

James' Journal – 1839

Sept 2 1839 – Returned yesterday from a visit to Mrs. Shelby near Danville – from thence visited Harrisburgh & Col. Thompson – the country burnt up with drought. The Shelbys good farmers – feed cattle principally at present – they estimate the profits pr acre at \$4 – farms in very nice order.

10th Have had rain several days past which has started the grass powerfully – there was only 2 ½ inches of rain in July & 1/10 in August – the people in some parts of the country have been buying their water.

11th visited Col. Sanders today his mulberry trees are very flourishing not withstanding the dry weather & what is more strange the turnips & beets look well – this can be no doubt from what I have seen here & at Mr. Boswells that this country is well suited to roots of every kind for stock. Col C's hogs & cows have feed almost entirely on apples for the last month have been reading Combes constitution of man a most philosophic work.

Sept 13 Returned last night from Frankfort absent 2 days – got a deed from L. Sanders Jr. for my land on Eagle Creek & had had it recorded by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals which I am informed is sufficient – visited Mr. Blantons place & saw his Bakewell sheep very fine but he has not been successful in breeding from them – suspect they are less prolific than other sheep.

Got a note discounted in Bank today for \$600 payable at the Counting house of Lambeth & Thompson at 4 months date.

Sept 19 1839. Left Lexington by the way of Maysville for Uncles – arrived on the 21st & found all well. They have just finished surveying Clore's land. We make the large tract 273 ½ acres & the small one 115 acres. The corn crops less injured than I had expected. There has been water in the Middle Creek during the whole season notwithstanding the excessively dry weather. Garnett ahs ground 7 bushels pr day at the dryest time.

“ 25th Clore gave me deeds for my purchases today – gave him a mortgage to secure the payment of the balance due \$1600

“ 27th Isabella taken with a severe attack of the dysentery.

Oct 4. Isabella somewhat better today. I have been very anxious about her – thanks to the disposer of events there are hopes of a recovery.

“ 21 After a severe & dangerous indisposition Isabella is convalescent thanks to the Merciful God – have been engaged for some days past in sowing grass seeds on my farm. Lent Cousin Tom \$20.

Nov. 27 Left Bellevue for Terrebonne had a pleasant passage and arrived at B.B. abt Decr 16.

June 15 1841. Left Bayou Black for Ky. arrived 27th

July Visited Eagle Creek – left \$250 (2.50?) with G. N. Sanders to pay taxes on land.

Sept 1. Took up my note for the balance due on land & paid Clore \$1786 – paid \$3.75 for recording deeds.

“ 9 & 10 Attended the Hamilton Co. cattle show – a superior show of hogs & some fine Durham cattle. Some of the latter sold cheap – a fine bull for \$500. Bot a ¾ Berkshire sow from John Reed of Middletown for \$17.50. She is with pig by the imported boar Reading – one sow exhibited that has produced pigs that sold for \$1400.

Some fine Bakewell sheep by Mr. Whitehead, who has Scotch shepherd dogs. Mr. Geo. Smith of Carthage has Southdown sheep & says that sheep half Saxony & half Bakewell can be bot in Clark Co. Ohio for \$2 pr head – visited the vineyard occupied by Mr. Mottier who makes 800 or 1000 gallons of wine annually – bot some which is of excellent quality.

Sept 22 Left Uncles for Lexington & arrived there on the 24th.

September 27th. Drew on myself fav. T. Gibson for \$600 payable at __ Leverichs & Co. N.O. in four months which was discounted at the Northern Bank of Kentucky.

October 19 – Drew on self at 130 days payable at JTC Leverich & Co. for \$500. - \$360 paid my note, to T. Gibson for 6 mules

Oct 11. Began to board today with Col. Dunham – am to pay him for board of wife & children \$14 pr. Week – paid him in advance \$150 on account. Left Lexington on the morning of the

21 Oct – arrived at Cini on the 22 – Bot a plough, chain & 2 collars for farm for \$13.12 – 18 peach & plum trees for \$5.25.

“ 25th Advanced \$12 to Mr. Horton & took his receipt – paid my note to him for \$23.

“ 26th Advanced to Mr. A. Adams \$40 & took his receipt – part of the amount to purchase a saw broad axe & auger - \$15 on acct. a pair of three year old steers which he has agreed to sell to me for \$30 – the balance on acct. Paid also today to Mr. John Brady \$40 to purchase nails & pine plank which he has promised to purchase for me in Cini. Messrs Telphs, Bates and another man present when the money was paid – no receipt taken. Planted my trees today – 16 varieties of peaches & 2 of plum – (viz) Early Red Raveripe, Snow Peach, Monstrous Free Melacaon, Orange Peach, Thyslops Cling, Melish’s Favourite, Late Green Noblesse, President, Yellow Raveripe, Royal Kensington, Heath Cling, Old Mixon, Admirable, Princes Red Rareripec – and 2 plums – Green Gage & Flushing Gage, -

Gave Mr. Brady a plan of my house to be built & instructions about the same.

27 Gave James Gordon \$10 to buy me 1 ½ bushels barley

28 Gave Cousin Thomas \$50 to purchase a cart & 16 bushels of barley – also gave A. Adams \$15 - & took his receipt – to buy blind bridles & pert (?) axe – and in advance for my brothers board –

Cost of calf -	\$10
Expenses to Louisville	6.87
“ to Donaldsonvi	5.00

Oct 28 Left Louisville today in the S.B. Caddo – arrived at Bayou Black Nov. 10.

Found all well & about 70 Hds. sugar made – was informed by Major Comp that Gypsum was prepared for sale by Wm Townsend of Sandusky City, Ohio.

Capt. Gamble, who resides near Texas has promised to send me a barrel of osage orange balls – for which I am to send him in return a barrel of prime apples.

Decr. 10. 1841. This day sold my half of the Bayou Black Plantation to Mr. V.P. Winder on the following terms (vis.) He assumes a mortgage on the plantation given by me to the Branch of the Union Bank at Thibodaux for \$3750 – he has paid me in cash \$2250 – he has given me a note for \$4000 payable Decr. 12. 1842 – drawn by Walter P. Smith – endorsed by Thomas D. Purnell, E. Jenner Smith & V. P. Winder – also his own note for \$6000 payable Apl. 1. 1844 – one for \$6000 payable Apl. 1. 1845 – one for \$4000

payable Apl. 1. 1846 – one for \$5000 payable Apl. 1. 1847 – one for \$5000 payable Apl. 1. 1848. The notes are secured by mortgage on the place. Every thing on the place is included in the sale except my negros & a few articles in the house &c.

Decr. 1841. – Have hired the following negros to W.J. Minor for one year for \$1600 –
(vis)

Lindor	Rosette
Dilsey	Edmond
Little Lindor	Henny
Patsey	Caroline
Mark	Phoebe
Winny	Lewis
<u>Judy</u>	Bartlet

Peter
Sarah

Nancy

Jilson
Eliza
Helen

George

Jim

Feb 8. 1842 R. R. Barrow today conveyed to Minor & Winder all his title & interest to that part of sections 84, 85 & 86 in Township 17 Range 17 which is covered by the tract sold to Minor & Dinsmore by James Bowie – conveyance made at Judge Barras office. In returning from N.O. came up with a gentleman H. A. Hickman from Florida Monroe County, Missouri – an intelligent man, who gives a glowing account of that region – Shepherd's dogs & Mexican wheat.

Apl. 1842. Met at Thibodaux with Col. John R. White of Fayette Mo. – who promises to send me shepherd's dogs – am to send him sheep – the Merino and Bakewell – send to care of Mr. James Harrison St. Louis, Mo. – write to him.

Apl. 8. 1842. Met on the SBoat to Alexandria La. With Mr. A. W. Barges who lives near Alexandria. He has 104 varieties of the grape on pine woods land – promises to send me several – Cunningham, Nortons, seedling Black Oporto & Jamian – am to send him some wine when I make some – to the care of Adams & Whitall N.O. – He is making experiments in silk – write to him.

Apl. 10th Recd from J. Thomas his draft on Lambeth & Thompson for \$1000 at 60 days sight (?) in part payment of the amt collected by him in the suit Smoot & Dinsmore vs. G.C. Russell, the whole amt due is about \$4000. Have engaged John K. Elgie (?) to collect the balance. Am to send him Uncles power of Attorney. Expenses to Alex & him \$40.

Apl 14th Settled today with W. J. Minor – took up my notes for \$10,630 & 908.05 & gave him three notes due me on V. P. Winder & secured by mortgage on the Bayou Black Pln. For \$6000, \$6000, & \$4000 – \$16000 in all & payable in 1844, 1845 & 1846 – which settles all accounts with him except for the crops of 1840 & 1841.

April 1843. Recd from Mr. Mottier 6 peach trees – beginning at the north part of the Garden the first is the “Monstrous Cling”. The second has lost its mark. The third is the Black Cling. Fourth no mark. Fifth “Large Red Cheek Yellow Cling.” Sixth no mark. Five Pear trees. The northern one we call the Gregory. Second Butter (?). Third Julienne. Fourth Bartlett. Fifth Sickel.

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