letter from Miss Knapp written for Sally. Jake worked ¾ day helping Jim. Joe sheared dead sheep. His baby was sick and he went for doctors. Mr. McWethy's man got a load of apples and paid me 4.50. Coldest morning yet – 26 or 27 at sunrise.
- 7 Joe worked ½ day, picked apples after dinner. Jake worked ½ day before dinner picking apples. I turned the cattle, 14 head I think, into the pasture by the orchard grass. Mr. McWethy's man got a load of apples but did not pay for them. I sent Sam to the blacksmith's with Ben. Got letters from Sally and buddy who has returned from his journey – also bill from Messrs. Resor for stone lining. Dick says he has put 9 loads of corn in my crib up to tonight. Charlie Rockwell brought out the stone lining.
- 8 Went to Bellevue - took Sally a letter. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. I got letter from Julia – Hilda said that Anna Grant was to be buried today. Sent Mr. Kite an order for Joe West for .50 and for Jake Anderson for 1.45. Joe and Jake worked getting apples. Warmer and lovely weather.
- 9 Sunday – Went to church – Hilda's cousin came home with me and she and Mr. B. stopped and took her home. Mr. Brady brought me my tax receipt for this year for \$61.80 and change (see Nov. 2nd.)
- 10 Began to pick apples again. Mr. McWethy's men came with two wagons, picked 20 bus. which with the other 10 (see 7th) made 13.50 due me. He paid me 15.00 the 1.50 to go on the next load. Jake picked apples ½ day. Sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by Lewis Beatty. Joe picked apples today – it was warm and pleasant.
- 11 Mr. McWethy came again with two wagons, paid me in full 7.50. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty. It was cloudy part of the time but pleasant. Joe worked ½ day picking apples – helped Bill raise his house today – Jake didn't work.
- 12 Joe worked and Jake ½ day helping Jim shuck corn – Joe got 1 bus. potatoes. Mr. McWethy got 2 loads apples and paid me 9.00. Foggy morning, not cold.

- 13 Mr. McWethy got 2 loads apples and paid me in full 9.00. Joe and Jake worked picking apples. I made Sally's fruitcake. Got letter from Sally.
- 14 Got another letter from Sally. Mr. Brady brought me the mare Julia that Mr. Graham had sent to me from Mr. A. I. Alexander's – she came via Erlanger. Hilda came – they dined here. Joe and Jake picked apples. Went to Mrs. Rice's today. Blk. Henry grubbed 3 days.
- 15 Mr. Maguire came and said he had worked 4 days for Jim shucking corn and I paid him 3.00. Went to Bellevue and bought of Mr. Joe Walton 5 barrows weighing 880 lbs. at 4 ¼ - which came to \$37.40. I pd. him \$20. on them and came back after Joe and Jake to ---- them – they had worked picking apples before that. Jake Anderson got things on my account at Kite's amounting to 5.13. I took down letters to Sue and to Mr. L. Brodhead – got letter from Julia. Went to Dr. Grant's.
- 16 Sunday – Went to S. School for Miss Emma. She and Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. Ernest came in the evening. I paid Ernest Grant 15.00 for two Southdown bucks from Mercer Co. now at his place. Susie Rice was here.
- 17 Joe and Jake worked – hauled rails and made pen in barn lot for hogs. Then they hauled down buckeye log for trough and Jake cut a dead buckeye. Cloudy and looked like rain. Jim hauled corn this evening.
- 18 First snow of the year – a skim on the ground and snowing this morning – thermometer 34 degrees at sunrise. Sent Dennis with letters to buddy, Patty and Julia. Joe and Jake worked sorting apples and making cider. Snowed off and on all day.
- 19 Joe and Jake worked shucking corn for Jim – he says he has put 13 ¾ loads of corn in the crib for me. Mr. McWethy's men came and got apples 7 bus. he said which would come to 3.15 – he pd. me 2.60. I sent Aunt Sally .50 by John Beatty. Jim said the hands I furnished had done my part of the shucking and he owed me for 1 day of Joe and ½ day Jake.
- 20 Went to Aurora on horseback. Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me. Milder today and pleasant but cloudy. Stopped at Ernest's – and Bellevue. Got note from Ernest and letter from Patty.
- 21 Joe, Jake and Jim worked and I fooled away letting them haul fodder out of the creek bottom across the creek – sent Jake to Mr. Clore's and borrowed his slide. Pleasant mild day.
- 22 Henry Bradford (blk. Henry) sent for an order and I gave him one on Corbin for 1.00, which is payment in full to date. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 3.00. Went to Petersburg and bought 30 bus. coal from Mr. Stett paid him in full 3.75. The apple men came and got 5 bls. they said paid me for them and the .55 cents due (see 19th) in all 2.80. Only Jake worked ½ day for me cutting briers and grubbing. Went to Bellevue – put in letter for Sally – got two letters from her. Mild pleasant day.
- 23 Sunday – Rained last night and turned colder today. Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss Hubbell came to dine. Ernest came for a few moments. 18 degrees above 0 at sunrise.
- 24 Only Joe worked for me. He went to Petersburg and got 30 bus. of coal from Mr. Stott. (see 22nd)
- 25 Joe and Jake worked. I had the 48 young ewes and the 49 lambs turned into the big pasture across the creek – then went with Joe to Ernest Grant's and got the 2 Southdown bucks from Mercer – had them and my Oxford Down marked and turned

them in the pear orchard pasture. The 2 Mercer bucks are yearlings by their teeth. Jake cut briers and grubbed till Joe brought the sheep – then helped him and they cut and sawed two dead locusts in the yard. I sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by Jim Moreland – also letter to Sally. Sent Billy to shop to have a shoe fastened on – got letter from BBG and paper from buddy. Turned much warmer today.

- 26 Got up early and went to Aurora and back before 11. Took up turkeys and sold them for 13.00. Went to McHenry's and bought 3 m. shingles at 3.00 per M. on credit, came to 9.00. Joe worked – drove the spring wagon for me – then went back and got the shingles and hauled them from the ferry. Jake didn't work. It was right cold this morning – moderated – 37 degrees at 6:30 a.m.
- 27 Warm this morning – beautiful rainbow about sunrise. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to church and dined here. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Only Joe worked for me – he fixed fence front gate – hauled straw into lane and took Mr. Clore's sled home. Mr. Will Duncan came with bill for fees \$15. – couldn't pay it. I went to Mr. Rice's.
- 28 Cold rainy disagreeable day. I went to Petersburg and took Sally's box to Frank Grant to Express. Joe and Jake worked sorting apples and getting Mr. Walton's cattle out of the corn field.
- 29 Colder but moderated. Went to Bellevue. Gave Mr. Kite order for Jake Anderson for 3.00 for boots. Joe didn't work for me – hauled his wood. Jake worked ½ day cutting briers. Snowed before I went to bed – only a skin.
- 30 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss Emma dined here. Ernest called in the evening. Angeline went to R. Sun.

DECEMBER

- 1 I went to Mr. Walton's to tell them about their cattle. Cold this morning but moderated. Joe worked – he hauled briers and put in washes in big pasture. Jake worked – cut briers in the morning and helped Dick shuck some of my corn in the evening.
- 2 Bright day and pleasant. Joe worked hauling briers again. I went to Bellevue. Jake didn't work for me.
- 3 I went to Bellevue to the baptizing. Saw Bob Clore, Zekey Rice and others baptized by Mr. Carney. Joe worked hauling briers. Angeline came home. Jake says he worked cutting briers.
- 4 My precious little baby's birthday 18 years old today. Lord love her. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and we all went to 'night meeting'. I made Hilda's fruitcake today. Joe worked. He hauled to Mr. Jim Rogers the corn he let us have when John Moreland was here and wanted seed corn, also hauled loads to the barn room. This was a spring day, beautiful. Jake says he worked cutting briers.
- 5 Warm as spring. There was a beautiful rainbow between 9 and 10 this morning – sprinkled sometimes during the day. Joe and Jake worked. Joe fixed gates – fence – put window glass in kitchen, hauled poles &c. and after dinner he and Jake fixed the fence on the other side of the creek next Mr. Rice's. Jake says he cut briers this morning. This week Jim M. and Dick have been ploughing Jim's corn ground in sand field. I sent letter to Sally this morning by Dennis. Also sent him to mill.

- 6 Raining off and on sometimes hard. Joe West came in and we had a settlement. Since our last (see Aug. 30th) he has worked 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ days which at .75 comes to \$47.06. He has had orders 5.50 cash 27.30 butter, corn potatoes 6.40 total 39.20, which deducted from his work leaves 7.86. I gave him a cash order on Corbin for 7.00 and pd. him 86. Gave Jake Anderson order on Kite for 3.00. Patty and her maid Julia got home via Lawrenceburg. Thank Heaven my darling big baby is safe with us again.
- 7 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. and Miss Emma came down and dined. This evening I sent Joe to Bellevue for Patty's trunks.
- 8 Pleasant bright mild day. Sent letter to Sally. Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder. Patty went to Bellevue and pd. Mr. Corbin the 7.00 (see 6th) and brought me the order. I got letter from Sally.
- 9 Joe and Jake worked repairing Aunt Nancy's house – they raised it and put in sill. Dick and Jim helped a little while putting in the sill. Joe and Jake began to put the roof on. Hilda, Miss Emma and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 10 Hilda and the rest went away. I got letter from Julia. Ernest and Katy and Lily came. Joe and Jake worked on Aunt Nancy's house.
- 11 Only Joe worked for me – he sorted apples. It rained. I got letter from Sally.
- 12 Went to Rising Sun – got the 25. left of Sally's money – put 25. with it and sent her in letter from R. Sun a draft on N. York for \$50. Rainy day but only misty rain. Joe and Jake worked – made cider – sorted apples and Jake went after cow that got out.
- 13 No one worked for me. Patty went to Ernest's and he brought her home. Hilda and Mr. B. came but didn't stay. A gloomy, disagreeable day. Jake got 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. corn.
- 14 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came for Miss Emma who dined here. Ernest did too. Rained some. Jake found Fanny G. with b. calf.
- 15 Snowdrop lost a dead calf. Had her driven up. Joe milked Fanny cow. He cut stove wood and after dinner hauled 1 load of Tom Clore's coal. Joe worked but Jake did not work.
- 16 Joe worked – hauled 2 loads coal and got Bill and Daisy shod at Will Grant's. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Jake says he cut briars. It was cloudy and misting rain. I made my fruitcake.
- 17 Didn't write in this till Christmas eve but will try to get things straight. Got up early and Patty took me out to Burlington and I went up in the mail wagon – went to Cin. via Erlanger – stayed all night at Julia's and my Sally came with Sally Foster from Farmington. Snowing and cold – kept on getting colder.
- 18 Sally and I came down to Aurora in the 8.22 train. It was too cold to come down in the other side and we waited for the little boat – didn't get home till after dark and Mr. Snyder brought us out.
- 19 Very cold – 3 degrees – 0. Joe didn't work nor anyone else. Think this was the day I went to Bellevue and brought goods for Dennis, clothes. No one worked for me.
- 20 No one worked for me. Jake says he only worked 1 day this week. I think I got letter from Ed. C. M.
- 21 Sunday – Twelve years ago my dear father was buried. Lord love his soul. We had company. Ernest and Dr. Sutton and two Misses ----- came down but did not stay to dine.

- 22 I went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake worked. They killed my 5 hogs. It was not so cold. Got picture papers from BBG. I sent note to Ed. C. M.
- 23 Joe and Jake worked cutting up meat and salting it, and Joe went to Bellevue with wagon while Jake helped cut up lard &c. I got flour, salt &c. from Corbin's. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on Kite for 50 lb. flour and .50 coffee, 1.80. Believe I got a letter from Julia – have had two.
- 24 Twelve years ago today Papa was buried – how long they seem. Gave Jake Anderson a cash order on Corbin for 5.00. Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 2.00. Gave Dick Loudon an order on Kite for 2.00. Mr. Bob Brady brought Ned home. No one worked for me. Turned colder at night. Paid Corbin Jan 13th 1885.
- 25 Christmas – Cold and snowed hard towards evening. No one worked for me.
- 26 Cold – Julia said 4 below 0, at sunrise it was at 0. No one worked for me. It moderated afterwards and Patty went to Ernest's. Sally got letter from her father saying she could skip this term of school. Didn't write in this till the 29th.
- 27 No one worked for me but Joe fed a little. Patty and I went to see John Loudon. Rained at night.
- 28 Sunday – rained hard and snow melted. Got .50 coffee for Joe West.
- 29 Sent letter to Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined. Lily and Cordy came over. Warm as spring. Joe worked – he took sacks of corn to mill – fixed fence a little &c. Warm and muddy.
- 30 Got letters from Julia. Patty and Sally went to Ernest's. Jake cut wood for kitchen. Joe hauled manure from stalls.
- 31 Mild but turned colder at night. Went to Bellevue – sent sausages to Julia by little boat. Joe and Jake worked – cleared out sheep cellar, hauled a little manure. Joe went to mill for sacks of meal. Jake cut some wood. I put up Snowdrop in a stall to try and fatten her.