

JANUARY

- 1 Arrived at Mandan about 2.30 p.m. – found Patty waiting for me. Have not written in my book till the 19th. Have gotten everything mixed up and can never get them straight again. Up to now I have had one letter from Sally, two from Julia, one from Lily, Hilda and Ernest and Mary. Have had letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington came Jan. 9 with draft for 7.00. Wrote to Con. Ins. Chicago and they sent me envelope to send my payment for policy for this year. Got Tilden Selmes to get me a draft for 12.00 and sent it to the Ins. Co. I have written to Sally, to Lily, to Hilda and to Aunt Nancy.
- 19 The weather has been from 43 below 0 to 40 degrees above 0 with snow wind and infant blizzards all the time. Up to date I have been out of the yard 4 times. Yesterday the 18th I went down the butte on a toboggan twice and it was mild – 30 degrees above 0. Today it is 10 degrees below and a bad wind. Tilden went to St. Paul last Sunday night and didn't get there till Tuesday morning on account of snow.
- 27 Haven't written in this. Last Sunday Patty got a letter from Outing accepting the MS she sent and inclosing cheque for 20. Til got back Sat. Tuesday I got letter from Sally. I sent one to Sally yesterday. Took a walk yesterday as it was mild and also mild this morning. I sent letter to Hilda today. I have also written to Julia. Got receipt from Con. Ins. Co. for the 12.00 I sent – see 1st page of this.
- 28 Tilden went to St. Paul. Turned colder.
- 29 This is the worst weather that I ever saw yet. Last night the wind blew wildly and has blown today all day long apparently from every quarter and the snow has been drifting till the air is thick with it. It snowed last night and just after breakfast the thermometer was at 20 degrees below 0 and since then it was 24 degrees below 0. The trains east and west both stopped and at sundown it is worse than ever.
- 30 Sunday – 33 degrees below 0 at breakfast time.
- 31 30 degrees below 0 at 6 p.m. Cold all day. Got letter from Hilda. 40 degrees below 0 at 11 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 33 degrees below 0 in the morning. It snowed and blew and did everything awful. Til came home from St. Paul.
- 2 Another dreadful day – 30 degrees below 0 at breakfast and a blizzard blowing. Blew all day and night too.
- 3 One of the worst nights since I got here – thermometer 32 degrees below 0. I sent a letter that I wrote to Hilda yesterday. Got paper from home. The train Til came in on day before yesterday only left about 3.30 p.m. today with 4 locomotives to seven cars. Cold and bad all day long.
- 4 Not so cold 20 degrees below 0 this morning and moderated – snowed some during the day but cleared. Sally was to give a german tonight. Mr. J. Whiteman came up from the train to see Patty. Tilden left for Washington on the train at 9.45.
- 5 Took a walk – cold but clear. Think it was today I got letter from Julia.
- 6 Sunday – Mr. Buford dined here. Snowed some.

- 7 Snowed a little. Letter came from Fanny about coming up.
- 8 Bright morning 10 degrees above 0 at 12.30.
- 9 Another blizzard by way of monotony. A horrible day every way cold and bad.
- 10 Only a regular snowstorm – not a regular blizzard. Got a letter from Julia saying the river was so high the O. and M. couldn't run and the railroads had to give up the G. Central Depot.
- 11 Bright and clear 22 degrees below 0 when we got up. Yesterday Mr. Eaton told Patty that at the Sig. Service Office at Fort Yates they said there had already been 49 in. of snow. Sent letter to Julia.
- 12 22 degrees below 0, bright and clear.
- 13 Sunday – Moderated some. Fanny Gibbon came on the train from St. Paul. Brought letter from Cousin Rebecca.
- 14 Got letter from Hilda. Milder.
- 15 Much milder 4 degrees above 0 when I looked at breakfast time. Patty, Fanny and I went to the Fort. Ft. Lincoln on the Mo. river where the Heart runs in. Pleasant bright day. We called on Mrs. Pitman at Lincoln.
- 16 Pleasantest day since I have been in Dakota – thermometer went up to 28 degrees above 0 when I looked. We all went tobogganing and I went to Mrs. Eaton's. Sent letter to Cousin Rebecca.
- 17 Still mild – got letters from Hilda and Ernest – took a walk.
- 18 Snowed hard all day – thermometer 10 degrees above 0. Didn't write in this again till March 2nd.
- 19 Think it was pleasanter.
- 20 Sunday – Left Patty's on the train for St. Paul – tolerably pleasant.
- 21 Got to St. Paul – went to the opera with Cousin Rebecca "Husgur [?] the Black".
- 22 Cousin Rebecca took me driving to see the place and I went to the opera Matinee, "Manon", with my precious own. Weather pleasant in St. Paul.
- 23 Buddy got home from N. York and took me to Minneapolis to see Mrs. Atwater. Turned colder.
- 24 Wrote to Patty before leaving St. Paul. Left on the night train for Chicago.
- 25 Reached Chicago and left on the night train for Cin.
- 26 Got to Cin. and came home on the morning train to Erlanger and to Hilda's – dined there and came home. It poured down rain in Cin. and the river was very high. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down late and stayed all night.
- 27 Sunday – Blew hard all night and turned cold – snowed off and on. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent letters yesterday from Burlington to Patty, Sally and Sue. When Hilda came she brought me a side of meat – 25 lbs. for which I am to pay market price.
- 28 Still disagreeable – 20 degrees and 24 degrees above 0 for two mornings. Lily came to see me. I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore who is sick. Boone Rogers came and made me an offer on the tobacco. Jake and Dick worked cutting briars on the hill. Joe took the horses to Will Grant to get them shod and cut hedge.

MARCH

- 1 The month came in like a lamb. Lovely spring morning – 36 degrees above 0 at sunrise. I rode round to see the work – watergaps &c. My Sullivan cow Ellen died suddenly this morning. Joe and Jake only worked ½ day – they quit to skin the cow. Dick worked cutting briers. Jake was cutting briers – Joe hedge. I went to Mrs. Clore's to sit up with her.
- 2 Warm and bright. Sent registered letter to W. Atlee Burpee & Co. with 2.00 for seeds. Went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Corbin. Mr. Conner came and pd. me for the turkeys he got – said he got 15 in all and paid me 7.86. I got medicine for Jake .20. Joe and Jake worked. Jake cut briers and Dick too.
- 3 Turned colder and unpleasant. Joe and Jake hauled hedge brush and Dick cut briers and grubbed in garden –he began in sandfield.
- 4 Still unpleasant – raw wind and no sun. Joe Mauer came out to cut grape vines. Dick helped him and Joe and Jake hauled hedge brush.
- 5 Sleet and rain last night a little. Dick worked ½ day grubbing in garden. Joe and Jake ½ day hauling manure out of stalls. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Sue. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Settlement with Jake Anderson. Jake had worked from our last settlement Oct. 23rd, 1886 up to the time I left or till Dec. 25th, 43 ¼ days, says he worked while I was gone and including this week's work 41 days total 84 ¼ which comes to \$63.19. The things he got at Corbin's during my absence came to 17.60 which with .65 sundries = 18.81. He had received cash orders, sundries &c. making a total of 55.36 which leaves me owing him 7.83 which I paid him and settled in full. This includes the 4.00 I was owing him at our last settlement see Oct. 23rd, 1886. Settlement with Joe West - Joe said he had worked while I was gone 35 ½ days, this week 5 = 40 ½ days. Since our last settlement, see Oct. 30th, 1886 up to Christmas he had worked 39 ¼ days making in all 79 ¾. I allowed for extra work and brought it to 85 days which comes to 63.75. The things he got at Corbin's during my absence came to 18.17 which with sundries came to 20.89. This with cash 11.50, orders 9.45, sundries 3.90 from the account book makes 45.72 which taken from 63.75 leaves me owing him 18.03. I paid him in full. I also paid Dick Loudon \$16.00 but did not settle with him. He says he has worked 5 ½ days this week and 30 while I was gone.
- 6 Sunday – my birthday – Lily and Ernest came and dined with me. Rained last night and some this morning.
- 7 Spring day – bright and warm. I went to Bellevue. Took letter to Farmers & Mechanics' Nat'l Bk. Georgetown. Got seeds from Atlee Burpee & Co. –see Mar. 2nd. Went to Mrs. Clore's. Joe Mauer came out and worked trimming vines. Only Jake worked for me – he helped in vineyard.
- 8 Georgie Loudon, Dick's wife had a girl baby last night. Dick worked ½ day. Joe and Jake worked Joe cleaned in garden and nailed strips on posts till noon, then broke up in sand field. Jake cleaned in garden and cut briers in sand field. Mr. Henderson came to see about corn. Mr. Brady and Hilda came down and dined. Mr. Joe Mauer worked in grape vines. A lovely bright spring day, and warm. I got letter from Patty.
- 9 Rained a little this morning. Joe worked ploughing in sand field. Jake cut briers and grubbed. Dick ½ day cut briers by fish pond. Found the bay colt Til had been hurt on his hip – had him caught and the hurt dressed.

- 10 Pleasant bright day. Joe Mauer came out and finished trimming grape vines. I pd. him in full 3.50. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty and Cousin Rebecca – got letters from Sally and Julia. Joe worked ploughing in sand field. Jake and Dick cut briers and grubbed. I went to Mr. Gaines's to see about seed oats.
- 11 Went to Bellevue – sent letter to Sally got letters from Patty and Fanny – went to see Mrs. Clore and stopped at the Arnold's. Went to Burlington to Mr. Gaines's and to Mr. Brady's and to see Boone Rogers to get seed oats or rather to engage them. Joe, Jake and Dick worked. Joe broke up ground and the others grubbed and hauled briers &c. and put them in gullies in the piece beyond the creek.
- 12 All three men worked ½ day. Jake and Dick grubbed in sand field. Joe went after seed oats got 20 bus. for which I pd. Boone Rogers 8.00 in full. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down to stay all night. They brought the rest of the meat (see Feb. 27th) in all 66 lbs. and I pd. her \$6.60 in full. Got letter from the Bk. in Georgetown with draft for Jan. dividend of \$28. Angeline, Isaac &c. came up. I sent by Isaac an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 and one for coal on Mr. Elliot for 1.00. Pd. both April 20th, 1887.
- 13 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. went home this evening. Sue and Jamie came on the mail boat. Cooler and very windy.
- 14 Disagreeable day and colder. Joe and Jake worked for me. Joe ploughed for oats across the creek and Jake grubbed in sand field. Dick was making his plant beds. I sowed garden seeds in boxes and Jake helped me a little getting dirt &c. I sowed cabbage, peppers, lettuce, eggplant &c.
- 15 Very disagreeable day – raw, cold and sunless. Joe broke up across the creek. Jake grubbed in sand field. Dick worked for himself making plant beds. I got letter from Sally.
- 16 Cold disagreeable day – 30 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked, they put in oats in sand field. I went to Bellevue. Lily and Katy came over.
- 17 Cold, disagreeable day – we, Sue, Jamie and I went to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's. She had the club meeting at her house. I think Joe and Jake worked getting oats.
- 18 Went to the Bank in Burlington and got the draft for \$28.00 cashed – see Mar. 12th. We came home about noon – found the little hill piece in garden broken up. Went to Mrs. Clore's at night and sat up with her. I didn't write regularly in this and forget what day I sent letters this week to Patty and Sally. Still colder.
- 19 No one worked for me – the men worked for themselves. Dick has been making his plant beds this week. I went to see Mrs. Clore.
- 20 Sunday – Pleasanter – 34 degrees above 0 at 8. I found the first wild flowers I have found this year.
- 21 I neglected this and can't expect to get it right. The men worked, sowing and rolling in clover seed in sand field &c. I went down and sat up with Mrs. Clore.
- 22 I got two letters from Patty the same day – think it was today. The men worked.
- 23 Joe and Jake took Mr. Walton's roller home and then hauled manure in garden. It is cold disagreeable weather.
- 24 Joe and Jake worked – hauled manure and ploughed in garden and Jake put out onion sets. The wind blew like Dakota. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I got letter from Sally.

- 25 Pleasanter day than usual, sun shone. Joe hauled wood and split some after he hauled some ashes and manure out of the yard. Jake worked in the garden – set out onions and onion sets – planted peas, spinach, radishes &c. and then grubbed old hedge roots. I went to Bellevue – took 2 letters – went to see Mrs. Clore. I haven't written in this since Sunday and probably have left out things. I planted some cauliflower seeds.
- 26 Joe and Jake worked ½ day in garden. Joe broke up and Jake helped me. Dick hasn't worked for me this week. He ploughed for and planted potatoes, broke up for tobacco &c.
- 27 Sunday – Turned rather warmer and rained a little this evening. Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. Brady came.
- 28 Colder – 28 degrees above 0 at sunrise and turned cold and towards evening snowed. Isaac came up and I sent Aunt Sally and order on Wm. Elliot for coal 1.00 and an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00. Joe worked hauling wood and went for horses - also he and Jake went to Mr. Huey's. My cow, Fanny. Jake also grubbed in garden and rye field worked. Dick worked hauling manure on his tobacco ground. Isaac brought mail. I got letter from Patty – sent letters by him to Patty and Sally.
- 29 Ground white with sprinkle of snow. Thermometer 18 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Settled with Ellen. Ellen's work since Oct. 25th, 1886 came to \$28.75. This – 16.31 the amount she had drawn till now leaves her 12.44. I paid her in full 12.45 and sent by her to Aunt Eliza 3.00 for rent of Aunt Sally's room. Isaac came up after Ellen and Mandy Riley came to work in her place. Took Ellen down to McVile. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia, BBG and Aunt Eliza. Joe, Jake and Dick hauled manure out of sheep cellar. Began to break Jamie.
- 30 Still colder – 23 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Very unpleasant all day and towards evening snowed till the ground is white. Sent letter to Sally. Joe, Jake and Dick hauled manure on tobacco ground they worked the colt Jamie.
- 31 Snow on the ground 1 ½ inch deep but warmer – went up to 47 degrees above. Went to see Mrs. Clore, got postal from Patty and from Outing – and paper from Cousin Wm. Joe and Dick worked. They took two heifers P. and the other to Mr. Huey's and hauled manure with colt. Jake worked ½ day grubbing.

APRIL

- 1 Dick, Joe and Jake worked – they hauled manure and Jake put in my garden potatoes after dinner.
- 2 Only Dick worked ½ day. The others went to Rising Sun. I went to Mrs. Clore's and sat up with her.
- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. It was warmer and pleasanter.
- 4 Windy and not so pleasant. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Sarah and Julia. Joe and Jake worked patching up poling fence &c. and setting gate post. Ellen came back to work.
- 5 Bright but windy and raw. Went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake worked. Joe cut trees in creek bottom and Jake grubbed.
- 6 Still rather cold. Went to Bellevue got letter from Patty in St. Paul written by Charlie. Joe and Jake worked. Joe cut trees in bottom all day. Joe worked there after noon –

- grubbed before. Dick was breaking up bottom land today, finished the piece by the little meadow point. Weaned the calves this week.
- 7 46 degrees above 0 at sunrise. It rained part of the day. Joe and Jake began to work and fooled away part of the time – went to mill and hung the new gate. Sue and I went to Bellevue and to Ernest's.
 - 8 Good Friday – Thermometer a shade above 32 degrees and a white frost. Turned out a lovely spring day. I went to Bellevue – sent letter to Patty. Mr. Lerch offered me 3 ½ for all my tobacco except the trash and 1 for that, and I sold it to him – to be delivered at Bellevue. Doll Walton came to see about getting my filly Kitty to ride to break. Mr. John Scott came down and bought 10 bus. corn - pd. me 3.50 for it. Only Jake worked for me – he cut trees along the creek and then worked in the garden. He planted radish, lettuce, onion, spinach, carrot seeds and early beans and peas. I planted my sweet peas. Dick was breaking his corn ground in the bottom below the barn.
 - 9 Another lovely spring day – 40 degrees above at sunrise. No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to dine. Got answer to one letter of the 25th.
 - 10 Easter Sunday – Lovely spring day. Sue and I went to church. Ernest came to dine. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to call. I took Sue to Burlington to go to Cin.
 - 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore and to the boat for Sue at night. Joe drove the wagon. He and Jake worked. Joe hauled poles out of bottom and broke up in it. Jake helped me in the yard and ditched below pond. Joe weaned Alice's calf – the part Jersey one.
 - 12 Another lovely warm day. We went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty – took letter to Sally. Joe broke up in bottom across the creek and Jake ditched.
 - 13 Warm lovely day. Went to Bellevue to take letter to Patty. Isaac came and brought me a letter from Sally and Patty and one from Julia. Gave Isaac an order on Mr. Davis for a pair of shoes for Aunt Eliza. Also order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally, pd. April 20th, 1887. Doll Walton came to see me about buying corn. Sue and I went to Hilda's and stayed all night. Joe and Jake worked ploughing and ditching.
 - 14 Went to Cin. via Erlanger – went out to Julia's and stayed all night with her. It thundered and sprinkled.
 - 15 Went to Dr. Taylor's and had my tooth filled – went to Museum of Art. The wind blew a gale and there was a cyclone in Eastern Ohio. Came home at night on the boat. It turned cooler after the wind. Joe came for me – he and Jake worked on the bottom he said.
 - 16 Right cool – no one worked for me. Doll Walton's man said he hauled 4 loads yesterday and 4 today of corn out of the crib 14 tubs to the load and that they hauled 1 load of 12 tubs for Romeyn.
 - 17 Sunday – Raining – a cold rain and steady. Rained hard at night.
 - 18 Still raining a cold rain – for a few moments it turned to snow. Joe and Jake put in their time but didn't get much done. They changed around the tobacco to try to get to come in case and took the 3 mares to Mr. Gaines's and left them till tomorrow. I sent by Anderson J. letters to Patty, Julia, BBG and Co. Gen.
 - 19 It turned cold – Thermometer 30 degrees above – hard frost and ice in the milk pans. Hilda came down – lent me 100. and I gave her my note for it. Mr. B. came too. Paid

- Hilda April 28th and burnt my note. Daisy – Joe went after her and brought her home. He and Jake worked cutting willow trees and setting posts in bottom.
- 20 Went to Rising Sun – went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for 7.00 (see Jan. 9th). Went to Oscar Jones R. Sun and pd. all the orders to date, \$11.25 – pd. Mr. Elliot for coal including two orders 3.00 pd. Aunt Sally 2.05 besides. Pd. Mike Corbin \$40. on my account and told him to credit it. Got letter from Patty. Dick and Georgie Loudon's little baby died tonight – after dark. Joe, Jake and Dick worked cutting trees by creek and setting posts.
- 21 Doll Walton's man said he hauled 2 more loads of 14 tubs each – and this is all he is to get. No one worked for me. Dick and Georgie's little baby Amanda Jane was buried in Bellevue graveyard. Sue and I went to the funeral and to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Doll Walton (John J.) came to settle for the corn he got. We calculated that he got 253 bus. which at .30 per bushel came to \$75.90 and he gave me a check for the amount on the Burlington Bank.
- 22 Rained last night and poured today with thunder and lightning. Tonight a tremendous storm, wind, thunder, lightning and torrents of rain from about ten till now 11.30 and still storming. The creek was over the bottoms today and from hill to hill in the little brickyard bottom. Joe and Jake began to load tobacco this afternoon.
- 23 The storm last night was the worst for a long time. Watergaps fences and such were swept away – the dirt thrown up out of the ditch carried off clean as if taken with a scraper. It lasted till after midday with heavy thunder and lightning. The creek was over the entire bottom from hill to hill. The men finished loading and hauled the tobacco to Bellevue to the warehouse. There was 3360 lbs in all – 940 lbs trash at 1 = 9.40. and 2420 lbs. at 3 ½ = 84.70 = total \$94.10. Joe, Jake and Dick helped. Jake said he helped Dick strip ½ day and his work was to go to return that.
- 24 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. and Miss Pauline Kirtley came and dined. Sue and I went to church. Cold enough for fires to be comfortable.
- 25 Went to Bellevue – saw Mr. Lerch – he gave me a check on B. F. Power Cin. for \$94.10 for my tobacco money. Joe and Jake worked hauling briers on cherry hill. Dick worked there too grubbing and in the morning cut briers in pasture on mill road. Ernest and Lily were here this evening. Went to see about shingles and to Mrs. Slayback's. Cool today. River over bottoms in places again.
- 26 The men worked on cherry hill again all three. I went to Burlington, took Sue up to Hilda's on her way to Cin. It rained a cold rain that didn't last long.
- 27 Joe took Daisy to Mr. Gaines's and brought her and Peggy back. He and Jake and Dick all grubbed on cherry hill. Mr. Lerch came to see Dick about his tobacco. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty, Fanny and The Critic. Dick says he sold his tobacco to Mr. Lerch for 3 ½ and 1 ½ . At night it rained hard.
- 28 Raining in the morning right hard and showered during the day. Joe and Jake helped Dick load his tobacco – and after dinner Joe hauled it and helped unload and Jake grubbed. Dick had in all 1280 lbs. of which 695 lbs trash at 1 ½ = \$10.42 and 585 lbs leaf at 3 ½ = 20.47 total 30.89 of this one half is to be credited to Dick as his share of the crop. I went to Burlington for Sue. Went to Bank and got the check, 75.90, Doll Walton (John J. Walton) gave me for corn (see April 21st) cashed, also the check Mr. Lerch gave me for tobacco \$94.10 (see 25th) cashed. Paid I. H. Brady the 100. she lent

me.(see 19th). Went to Bellevue and paid the balance on my bill at Corbin's, 37.00 – got it receipted. Took letters to Patty to T-D and Critic. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Planted 1 doz. tomatoes.

- 29 Found Nancy cow with a b. calf white mostly with red. Mr. W. Ryle came and attended to the colt Tom and to a calf and also the new one. Joe, Jake and Dick worked grubbing on cherry hill. I went to Bellevue. Lily came and spent the day. It was cold and windy but bright.
- 30 No one worked for me – the men got wood for themselves.

MAY

- 1 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined – it was Mr. Brady's birthday, he is 71. Ernest and Lily dined here too. Mr. Conner came to see me about sheep Saturday. Warm, lovely day.
- 2 Mr. James M. Conner came and brought me a lot of sheep – he said 108 sheep and 102 lambs. He sold them to me and I gave him my note for \$500. with 6 percent interest. He engaged to take the wool at 24 cents a pound and to take 90 of the lambs at 3.00 a head towards paying for them and to take or sell such as I may not want to keep at the best rate he can and to take them all off during July, that I may be prepared to raise another crop from such as I keep. He bought Dick's cow for 20. and left a check for it drawn in my name which I am to get cashed for Dick. I let Dick have ½ acre in my garden Jake's garden last year for watermelons, I to take ½ an acre of corn in place of it. He broke it up today. Joe and Jake worked but Jake quit after dinner a while. They worked in the garden – Joe broke up ground and I had my melons, watermelons and muskmelons planted – also corn, peas, beans, radishes. Joe ploughed the potatoes and asparagus and Jake hoed the onions &c. Got letter from Julia. Warm pleasant day. Joe began to fix fence round pasture across the pike. Lily was here.
- 3 Went to Bellevue twice – got the check Mr. Conner gave Dick 20. (see yesterday) cashed by Mike Corbin and paid it to him. Joe and Jake worked fixing fences in pasture across the pike. Lily was here. It has been warm all this week and trees and grass &c. have come out wonderfully. Joe broke some ground. Jake planted okra.
- 4 Only Jake worked for me. Joe and the rest went to a show. Jake cleaned the graveyard out and set out some cabbage plants &c. I set out the Jersey Wakefield and ___ Head cabbage. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty, Sally and a letter from Sarah for Patty. Mike Corbin gave me a check from Mr. A. F. Lerch for \$30.90 for Dick's tobacco crop of which \$15.45 is to be credited to him.
- 5 Rained hard last night and off and on during the day. Joe and Jake worked at the fence and said they hauled a pole – while rainy Joe fixed harness and Jake set out cabbage plants then they hauled down the lumber from the loft of the house on cherry hill and Jake took Daisy to the shop to Mr. Birkle to be shod. I sent letter to Julia with 5.00 and also sent corn and okra to buddy.
- 6 Found my red cow Katy Gibbon with a red heifer calf, named it _____. Found my red and white cow Hilda with twin calves both dead. Told Dick he could milk Nancy at 1.50 a month. The men Joe, Jake and Dick worked at fixing fence and watergap and Joe drove the spring wagon to Erlanger. Sue, Jamie and Fanny went to Erlanger

on their way home. I went with them. In Burlington gave I. H. Brady the check from Mr. Lerch (see May 4) to get it cashed. It rained hard and showered off and on. Sent postal to Sally by Sue.

- 7 Joe put in ½ day. Jake set out plants – and they fixed shearing benches and Joe fixed harness &c. Isaac came and brought mail – letter from Sally – and one for Sue which I sent back by Jake. Showery all day.
- 8 Sunday – Warm and showery. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined. Hilda brought me the money for the check (see May 6) \$30.90 - .25 for collection.
- 9 Set Joe and Dick to grubbing and cutting down the hedge on cherry hill. The sheep tormented all day by getting into the bottom and everywhere and I told them to put them up for shearing – they did except 21. I went to Ernest's to see about getting shearers. Ida, Jake Anderson's wife had a girl baby last night named _____ and Jake didn't work.
- 10 The sheep shearers came – 3 hands from Ernest and Mr. Nixon and Will Riley. They left soon after dinner as the men Joe and Dick had neglected to put up 21 of the sheep and it rained right hard so they could not be sheared. Joe and Jake put the sheep up in the lot this side of the creek and helped shear – I think Lily came over.
- 11 Dick broke up for himself – Joe went to Mr. Gaines's with the mare. He said they told him not to bring them back – he brought Posey home. Joe and Jake worked they fooled away some time on the sheep and sheared the 21. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty and Sally. It rained hard with thunder and lightning about 5 p.m.
- 12 Dick went to grub and cut hedges. Joe and Jake fooled away at fixing the fences and watergaps and running after the sheep. About 5 p.m. there was a tremendous rain with very bad lightning and thunder – the water was over all the bottoms from hill to hill. Sent by Mr. Burdsal order on Jones for 1.00 to Aunt Sally. Pd. it Isaac 15th. Didn't write in this till the 18th and expect to get everything wrong.
- 13 Joe, Jake and Dick worked changing the fence, putting it up from hedge to hedge in the big pasture across the creek. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty, Patty, her baby and Julia came on the boat at night – and I am so thankful. Joe and Jake both went down with the wagon to the boat. Sent Aunt Sally order on O. Jones for 1.00.
- 14 Sent letter to Sally – Joe, Jake and Dick worked ½ day at fences. Lily and Katy came. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Got letter from Sue.
- 15 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. called. I went to Mrs. Rice's.
- 16 Joe and Jake worked. I went to Bellevue three times, twice for wool sacks. Mr. Conner sent me the sacks and Joe hauled the wool down – it weighed 440 pounds which at .24 comes to \$105.60. Mr. Conner sent me the 5.60 and sent word that he had placed \$100. to my credit on the note I gave him – see May 2nd I got letter from Mrs. Brown and from Sally. Set out tomato plants of 2 kinds. Jake set out 200 sweet potato plant. I got letter from Mrs. Brown and from Sally. I went down in the evening for Julia Foster but she did not come.
- 17 Joe and Jake worked for themselves in their gardens &c. and it rained after dinner. I set out replant cabbages. Went down for Julia – she and her Sally came on the boat. It rained a good deal.
- 18 Hilda and Mr. Brady came to dine. My part Jersey heifer Siegra who was a year old March 4 had a calf this evening, a b. calf, red. Joe and Jake worked fixing the line

fence next Mr. Arnold's pasture and putting up watergap – then set out a few, 200 sweet potato plants. Got second notice from Ex.

- 19 Joe and Jake worked cutting and grubbing hedge on cherry hill. I sent letter to Sue.
- 20 Went to Erlanger with Julia and her Sally on their way home. Joe drove. Stopped to see Hilda on my way home. Jake cut hedge and Joe after he got home. Isaac Sanders came. I sent Aunt Eliza 2.00 for her rent. Angeline came too. Got letter from Sally.
- 21 Sent Joe up to Lawrenceburg to bring Spy home. Tilden sent him by Express. He only worked ½ day and so did Jake. Jake worked in garden. He ploughed corn &c. I replanted melons and set out tomatoes and cabbage plants. Jake also set out 50 potato plants. I had the horses and colts and most of the cattle from the pasture back of the house turned across the road with the sheep. Showers about 2 p.m. with thunder. Doll Botts stopped in. Got letter from Julia.
- 22 Sunday – Lonely warm bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Ernest came this evening.
- 23 Went to Bellevue – took letters to Sally and Mrs. Brown. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Joe worked breaking up bottom again. Jake finished cutting the hedge on cherry hill and then worked in garden. I reset my plants again. Sprinkled.
- 24 Dick's family sick with measles he had to go after his mother. Jake worked ½ day, sowed late cabbage seed in box and garden and cleaned out ditch in bottom. We turned all the rest of the cattle out of the pasture behind the house. Joe broke up bottom land again.
- 25 A perfect day – one of the rare kind. Joe and Jake worked – Joe broke up and harrowed in the bottom and Jake ditched. Got letter from Julia. Isaac to stay. I sent Aunt Sally an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00. Pd. this June 15th.
- 26 Joe and Jake worked putting in corn. After dinner Jake went to Burlington and Bill Lacy worked in his place. He went to get the Dr. for Dick who went to bed with measles. Quite cool early in the morning especially. Went to Bellevue.
- 27 Very cool again. Patty went to Burlington for Dr. Furnish who came down to see the baby who has been sick a day or two, probably taking measles. I went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake got done planting corn by noon they said. After dinner they harrowed and laid off Dick's tobacco ground in front of the yard. Jake kept on ploughing the tobacco ground. Joe ploughed my rows of melons.
- 28 No one worked for me. The men worked in their gardens I think. Dr. Furnish came to see the baby who is better.
- 29 Sunday – Lovely day – Hilda and Mr. B. called here. Mrs. Brown and Flora came during the night.
- 30 Set Joe and Jake to breaking up the ground in creek bottom that Dick didn't finish. It rained, I think about 11 a.m. enough to make a good tobacco season. About 3 p.m they began to set out tobacco in Dick's patch.
- 31 Joe and Jake worked setting out tobacco again – towards sundown it rained again – rained hard at night so Mrs. Brown couldn't go to the river. I went to Burlington to take Mrs. Brown to see Hilda. Went to Bank and took a check of Patty for 150. Got 25. and brought her and left 125. dollars of her money there in my name – at her request.

JUNE

- 1 Didn't write in this till Sat. 4th so may make mistakes. Went to Aurora to take Mrs. Brown and Flora. Joe drove the wagon and set out tobacco I think a little after the rain – it rained hard just after we got home. I brought home Sally's elk head. Bought shingles in Aurora, 3 M and bundle and they were sent on boat. Jake after dinner or while we were gone harrowed some tobacco ground and laid off a few rows, then it rained.
- 2 Joe and Jake worked setting out tobacco. I sent Joe down after dinner for the shingles. Fanny Gibbon came on the boat. Joe drove the wagon when I went down.
- 3 Joe and Jake worked – they hauled some straw into the lane and then ditched a little in bottom. I sent Ben down to have some shoes put on and sent letter to Sally afterwards sent letter to Julia. It didn't rain this day for a wonder. It has been a rainy week and cloudy and cool besides.
- 4 Jake came in and said he worked for Dick on Monday 3/4 Tues. 1 day Wed. 1/4 day Thurs. 1 day in all 3 days this week – for me yesterday and 1/2 today. Joe says he worked 2 1/2 days for Dick this week. Only Jake worked for me 1/2 day in garden.
- 5 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest dined here – it rained hard of course.
- 6 Set Joe and Jake to chopping weeds in big pasture across the pike. Had several hard showers after noon. Isaac came up and I gave him an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally.
- 7 My darling big baby's wedding day – she has been married 4 years now. Lord love her and hers. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. No one worked for me – the men had to work the road.
- 8 The men worked on the road. Dick broke up tobacco ground again and had my team. It poured down rain towards evening and there was thunder and lightning – it was very hot before. Got letters from Amy and Julia.
- 9 Got letter from Sally. Joe and Jake set out tobacco for Dick – there were more showers this evening. Ernest came to call. I set out some eggplants.
- 10 Joe and Jake both worked – Joe broke up a piece in garden while Jake went to mill &c. and then both set out tobacco in it. Dogs got after my sheep. Lily was here.
- 11 Lovely morning – bright and cool. Jake says he worked one day for Dick this week. No one works for me today. I sent letters to Amy and Julia. Joe says he worked 1 day for Dick this week. Isaac came up and took little Isaac back to Rising Sun. Got letter from Sue with picture of Susie Tew.
- 12 Sunday – Patty and I went to church. Hilda stopped a few minutes. Amy Campbell sent her servant man Alphens down with her horse Rox for me to pasture – she sent 5.00 and a note. I sent note back.
- 13 Charlie Burns came and he and Joe began to shingle the kitchen. Jake broke up piece of clover next Mr. Rice's and then hoed in garden. Fanny Gibbon went to Cin. Patty took her over to the omnibus and we went to the river for her at night but she didn't come.
- 14 Joe shingled on kitchen. Charlie sick and didn't come. Jake worked in garden hoeing and harrowing piece he ploughed yesterday. Went to Bellevue twice and also to McVile. Clear lovely weather. Found ewe dead with bell over also dried remains of a small lamb. I hoed my melons.

- 15 Joe went to Bellevue for shingles but they didn't come. He and Jake ploughed corn in bottom. I went to Bellevue and Rising Sun. Pd. three orders at Oscar Jones's and pd. him 1.00 in advance for Aunt Sally in all 4.00. Brought Aunt Eliza up with me. Lily was here. Patty and I went to the boat for Fanny who came. Warm sultry day.
- 16 Dick planted corn in the wet place in the bottom – had Daisy to drill. He got an order on Stamper for Bill Lacy for 3.00. Charlie Burns came to work and he and Joe finished shingling the kitchen – and he patched the floor &c. Joe went for the shingles and helped Charlie finish it. Jake ploughed in bottom. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner. Ernest Grant came and brought his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leila Owsley Grant. Lily was here. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally.
- 17 Bright, hot day. Charlie Burns worked putting the ceiling in the kitchen &c. and Joe and Jake helped and the latter cut stove wood. Lily was here. Ernest and Mrs. Horace stopped by again. Dick ploughed his tobacco in the front of the yard across the pike for the first time. Charlie patched holes in house roof and the men took down sparrow nests and Jake hauled manure and ashes out of yard.
- 18 No one worked for me. Hot bright day. Went to Mr. Arnold's after meat – see 26th.
- 19 Sunday – Hot bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a little while. I sent by Mr. B. letter to Sue. Found another ewe dead.
- 20 Began to cut rye – had my 2 hands and Babe Rice, Henry Hall, Dump, Jim, John, Frank and Bill and blk. Anderson. It was hot with a pleasant breeze and clear. Sent letter to Sue, got one from Julia.
- 21 Cut rye $\frac{3}{4}$ day – the same hands worked – there was a slight shower and thunder but the rain went by. Fanny and I went to Ernest's to call on Horace's wife, stayed to supper.
- 22 Baby 15 months old today. Had company to dine. Mrs. Horace Grant and Ernest and Lily and Katy. Joe Humphreys came at night. Joe and Jake worked. Joe and he ground knives – then Joe cut clover hay while Jake ploughed corn and Joe ploughed some.
- 23 Very cool almost too cool. Ernest came and took Joe home with him. Charlie Burns came and fixed the gallery, garden gate &c. I sent Joe to Aurora with the buggy. Joe H. came in – when he came back he got ready to rake hay and he and Jake hauled 3 loads after dinner. Jake helped Charlie before noon. I got letter from Julia – sent letter to Sally.
- 24 Joe and Jake ploughed corn till noon – then hauled in the rest of the clover. Charlie Burns came out and put up the little gate at the cellar door. Patty and Fanny went to Ernest's and took dinner and he and Joe came home with them.
- 25 Sprinkled rain. Sent letter to Julia by Ellen. She went to Rising Sun. No one worked for me. Joe Humphreys and Ernest went away. I got letter from Sally.
- 26 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. We went to see the Arnolds. I pd. Katy for the ham. Very cool.
- 27 Bright and clear. Joe cut timothy across the creek. Jake mowed weeds and hay round hollows. After dinner they both hauled in rye.
- 28 Had Bill Lacy down working – they hauled rye till dinner then hauled 3 loads of hay from beyond the creek. I went with Patty to Mr. Rouse's for raspberries – got invitation to the party at buddy's last Monday night. Bill got 1 lb. butter.

- 29 Mike Corbin says the thermometer was 99 degrees in the shade in Bellevue. Ellen came home this morning. Joe, Jake and Bill worked. Joe cut grass and the others hoed in garden and mowed round stumps and all hauled in 1 load, the last of the hay beyond the creek. Joe broke the handle of the mowing machine and had to make a new one. I went to Bellevue. Got a ham at Kelly's on credit.
- 30 This is twenty years now since my ever beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her sweet soul. Patty took the baby to Burlington to see Dr. Furnish – as she has not been well since last Sunday evening. Joe, Jake and Bill worked cutting and hauling hay – they hauled 1 load from the little point on the mill road and one from over by the orchard grass. Very hot and getting very dry – and crops suffering for rain. Patty took a cheque for 25. from me to get her money out of bank (see May 31st).

JULY

- 1 Last Friday morning I found old Ben had gotten over the bars into the pear orchard – sent Jake to drive him up and when he came in the yard found he was very lame in his near hind leg – thought he had sprained it some way. This morning found his leg was broken just above the knee joint and had to have him shot, poor old pet. John Coons was passing by and shot him. Joe and Jake – Dick and Bill worked. Jake and Dick hauled poor Ben off and buried him – and the others fixed the bridge over the ditch – then all hauled in hay. I walked to Bellevue.
- 2 Bill Lacy said he had worked 4 ½ days this week and I gave him an order on Stamper for 2.00 (paid Feb. 6th 1888). He and Dick and Joe and Jake worked ½ day – hauled in the last of the hay that was down and some rye. Aunt Eliza went back to Rising Sun. Sent by her for Aunt Sally order on Elliot for 1.00 for coal, pd. July 15th. Tilden Selmes came at night.
- 3 Sunday – Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to call. There was thunder and every appearance of a coming rain, even a sprinkle but all passed by. Hot and dry still.
- 4 Joe and Jake worked – they hauled rye and then hoed tobacco in garden and Joe ploughed a little strip again. A shower or rather a sprinkle about noon – but all cleared off – hot and dry. Got letter from Sally. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington inclosing draft on N.Y. for \$75. and one from Nat. Mech. Bk. W. with one for \$7.00.
- 5 Tilden went away this evening via Aurora. Patty took him to Ernest's and he went with him. Joe and Jake worked hauling in rye. Hot and dry.
- 6 Went to Bellevue to have shoe put on Billy. Joe and Jake worked. They hauled rye till dinner then Joe started to cut hay on the hill and broke the machine and mended it – then they hauled rye again.
- 7 Went to Burlington to take Fanny on her way to Cin. Got Mr. Rouse to cash my check for \$75. (see 4th) and let Fanny have it because she couldn't get her check cashed yesterday. Went down for Fanny at night, she came on the boat. Joe went with me. Got letter from Sally and papers – T-D. Joe and Jake worked – they cut hay with machine and scythes on hill and finished hauling in rye.

- 8 Fanny gave me the \$75. I let her have yesterday. Joe, Jake and Bill got hay and put it in stack on hill. We had a shower after dinner and they had to quit the hay and Joe and Jake fixed cradle – fence &c. after the shower.
- 9 No one worked for me. Mr. Rollins, the man who bought some walnut timber of me (see Sep. 22nd) came and said he had cut some of the trees. Went to Bellevue – paid Mike Corbin for shingles he sent to McHenry for – also Kelly for order I gave Dick May 19th. Had a little shower this evening. Hilda stopped here a few minutes.
- 10 Sunday – A beautiful day – unusually so. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a little while. Patty fainted. We moved down stairs.
- 11 Cool, only 62 degrees at 5 a.m. Turned warmer – no signs of rain. Joe and Jake worked – they finished that little stack on the hill and Joe cut some oats with machine. Jake cut a few briars in vineyard. I sent letters to Mary Reed and my Sally – got one from Sally. Took Ellen to Bellevue to see the Dr. Got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Bk. Georgetown with draft on N.Y. for \$28.
- 12 Mr. Conner came and got 51 lambs at 3.00 per head and took the 2 bucks at the same. This makes \$159.00 which I told him to credit on my note. Joe and Jake worked in oats. Dick worked ½ day helping.
- 13 Joe and Jake worked in oats and Dick ½ day helping. Hot and dry – Dr. Furnish came down to see the baby who was sick night before last and not well now. Sent letters this evening to Julia and T-D.
- 14 One of the hottest days, said to be the hottest so far this summer. Dick and Jake fixed the fence on Mr. Arnold's line in big pasture. Got postal from Angeline and copies of Co. Gen. Got letter from Sally.
- 15 Another very hot day. Went to Rising Sun and to see Angeline who is sick in bed. Took letter to W. about getting copy of paper. Got Perkins to cash my drafts for 7.00 and 28.00 – total \$35 (see 4th and 11). Paid the order on Elliot sent by Aunt Eliza (see 2nd). Joe, Jake and Dick worked getting in oats – got in all that was cut except that was shocked in sand field. Dick says he worked 3 days this week. No rain yet. Store room cleaned.
- 16 No one worked for me but Joe and Dick went to Gunpowder or somewhere to mill and took a sack of corn for me. Intensely hot. Got letter from Sue.
- 17 Sunday – Very hot, 102 degrees in the shade of the back gallery. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Ernest came in the evening.
- 18 Very hot again – 102 degrees in the shade again. The men cut the little piece of oats by the graveyard and then I told them to plough corn. Mr. Rouse sent his boy here and he bought 6 bus. sheltered corn at .30 – paid me 1.80. Began to rain a little between 9 & 10 p.m.
- 19 Sad, unforgotten day – Lord love their souls. Very hot and dry still. Went to Bellevue got letter from Sally Mallory- sent letter to my Sally. Only Joe worked for me and he ½ day – finished ploughing corn the 3rd time.
- 20 Had load of manure and ashes hauled out of yard. Joe cut hay with machine on cherry hill and after he and Jake hauled in the load of sheaf oats – they both cut with scythes as Jake had before noon. Joe broke a piece of the machine and I went to Bellevue and got it mended and bought a scythe. Got letter from Cousin Harvey Tew and papers, T-D. Turned a little cooler.

- 21 Cherry cow. Still very hot and dry. Joe and Jake worked in hay on cherry hill. Dick helped ½ day, they put it in the old house..
- 22 Joe and Jake finished putting the hay on cherry hill 1 load in the house. Then they hoed out tobacco in garden – pulled onions – began to chop weeds in corn and began to fix grain bin. About 4 p.m. there was a fine rain lasting over 20 minutes. I went to Bellevue – got letter from W. with speech.
- 23 Mr. Rollins came and measured the walnut timber he bought. He said it came to 1332 ft. and he paid me for it \$25.30. Settlement with Jake Anderson. Jake came in and we had a settlement, the first since Mar. 5th. He had worked since then 96 ½ days which came to 72.38 and had received cash 34.30, orders 23.05 and sundries 7.34 total 64.69 which taken from his wages left me owing him 7.69 and I paid him 7.70 in full to date. He and Joe worked ½ day today. They chopped out corn – set some late cabbage plants and Joe tinkered at the bin for grain.
- 24 Sunday – Cooler – Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.
- 25 Went to Bellevue, took letters to Sue and Cousin Harvey – and to Courant, and note to W. (see 15th). Went to see about the threshers who were at Mr. Arnold's. Joe and Jake were there helping. Didn't write in this till Sun. 31.
- 26 Mr. John McConnell came and threshed for me – they stayed all night. They threshed the oats first, 107 bus.
- 27 The threshers finished by dinner and left afterwards. There were 217 bus. of rye which at 6 cents pr. bus. came to 13.02 and with the 107 bus. oats at 4 cents 4.28 made 17.30. I pd. Mr. McConnell in full. Got letter from Julia saying she was sick at R__ B___. Joe and Jake went with the threshers to Mr. Rice's to return the work. Letter from Sally.
- 28 Sent Anderson Johnson down with Daisy and had her shod – sent by him letter to Julia. He was here whitewashing for Aunt Nancy. Joe and Jake were gone to Mr. Romeyn's threshing. Mr. Bob Brady's house was burnt and all the out-buildings near it about 11 a.m. I brought Mrs. Brady home with me. Patty and Fanny went to Ernest's.
- 29 Kept Joe home and furnished a substitute threshing. Jake got back about 2 and set in to work here. Joe ploughed piece in the garden for turnips and they both stirred oats and cut briers in garden. Mrs. Brady went to her place and came back and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue and had Billy shod – carried letter to Emma Brady, her mother wanted me to write. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined. Ernest came to call.
- 30 Joe sowed the turnips in the garden. He fixed gate and he and Jake cut briers in garden, worked ½ day. Isaac Sanders came and I gave him order on Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally.
- 31 Sunday – Billy my horse jumped over the yard paling and snagged himself badly.

AUGUST

- 1 Didn't write in this till the 4th. Election day – no one worked for me. Very hot and dry still – everything parched. Julia got news that her father was very sick. I got Dick to take the colt Til down and have him shod.

- 2 Got up very early and went down to Bellevue and across the river to take Patty's Julia to the omnibus. Joe drove the wagon and went too. After he came back they hitched up the colt Til with Daisy and Joe drove them. Sent Jake down with old July and had her shod. Then after dinner they began to chop weeds out of corn but were sent for to go to help Bob Brady thresh. Dr. Furnish stopped to see the baby.
- 3 Joe and Jake both helped Bob Brady thresh. Baby sick all day. Cool early in the morning and intensely hot afterwards.
- 4 Still very hot and dry – but about sundown had a little shower. The water has given out in the pasture by the mill road and I had to take the cows and horses out. Joe and Jake chopped weeds in the corn. Patty and Fanny went to Ernest's to see about finding me a cook. Got letter from Sally.
- 5 Settlement with Ellen. Her work since our last settlement, see April 5th when she set in to work came to 17 weeks 25.50. The money and things at the store she got came to 16.60 leaving a balance of 8.90. I pd. her in full 9.00. Went to Rising Sun. Joe drove spring wagon – took Ellen down and brought Aunt Eliza back. Got Patty's check for 100. cashed at R. Sun Bk. Joe and Jake worked chopping out corn. Very hot and dry. Mrs. Bob Brady came. Ernest came. Patty got letter from Julia saying her father was dead. Pd. Oscar Jones the order I sent for 1.00 (see July 30) and got order. Drove Tilden in spring wagon.
- 6 Joe and Jake worked ½ day. Sent Joe to Rising Sun with buggy – sent letter to Sally. Joe worked a little in garden. Jake cut wood and put away boards in yard. Turned cooler but no rain. Dr. F. here.
- 7 Sunday – Cool – 60 degrees at sunrise.
- 8 Joe and Jake worked. Joe cut weeds on cherry hill with machine. Jake dug out springs in pasture across the pike and cut briers in vineyard. Joe went to Bellevue to get machine knife fixed. I sent letter to Sally. Got letters from Julia and card from Hilda. Cooler, only 55 degrees at sunrise. I rode old July for the first time. Still dry.
- 9 Turned warmer, 67 degrees at sunrise and hot during the day. Joe and Jake worked. Joe cut bushes in bottom and Jake cut briers and bushes in rye field and I sent him to Bellevue. Sent letters to Julia and Sue.
- 10 Very hot and dryer than ever. Joe cut weeds & briers in bottom and towards his house. Jake cut in rye field. Flora came over.
- 11 Very sultry hot day. Joe and Jake worked cutting weeds and briers.
- 12 Last night about 10 o'clock we had a shower – plenty of thunder and lightning and some rain. Jake wormed my little tobacco and he and Joe cut briers and weeds. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Sally and from Mary Reed.
- 13 Joe and Jake worked ½ day hoeing the tobacco. Julia Loving came home from Washington. Isaac came up and I gave him an order for Aunt Sally on Oscar Jones for 1.00. Annie went home with him. Mr. Bob Brady brought the spring wagon harness from R. S.
- 14 Sunday – My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her. She is 26. Our long and ruinous drouth ended tonight by a hard rain with violent thunder, lightning and wind – it began about a quarter of 10 p.m. Mrs. West saw one of my young heifers with a calf – looked over a day old.

- 15 Sent Joe and Jake to get the young cow. She has a heifer calf red. Joe and Jake worked cutting weeds and briars and after dinner Jake cut in the graveyard. I got letters from Sally and Mrs. Gibbon. Mr. Hensley came and got 10 bus. rye and paid me for it 5.00. Got note from Ernest telling me to save him 50. bus.
- 16 Cooler. Joe and Jake worked cutting weeds and briars. Sent by Patty letters to Sally, Mary Reed and Hilda.
- 17 My beloved mother died 28 years ago. Lord love her sweet soul forever. A delightful rain – began after 7. Will Botts came and engaged 20 bushels of rye and paid me for it 10.00. Joe and Jake took Louly away. Mr. Charlie White came and engaged 15 or 20 bus. rye. Ernest came and said he only wanted 30 bushels rye – that the other 20 he wrote for was the 20 for Lou Allen that Will Botts got. Joe and Jake worked – they both deadened trees and wormed tobacco.
- 18 Joe and Jake worked – they deadened trees in thicket across Middle Creek till noon – then Joe in pasture on mill road and Jake went to Burlington to get medicine and to Bellevue for mail. Patty got letter from Sally. I got letters from Julia and Sue.
- 19 Went to Bellevue – took letters to Sally and buddy. Took another letter to Sally. Mr. Jim Botts came and got 19 bus. rye and paid for 20 bus. 10.00 and wants me to save him 6 bus. more. Joe began to plough for rye. Jake cut and grubbed sprouts in rye field.
- 20 No one worked for me. Jake and Dick went to Rising Sun. They brought our saddles up from R. S.
- 21 Sunday – Ernest came and dined. We moved upstairs again.
- 22 Had load of manure and ashes hauled out of yard. Used Billy the first time since he got hurt. Mr. Clore came and engaged 10 bus. rye. Ernest sent his man George and got 30 bus. rye. I had more turnips sowed. Joe and Jake both worked – they ploughed for turnips and the tobacco in garden and broke up in rye field. I went to Bellevue to get turnip seed. Got scrap from Sally and postal from Hilda.
- 23 Patty got telegram from Til. I sent letter to Mrs. Gibbon. Went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed for rye and Jake wormed tobacco and worked in garden after he cut wood till noon then ploughed for rye. Took letter to Sally.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday. Lord love his soul and give it peace. Very cool, and cloudy and the breeze blowing off leaves as yellow as fall. Heard that Susie Arnold's husband Mr. Charlie Saxton died this morning from the injuries received from a colt he was breaking. Went over to see the girls and took Lily out to see Susie. Found Hilda and Mr. Brady just returned from Chautauqua. Went to Bank in Burlington and drew \$60. of Patty's money (see May 31st) which she lent me to pay my taxes. Paid them to Mr. Clutterbuck in Mr. Rouse's store and got receipt for \$69.50. Patty went for mail. I got letter from Sally and one from Cousin Rebecca with inclosure. Joe and Jake worked ploughing for rye.
- 25 Very cool (see 22nd) came and got 12 bus. rye and paid for it 6.00. I walked to Bellevue – took letters to Cousin Rebecca and Sally – stopped at Mrs. Rice's. Joe and Jake ploughed for rye.
- 26 Sent Joe and Jake with cow Hilda. Then sent Joe to Rising Sun for buggy and Jake wormed tobacco – then both ploughed for rye. Paid Smith's bill Oct. 25th. Patty and I

- went to Bellevue and to the funeral of Mr. Charlie Saxton, Susie Arnold's husband. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. I got a note from Amy Campbell.
- 27 Jake worked ½ day – did Joe's and his morning work and ploughed some. Joe went to Lawrenceburg. I got letter from Cousin Harvey Tew saying their little adopted child died the 25th. Her name was Siegra (Kitty) and she was 2 years old the 14th of this month. Got copies of Critic.
 - 28 Sunday – Cool, 53 degrees at 6:30 a.m. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to call.
 - 29 Cooler – 47 degrees above just before sunrise. Went to Burlington with Patty to take Fanny Gibbon to the omnibus on her way to Cin., St. Paul & Oregon. Joe drove the wagon – ploughed for rye and went to Bellevue – got plough point. I got letters from Sally. Jake ploughed for rye. Dick began to cut tobacco – cut in spots as it was ripe. We went to Hilda's and took dinner with her.
 - 30 Isaac came up and said that Phoebe died this morning about 5. Aunt Eliza went home with him. When Patty took her down she got 5.00 from Mr. M. Corbin for me and let Aunt Eliza have it (pd. Sept. 5). We went to see Corinne about coming to work. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to get spring wagon &c. I made catsup. Joe and Jake worked – they ploughed for rye. I sent Joe down with Amy Campbell's horse Rox to be shipped to her. Not quite so cool 49 degrees at sunrise. The men wormed tobacco in the morning.
 - 31 Charlie Burns came out and put a new fire clay flue in Joe's house. Joe and Jake helped him some and got some sheep up that got out. Jake got some pears – he ploughed for rye after dinner and Joe ploughed a little. I got letter from Amy Campbell. Julia and I went up and got some peaches on cherry hill. Corrine, Mahala Childers's daughter came this morning to work in Aunt Eliza's place. Mr. Brady came to bring the spring wagon back.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Still cool 50 degrees at sunrise. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Amy. Joe and Jake worked – they were ploughing for rye and quit to get up the sheep. Mr. Conner (J. M.) came and sorted the sheep. He took out 40 lambs and 12 old ewes and I put them in the pasture on the mill road. There were some sheep missing he thought 16 and we found the remains of 1 and 11 of which 1 was a lamb and we put it with those Mr. Conner picked out.
- 2 We examined and marked all the ewes – threw out 5 old ewes and put them in with those Mr. Conner had picked out to take off. He thought he had left 76 ewes but by our count there were 80 ewes altogether which we turned out in the big pasture. Joe then took the spring wagon and went to Mr. Addison Gaines's and got 2 bucks that Mr. Conner told me to send for – one had a short tail the other a long one with a dark spot on it – both Joe marked with rings in their ears and turned them in the pasture. Ernest came and paid me 15.00 for the 30 bus. rye he got (see 22nd) Jake cut weeds in rye field. Got letter from Amy.
- 3 Joe worked ½ day – went to mill on Gunpowder for me – Jake didn't work.
- 4 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came but not to dine. Turning warmer.
- 5 Ernest sent 7 lambs down to be put with those Mr. Conner picked out – had them turned in. I went to Bellevue and R. Sun. Pd. Mike Corbin the 5.00 I borrowed to pay

Aunt Eliza Aug. 30. He brought my watch and glasses from Cin. Pd. Oscar Jones the order for 1.00 (see Aug. 13th). Got letter from Mary Reed. Joe and Jake worked – they wormed tobacco first then hunted sheep but could find no more – then they ploughed for rye.

- 6 Joe and Jake worked – they finished ploughing, then cut weeds and briars in slough in rye field. Mr. Conner sent for sheep. I told the man there were 65 head in all including Ernest's 7 lambs. Mr. White came and got 15 bus. rye and gave me a check for 7.50. Patty and I went to Ernest's on the hunt of a servant, and dined. Then we went to Bellevue and McVile and afterwards I went to John Coons's. Corinne went home.
- 7 Mrs. Coons came and set in to work. We went to Bellevue. I took letter to Mary Reed. We waited for mail. I got letter from Sue. We went to take the baby to see Mrs. Burns. There was a light shower this morning that laid the dust for a little while. Joe and Jake worked cutting weeds and grubbing in slough. Mr. G. Allen came and engaged 12 bus. rye.
- 8 Patty and I went to Burlington to the Baptist Association and to see Hilda. Went to Bank and got the check Mr. Charlie White gave me for 7.50 (see 6th) cashed. Also got \$40 for Patty, the rest of Patty's money (see May 31st). Hilda Brady offered to lend me 100. which I took and gave my note for it. Pd I. H. Brady Dec 21st, 1887. The men said they worked – they wormed tobacco and hunted some sheep that got out and then they cleaned up in rye field. I got letters from Sally and Julia. Cool, 48 degrees at sunrise.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday, Lord love her sweet soul. Joe and Jake worked but Jake quit rather early to go away. They cleaned up in rye field and burnt piles in the slough. I got letter from Tilden.
- 10 My beloved sister Susy's birthday, Lord love her precious soul. Only Joe worked ½ day. He cleaned out springs – fixed up piles of logs that burnt, grubbed &c. I sent letter to Tilden. Settlement with Joe West.....Joe came in and we had a settlement, the first since March 5th. His work including allowances for extra work comes to 138 days, which at .75 = \$103.50. What he had received including cash orders and sundries came to 79.75 leaving a balance of 23.75. I gave him an order on Corbin for 3.75 and that leaves me owing him \$20. Joe worked ½ day and Jake didn't work. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night.
- 11 Sunday – At 8.30 a.m. began to rain, and rained 2 ½ hours. Then it rained during the night a good deal. Hilda and Mr. B. went home after dinner.
- 12 Mr. Geo. Allen came and got 14 bus. rye and pd. me 7.00 (see Sep 7th). Bob Huey came and engaged 16 bus. rye. Mr. Waller Marshall came and got 8 bushels rye and paid for it 4.00. Charlie Burns came out and painted the kitchen – he also brought his fence machine and worked it for me. Joe and Jake worked, they wormed tobacco then got up the horses and harrowed in rye. Joe sowed. Hot today and looked like rain. I got letter from Mary Reed.
- 13 Will Botts came and took his 20 bus. rye (see Aug. 17). Bob Huey came and got his 16 bus. rye and pd. for it 8.00. Joe and Jake worked putting in rye. Very warm – hot again. Patty and I went to the Miss Neils'.

- 14 Cooler again. Joe and Jake worked – put in rye till noon and then helped Dick ½ day cutting tobacco. Mr. Jim Thompson came and engaged 20 bus. rye providing I have so much left. Patty went to Ernest's. She got a letter from Sarah. I paid Joe West the \$20. due him on our last settlement (see 10th). Got letter from Sue.
- 15 Gave Isaac an order for Aunt Sally on Oscar Jones for 1.00. Joe and Jake worked - they put in rye in the morning and helped Dick in the afternoon. I went to Burlington with Patty and from there to Cin. via Erlanger. Amy met me and we went to see the great spectacular Rome under Nero, and I went home with Amy and stayed all night.
- 16 Amy took me into Cin. and I went to the Hotel to meet Mary Spalding (Mrs. Reed) and Sally Mallory – spent the day and night there. Joe and Jake worked putting in rye in the morning they said and helped Dick after dinner.
- 17 Came home via Erlanger. Jake came up for me to Burlington. He said all the time he worked helping Dick this week he wanted to take in corn from him so I am not to count. Joe didn't work – he went to Rising Sun. Got letter from Sally.
- 18 Sunday – Had a good rain last night and was raining this morning. Rained during the day and night but not constantly.
- 19 Went to Bellevue – sent letter to T-D. Jake helped Dick cut tobacco. Joe worked. I sent him to fix fence next Mr. Jim Rogers's and to cut fence row next Mr. Rice's and he packed a box. Sent letter to Sue this morning.
- 20 Jake worked for Dick cutting tobacco. Joe cut briars and weeds and took Billy and Daisy to have some shoes put on – to Mr. Grant. Hilda and Mr. B. came to stay all night. Ernest and Hal Bennett came to call. Warm as summer, a beautiful day. Mary Lee came and washed blankets.
- 21 Patty and I went to Aurora . Joe drove and wormed a little tobacco after we got home. Jake harrowed some rye a little and perhaps wormed some. He worked after noon for Dick getting in tobacco. I went to Bellevue got letter from Sally. Engaged 150 bus coal from Mr. Clore at 11 c. Very warm.
- 22 Joe wormed tobacco while Jake finished harrowing in the rye – then they cut a little of my tobacco, after that I sent them to haul trash off the slough and it rained and Joe fixed spring wagon and Jake cleaned out wine cellar. Turned the two calves Nancy's and Katy's out to wean and all but the milk cows in the pasture across the road. Dick Loudon rented for another year. He is to have 6 acres of tobacco ground and corn ground in the field he has in corn now. Good shower today at 3 p.m. didn't write in this till the 26th.
- 23 Joe and Jake worked – Joe ----- off potatoes and put in rye in Dick's tobacco ground opposite house – Jake dug potatoes and after dinner cut the tobacco. I felt poorly most of the day, like ague. Got postal card from Aunt Sally's Judy Frost.
- 24 Went to Rising Sun – to see Judy and Aunt Sally – Judy had put Isaac and his children out and put Judy Graves in with her grandma. I gave a verbal order at Elliott's for 1.00, pd. Oct. 25 for coal for Aunt Sally, also got some things on credit at Gibson's (Pd. Oct 26th) and Jones's. Brought Judy and Ellen up with me to see Aunt Nancy and Patty. Joe took Patty and a load of her trunks to Burlington – then he and Jake's substitute hauled in my little tobacco. He put in rye before they left and Jake dug potatoes. Mr. Jim Botts came and got 7 bus. rye and pd. me for the 6 bus. 3.00 (see Aug. 19th).

- 25 Sunday – Ernest and Hal Bennett and Hilda, Mr. B. and Miss Revill called.
- 26 Patty and the baby and Julia went away via Erlanger to St. Paul. I went up and saw them on the 2 p.m. train. Joe drove the wagon. We stopped to see Hilda. It sprinkled rain before we got home at 5 p.m. and before night rained. Jake says he finished digging Irish potatoes in garden and began to cut corn.
- 27 Rained all night and all today. Rather cold rain. Dick came in and we straightened up his work to date. Joe worked mending plough &c. Jake whitewashed in kitchen. Mrs. Coons was sent for to go to Jake's sisters before dinner – got home again. I got a postal from Patty from Cin. Sent by Joe a letter that came for her from Fanny. Got letter from Mary Reed.
- 28 Rained all day except after dinner and misted rain some then. Jake finished whitewashing the kitchen by noon and he and Joe cut corn afterwards. Joe took the saw to be set and patched up in kitchen and some little odds and ends. I gathered the rest of the little grapes.
- 29 The sun came out this morning bright and warm – stayed clear till after dinner and began to rain again. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed. They got team to haul coal. I got letters from Patty at Chicago and from Sally and paper for Patty with notice of the death of Molly Deshler's sister Mrs. Hunter. Joe and Jake worked – they cut corn in bottom and finished digging my sweet potatoes. Hilda and I went to Mr. Arnold's.
- 30 The assessor Mr. Duncan came to take the property list. Showered off and on all day. Hilda and Mr. B. stayed. I got letter from Julia and little paper knife she sent me. Joe and Jake worked – cutting corn. Bill Lacy and his boy worked ½ cutting – they finished the piece on this side above the ditch.

Memorandum of Catharine D. Goodrich's death, June 19th 1887;

Today Hilda (I. H. Brady) brought me a letter I wrote her in Dec. 1848. It is postmarked Dec. 16th and dated Friday 15th and in it I say that Cousin Catharine died last Friday evening and was buried last Sunday. Looking at my centennial calendar I find she died Friday, December 8, 1848. Catharine D., Goodrich was born January 9th, 1831.

For constitutional Quinsy wear a piece of black crape around the throat.

For a child with tendency to Croup Wear a string of amber beads.

For bleeding at the nose Wear a skein of scarlet silk around the neck.

For hemorrhage put a person in a hammock and swing him or her. Mrs. Temmen of Cin.'s remedy.

St. Paul Minn.

Jan. 29, 1887

St. Paul Land Co.

Room 55 Ger. Am. Bank

Received of Mrs. Patty M. F. Selmes for investment for her interest the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars and eight cents (270.08). This sum is to be accounted for to Mrs. Selmes at any time on her request. (F. D. Hager copy)

Twenty dollars of this belongs to Patty, the rest is interest of mine on the money T. R. Selmes has. Jan 31

This together with the note of Logan Bullitt for \$1900. at 8 per cent int. which belongs to me, Patty put in the German Am. Bank Mandan Feb. 8th, 1887.

“For who shall change with prayers and thanksgivings
The mystery of the cruelty of things?” A. C. S.

1887 May 2nd Gave Mr. I. M. Conner my note for 500. with 6 pr. ct. int. in payment for sheep and lambs. May 16th credit of 100. on it for wool. July 12th credit of 159. for lambs and 2 bucks.

National Bank of Washington

C. A. James Cas. President
Certificate No. 25 for 15 shares.

Natl. Metropolitan Bank

Geo. H. B. White Cas.
Certificate No. 107 for 2 shares

Farmers & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown

W. Laird Jr. Cas.
Certificate No. 132 for 7 shares

For Whooping Cough

Equal parts of raw linseed oil, strained honey and Jamaica rum. Sue Tew Dose a teaspoon
3 or 4 times a day or if bad, after every paroxysm.
Moxie for sleeplessness

OCTOBER

- 1 Joe and Jake worked ½ day cutting corn. Bill Lacy and his boy also ½ day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent by today's mail a letter to Patty. Got letter from Patty from St. Paul, also copies of T-D. Ernest came and stayed all night.
- 2 Sunday – Warm and bright and like summer. Hilda and Mr. B. came to dine. Ernest went away.
- 3 Joe and Jake worked cutting corn and beat the carpet for me. I took up the carpet in the dining room. Went to Bellevue. Mr. Joe Walton sent a hand and got 12 bus. rye. Mr. Jim Thompson came and paid me 6.00 on his rye – is to send for it tomorrow. Lovely day – rained a little last night. Bright and warm today. Jake said Bill Lacy worked cutting corn and Dick L. after dinner.
- 4 Mr. Jim Thompson sent and got 20 bus. rye. Joe and Jake cut fodder & Dick Lacy helped ½ day. I went to Bellevue – sent letter to Patty with 5.00 I owed her. Got letter from Sally and from Julia saying Joe Foster's wife Fanny has a girl baby named Laura born Sat. eve. Oct. 1st. It turned much colder this evening.
- 5 No frost last night, 43 degrees this morning at sunrise. Dick Lacy worked ½ day cutting corn making 2 ½ days altogether. Joe, Jake and Dick worked – they cut corn

till noon, then Jake and Dick sawed stove wood and Joe hauled coal, 2 loads. I got letters from Patty and Fanny.

- 6 Sent letter to Sally and postal to Oscar Jones with order for 1.00 for Aunt Sally. Joe hauled coal. Dick and Jake sawed wood.
- 7 Joe finished hauling coal –he got 152 bus. from Mr. Corbin, and 150 bus. from Mr. Clore. He then hauled some wood from the hill in pasture on mill road. Dick and Jake sawed some wood. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally. Day like spring.
- 8 No one working for me. Joe hauling his coal. I sent letter to Julia, got one from Patty.
- 9 Sunday – Warm and cloudy and sprinkled towards evening. Ernest came and spent the day.
- 10 Raining and warm.
- 11 Clear and bright – went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Sally – sent letters to buddy, Patty, also paper, and to T-D. Mike Corbin gave me 6.00 left by Mr. Joe Walton for the rye he bought (see 3rd). Joe and Jake worked sawing stove wood – turned colder towards evening.
- 12 Frost last night – 34 degrees in the shelter of the gallery this morning at sunrise. Mrs. Coons has been here 5 weeks today and I paid her 5.85 and settled in full to date. Joe and Jake worked sawing wood. I worked with tomatoes and cabbage for pickles. Got letter from Patty.
- 13 Not as cold this morning beautiful day, Joe and Jake worked – Joe hauled wood and Jake split it.
- 14 Frost again, 33 degrees at sunrise, bright day. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Julia. Joe and Jake worked – they said they sawed and cut wood.
- 15 Another frost. Only Jake worked ½ day – he split wood &c. I had the crape myrtle put in the cellar. Went to Burlington to see Hilda. Put in P.O. there letters to Sarah and Sue. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 Sunday – Ellen came up to get her things. She said Aunt Sally had heard of Julia Henry's death. I gave Ellen order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here.
- 17 Lovely warm day. I went to Bellevue in the evening – took letter to Patty – got letters from buddy and Patty. Joe and Jake worked hauling hay from stack on cherry hill.
- 18 Didn't write in this till 21st. Joe and Jake fixed fence on line next Mr. Arnold's pasture till noon – then Joe hauled wood and I think Jake split it. I went to Bellevue. Went to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's.
- 19 Went to Cin. to have my teeth filled. Julia came into see me. Came home the same evening and stayed all night with Hilda. Joe says he sold a man 10 bus. rye while I was gone and he pd. the 5.00. Joe and Jake say they worked grubbing fence row next Mr. Jim Rogers's. Lovely weather.
- 20 Came home – went to Bellevue got letter from Sally and copies of T-D. Took letter to Patty. Mr. Conner came and I sold him my 3 long yearling steers for 45. Fanny cow for 35. Augy and Alice cows for 50. total 130. Clouded up and sprinkled but cleared off. Mr. Conner pd. me 30. and said he would send check for 100. when he sent for the cattle. He also gave me 10. for May Brady and I took it right up and gave to her. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Joe and Jake grubbed fence row.

- 21 Mr. J. W. Gaines came to see about buying horse – didn't want it. Hilda and I went to Petersburg to see Miss Lou Prest and Mrs. Longmore who is sick. Also called on Franklina Grant. Turned colder, blew a gale and was very disagreeable. Joe and Jake said they worked on fence row.
- 22 Mr. Conner sent for the cattle and I sent those mentioned (see 20th) and also the b. calf of my part Jersey heifer Siegra, which he said he would pay 8.00 for if I wanted to send it. Joe and Jake worked ½ day – they got up cattle and then Jake cut stove wood. Joe went to Bellevue and got some lumber to fix corn crib and barrel of flour. I went too. Coldest morning yet, 26 degrees above 0.
- 23 Sunday – Very disagreeable day – wind blew like Dakota. I went to church. Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home. I got letter from Sue saying Jamie had been very sick, with dysentery. It sprinkled occasionally and began to rain towards evening – at night had a hard shower.
- 24 Cloudy but didn't rain. Joe and Jake worked – they put partition in crib and then Joe worked at wagon bed and Jake grubbed on fence row. Dick put a load of corn in the crib for me, the first. Mrs. Bob Brady came and I went home with her to see Emma. Rather cold, disagreeable.
- 25 Joe went down to get irons for wagon. I sent paper to Patty – got letter from her. Joe finished mending wagon bed and hauled some corn. Jake shucked from beyond the creek. Jake worked on fence row before dinner. I went to see black Mandy. Bright pretty day, rather cool.
- 26 Mr. J. M. Conner came and brought me a check for \$108. for the cattle, see (22nd). Dick Loudon and I sold Mr. Conner our tobacco for 11 cts. all round, to be delivered as soon as we can get it ready either at Mr. Conner's place or at Bellevue as he may tell us, he to pay toll if hauled to his house. Went to Rising Sun – got Mr. Perkins to cash Mr. Conner's check for \$108. Paid Ernest Smith's bill for buggy 23. and all Jones's orders to date and Elliot, Eshman & Whitlock for Aunt Sally's coal. Stopped at Corbin's and pd. Mike for my coal 16.72. Pd. Mr. Kite for my store bill, 19.78 at F.C.A. and got his receipt. Sent letters to Patty, Sue and Belle R. Got letters from Sally and Julia. The men Joe and Jake said they worked shucking corn. Cloudy cool disagreeable day. I called to see Miss Myra McConnell in R. S. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 27 Cool, 34 degrees at sunrise, but lovely day. Joe and Jake gathered corn. I went to church in the evening with Hilda and Mr. B.
- 28 Didn't write in this till Nov. 1st. Joe and Jake gathered corn. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Mrs. Coons and I went to church at night.
- 29 No one worked for me. Jake went to mill down on Gunpowder. It sprinkled a little today. Hilda and Mr. B. came in the evening. I got letter from Patty.
- 30 Sunday – Went to church twice, Hilda stayed.
- 31 Coldest day yet – 23 degrees at sunrise. Letter to Sally went that I took yesterday. Hilda and I went to see Miss Lou and Mrs. Longmore again – made calls in Petersburg. She went home with Mr. B. The men gathered corn.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Not so cold – 27 degrees at 7 a.m. Lovely bright weather. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Julia. Got invitation to Joe Humphrey’s wedding – he is to marry Miss Mary Taylor of Nashville the 9th. Joe and Jake worked shucking corn. I got paper from Mary Cochrane with notice of the death of her father and step-mother in Aug.
- 2 Frosty foggy morning but beautiful day. Joe and Jake shucked corn.
- 3 Went to the big baptizing – 16 in all. A lovely day – perfect for this time of year. The sun rose a deep red almost scarlet – mist a haze hung over the hills and the river was blue and sparkling. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to call as they went by. I took a letter to Mary C. Got letter from Patty, Sally and Belle Raymond. Also got Outing for Nov. with Patty’s piece in it. Men shucked corn.
- 4 51 degrees at sunrise and the sun bright red again. Went to Rising Sun via Rabbit Hash. Went to Bk. and got Mr. Perkins to give my draft on N. Y. (Western Bk.) for 25. - put it in a letter to Miss Mary Taylor and put it in P. O. in R. S. Went to Oscar Jones’s store and told him to let Aunt Sally have 1.00 in groceries, verbal order. Joe and Jake worked shucking corn. Dick says he has now put in my cribs 15 loads of corn including 1 that was due me for his watermelon patch. Warm and windy day.
- 5 26 degrees at sunrise. Sent by Joe letter to Patty. No one worked for me. Katy came over.
- 6 Sunday – Still bright warm and dry though we have frosty nights. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined.
- 7 Warm and smoky. Told Joe and Jake to set up the fodder Dick shucked – then they pulled turnips. The sun rose red as fire. Dick said he hauled Sat. and today 6 loads out of his share of corn – 148 bus. 55 lbs. I got book from Miss Shelhamer about Mr. Gordon.
- 8 Sun rose red and looked so through smoke nearly all day. Warm. Jake helped Dick shuck the fodder corn. Joe pulled turnips and put them away and pretended to clean out springs in pasture. I got letter from Patty.
- 9 Sun rose red again and the day was warm and the air smoky. After dark it began to thunder and lighten and between 7 & 8 it rained. The drouth has been long and severe and the rain is a great blessing. Joe and Jake shucked corn. Jake said he helped Dick shuck fodder corn till about 2 p.m. when they finished that and he went to help Joe shuck in my corn. Got letters from Sally and Sue. This was to be Joe Humphrey’s wedding day.
- 10 Tobacco didn’t come in case. Joe worked – he and Jake shucked corn finished all of mine. I think only Joe worked after noon.
- 11 Went to Bellevue, got yesterday’s mail – a letter from Julia. Took letters to Patty and Miss Shelhamer. Only Joe worked for me – he hauled and split some timber for wire fence. Jake was killing his hogs. It was bright and cool. I went to Alice Snyder’s. Mrs. Brady (Susie) came by this evening. I sent postal order to Eshman for 1.00 coal for Aunt Sally.
- 12 Didn’t write in this till 15th. No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue.
- 13 Sunday – Lovely bright spring-like day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 14 I put my worsted comfort in. Joe and Jake worked splitting cut of oak and making palings. Shower last night and cloudy

- 15 Warm and cloudy 41 degrees at sunrise. Sprinkled a little early. Joe and Jake worked – they hauled a load of bolts for paling and split some and afterwards cut an ash tree and sawed some.
- 16 The men worked on the ash tree both Joe and Jake – it was a warm lovely day. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally – got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 17 Bright day. 32 degrees at sunrise. Only Joe worked for me –he hauled timber and wood from the ash tree and fixed the road in the rye field first.
- 18 Colder – 25 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked. They turned Mr. Arnold’s horses out and mine in the pasture – then hauled the rest of the ash wood and worked on palings after dinner.
- 19 Warmer at sunrises 40 degrees – turned colder during the day – blew hard – with some little flurries of snow that didn’t lie on the ground. Air thick with smoke till after noon – heard the country was on fire beyond Woolper – it blew off and turned colder. No one worked for me. Lily came to call.
- 20 Sunday – Colder 20 degrees at sunrise and a most disagreeable day- sunless and with a keen wind and stayed cold.
- 21 Colder – 19 degrees at sunrise – and very disagreeable. Joe and Jake worked making palings. I got letters from Patty and Ernest.
- 22 Much milder 32 degrees at sunrise – smoke and sun rose red as a rose. Joe and Jake to clean out springs in pasture. Went to show Bill Lacy rail timber. Got letter from Julia – sent down this evening letters to Patty and Julia.
- 23 Warm – 50 degrees at sunrise, about 11 it began to rain and rained gently off and on for some time – rained again after dark. Joe and Jake worked. Joe made palings. Jake gathered walnuts for me and made tobacco sticks.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day – 50 degrees at sunrise. Rained a good deal last night, and occasionally today and mist all day. Joe and Jake helped Dick with his tobacco, bulking it down. I went to Bellevue, took letters to Sue with Outing to Ernest and sent order to Oscar Jones to let Aunt Sally have .75 a week in groceries till further notice. Got letters from Sally and from Sally Mallory with photography of her mother.
- 25 Rained nearly all day and is pouring at night. Warm and very misty. Joe and Jake helped Dick with tobacco and he had a stripping too, so they gave their time today.
- 26 Warm and like spring this morning and rained hard again. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty, to T_D & critics. Joe and Jake worked ½ day at my tobacco, stripping. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 27 Sunday – Rained during the day – after dinner began to hail and snow. It snowed very fast. Sent by Mr. Brady to Bellevue letter to Patty.
- 28 Thermometer 0 at sunrise – snow from four to 4 ½ in. by measurement with rule. Hilda and Mr. B. went away. Thermometer went up to 23 degrees during the day. Joe and Jake wouldn’t even haul fodder to the stock out in pasture – said it was too cold.
- 29 3 degrees at sunrise – Lily came one to stay a few days. Got letter from Patty. The men did condescend to haul out some fodder. It was bright but remained cold.
- 30 8 degrees at sunrise – went up to 32 degrees. The men worked some – fixed up fence round hay shed after dinner. I went to Bellevue took letter to Patty – got letters from Patty and Julia.

DECEMBER

- 1 18 degrees at sunrise and bright day. Didn't write in this till Sunday. Believe the men hauled out some fodder. Was busy sewing.
- 2 Joe took the horses to Bellevue to get them shod. I got letter from Patty. He put in his time I think after he got home. Jake didn't work – he helped Dick kill hogs. It turned warmer and rained. Ernest came towards night and stayed.
- 3 Jake worked at tobacco ½ day. Joe didn't work. Ernest and Lily went home. It was warm and rained hard most of the day.
- 4 Sunday – My precious own's birthday. Sally is 21 today – Lord love her for she has been a joy and comfort to me all those years. Rained of course and warm.
- 5 Clear and colder – 30 degrees at sunrise. Dick had a tobacco stripping and the men helped him. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty, Sally and Cousin William and sent Patty's muff.
- 6 Colder – 21 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked – they finished my little tobacco – then hauled some manure into garden. I got letter from Sally at Leavenworth – and from Aunt Sally.
- 7 Warmer – 31 degrees at sunrise. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally and one to Aunt Sally with order on Elliott for 2.00 worth of coal. Went again and to McVille to tell C. Burns about fence. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe and Jake worked – they hauled manure on garden and cleaned out fence row. It rained at night and about sundown.
- 8 Misty and cloudy – Charlie Burns came out and he and Joe and Jake worked on the fence below Joe's house. Didn't write in this till the 13th.
- 9 Charlie Burns came out again and he and Joe and Jake worked at the fence. It was misting most of the day and rained at times.
- 10 No one worked for me. I got letters from Sally and from the T-D and copies of T-D. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night.
- 11 Sunday – It rained some. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home.
- 12 Colder – Joe and Jake worked on the fence and setting gate post &c. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Joe H.'s wife.
- 13 Pleasanter – some sunshine. Joe and Jake worked fixing fence and setting gate. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty & Miss Shelhamer – sent letters & paper to Patty. Forgot to write yesterday about Mrs. Coons. Mrs. Coons went to John's and I got Mrs. Britton to come in the evening to work for me.
- 14 Joe and Jake worked at the fence – they finished for the present where they were and took down part of the barn lot fence on the pike. I got letters from Sally and Patty.
- 15 Colder and a raw disagreeable day. I went to Bellevue – to call on Mrs. Brady and to old Mr. Kidwell's funeral. Took letter to Sally – got letter from Clarence. Joe and Jake worked on barn lot fence. Yesterday and today Dick hauled some of the late corn out of the slough, my part.
- 16 Rather an improvement – some sunshine. Joe and Jake worked on fence in barn lot.
- 17 No one worked for me. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty, Julia and Sally Mallory. Got box from Sally from Rome, NY. Settlement with Jake, the first since July 23. His work amounts to 96 ¾ days which comes to \$72.56. He had received cash 14.40, orders 47.83, sundries 4.50 – a total 66.83 which left a balance of 5.73. Of

this I gave him two orders, one for 1.73, the other for 1.75 which leaves me now owing him \$2.25. Hilda and Mr. Brady and Ernest came and stayed all night. I got letter from Belle R.

- 18 Sunday – They all went away.
- 19 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Belle Raymond. Got letters from Patty – 2 – and one from Sally dated St. Paul, Nov. 29. Went to Mrs. Brady's to wait for the mail. The men, Joe and Jake, hauled fodder out of the bottom – they brought me 30 fodder strings.
- 20 Dick said he wouldn't let Mr. Conner have his half of the tobacco so he divided it by hands and I had my half loaded. Joe and Jake worked at it. It was cloudy and rained about noon and till night. I sent by Joe letter to Fanny Gibbon. Rained some after dark then blew hard and cleared off cold.
- 21 It is 15 years ago since my beloved father died – God give his dear soul rest and everlasting joy. Cold and clear. Started Joe and Jake to Mr. Conner's with my half of the tobacco. Mr. J. M. Conner was at home and received my ½ of the tobacco – said it came to 2305 lbs. which at 11 came to \$233.55. I offered to pay the balance on my note for the sheep but he said the note was in bank and I could pay it some other time. Went to the Bank in Burlington and got Dr. Furnish to cash Mr. Conner's check for \$253.55 and took the money. Went to Mr. Brady's and paid Hilda the \$100. I borrowed (see Sep. 8th) and she burnt the note. Dined with them. Came home. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mr. Corbin \$100. and told him to credit it on my account. Got letter from Sally. Isaac came up for some things for Aunt Sally – sent her 1.00 by him. Looked over Dick's account with him.
- 22 Colder – 11 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked. Joe went to mill and he and Jake cut trees down by the new gate. Hilda and Mr. Brady came from the wedding of Mary Carver & Ab. Gaines and stayed all night.
- 23 Still cold. Hilda and Mr. B. left. Joe and Jake worked – they brought up two heifers, hauled out some tobacco stalks, cut wood &c. I walked to Bellevue and McVile. Paid Mr. Humphrey Jake's order for 4.00. Paid 7.75 to Charlie Burns's wife for him for fence machine, wire pincers & work. Pd. Mr. Len Clore 7.60 on what I owed him. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's and engaged 6 hams. Took letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from Patty and calendars from Julia Foster and little Julia.
- 24 No one worked for me. I went to see Lily. Not so cold. Fifteen years ago my dear father was buried – how long they seem.
- 25 Sunday – Christmas – A bright day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined with me.
- 26 Joe and Jake worked – chopping in little thicket across the creek in bottom field. Not so cold, 28 degrees at sunrise but chilly. Dick cut briers.
- 27 Milder day but wind blew. I went to McVile and Bellevue. Went to Rising Sun to see about Aunt Sally. Paid Oscar Jones order (see Nov. 22) and in full to date 5.50. Told him to let Aunt Sally have from Jan. 1st on till I paid him .75 groceries a week. Joe, Jake and Dick worked – the latter cut briers. Joe and Jake chopped in the woods and hauled tobacco stems out of lot. Gave Ellen 1.00 to get Aunt Sally wood. Pd. Elliott's order (see Dec. 6th) 2.00 &c. Took down letters to Mary Reed and to T-D with inclosures – also sent Critic, in time to mail, note. Got packages from Patty and Belle

R. and letters from Sue saying she had taken another baby to raise and from Julia.
Rained a little at night.

- 28 Much colder and a very bad cold wind. Mike told me a cold wave was coming so I had all 3 of the men to get up stock &c. They got up horses, cattle sheep. Put bells on bucks and turned them in rye field. Put sheep in sheep cellar lot – rest in barn lot. Joe drove the buggy to Bellevue when I went to get box of oranges that came for me by Ex. It was about 12 degrees most of the day with a keen wind till evening.
- 29 Thermometer 2 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Remained cold all day but less so. Ernest, Lily and Katy spent the day here. Jake didn't work.
- 30 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Dick cut briars on cherry hill. Joe and Jake worked ½ day chopping an oak and sawing – besides Joe fed &c. Susie Rice came over. Ground white with snow at bedtime.
- 31 Rained this morning and rained all day and after dark. Only Jake worked ½ day – he cut some tobacco sticks and I sent him to Bellevue with letters to Patty and Sally. I got pocket book from Fanny Gibbon.