

**JANUARY**

- 1 On the 6<sup>th</sup> I began to think it best to begin my book although my life is so quiet and I have so little to write about that it won't amount to much. New Year's Patty received calls – Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Rucker (Cousin Willie's wife) and Miss Fanny and Miss Katy Gibbon – were here, and Mrs. and Gen. Gibbons came in during the day. A crowd of callers came and a lot of the young people came in the evening. I never left the house till the 4<sup>th</sup>. Then I called on Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Hall. Went with buddy to see Mrs. Thompson and went to the rehearsal for a while. I got letters from Aunt Nancy, Hilda and Julia this week. Heard it had been 12 degrees below 0 at home, snow on the ground and river frozen over. Between Christmas and New Year's the thermometer was 31 & 36 degrees below 0.
- 27 Sent a letter to Ernest with 5.00 in it for Dick. Went to the Dramatic and saw a scrap of paper performed.
- 28 Buddy came home from Keokuk – I got a letter from Ernest – says there were 5 lambs the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 29 Patty and I went to return calls.
- 30 Sunday – Lovely bright day – all of us went to church to hear Mr. Gilbert preach. He preached on the text 'Lord, I believe, help thou mine belief'.
- 31 Had letter from Sarah. Snowed hard nearly all day.

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 Was invited to a tea party at Mrs. May Freeman's, Ft. Snelling – didn't go – Patty went – stayed at Gen. Gibbon's all night.
- 2 Snowed hard nearly all day – paper said it was 18 inches yesterday in the country. Patty and Fanny G. came back. Last night there was a bird at my window, and I had an unpleasant dream. I took a walk in the snow and mailed letter to Cousin Belle - sent by Dan one to Julia. Got letter from Ernest telling me that he got the 5.00 I sent for Dick. Ernest's letter was dated Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. He said he had been up to Cov. with C. Rockwell to sell the tobacco – got 12. and 6.00 for it weight - lugs 1606 lbs., leaf 3069 lbs. Ernest left with Mr. Foster for me \$222.42. He also said Charlie left behind some lugs, which he sold at home.
- 3 Patty had her German – very pretty party.
- 4 Buddy gave his lecture on Indian Recollections at the Opera House for the benefit of the Library Ass. There was a blizzard all day nearly – We went to Mrs. Gibbs's to a little supper after the lecture. Mr. Whitman came back from Cin. said he left deep snow there. The Goodrich house near burned – beautiful fire – lasted over 7 hours.
- 5 Tremendous snowstorm – deep drifts. Sally had to change her clothes after walking home from a german close by. Buddy sick with a cold.
- 6 Sunday – All stayed home the snow was so deep. The Ruckers and Bateses &c. were here. Got letter from BBG. Snow said by newspapers to be from 2 to 5 feet deep in Minn. & Mich.
- 7 Snowed hard off and on – then began to rain – the first rain since I got here Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Miserably wet, raw, windy, day.

- 8 Sent by buddy letter to BBG. Took down and mailed letter to Annie Wallingford. Received invitation to her wedding 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. Patty and Fanny started for the Ft. Warm day.
- 9 Patty came home – she took me to make some calls and then I took Willy Rucker to the museum &c. Yesterday and today are the warmest days since I came up.
- 11 Received letter from Ernest Grant telling me that Charlie Rockwell had sold the rest of his tobacco (lugs) to Mr. George Terrill for .06 ¼ . There was of this 1465 lbs and my share came to \$45.87 which Ernest sent to Mr. Seth C. Foster and received a receipt for it.
- 17 Left St. Paul on the evening train – told my babies and buddy goodbye – and Cousin Willy Rucker came to see me off. Went with the children to have our pictures taken – Cousin Louly came to tell me goodbye, and several others – Gibbons &c. This is written from memory as I kept no account of my trip till a week after I came home.
- 18 Got to Chicago about 4 p.m. and left about 8.
- 19 Arrived in Cin. about 9 a.m. – left my trunks at Mr. Foster's – went to see Belle and Dr. Raymond at the Burnet House – they got to Cin. the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Dr. says. I then went to Clifton to see Julia and stay with her.
- 20 Sunday – Stayed home with Julia – it rained and was a disagreeable day.
- 21 Belle came out and we went to see Mrs. Resor. Went into town at night with Julia's family and saw Lohengrin with Campanini and Gerster. Got letter from brother Charlie with paper to sign conveying away any right which might accrue to me under papa's will, to the children's land in Saline Co. Mo. which buddy was going to sell.
- 22 Went in to town to the dentist, Dr. Taylor – had my teeth filled and cleaned – paid him 20. Then went to Mr. Foster's office and he went with me to a Notary Public named Henry on Fourth St. and I signed the paper and left it with him to put in the office as he said he was going there at once – went back to Julia's and came in to Burnet House afterwards – went with Mr. W. H. Raymond and Belle's party to the opera. It was The Magic Flute – went back to Julia's with Mary and the rest.
- 23 Went to see Sarah Bernhardt in Camille – then to the opera of Mefistofele at night. Got bill for tile \$6.12.
- 24 Tired out – stayed at Julia's and B---'s wife came to see me. Went at night to hear Lucia.
- 25 Went to Walnut Hills to see Amy Campbell – she was not at home. Saw the 71<sup>st</sup> Rdg. from N.Y. parade. Went to the opera of Aida.
- 26 Went to matinee to hear ----- with Gerster as Armina – at night to hear Faust. I got a letter from Patty – can't remember what day.
- 27 Sunday – Stayed at Julia's all day.
- 28 A disagreeable day – snowing and wet – went in town – Mr. Foster went with me to get some groceries which we bought at Glenn's. I told Glenn to send the bills to Mr. Foster to pay out of the money I had there. I also drew \$100. and took it. Belle went with me shopping. Amy Campbell came to see me. I came down on the boat – stopped at Dr. Grant's and stayed all night.

## MARCH

- 1 Ernest brought me home. I found Doll Lacy at Charlie's and hired her to work for me at 1.00 a week. Ernest stayed till after dinner and helped me fix up the house. At night Dick went down for my trunks and freight. Ernest took me by way of Bellevue coming home and I got letter from Hilda. I sent by Dick letter to Patty and he brought me one from Fanny Gibbons.
- 2 Dick came in and we settled up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March – see his a/c book – and I paid him 10.00. Bill Lacy also wanted to settle up to the first of March. Dick said he had worked 15 ½ days which at .60 came to 9.30 which I paid him. Charlie began to grub in the woods. Bill said he moved in Charlie's house Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill cut briars in new ground.
- 3 It snowed. I went to Bellevue and sold my share of John Moreland's tobacco to Harry Botts for 11 for leaf, 11 for lugs and 7 ½ for trash. Mr. Dave Snyder paid me 2.50 for the frozen apples he bought before I left home for St. Paul. Dick and Bill were working in the new ground right next to Mr. Rice's. I stopped them to help John Moreland load tobacco – and they worked at it ½ day. Minor, the twin lamb we raised by hand died.
- 4 Went down with the wagons to see the tobacco weighed. Dick drove my wagon. Harry Botts received and weighed the tobacco. The leaf and lugs weighed 2786 lbs. – the trash 1825 lbs., total 4611 lbs. The leaf and lugs at .11 came to 306.46, the trash at .07 ½ to 136.87, total 443.33 of which I had half. Harry Botts gave me a cheque on Worthington & Co., Cin. for \$221.66. I got letter from Sally. Bought coal of Mr. Jonas Clore about 11 bus. Went to see Betty Rice and Mrs. Garnett. Engaged a stack of hay from Mr. Rogers. Got postal from Dr. Raymond saying they would be down at night. Sent Dick down for them and he brought them out at night - Dr. and Belle. Ernest came down for a little while. It snowed most of the day and was very cold and unpleasant. Bill worked in new ground I believe.
- 5 Set hands to hauling the stack of hay from Mr. Jim Rogers's place. Dick said Bill Lacy only worked ½ day. After dinner Bob Moreland and his team helped haul.
- 6 Sunday – my birthday – stayed home. Sudy and Katy came over to stay a little while.
- 7 Uncle Jote moved to Bellevue. I let him have my team and Charlie moved him. Bill and Dick sawed and cut wood for me and Dick hauled some. It was a pleasant day, much warmer. Mr. Arnold came to see Dr. and they went to Burlington. Dr. Grant came. John Moreland came in and we settled. I was owing him for 8 days work to date, 6.00 for 15 bus. corn he says I had above my share 4.00 = 10.00. He owed me for lard and vinegar 1.35, balance due him 8.65. He wants my chilled plow and I let him have it and settled even. Let Charlie have 5.00 to pay Uncle Jote for things he bought of him.
- 8 Mr. Rice came a few moments to see Dr. It rained last night and today. Dick buried Minor and 7 lambs that have died since I came home and another died tonight. Dick says he lost 20 before I got home. I sent by Dr. letter to Aunt Sally with 2.00 in it and letter to Aunt Nancy. Dick stripped tobacco after dinner. Bill helped ½ day. I got book from Amy Campbell for birthday gift. I made a verbal contract with Dick Loudon with Dr. Raymond as witness as follows; I am to let Dick have the house he lives in till March 1, 1882 and a garden spot rent free and to supply him with three acres of tobacco ground to furnish team, sticks and house room for the tobacco,

firewood and team to haul it too - he is to do all the work necessary to raise the crop and to prepare it for market himself, or at his own expense, and to do it well and in good season and to the best of his ability and I am to have half the tobacco ready for market. He is to work for me every day till March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1882 that he is not engaged with his crop, at the rate of .75 a day and find himself and I engage to find the work for him. I made a verbal contract with Bill Lacy March 2<sup>nd</sup> with Dick Loudon as witness as follows; I am to let Bill Lacy have the house Uncle Jote moved out of till March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1882, rent free, also a garden spot, firewood, team to haul it with – am to let him have three acres tobacco ground and furnish sticks, team and houseroom. He is to do all the work needed to make the crop himself or at his own expense – to prepare it for market in the best possible manner and to give me half of the tobacco. He is to work for me every day when not engaged with his crop at the rate of .60 (sixty cents) a day from 1<sup>st</sup> to --- and seventy five cents a day from March 1, 1882 to 1<sup>st</sup>, 1882 and find himself and I am to furnish him the work.

- 9 Lovely bright spring-like day. I went to see George about getting seed oats. Bill and Dick hauled old Uncle Jote's tobacco from the old Coons house to the barn. After dinner they opened the apple hole and took out the apples, 14 barrels, then Dick went to Mr. Arnold's to get the things we left there last fall and Bill cleaned up in new ground. I paid Mr. James Rogers, with Dick Loudon as witness, \$36. dollars for the stack of hay they hauled Sat. The Arnolds, Sudy and Lily, came.
- 10 Another warm spring-like day. John Moreland began to grub in the clover in the big bottom field. Dick and Bill grubbed in the sand field next Mr. Rice's. Dr. Grant came – dined here. Mr. John Berkshire came and offered me 3.50 for 40 lambs and 2.50 for the rest. I wouldn't take it. Went to Bellevue with Belle after dinner – got letter from Sally and from Mr. J. Dinsmoor – also letters buddy sent me back from Amy, Aunt Sally and Annie Wallingford's wedding card. Charlie Rockwell told me today that he wanted me to let him off the contract for grubbing he made Nov. 13 and that he didn't want to put in a crop here as he had said he would – for he wanted to go away – move up to Mr. Roberts's place on account of his litigation with Mr. Rice. I told him of course I would let him off – and that he might feel at liberty to go as soon as he could arrange to move – and I went to Bill Lacy and told him he might keep Charlie's house this year till next March 1<sup>st</sup> and have his tobacco ground up on the hill. I then told John Moreland he might have the 5 acres tobacco ground he wants on condition he would see that his ----- did the work as well as he agreed to do it.
- 11 Sold my own crop of tobacco to Harry Botts to be delivered at his warehouse in Bellevue – at 10 for the trash and 12 for the good. Dick and Bill grubbed in sand field. John M. grubbed in the clover. Sent old Pink to Mr. Arnold's.
- 12 Raining slightly this morning – quit afterwards. Bill and Dick didn't work – went over the river. Dr. Raymond found my letters to Aunt Sally and Aunt Nancy in his pocket – then took them to the P.O. he says. I got buddy's lecture letter for Hilda – and letters from Patty & Sally, and my photographs.
- 13 Sunday – cold and raw – very disagreeable. Belle and I went to church. Ernest came for a few moments.
- 14 John Coons set in to work at 13. a month – till Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> if he and I agree. I went to look at sheep – found a yearling dead and another sick with swollen jaws – also two lambs

dead in pasture. Dick now says 4 sheep died while I was gone. John sheared and buried sheep – brought up sick one – fed corn to ewes – grubbed broom sedge [?] in garden – went to Bellevue this morning with Dr. Raymond who went to Cin. – brought me letter from Cousin Mary Goodrich. John went to Bellevue after dinner and hauled 9 bus. 50 lbs. coal for which I paid 1.45. I went to Bellevue – sent letter to Patty with 1.00. Charlie Rockwell moved away – went up to Mr. Roberts place. Had my team to move. Dick and Bill came back from Indiana with a cow apiece – got home rather late. John Moreland and his Jim, worked in the clover field, cutting briers and grubbing.

- 15 Sent Clara to Mr. Arnold's. Dick and Bill made their plant beds in the new ground next Mr. Rice's. I went to see him about getting fodder. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Julia, to Mr. Foster sending for seed oats, clover and orchard grass, and one for circular for manure spreader. Got letters from Hilda and Aunt Sally. John Coons worked hauling briers and trash and putting them in gullies and washes in the clover field. John Moreland and Jim M. grubbed there. Sent postal to Hilda.
- 16 Found dead lamb – sick ewe. John Coons did very little till after dinner – then he hauled a load of wood and stripped tobacco. Dick, Bill, John M. and Jim worked after dinner stripping.
- 17 Warm pleasant day. Dick had a chill last night and was too sick to work. John C., Bill, John Moreland and Jim worked stripping and loading tobacco. Doll Lacy left, settled with her and paid her 2.00. Belle got letter from Dr. R. with bill for my oats, clover and orchard grass seed amounting to \$52.57. Sent John Coons down for them. My box of garden seeds &c. also came. Mr. Brady came and dined – brought me the a/c book I left with him for Marion Noble and 6.00 remaining of the 15. I left with him.
- 19 Finished loading up tobacco and had it hauled down and delivered to Harry Botts. It weighed as follows; leaf 2936 lbs. – trash 1945 lbs. – total 4882 lbs. At .12 for the leaf it came to \$352.32 – at .10 the trash to \$194.50 – total \$546.82 for which H. C. Botts gave me a cheque on Worthington & Co., Cin. Got letters from Sally, Julia and a note from Aunt Eliza. Went to see Mrs. Garnett. Dick, John Coons, Bill Lacy, John Moreland, and Jim worked and John M. hauled one load with his team. Rained. Set hands to stripping Uncle Jote's tobacco – miserable stuff - not worth handling but he pays for stripping of course. John M., Jim, Bill and Dick worked at it – till after 3 p.m. John Coons shelled corn, went to mill &c. and then helped with tobacco. I went to Bellevue for Aunt Eliza, brought her home. Took letter to Sally.
- 20 Sunday – Cold and snowing hard – miserable day. Belle's birthday.
- 21 Windy and disagreeable. Belle and I went as witness on a trial. Dick and Bill worked sawing up a sugar tree for wood.
- 22 Dick and Bill split up wood till noon – then grubbed in the new ground next Mr. Rice's. John hauled wood till late and then went for meal. Belle went for mail. I got letter from Sally and the circular of the manure spreader.
- 23 Belle and I went over the river and by way of Aurora to Cin. Dr. Raymond went with me to the office of Worthington & Co. (56 Front St. I believe) and there I got the two cheques H. C. Botts gave me for tobacco (see Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>) exchanged for a cheque on Northern Bk. of Ky. Cov. for \$768.48. This I took to the Merchant's Nat'l Bank

Cin., and got \$168.48 cash and a certificate of deposit of the \$600 which I brought home with me. Went to Wilder's and paid for a corn drill and corn sheller which he is to send. Came down on boat with Belle same night. Told John Coons to haul poles off new ground – he went to Bellevue twice with wagon. Cold day. Got letter from Julia. Dick and Bill grubbed.

- 24 Found Mr. Arnold's animal in lot with cattle – it was there yesterday and today. I went to Rock Spring place and looked over it. Went to Mr. Clore's and paid him in presence of Jim and Tom Nettles and Bob Bachelor, the \$36. for the hay Dick got during my absence in St. Paul. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Aunt Nancy – sent postal to Hilda. John Coons hauled hay from the timothy stack on cherry hill. John M. helped without charge to get some for himself. Dick and Bill made plant beds for themselves. Nancy Temget began to work for me again. John Moreland got hay supposed to be 1000 lbs. for which he is to pay 6.00.
- 25 John Coons began to break up the sand hill above hedge on the pike. Dick and Bill worked for themselves making plant beds. I told them they might have a piece of ground on the hill for potatoes on shares. It thundered and clouded up about noon as if there would be a storm – rained at night. John found dead S. lamb – probably a twin. Dick and John C. cut garden hedge till noon. Bill didn't work. After dinner I sent Dick down with Becky to have her shod and get a new collar for her. Sent John C. to Mr. Brady's after the spring wagon – then we went to Bellevue. Aunt Eliza went home on the boat. Dr. Raymond came on it. Got letter from Sally with tintype. Cold and disagreeable day – ground white with snow when we got up.
- 27 Sunday – Clear and rather pleasant. Went to Mr. Arnold's with Belle to call.
- 28 Warmer today. Belle and Dr. went up on the little boat to go to Cin. John drove wagon afterwards ploughed sand hill. Dick and John M. trimmed hedge – finished round garden and began on hedge next Mr. Arnold's. Bill grubbed - along hedge and fence row. I went to see Mr. Hunt about trimming vines, and to Bellevue - got letter from Sally – sent her one.
- 29 Horrible day – rained last night and early this morning – turned cold and snowed and blew hard all day. No one worked but John C. and he only ½ day. I sent by Dick a letter to Patty.
- 30 Another horrible day – it snowed all night apparently, and all day. I went to Bellevue in sled. John drove sled fixed axe &c. but cut his hand and didn't do much. He found a dead lamb and one the other day. I got a postal from Hilda. Paid Mr. Corbin's account amounting to -----.
- 31 Turned warmer and snow thawed. I sent by John letter to Julia Flandrau with 5.00 in it. Dick and John M. worked ½ day cutting hedge.

## **APRIL**

- 1 A wretched day, cold, raw and snowing off and on all day – glad to sit by the fire and try to keep warm. A sheep that was sick died – was found dead. Bill says he grubbed.
- 2 Disagreeable day – Dick and Bill grubbed in new ground next Mr. Rice's. After dark Dick went down for Hilda who came on the boat from Ill. Mr. Brady came with her and stayed all night. Sent letter to Amy Campbell. I got letter from Patty inclosing one from Sarah H.

- 3 Sunday – Snow on the ground in the morning – disagreeable day – turned rather warmer afterwards and began to drizzle. Mr. Brady came at dinnertime and spent the rest of the day with Hilda.
- 4 Snow on the ground this morning and another horrible day with blizzard off and on. Dick and Bill worked ½ day grubbing in the new ground. Lily Arnold was here. Cousin Belle came down on the little boat today. John M. got a board to fix his wagon.
- 5 Dick and John trimmed hedge beyond the creek. Dick found ewe dead. Bill Lacy grubbed till noon next Mr. Rice's and after that grubbed round stumps and cut briars over in grass. Jim grubbed on hill. Cold disagreeable day. Sent letter to Patty.
- 6 Dick and John cut hedge, finished all down here. Dick found dead lamb. Jim grubbed in woods till noon, then fixed fence in pasture on mill road and this evening I turned in there 19 head of cattle, and the 3 colts. I got letter from Patty. Mr. Nick Schwartz came and began to trim garden grapes. It was a sunny day and pleasant. Bill says he grubbed round stumps.
- 7 John Moreland and Dick ploughed the sand hill above the pike then Dick sowed oats and John rolled. Bill Lacy grubbed the hedge row, then grubbed the hollow in sand field – after dinner he harrowed. John helped Mr. Schwartz some before dinner and afterwards sowed clover. Jim M. worked ½ day for me grubbing in the woods. Mr. Schwartz trimmed grape vines. Lily and Katy A. came. About sundown it began to rain.
- 8 Rainy day – John Moreland came in and we settled in full to date. His work and Jim's since our last settlement came to 19 days which at .75 amount to 14.25. He owed me for the hay he got March 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00 which left a balance due him of 8.25 and I paid him. Belle helped me cover the old sofa.
- 9 Set the hands to hauling out manure from the barn stalls to the piece John had in potatoes last year. Dick and Bill worked for me. John and his hand and team worked – ½ day. They all hauled 15 not very full loads on the piece. After dinner Dick and Bill hauled poles out of new ground. Got letter from Sally and Amy Campbell.
- 10 Sunday – A spring-like day. Dr. Raymond came back from Kansas City. Ernest spent the day – also Mr. Brady. Sudy, Lily and Flora came over.
- 11 My dear sister Belle's birthday – Lord love her precious soul. I found the first wild flowers I have seen this spring. Dr. Raymond went away to Cin. John took him to Bellevue. I sent by Dr. R. a letter to Aunt Nancy and gave him 5.00 to get a money order to put in it. John Moreland worked for me – finished ploughing oats on hill and ploughed oats in watermelon patch. Dick sowed oats, cut briars and after dinner tried at burning a plant bed for me but the showers prevented its being burnt. John Coons began to work again – he rolled oats – broke roller, mended it, and then cleaned stable &c. Becky seemed so poorly today John M. had to quit working her. Mr. Schwartz came back and trimmed vines. Bill Lacy harrowed, cut briars and after dinner helped Mr. Schwartz.
- 12 Belle R. went to Burlington with Dr. Grant to see Mrs. Dills. Set the hands to work hauling manure – they hauled out of the barn stalls and then out sheep cellar. John Moreland let his team haul free because the manure was to go on his tobacco ground they hauled loads on the strip next garden. John, Jim M., John Coons, Dick and Bill

worked. John C. helped Mr. Schwartz till he went then fixed eaves trough &c. Mr. Schwartz finished trimming grapes. I paid him 4.00. It rained very hard towards evening and during the night. I got letter from little Julia Flandrau.

- 13 All hands hauled manure out of sheep cellar – with my two teams, John M., John C., Jim, Dick and Bill. They hauled one load on poor point in pasture – the rest in sand field. I planted some more tomato seeds. It was a cloudy unpleasant day and sprinkled towards sundown.
- 14 John C. didn't work – went to Burlington. John M., Dick and Bill worked. They hauled manure till noon – then John finished ploughing in oats watermelon patch and rolled it. Dick sowed clover on that and little timothy piece and Bill harrowed. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sarah, got postal from Aunt Nancy. Mr. Brady was here to supper. I paid Mike Corbin 1.15 for sub. to Weekly Enquirer. Didn't rain today – bright but rather cold.
- 15 Good Friday – Raw unpleasant day and windy – sprinkled a little occasionally. John Coons still away. Dick and Bill worked. They hauled manure from the pile by the little piece of timothy and spread it on the grass – then they burned a plant bed for me in the new ground in the sand field. Mrs. Coons came and borrowed 1.00.
- 16 Went to Bellevue to send jugs for molasses. Dick and Bill made a plant bed for me where they burned it yesterday and sowed it with the Mason Co. seed I saved from last year. After dinner they grubbed a corner up on cherry hill. Dr. Raymond came from Cin.
- 17 Easter Sunday – Nancy was gone and I had to cook. Pleasant day- found the first anemones I have seen.
- 18 Looked like rain but didn't rain. Warmest day this spring – the first evening we have been without fire. Belle and Dr. went away early this morning. Dick took them down to the little boat. Dick and Bill then worked for themselves – cleaning off and ploughing a hollow near the new ground John Moreland grubbed, for potatoes. Sam Eggleston worked for me – ploughed ground in big bottom field for oats. John M. began to plough the piece next for oats – he is to have it on shares.
- 19 Cloudy and warm. Dick and Bill worked for themselves in the potato ground. I let Sam help them with his team getting up the hill. Sam worked for me again, ploughing. John M. finished putting in his piece of oats. I sent by Hilda letters to the children and to Cousin Belle. Got letter from Sally and Easter card from little Julia. Found yearling sheep dead.
- 20 Dan H. married. John Coons set in to work again having finished his attendance on court. He sowed clover on the piece John M. put in oats – then grubbed and piled trash on the old hedgerow above the old fish pond. After dinner he and John M. got up the sheep and tagged all the worst looking ones. John M. worked ½ day for me. They found another sheep and a lamb dead. Sam worked for me again today ploughing for oats. Dick and Bill worked for themselves putting in potatoes. A warm bright spring day. After sundown I burned the plant bed John piled this morning. Mr. Dick Moreland came where John was working this morning and we had a verbal settlement. He was to pay me 25. of the rent for Rock Spring (Mr. Bob Brady having paid the other 25. for the barn) and as he left 4 months before the time I rented for, I deducted 8. leaving him due me 17. The ploughing he did for me last fall came to 16.



and the hauling his team and Bob did March 5<sup>th</sup> to 1.00 so we settled square and I am to pay Bob for his helping to kill hogs, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 21 Warm bright day but clouded up and rained towards sundown. John Coons went to finish grubbing and piling trash by fish pond but Mr. Hogan came to fix the tile for the cistern so John helped him – after they put in the tile John burnt the trash. Sam worked for me – harrowed till he had to stop to take the wagon to Bellevue for cement – then hauled sand and harrowed and sowed oats. Dick and Bill finished their own potatoes before dinner and worked ½ day for me – they put in oats & clover and Dick hauled some ashes on garden and Bill got out osage balls and dug a little on plant bed. I got letter from Patty and note from Dr. R. and postal from Wilder. Went to Bellevue in wagon.
- 22 All hands, Dick, Bill, John and Sam worked at putting in oats and clover. Dick finished sowing oats at noon. After dinner John finished sowing the clover and also sowed some bluegrass round the edge of the clover, then came back and cleaned up in garden. Bill rolled oats after dinner. Sam broke up in the garden – he worked all day and I paid him off in full, 3.75. Dick after dinner grubbed in garden – then made and sowed two plant beds for me by the fish pond and then cut potatoes for me to plant. John M. ploughed the piece Mr. Hunt grubbed for the crop as I told him he could have it for corn. Mr. Brady here of course – sent by him note to Belle telling Dr. about fence wire. Got letter from Sally and paper from Amy telling that Dan H. was to have been married the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 22 It was a warm bright day and the woods are full of flowers. Dr. Piatt and his wife came for flower roots.
- 23 Lovely warm day – Only Bill and John Coons worked for me. Dick went to Burlington. The hands worked all day in the garden. I had potatoes, Crosby's, Early corn planted, also lettuce, radishes, peas, beans, Lima beans, spinach, carrots, salsify, okra, onions, onion sets, &c.
- 24 Sunday – Really hot and bright, clouded up towards night. Went to church twice. Mr. B. here with Hilda. Went to see Kate Corbin and her baby – left with Mike letters to Sally and Amy C. and paper for Patty.
- 25 Real summer day – showery and warm. Dick worked for himself, began to plough his field for corn. Bill and John C. worked for me – hauled rails and repaired the fence next Mr. Rogers's. At night John went to Bellevue and got the things from Wilder's; Corn sheller, Drill, barbed wire &c. I got letters from Patty and postal from Aunt Nancy. Sent to P.O. by Georgie letters for a lot of circulars about farm implements &c. I looked over my hams and shoulders.
- 26 Lovely day though not very sunny. It rained last night so all the hands worked for me; Dick, Bill, and John C. Till noon they hauled and piled poles and logs in the new ground next Mr. Rice's. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Belle. After dinner I went with the hands to Rock Spring and began to put in clover. Dick and Bill harrowed in the ground old Mr. Moreland had ploughed last fall. John sowed. Dick says there are not more than 8 acres ploughed. Got letter from Dr. R. Found Cherry, Pink's calf, with a fine heifer calf, named it Nancy Magruder.

- 27 Lovely bright day. Took Dick, Bill and John to Rock Spring, and we stayed all day – finished harrowing in clover and then sowed orchard grass. Didn't get home till after sundown. John went to Bellevue for Aunt Nancy who came on the boat.
- 28 Dick and Bill ploughed their corn ground on hill till noon. It rained and they worked ½ day for me, shoveled manure and when rain stopped all hands went to clean out fence row across bottom next Mr. Rice's. John cut stove wood before dinner.
- 29 Rained last night – Dick broke up in his new ground with jumping shovel. Bill and John, John M. and Jim worked for me, the first two grubbed line fence next Mr. Rice's, finished taking out posts, grubbed and filled gullies over in clover &c. John M. and Jim grubbed old hedge row out below big bottom field and fence row this way. I went to Bellevue and to see Lewis about coming to do some work. Found another sheep dead. Got letter from Belle D. R.
- 30 Only John C. worked for me and he worked ½ day – cutting stalks. Dick and Bill ploughed on big hill for their corn. John took wagon down for Cousin Belle and Dr. but they didn't come till towards dark and then came down from Burlington. I got letter from Sue. Dick & John put cows in pasture.

## MAY

- 1 Lovely morning but rained after noon. Sunday – Mr. B. came – also Cordy – Allen twins and Louly Carver.
- 2 Rained almost all day. Bill didn't work – went to Bellevue and Dick didn't work – he began to plough new ground but quit because it rained. John M. worked ½ day – he and John C. sawed some posts for fence and shoveled manure in sheep cellar. Lewis came to fix Aunt Nancy's house – he worked at it after dinner and John helped him. I got letters from buddy and Amy C. Ernest came and dined. John put up ashes. John Moreland's mother died.
- 3 Rained this morning. Dick and Bill went to Bellevue – they worked ½ day – after dinner John C. sorted tobacco sticks &c. till noon. I went to Bellevue – sent corn and okra seed to buddy – got letters from the children and from BBG. The three hands, Dick, Bill and John worked this evening putting up water gap pole on the line next Mr. Rice's, setting stakes &c. Dr. R. helped. Ernest was here today, also Ben Grant and Mr. B. of course. Got note from Mr. Clough about Aunt Nancy's box.
- 4 Only John Coons worked and he ½ day. Went to the funeral of John Moreland's mother. Lewis worked repairing Aunt Nancy's cabin. Cloudy day and sprinkled a little. Dolly Botts was here a little while. Dr. Raymond went to Cin. on the little boat. I got letter from Sally.
- 5 Rained most of the day off and on. Began to work at live fence but had to quit. Hands hauled manure from yard and sheep cellar. Dick went hunting part of the day – he, Bill and John worked – John went down after Dr. Raymond who came on boat. Dr. Raymond brought me \$50. for which I sent letter to Patty and paper to buddy and Sally. Mr. B. here of course.
- 6 Rainy morning. Set hands to haul out manure from sheep cellar – they finished it and quit on account of rain. John got up May and led her a little then worked at fixing smokehouse – put rocks, cement and patched the floor – afterwards helped a little with fence and got up the sheep. Dick, Bill and John M. worked ½ day at fence in

bottom – got the piece this side of water gap up. After dinner it was pleasant, bright and warm.

- 7 Dick and Bill hauled out tobacco stems – and they and John drove up shoats. Then Dick and Bill worked on the fence till noon – after dinner Bill worked on it and Dick waited for Mr. Rogers who didn't come. John and Jim Merchant sheared a few sheep before dinner and after dinner helped with the fence and water gap. I am tired of writing Mr. B. came.
- 8 Sunday – A lovely day – bright and warm as summer with a shower that lasted a little while. Belle, Dr. and I went up to Dr. Grant's to spend the day. The country round there and the river views were beautiful as a dream. I went out on the cliffs. The lilac flowers are more beautiful and abundant than I ever remember seeing them. Brought my mocking bird Ben home from Dr. Grant's.
- 9 Dick and Bill worked for themselves – breaking up in big hill field. John Coons, Jim and Sam E. worked shearing sheep. Lewis worked pointing Aunt Nancy's cabin & whitewashing. Dr. tried breaking May and she threw him and hurt his back.
- 10 John Moreland began to plant corn. Bill and Dick ploughed for themselves – John Coons sheared sheep - Lewis whitewashed. I paid him in full 2.45. Sent by Mr. Corbin letters to Sally and BBG and letter to Mr. Clough and postal about Aunt Nancy's box. Set out tomatoes.
- 11 Did not write in this till the 15<sup>th</sup> so will try and get things set down. I went to Rising Sun to see about Aunt Sally. Paid her and for her ----- . Went and came on the little boat. Paid Dr. 12.00 for the saddle bridle &c. he got for me. John Coons sheared sheep. The other boys worked for themselves till Posey came out and ----- then Dick helped shear till he went to Bellevue.
- 12 John sheared sheep. I went to see Mr. Botts and engaged a load of hay. Mr. Conner came to see about wool.
- 13 My beloved parents' wedding day. Bill Lacy worked ½ day. They went after the hay then Bill took it to Bellevue to be weighed and Jim helped John shear. They finished after dinner and then worked in garden. John broke up ground for watermelons and Jim helped me plant things – peas, beans, salsify &c. Mr. Barrett came and I sold him my present crop of wool at .28 with the exception of 7 fleeces which were fleece grown – those to be .16.
- 14 John Coons and Jim worked till 20 minutes of 11 in garden – planting melons – then they went to Aurora. Bill and Dick worked for themselves – they ploughed their potatoes this evening. Aunt Eliza came up to visit. I went to Rock Spring – very hot weather this week and dry. Clouded up and looked like rain this evening but all passed round. Mr. Harris and the Arnolds came over in the evening.
- 15 Sunday – Cool, perfect day. John Moreland got May up and rode her round. Then Jim Merchant saddled and I rode her out on Gunpowder – said she went quietly. Mr. W. Moody sent me bill of lading for Aunt Nancy's long lost, long lamented, ah, box. Mr. Brady here of course – poor Hilda. She must be tired of entertaining the same beau.
- 16 Had the calves turned away from the cows except Louly's and Cherry's. Weaned Clara's calf – put it with the rest. Dick attended to Louly's calf. John Coons went to Bellevue with hay bed – got the weights of the hay I bought of Mr. Botts. Gross 2750 lbs., tare 1200 lbs., net 1550 lbs. Aunt Eliza went back to Rising Sun. Dr. Raymond

went to Cin. John brought out Aunt Nancy's box &c. and the spring wagon that was at the shop. I sent by Dr. R. a letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally. John ploughed corn and potatoes in garden. After dinner he hauled posts timber &c. out of sand field. Dick broke up ground for me in sand field. Bill sprouted stumps in thicket. Bud Roberts worked for me – he sprouted till noon – then he burnt brush in new ground and watered my 3 tobacco beds. It was bright and cool today.

- 17 Bright and cool. Dick went to Bellevue to get plough sharpened and broke up in sand field for me. Bill sprouted stumps. John C. hauled rails &c. off bottom and posts &c. out of sand field. He also harrowed in garden and planted sweet corn. Bud cut stalks in sand field, sprouted stumps and watered plant beds. Got letter from BBG.
- 18 Still quite cool. Dr. Raymond got home last night late. Dick and Bill worked for themselves hoeing potatoes. Bill came in and we straightened up accounts – see a/c book. John Coons ploughed in sand field. Bud sprouted in thicket and watered plant beds. Jim M. worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for me – after dinner sprouted stumps.
- 19 Another cool day but warmer. John took Billy to Bellevue to have his foot looked at as he is lame. Ploughed in sand field and garden. Bill sprouted in thicket and watered plant beds. Dick & Bill worked for themselves in potatoes. Mr. Brady came. Mr. Gaines came and I subscribed for Revised Testament – to be 1.75.
- 20 John Coons harrowed in sand field, Bud sprouted stumps. Dick and Bill worked for themselves, in potatoes. Still dry. Got card from Mr. Barrett about wool.
- 21 Bud sprouted stumps. Dick and John laid off and drilled corn in sand field for me.
- 22 Sunday – Got letter from Sally – Dr. and Mrs. Grant spent the day here. Still very dry.
- 23 Dick worked for himself breaking up tobacco ground by his house. John, Bud, Bill, Jim M. and John Moreland and his horse worked for me. Sprouting and hauling and piling trash. Still hot and dry.
- 24 Got up early and took Hilda down to take the little boat to go to Cin. Mr. Barrett, the wool man, came and got the wool. He weighed it, making it come to 700 lbs. gross. Taking off for the sacks &c. there were 634 lbs. good wool at 23 which came to \$145.82 and 52 lbs. fleece grown at .16 which came to \$8.32, total \$154.14. Mr. Barrett gave me a check for that amount on the First Nat'l Bank of Lawrenceburg. I had the wool taken down to Bellevue and told John to tell Philip to ship it. May Eggleston came and got the .75 I owed Sam for shearing – see May 9<sup>th</sup>. I got the wool weighed at Corbin's and they made it 710 lbs. gross. Dick worked for himself today with the team, ploughing. John Coons cleaned out the cistern, John Moreland helped then John burnt brush in hog lot and drove wagon to Bellevue. John Moreland, Bill, Jim M. and Bud worked for me. John M. sprouted in thicket and hog lot and helped with wool – so did Bill. The other two sprouted. I paid Bud off tonight – he worked 8 days and I paid him in presence of John Coons and Jim M. \$4.00 in full. Sent letter to Sally. Hot & clouds flying, but no rain.
- 25 Dick and John M. hitched up May to the wagon and began to break her to work – they drove her till noon. After dinner Dick laid off tobacco ground in garden and ploughed my corn, potatoes &c. and took Becky to Mr. J. W. Gaines's to the Jack. After dinner John M. helped burn trash, deaden trees and cut hedge on cherry hill and watered plant beds. John Coons and Jim Merchant cut trees, deadened trees, filled gullies, burnt trash, cut hedge off and worked a little in garden. It was very hot and

clouds like rain. Bill worked for himself, breaking up tobacco ground. Solon Rice came to look at my lambs and we made a trade as follows. He is to take all my lambs at 3.50 a head and I am to take as part payment at 40. one of his stalk cutting machines which is good, new and he warrants. I got Amy's photograph.

- 26 Still hot and dry. John Coons worked fixing Aunt Nancy's cabin then put poles for beans, cleaned out spring, cut elders &c. Jim M. worked for me too cutting elders, briers &c. Bill ploughed his tobacco ground and Dick his. Dick got his brother John's horse to work – his cow he found with a steer calf. Dr. rode May to Bellevue. I got letters from Sally and Spalding. Walter Resor came on the boat tonight. Turned cattle in big pasture.
- 27 Went to Bellevue for Hilda who came home on the boat last night. Went to Mr. Corbin's – endorsed the check Mr. Barrett gave me for wool (see 24<sup>th</sup>) and left it with Mike to send to Lawrenceburg. Mike Corbin gave me \$100. on it. I sent for Courier Journal again. Left sub. with Mike, 1.50. John Coons bugged potatoes, cut stove wood, cut elders in hog lot and watered plant beds. Still hot and dry.
- 28 John Moreland came in and we had a settlement for his and his hand, Jim Merchant's, work till now. It all came to 17.38 and he had drawn all together 6.75 and I paid him the balance, 10.63 in presence of Bill Passons. John Coons worked ½ day. Took mowing machine to Bellevue and got it fixed. I got letters from Patty & Sally. Dick took Polly to Mr. Gaines's.
- 29 Sunday – Mr. Graham came. At night we had a shower – it was a hot day. Sent by Hilda a letter to I. O. Clough, Oxford, with 1.20.
- 30 John C. cut stove wood and shelled corn. After dinner went to mill and to Bellevue to get horses shod. Bill & Dick worked for themselves planting corn. Dr. Grant and Ed came. We went down to Bellevue. Mike gave me 32.14 on the check. Nancy Jane Temget quit and went home. I paid her 1.75 in full. Sent for Aunt Eliza. Dr. R. went away to Cin.
- 31 Set John to cutting orchard grass and clover over by Charlie's old house. He cut till noon. After dinner he worked in garden. We had a little shower. Aunt Eliza came on the little boat. I went to Bellevue. Mike gave me 22.00 the balance of that check of Mr. Barrett. Paid Mr. John Botts 9.30 for the hay I got of him, in presence of Mr. Graham.

## **JUNE**

- 1 John C. cleaned out the barn in the morning. After dinner hauled hay, got in 3 loads. Dick and Bill helped ½ day with hay. It rained at 5 p.m. a shower. Dr. Raymond came home. Ernest Grant came in the evening and brought Katy Graves and Miss Conn. I paid Bill Lacy \$30 for work. Didn't write this up till Sunday and may have left out things. I set out my late tomatoes.
- 2 Only John worked for me – and he worked mostly in garden I believe – went for mail too. Dr. R., Belle and I went to the ferry at Lawrenceburg to take Mr. Graham to the cars. I think Dick and Bill worked putting Paris green on their potatoes. Got letter from Julia. Sent letter to Patty.
- 3 John fixed fence round water in clover field – then went up and fixed fence next Uncle Jote's tobacco patch. Dick and Bill worked ½ day – they helped haul hay – 2

loads – then Bill took home Mrs. Rice’s 500 tobacco sticks and he and Dick helped in the garden – they made hills and we planted cucumbers, patty pan squashes and some musk melons. I also set out eggplants. John finished the fence.

- 4 John was the only one who worked for me and he worked ½ day. He took Becky to Mr. Gaines’s. We all went to picnic. The Vardaman’s came and the Arnold girls. We had a serenade.
- 5 Sunday – Dick took Polly to Mr. Gainses’s. Cool and rained a little – cloudy nearly all day.
- 6 Rained some last night and this morning. John set tobacco in the garden – finished about 3. The plants came out of my Mason Co. bed and I let Dick have some in the two rows just above locust trees in his new ground. I set out some tomatoes, okra, eggplant and peppers & cauliflower. Dick and John set out tobacco on each side of the pike.
- 7 Only John worked for me. He took Belle and Dr. R. and Mrs. Resor to the early boat, then he broke up, harrowed and laid off the barn lot piece and went to Solon Rice’s and brought back the stalk cutter I bought. I sent letter to Sally – got letters from Patty and BBG.
- 8 Rained hard last night, ground soaked. John worked for me, set out tobacco in barn lot and went over that in garden – then he took wagon to Bellevue to take ploughs to shop. Dick broke my big land plough. I helped drop tobacco. It rained again this evening. Mr. Brady here of course.
- 9 John tried to plough in the bottom – found it too wet – hauled gravel and rock and threw it in wash by stable. Dick and John worked for themselves in tobacco – setting out. I went to see Nancy Loudon about working for me. Went to see Laura Huey and Mr. Blythe married in Bellevue church. Ernest Grant came. Mr. B. of course.
- 10 John ground machine knives, cut stove wood, chopped tree in barn lot &c. till noon – replanted corn after dinner. Dick and Bill broke up their tobacco ground. Cool and cloudy. I went to Mr. Arnold’s on an errand. Book man came.
- 11 John didn’t work – went away and afterwards came back and left word for me that he had quit. Dick and Bill worked for themselves in tobacco ground. I went to Mr. Clore’s and to Bellevue. Got letters from Sue and Sarah. Sat up to see eclipse of the moon. Found sow hurt.
- 12 Sunday – George Youell came to see me about getting a house and working for me. Ernest came for me and I went to Dr. Grant’s and spent the day.
- 13 John Coons came back and we settled up – and I paid him off in full, see a/c book, page 254. The man I sold the walnut tree to came and paid me 15.00 for it. Mr. John E. Walton came and spent the day – bought my bucks, 1 Cotswold, 1 Southdown, and paid me 15.00 for the two. George Youell set in to work for me. I to furnish him house, garden if he stays, wood and team to haul it, horse to go to mill, free and pay him .75 a day the year round and he feed himself. George began to break up in the creek bottom – and also mowed weeds. It rained a hard shower after 3 p.m. then he put the loose hay up in barn and replanted the two pieces of my tobacco. John M., Dick and Bill broke up and planted in Peachblow potatoes the piece by Uncle Jotes’s. They had some potatoes left; of these John M. took ½ bus. Dick over that.

- 14 George worked for me today – got up hogs the first thing – then he helped Dick while Dick went to see Mr. Rogers, then helped Dick drop plants till noon. After dinner all got the hogs separated and Bill went to help George put 15 barrows in the clover field, Bill worked till 3. Dick took Polly to Mr. Gaines's got back at 4 then worked a little while for himself till Mr. Rogers came – when he and George helped Mr. R. attend to 4 sows. I saved 3 to raise from and that with the one with the hurt back makes 23 in all including the barrows. Dick and George went to Mr. Rogers's and got his Poland China hog and put him in the lot. George broke up a little in creek bottom. Bill worked for himself except what time he helped with hogs.
- 15 George worked - ploughed in garden and cut some orchard grass and clover till the grass board wouldn't work. Dick and Bill worked for themselves breaking up, harrowing &c. in their corn. Lily came over. I got postal for Dr. R. Hot and part of the time cloudy.
- 16 George ploughed in the corn in sand field till towards evening when he helped get in 1 large load of hay that he cut yesterday. Bill and Dick helped with hay, worked 3 hours at it, before that they worked for themselves putting in their corn. I went to Rising Sun. Aunt Eliza went home. Got letter from Belle R.
- 17 George ploughed in sand field. I went to Gunpowder on a cook hunt – found Annabel and got a promise to come. This morning Dick and Bill helped about getting the load off the wagon – then they worked for themselves – finished their corn and worked in their potatoes &c. said they laid by their Early Rose potatoes.
- 18 Pd. George 4.00. George finished ploughing corn in sand field then broke up some in creek bottom and cut stove wood. Very hot and looked like a storm, had a shower at night. Mr. B. came – brought me a letter from Patty. I sent Patty a letter by Will Corbin.
- 19 Sunday – Bill brought his cow down and put her in pasture. Hot day. Annabel Coons came and set in to work. Mr. B. dined here. Susy Rice came.
- 20 Rained hard this morning. George reset my tobacco and at a little after 9 he went to help John Moreland. Dick also set out and Bill. Mrs. Polly Grant and Sudy came. Ernest came. Sent letter to Sue.
- 21 I went to Mrs. Clore's and to Bellevue. Paid my account at grange, 4.95. George helped John Moreland before noon then he cut the piece of clover next oats – then ploughed a little in garden tobacco – it rained. Ernest came down and got some millet.
- 22 George ploughed tobacco in garden and that in barn lot both ways. Then he cut clover till noon. After that he ploughed corn for Dick while Dick took Polly and Becky to Mr. Gaines's, he left Polly there. Dick got back at 3:15 and then all three, Dick, Bill and George got in hay, 3 loads, from just back of the oats. Annabel and I hoed in garden tobacco. Young man named Tout began to work at taking down the house in pasture, to move it. Lovely day, almost too cool.
- 23 Sent Mr. Rogers's hog home by George – then he went to Mr. Gaines's for Polly – after dinner he hauled the portion of the house Mr. Tout took down. Dick and Bill ploughed their corn. Annabel and I hoed. I got letter from Patty and Julia. Still cool, actually cold tonight. Mr. B. here.

- 24 George and Mr. Tout worked at taking down and hauling the house. Dick and Bill worked ½ for me, after dinner hauled dabs of clover hay – about one good load probably. Annabel and I finished hoeing my tobacco. Sent to Sally a letter by George.
- 25 Mr. Tout and George worked at the house, got frame up – then put the cradles in order. I paid Mr. Tout 6.00 and George 4.50 for their work. Got letter from Julia telling me Mary is engaged to Henry Stettinius. Dick and Bill planted their beans I believe.
- 26 Sunday – Tired out, stayed home. Mr. B. dined here – stayed all day.
- 27 Cut wheat today – John & Bob Moreland, Dick, Bill, George and Mr. Tout worked. A lovely day – cool breeze blowing all day. I sent by Hilda letter to Julia and the paper about Sally's paper to her. Sudy came. I saw the comet tonight – beautiful just W. of North with the star towards the horizon and the trail sweeping northward, at least up towards the North Star.
- 28 Looked like rain. Mr. Tout and George began to work on the house but about 10 they quit and went to cutting wheat. After dinner Bob and John Moreland, Dick and Bill, Mr. Tout and George all worked at the wheat and finished it. The weather turned much warmer – one of the hottest nights I ever felt. I paid Bob Moreland in full 2.75 of which 2.25 was for the binding wheat and .50 for his helping kill hogs last fall.
- 29 Hot as pepper. Mr. Tout and George worked on the house. I paid Mr. Tout 4.50 sent by him a letter to Sally. Bill and Dick ploughed and hoed their tobacco.
- 30 It is fourteen years today since Sister Belle died. Lord love her. Had the corn in sand field ploughed. Dick ploughed it with cultivator while George hoed for him. Mr. B. here. Got letters from Patty and Sally.

## **JULY**

- 1 Jenny Herron had a fine b. calf. George ploughed in garden, tobacco, corn, watermelons &c. and also the tobacco in barn lot, and hoed.
- 2 George wormed tobacco and hoed it and hoed in garden. Mr. B. here. Got letter from Julia. Men turned in stray bull.
- 3 Sunday – Found Molly with a fine b. calf.
- 4 George fixed the machine & rake and cut timothy in front of the house and on cherry hill.
- 5 George didn't come. I hired John Loudon to work and he hoed tobacco till noon for me. Dick helped get in hay after that – so did Dick and Bill – hauled a load and a half from the little piece in front and 2 loads from cherry hill. Mr. B. brought mail – letters from Sally, Amy, Mr. J Dinsmore, and invitation from Mr. Squires.
- 6 Went to Bellevue – sent by Mike Corbin a letter to Amy C. with 5.00 in it. George and Dick worked for me – hauling in the hay from cherry hill – loads. John Loudon and Mr. Fred hoed in Dick's tobacco – it was intensely hot. Dick and George also hauled the wheat from Charlie's potato patch, and began to stack.
- 7 Dick and George hauled and stacked wheat. John Loudon 3.00. Mr. Fred hoed Dick's tobacco. I got letter from Sally and her picture, and one from Patty. Very hot – vegetables all dying and burning up. Had to turn the colts in big pasture because water gave out in the other.



- 8 Went down to the early boat and sent letter and postal to Amy. George and Dick hauled wheat and Dick stacked. John Loudon worked ½ day ploughing for Dick. Mr. Fred worked, hoeing Dick's tobacco. I paid him 2.25 for his three days work. Very hot and dry.
- 9 Sent letter to Patty. George wormed tobacco – made a top to barn cistern e&. and Dick helped him haul the last load of wheat, which was all the work he did for me. I paid George 4.00 being 25 in advance of his wages. Amy Campbell, Bessie McIntosh and Lou Pearce came down on the boat tonight. Hot as torment.
- 10 Sunday – Still hotter if possible and no rain yet. Ernest came – also Sudy A. called and Maggie Kirtley and Miss Gaines with Mr. Cropper and Ben Grant. Thermometer 99 degrees here, 108 in Bellevue.
- 11 George wormed the tobacco in barn lot and cut timothy, didn't finish. Bud Roberts and El Temget worked for me – cut and bound oats. Th. 110 degrees in Bellevue, over 99 here. I sent letter to Patty by Mr. Brady.
- 12 Hotter still – 100 degrees in back gallery in the shade. Dick took the wagon down and I went to see the girls on the boat. Amy, Bess, and Lou went away. We got back at 6:15 and Dick went to his own work. George wormed tobacco a while then cut the rest of the timothy – came down and hauled in the oats the boys cut and hauled 1 load hay before dinner. Bud and El wormed tobacco, finished getting that little piece of oats and helped with the hay. They hauled 2 loads after dinner. Today I took a match and a bucket of water and set fire to the bluegrass in the front yard – it burned so fast I had to hurry and pour the water on. John M. cut his piece of oats.
- 12 Got letter from Nat'l Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 7.00 and one from Sue.
- 13 Still intensely hot and dry – everything perishing for rain. George, Bud and El only got 2 loads of hay down and put away and at ½ past 3 began to cut oats on sand hill. Annabel went home – was poorly, and Prudy came in her place. I paid El Tumget off in presence of Bud Roberts 1.50.
- 14 Dick says Ellen had a calf that looked as if it might be a day old. Sent Bud and then went myself with him – found the cow but couldn't find the calf. George and Bud cradled and bound oats and hauled a load before the storm, off the sand field. John Moreland hauled me a load of oats for my share of the piece he put in – says his share weighed 2215 lbs. About 4 p.m. there was a tremendous storm – of wind and rain. The branches and Middle Creek were overflowed, and everything was torn up generally. John's tobacco and corn in the bottom under water – tobacco totally ruined apparently – such is life.
- 15 Got letter from Patty telling me Sally would be at Julia Foster's and one from Amy C. Went over the river and on to Cin. George went over with me to see me on the omnibus. In Aurora I got the draft for 7.00 cashed at the bank. Went to Clifton, found my precious little baby there. Stayed at Julia's all night. Hilda says George worked – fixing fences, watergaps &c.
- 16 Got 50.00 from Mr. Foster. Went in town with Julia – then Sally and I went to see Amy C. Came home on the boat. Dick came down for us. I got pictures of Sue's children. George worked for me. Prudy went home. Snowdrop had a heifer calf – red and white.

- 17 Sunday – Stayed home. Mr. Brady, Ernest, Cordy and Belle and Bob Carver came. Sprinkled a little.
- 18 Solon Rice and Mr. Sleet came and got the lambs, 56 in all. I had the other sheep counted, 141 in all. George wormed tobacco a little – then helped get up and drive lambs – caught the others to count and tar, and I believe hauled some rails. I paid George 4.25 in full for last week's work. Sent by him note to Mr. Foster about Sally's trunk. Solon did not pay me for the lambs.
- 19 A fatal day that thirty years cannot make one forget. Mary Fred came and said her husband had worked  $3\frac{3}{4}$  days – I paid her 2.00 on his work. George wormed in tobacco then fixed fence round the other pasture and ploughed tobacco. Later we went down for Sally's trunk which came on the boat. Dick drove. Mr. Jolly and Mr. O. B. Liddell came.
- 20 Put cattle in pasture on mill road. Fred came down and got 1.00 I was only owing him .82 so the .18 is to go on work he expects to do. George cut oats with machine. I went up after Bud who came to work after dinner – went for rake and raked up oats. I went for Hilda. Lily and Flora came. It rained.
- 21 It rained this morning about 6. Bud went home. George went to Bellevue for shingles – after he came back he fixed brush watergap in the mill road pasture. After dinner he went to hunt a man to help fix his house. It rained hard about 2 p.m. Sent by George letter to the Bank of Washington and to the Georgetown Bank. Mr. Brady came, got mail. I got letter from Julia and book from Amy.
- 22 Solon Rice came and paid me \$75. on the lambs he bought. George and Mr. Kelly worked on the house. Sally went to Bellevue for nails. Black Sally came and promised to come and work for me.
- 23 George and Mr. Kelly worked on the house. I paid George 5.00. Sally got letter from Patty.
- 24 Sunday – Stayed at home as usual. Mr. B. here. Annabel came back.
- 25 Jim Moreland and Joe Haton worked for me getting in oats. I paid them 1.00 a piece. Dick worked also today helping with the oats and Bud Roberts from 20 min. of 10 a.m. I engaged Jim Merchant to work for 13.00 for one month. George and Mr. Nicholson worked at the house. Black Sally set in to work for me. Jim Merchant set in to work today. Bud worked too. They got in the rest of the oats before dinner and worked in tobacco after. They hoed that in garden. George and Mr. Nicholson worked on the house. It was cooler today.
- 27 George and Mr. Nicholson worked on the house. Bud and Jim worked for me – they wormed tobacco in garden then ploughed harrowed &c. in garden. I had sweet corn planted where my first sweet corn was this year – had that cut and hauled.
- 28 George moved on the place and of course didn't work. Jim worked in garden. Jim hauled rails and fixed fence in other pasture, and hauled wood. Bud worked for Dick in the morning to be returned tomorrow – after dinner he chopped dead trees in pear orchard and worked a little in garden. I had more sweet corn planted. Turnips sowed, and planted peas, bunch beans and radishes. George Walton came to tell me about fence. Mr. Brady here of course. Black Sally went home.
- 29 Dick worked for me this morning to return Bud's of yesterday – he topped tobacco and after dinner while Jim worked for him he finished topping and ploughed my

tobacco in barn lot. Bud and Jim wormed all the tobacco and then Bud mowed weeds. Jim hauled a little wood. I went to Bellevue – paid W.W. Grant's bill of 4.70 and got receipt and left with M. Corbin 4a.50 for Mr. Nicholson. George worked on his house.

- 30 Paid Bud Roberts 2.75 in full to date. Jim Merchant ploughed corn in sand field. George tinkered at his house – he worked five days this week which would come to 3.75 but I overpaid him .50 last week and he got butter .30 so I paid him the balance 2.95. Got letter from Georgetown Bk. with draft for 28. and from Bk. of Washington with note for 33.00.
- 31 Sunday – Jim rode May. Jenny Herron's horn was knocked off. I don't know how.

## AUGUST

- 1 Jim ploughed corn in sand field. George cut briers and weeds to clear out the line fence row up on cherry hill also hauled a few rocks. Very hot. Mr. B. who came said it was 101 degrees in Bellevue. Annabel came back. Sally came and washed.
- 2 George, Jim and Bob Moreland worked – they wormed tobacco and then went on cherry hill to work on the line fence, cut briers, grub &c. Silas Dinsmoor (Cousin Tom's son) and Mr. Horace G. Lyon, who is engaged to Mattie D., came. I got letter from Julia – sent one to Patty.
- 3 George, Jim and Bob worked again – they finished the fence. We went to Mr. Arnold's in the evening.
- 4 Annabel went off this morning. George and Jim worked – they got rails and wood out of drift piles and hauled till noon – then Jim cut weeds in bottom, and George took the wagon to Aurora ferry to take Silas and Mr. Lyon. Sent letter to Patty. Sudy, Lily, and Mr. Brady came. I went to look at brier cutting.
- 5 Turned the cattle into the big pasture. Set George and Jim to making wire fence this side of the big bottom field. Very hot.
- 6 Set hands, George and Jim to making fence again. It rained a good shower. Ernest and Amy Campbell came down, and Cordy was here. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 5 days more so I paid him 3.75. Paid Jim 5.00 which he paid to Bud Roberts.
- 7 Sunday – Sally and I spent the day at Dr. Grant's. Amy was there. Mr. B. was here of course.
- 8 Jim and George wormed tobacco. Sally came to wash and said she would come to work. The threshing machine men came and stayed all night.
- 9 Threshed wheat – quit about 4. George, Jim, Dick, John Moreland and Bill worked – also Bud Roberts, John Loudon, Bob Moreland, Tom Nelson and Tom Bruce. The wheat turned out 124 bus. only – at .06 a bushel the threshing came to 7.44. I paid Mr. White 7.45. They told me they got from John Moreland 240 ears of corn to feed their horses and that corn was .60. Young man named Lyon came with freight bills for the Mail line. I paid mine amounting to 3.70 and got receipts. Got letter from Julia with pictures of Mary and Mr. Stettenius. Paid John Loudon 1.25, fifty cents of it for ½ day ploughing.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day - may she be far happier now than then. George and Bud wormed tobacco – then fixed strawstack a little and Jim cut iron weeds and George cut weeds in bottom with stalk cutter and broke it too. Black Sally came.

- 11 We went to Rising Sun. I got my drafts from Washington received July 30<sup>th</sup> cashed – got \$61. Jim cut iron weeds and weeds and briers in fence rows up on hill. George wormed in garden a little, then took us to Bellevue came for us again – then mowed with machine – the little piece in front. He first began to cut weeds in bottom and broke down. Sally got letter from Patty. Mr. B. here.
- 12 Very hot day – 105 degrees at Corbin's in Bellevue I heard. George and Jim wormed in garden till noon – then raked and hauled a little hay in front of yard – set posts inside wire fence and hauled pieces of rails. Katy and Flora came. Sally Bradford went home.

### Contract

This contract is entered into this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1881 by J. S. Dinsmore and Richard Loudon. He is to have the house he now lives in and a garden spot rent free from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1882 to the first of March 1883 and to have wood furnished him and a team to haul it and a horse to go to mill. He is to use down wood or such as she designates. He is to have the same ground for tobacco that he has this year, and is to have as much more in the same field as will bring it to 8 (eight) acres, part of which shall be a strip along the pike about an acre wide. He is to make the plant beds, and sow them, to break up the ground and put it in the best possible order set out the plants cultivate the crop, worm it, cut it, haul, scaffold, put it in the barn or suitable buildings at his own expense. Is to do all the work in due season and with all necessary care. He is to strip the tobacco and give her one half of it ready for market. She is to furnish team, sticks, and houserom for tobacco. He is to have the same piece of ground he has in peach blow potatoes this year, for potatoes, is to do all the necessary work, dig the potatoes, haul them and give her half of them. Then to furnish seed. He is to have for wheat ground the piece next to Mr. Rice's land that was in oats this year, including the piece that John Moreland had in oats. He is to cut the weeds and pile them on the brush in the hollows, grub and sprout stumps, clean out fence rows, haul and spread manure on poor spots, without charge. He is to do all the necessary work to put in the crop, including rolling the ground after the wheat is sown and ---- sowing it in the spring, and is to furnish one horse in breaking up and harrowing the ground. He is to cut, haul, and stack the wheat at his own expense, she furnishing team. He is to pay for all the threshing and board the horses and hands, and to stack the straw, and to give her all the straw. She is to give him half the wheat at the machine. He is to work for her when not engaged in his crop at seventy-five cents a day and find himself.

	J. S. Dinsmore
Sally Flandrau	Richard Loudon

- 13 Hot again – George and Jim wormed tobacco till noon – then hauled some loads of gravel to the wash by the barn cistern and wormed in the barn lot. Made contract with Dick as above. Paid John Moreland 1.00. Got letters from Mrs. Brown and Sue. Mr. B. here.

- 14 Sunday – My precious big baby’s birthday. Lord love her. Cooler but no rain except a slight sprinkle early this morning. Lewis spoke to me about the Rock Spring place.
- 15 George and Jim wormed tobacco in the morning and fixed the fence below George’s house after dinner. Mrs. Rush came after grapes. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown.
- 16 Sally Bradford came back. George and Jim wormed tobacco and then hauled gravel to the wash by the barn cistern.
- 17 Twenty-two years ago my beloved mother died, Lord give her blessed rest. Miss Vauter and escort came, also Cordy & Louly. George and Jim wormed tobacco and hauled gravel. I got letter from Amy Campbell, C. Burns & Mr. Smith.
- 18 George Walton came. Man came and bought 45 watermelons for 4.50. Mr. B. of course – also Fanny and Permelia Corbin came to show me about making wine. Mr. Ed Duncan came. Got letters from Belle and Patsy. Before dinner George and Jim wormed tobacco, and ploughed young corn in garden and picked grapes afterwards hauled gravel and rocks.
- 19 Still no rain in spite of clouds and all sorts of signs. George and Jim worked worming tobacco this morning hauling briers and putting them in washes in big pasture after dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Corbin came to get grapes. I set my wine away to ferment.
- 20 George worked ½ day. We had a settlement and I paid him off in full, 6.70. He and Jim hauled briers and put in washes till noon then Jim hauled wood, old shingles &c. Mr. Fred came down and I settled with him and paid him in full, 6.20. Black Sally went home again. Alice Moreland came home. I sent letters to Patty and to Sue by beef man.
- 21 Sunday – Still no rain. Hilda went to Dr. Grant’s. Ernest and Miss Lou Preston from N. C. came down.
- 22 George and Jim wormed tobacco and hauled briers to washes. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Griffiths’ child. Took note to Miss Robinson and sent order for circular from Harrow.
- 23 George and Jim wormed tobacco and hauled grubs and briers off the clover next Mr. Arnold’s. I got letters from Mrs. Brown and Julia. Mr. Gaines came for grapes. Mr. Garnett brought me crab apples. Harry Botts offered .05 for Uncle Jote’s tobacco.
- 24 My beloved father’s birthday, God rest his soul. George and Jim wormed tobacco till noon – then cut a white oak tree, and picked some grapes. I went to Bellevue. Bob Brady came for roots.
- 25 George and Jim wormed tobacco in the morning – after dinner went on the hill and gathered grapes. I sent grapes to Mrs. Jim Rogers by Jim. Got letter from Patty – sent one to Mrs. Brown.
- 26 Found one of my barrows dead – the hands buried it. Jim went to Bellevue early and got 4 stands. Then he picked over and sorted grapes and got things ready to send to Burlington – worked ½ day – and went to B. with George, who took 3 stands in spring wagon. It is still intensely hot and dry. A man named Storer (Charles) came and on John Moreland’s recommendation I engaged him to go live at Rock Spring. John M. was witness to our agreement. He is to have the house old Mr. Moreland lived in and a garden spot rent free, also wood such as I designate, and team to haul it, and I am to pay him .75 a day and he find himself – he is to come down here to work at harvest or threshing – or when I need him here – and to take care of things and

watch the place up there. Is to have fruit off that place for his own family use. I went up to show him the house.

- 27 Went to Bellevue and pd. Griffith's account 10.25 and got receipt. Only George worked – he wormed tobacco – he quit before sundown, is to make it up. I pd. him in full 4.50. Went to Bellevue the second time. Mrs. Rice came over. I got letter from Sue.
- 28 Sunday – Very hot. Sally and I went to church. Mr. B. of course.
- 29 Settled with Jim Merchant and paid him 3.75 in full to date and he quit – he had worked 27 ½ days. Mr. McMurray worked for me. He wormed and helped George ---- oats in the barn this morning, and after dinner worked in Dick's place while Dick cut tobacco for me. George hauled sticks and also cut. Mr. Storer came for the team to move. I went to Mr. Arnold's and Rice's to see about getting a wagon.
- 30 Intensely hot still. George and Mr. McMurray worked hauling and hanging tobacco – later cut. Dick and George and Mr. Mc exchanged work off and on during the day, to help along better. We went up and picked some pears. The tobacco is burning up as it stands.
- 31 This morning hauled and hung what tobacco of mine was cut – also hauled and hung Dick's – George and Mr. McM. helped Dick and Dick and his hand exchanged work. After dinner George cut tobacco and Dick too as I let Mr. McM. work for him – they almost finished in the garden. It was very hot, about a quarter of 5 p.m. it rained – a gentle good rain. Mr. Storer came and brought back the team, said he moved to Rock Spring today. There is a good deal of thunder and lightning with the rain gentle as it is.

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Didn't write in this till Sunday night will try to remember. George and Mr. McMurray worked - they wormed tobacco. I went to Bellevue to see Betty Rice. Got letters from Silas and Miss Robinson.
- 2 We went to the Fair. Betty Rice and Louly Carver went with us and Hilda with Mr. B. The attendance was moderate – dust intolerable, water poisonous and the whole thing a weariness to the flesh except the sunset which was magnificent. I let Mr. McMurray work for Dick – he to return it – George drove wagon to the Fair.
- 3 Let Mr. McM. work for Dick again all day – paid him off 4.50 in full for week's work. Let George work ½ day for Dick in tobacco, Dick to return it. After dinner George picked Bartlett pears. I went to Rock Spring to show Mr. Storer about the work.
- 4 Sunday – Fair prospect for rain but only a little sprinkle – still very hot. Mrs. Dalilah Roberts came and borrowed 15.00 to go to see a sick son. Let George Youell have 13 lbs. side meat.
- 5 I worked all day – made catsup the second time. Only George worked for me – he cut and hauled a little corn from sand field and cut tobacco. Sally Bradford carried the pears to Mrs. B. F. Garnett.
- 6 Dick said he and Uncle Bob worked for me off and on today enough for one to credit him for 1 day. After 2 p.m. George worked for him cutting tobacco. George cut the little left of mine and hauled and hung the other. Dick got side 14 lbs. Mr. John E.

Walton was here today – also Mr. B. as usual. Sally went to Mrs. Garnett. Very hot still.

- 7 George helped Dick in the tobacco – very hot. I canned pears all day nearly and went to Bellevue to see the sick.
- 8 Still very hot – went to Rock Spring early and got Mr. Storer to come down and help Dick in tobacco. Let Bill Lacy have side 17 lb. Sally went for mail. George worked for me till 8:15 a.m. then helped Dick in tobacco. George ploughed my late corn. I canned pears again.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday – may she spend it in perfect bliss. I went to Bellevue to see Kate Corbin &c. Another very hot day – a few drops fell from a passing cloud while the sun was shining brightly. George and Mr. Storer worked for Dick in tobacco. Susy Rice came over. I put down the stair carpet &c.
- 10 Sally very sick last night and all day. Cordy came over. I got letter from buddy with letter from Cousin Tom D. – also one from Julia. Mr. McMurray came and told me he had worked 4 days, 3 for Dick and 1 for Bill Lacy and I paid him 3.00 for them. George worked for Dick in his tobacco. Mr. Storer worked here till noon for me raising the tobacco in barn. I paid him 4.00 – mean to see if he worked the rest of the day – Sally Brad went away soon. Very hot and looked like rain again. Hilda got letter from Belle.
- 11 Sunday – Very cool – no rain. In the evening Ernest and Ben Grant and Sue Arnold and Miss Hugely came.
- 12 Patty came home. Amy and Bessy came with her. George worked for Bill Lacy in tobacco.
- 13 Quite cool. George worked again for Bill Lacy. I sold my two three year-old steers to Mr. Jim Conner for 90. If he can sell them, well enough he will give me 95. He was to leave the cheque with Mr. Corbin.
- 14 Got up early and I went to Aurora in spring wagon and to Cin. Patty, Sally, Bessie and Amy went – George drove. George got home about 9 he said and ran out shoats &c. till noon – then worked ½ day for Bill Lacy in tobacco. I went to Mr. Foster's and got 100. Let Patty have 50. for Sally – went to Julia's and stayed all night. The blessed rain came at dark and it rained all night probably.
- 15 Rained all day. George said he worked ½ day for Dick hanging tobacco and he came up to Aurora for us with the wagon. Patty, Sally and I went in town with Julia. Mr. Foster went with us and bought phaeton-buggy for me – at 200. from Bruce & Co. I also got carpet &c. for the house. I endorsed and gave Mr. Foster the certificate of deposit for 600. I got from Merchant's Natl. Bk. Cin. (see Mar 23) and told him to take out of it the 100. he gave me yesterday, the 200. for the buggy and the carpet bill and to keep the balance for me. We came home through the rain, happy to feel it come down.
- 16 Hilda went to Cov. to see Dr. Henderson – got back at night. George worked ½ day for Bill Lacy and the rest for me. Cut corn and hauled it to hogs for the first time this fall. Turned all the cattle into the other pasture.
- 17 George worked till noon for Bill Lacy. After dinner for me. He went down to Bellevue after the buggy – went with me to George Walton's and got 3 bucks and put them in the big pasture with the ewes. The men all finished hauling in their tobacco. I

went to Bellevue in the morning – sent letter to Julia – got letter from Mr. Foster with receipted bill from Bruce for buggy. I gave Mr. Corbin my check for \$90. from Mr. Conner which he cashed. I then pd. my account at Corbin's amounting to ----- and brought home the balance leaving 1.00 with Mr. C. to pay Will for bringing Pat and her baggage out. Settled with George – his work since we last settled came to 13.50 and he got 7.00 cash and meat 1.62 which leaves 4.88. I pd. him 4.00 leaving balance .88 and after that let him have 9 ½ lbs. meat which at ---- comes to ----- . He still owes for some feed and some things his wife got. I went down and sat up with Kate Corbin. Mr. Storer says he worked 4 days.

- 18 Sunday – Stayed home with the children. Ernest came. Mr. B. of course.
  - 19 George worked ½ day – he went to Bellevue in the morning. John M. worked ½ day for me – he drove Posey in the buggy and helped George haul corn to the hogs, and cut stove wood. I went for Lily to come and help me sew – she came. Sudy and Miss Hugely came and brought Mr. Calbert and Mr. Spence.
  - 20 George and Bill and John M. worked. Dick ½ day – cutting and hauling corn. Lily here sewing. I went to Bellevue late, got postal from Mr. House.
  - 21 George and Bill worked. John M. worked ½ day cutting and hauling corn. Dick was clearing up his ground for wheat. I went to Rock Spring after Storer – he was grubbing but came down to help with the corn. Lily sewed ½ day, paid her 1.25.
  - 22 Patty and Sally left early to go to Cin. via Aurora. Sally on her way to boarding school (Miss Nourse's). George drove the wagon and took them up – helped the hands haul cut corn afterwards. Bill (Mr. McMurray) and Mr. Storer worked hauling the cut corn and putting it up in the garden. L---- Grant and Pauline Gaines came and spent the day with us. Mr. B. came later. I got letter from BBG.
  - 23 George, Mr. Storer and Mr. McM. worked – finished hauling out the corn and repaired the wire fence and turned the cattle in the sand field and cut corn. George Murdock came down and bought down apples for which he paid me 8.20. Mr. Mitchell of Aurora and Mr. Norris Brashear came down and I sold to Mr. Mitchell with Mr. Brashear as witness, the apple orchard on cherry hill (reserving the apple trees to the left of Bill's house as you go up the hill) and the orchard in the big pasture (reserving the little Genetan orchard next Mr. Arnold's pasture) for 200. Mr. Mitchell is to get the apples on trees and the down apples and I am to board Mr. Brashear and Mr. Mitchell's son while they are working up the apples and to let them use the cider mill. Mr. M. paid me 15. on the apples.
- Today I bought Dick's half of his tobacco on the following terms, Bill Lacy being witness to our trade. Dick is to let me have his half of the entire tobacco crop he raised this year as it hangs in the barn and is to cut and hang the little remnant near his house in good order when I tell him to. I am to have it stripped at my own expense and have all the necessary work done at my expense and to pay him 200 for the share. He only wanted part down so I went to Mr. Albert Corbin and borrowed \$100 which I paid to Dick with George Youell as witness. What money I have advanced to Dick, to date, I am to take in work at his usual wages of .75 a day and find himself. I let Mr. Storer have 11 lbs. bacon at 13 cents.



- 24 I haven't written in this till the 27<sup>th</sup> but will try and think of everything. George and Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked – the last two cut corn. George cut corn and after that went to Aurora. I went in the wagon. Patty came home from Cin.
- 25 Sunday - I went to the funeral of Mike Corbin's baby – and at night to sit up with Kate Corbin. Ernest came after I was gone.
- 26 Sent to Rising Sun by Dick a letter to Belle and a dollar to Aunt Sally. George, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray shocked corn. After dark Mr. Squires came. It rained after 3 p.m. and at night.
- 27 George began to break ground for wheat. Bill, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray cut corn. It rained a little occasionally. Mr. Brashear came to begin picking apples.
- 28 It rained off and on today. I didn't write down the work but will try and remember. George, Bill and Mr. McM. worked. George ploughed some and they cut corn, and shucked corn in the garden.
- 29 Got up early to start Patty and Mr. Squires on their way to Silver Lake to take the cars for Cin. – they came home at night bringing Fanny Gibbon, Amy C. and my little darling with them. George began to plough after 10 – had one of John Moreland's horses to work. Mr. McMurray worked ½ day. I pd. him off in full, 2.63. Bill cut corn and topped tobacco sprouts. Mr. B. came.
- 30 George ploughed till some time after dinner – then went to Lawrenceburg with Mr. Squires who left for St. Paul. Bill topped tobacco sprouts. Still as hot as pepper. John Moreland said he finished putting in his wheat – said he sowed 10 bus.

## OCTOBER

- 1 Paid John Moreland 5.00 for Dick Loudon – to go on the other hundred due Dick for his tobacco. Only George worked for me here – he took Polly to be shod – then ploughed some – hunted up bucks and shucked corn – one of Mr. Walton's 3 bucks was in John's cornfield – had got his head hurt fighting – John caught it. Fanny, Patty and Sally went to the picnic. It sprinkled a little. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Green said he would be ready to make chimney in two weeks. George got 12 lbs. meat at .13.
- 2 Sunday – Ernest and Mr. B. came. Apple men came back. Mr. Walton's sheep got away. Apple men came back. Dick brought his horse I think.
- 3 Poured down rain. Sally Brad went away soon. George went to hunt the sheep and found it in the woods. He went to Bellevue for -----. Mr. Storer came down – said he had worked 5 days last week. I pd. him 3.25. George cut a little stove wood – wormed tobacco sprouts a little.
- 4 Sally and Amy C. went back to Cin. George drove them to Lawrenceburg. Solon Rice came and paid me \$50.00 on the lambs he bought. Sally Brad came back. About noon it began to rain. George spent .65 cents of the money he took, for himself. Rained hard this evening – George fixed some window sashes.
- 5 Went to Bellevue and got one hundred dollars from Mr. Corbin – gave him an order on Mr. Foster for 200. to replace this and the 100. I borrowed the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Paid Dick in presence of I. Hill 95. which, with the 5.00 pd. I. Moreland for Dick Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. makes payment in full on his tobacco, see Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>. George worked. Bill worked in the morning and part of the evening – stopped to go away – they shucked corn I think.

Went to Rock Spring – Mr. B. was here. Patty and Fanny went to Dr. Grant's. Ernest came home with them.

- 6 George didn't work – went to Burlington. Bill worked ½ day, shucking corn. Dick worked at it from ½ past 8 till they quit to go to the fire. Mr. Rice's house where Mr. Moreland lived, burned down. I went to Bellevue, sent letter to Sally with 1.00, and one to Mrs. Brown and Sue. Georgy Loudon quit milking for me and George Youell began.
- 7 Turned the cattle back into the pasture on mill road – weaned Louly's calf and turned it and Nancy, Cherry's calf, out together in the big pasture. Turned the buck back into the pasture. George worried with cattle – fixed fence across watergap, shucked and hauled some corn. Sam Eggleston came after dinner to plough – broke the plough and took it to Bellevue. I got letter from Mrs. Pepper telling of Mr. Brown's death.
- 8 Sam Eggleston worked ½ day shucking corn. George 7.00. After dinner he drove the wagon and I went to Aurora and took the train to Madison – arrived there after dark and went to Mrs. Brown's. Mr. B. here. Rained at night.
- 9 Sunday – Remained with Mrs. B. – wrote letter to Sue. Mrs. Brown told me that Mr. Brown died Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dick Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howe, Mr. Birkham came down and spent the day with the girls. Ernest came too.
- 10 Stayed at Mrs. Brown's – went about with her. George shucked corn.
- 11 Went with Mrs. Brown to the burial of Mr. Brown. His remains were taken from the vault in one cemetery and buried in Fairmount Cemetery. After dinner we went with Mrs. Brown out to the farm Mr. B. owned to see it and the views and at night I came up on the boat. Miss Hugely and the Arnolds took supper here. George shucked corn and cut tobacco.
- 12 Got off the boat before sunrise, and walked home – found letters from Sally and Lizzie Mitchell (Mrs. Hodges). George helped Dick with his new horse ploughing awhile – then broke up wheat ground. Young Mr. Mitchell paid me \$100. today on the apples.
- 13 George cut wood &c. and ploughed. Bill & Dick hauled part of their potatoes down. Mr. B. here.
- 14 The boys hauled the rest of the potatoes down. Dick ploughed his wheat with Beck ½ day. George took down part of the chimney of the old cabin. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Mrs. Brown and BBG. Paid Mr. Kelly 3.00 for two days work on George's house (see July 22 & 23) – also left with Mr. Kite Holmes's bill to be receipted and 9.60 to pay him. Mr. Howe and Mr. Wynwood came after dinner.
- 15 Settled up with George Youell in full, including today. I paid him in full 4.55 but he still owes for the forage. Settled with Mr. Storer in full including today – pd. him 7.38. Went to R. Sun after Aunt Eliza but she didn't come. Aunt Sally and Angeline came home with me to visit Aunt Nancy. Started Sally Brad off this morning. George worked – hauled rock &c. I went to Dr. Grant's. Sally, Amy C. and Mr. Will C. came on the boat.
- 16 Sunday – Mr. Smith, Mr. Howe, Ernest came and spent the day. We had good -----.
- 17 Got up early and started Mr. Campbell home. George took him down to the boat. Mr. Storer and John Loudon worked. Bill Lacy too – they shucked corn, sorted potatoes &c. It rained some. Bill started to plough but had to quit. After Dick came back from

- hauling potatoes, he worked some too. John Loudon told me to charge him with pasture from the 6<sup>th</sup>. Got letter from Sue. Apple men got back in the evening.
- 18 Rained a shower this morning. George didn't work – had a sore hand. Dick worked part of the day. He and Bill hauled the little sucker tobacco and hung it. They shucked corn. Mr. Storer and John Loudon worked.
  - 19 George and Mr. Storer cut the sucker tobacco; suckered it first – after that George cleaned off bricks and Mr. Storer fixed scythe and cut a few weeds. John Loudon shucked a little corn, cut stove wood and grubbed round stumps in wheat field. Bill and Dick ploughed wheat ground. Angeline went home. I gave her .50 for expenses. Sent note to Miss Nourse – got letter from Sally Humphreys. I sent by Angeline 5.00 to pay Gibson balance on plough I bought Saturday. Turned quite cool today. Old Mr. Mitchell came down today and brought me \$85.00 which his son paid me – in full for apples he bought.
  - 20 George picked up apples. Dick and Bill ploughed Dick's horse. John Loudon grubbed. I went to Rock Spring. Mr. Storer only worked part of ½ day – had been to his garden he said. Mr. B. here. Frost last night but light. Angeline went home.
  - 21 Lovely warm bright day. George ploughed ½ day – was poorly. Dick ploughed ½ day – he too the same. Bill ploughed today. John Loudon grubbed. I went to Bellevue yesterday. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Patty took May to Bob Brady to get him to break her for me. Sent yesterday by Angeline \$5.00 to Gibson R. S. to finish paying for plough. Subscribed 5.00 to help build school house in Bellevue.
  - 22 Mrs. Storer came down and got 4.00 being Mr. Storer's wages for this week, 5 ½ days, including today. John Loudon worked ½ day ploughing. I paid him off in full to date. His work came to 4.13 and I deducted 1.00 for ½ month horse pasture and paid him 3.33. Aunt Sally went home. I gave her 5.00. Angeline Beatty came to work for me. Dick worked ploughing. Billy Young worked ½ day ploughing – broke John's plough. Patty, Fanny and Amy went to Dr. Grant's. Sent by Mr. Brady to Steyn & Co., R. Sun 3.40 to pay for Aunt Sally's dress.
  - 23 Sunday – Rained nearly all day – at night Patty and the girls came home, Ernest with them. Mr. B. spent the day.
  - 24 Sally went with Hilda and Mr. Brady to Silver Lake on the way to Cin. I let Sally have 36. It rained off and on during the day. The apple men came back. Dick, George, Mr. Storer & Mr. McMurray worked in tobacco – stripping. George went to Mr. Clore's after my sow – didn't get her back in the lot, spent most of the evening after her. Bill came in and we went over the work and I set it down in my book.
  - 25 George and Bill got the sow up at last – then picked apples till noon. Dick cut wood and hauled it till noon then he, George and Bill began to put in wheat – tried the Benson and Maule sower but gave it up. Mr. Storer grubbed in wheat ground all day. I sent by John Moreland letter to Julia. Mr. B. came to tell us of Sally and Hilda's arrival in Cin. Dick sowed wheat and grubbed a little round stumps. George and Bill harrowed and hauled trash off. John Moreland ploughed with his team. I am to pay him 1.75 a day. Old Mr. Kidwell came to see about getting a calf pastured. I got a note from Hilda.
  - 27 Sent by young Mr. Mitchell a letter to Hilda containing 10. of the money she left in my care. Old Mr. M. came down today. Dick, George and Bill worked ploughing,

rolling and grubbing in the wheat ground. George mended the roller. John M. finished the ploughing he was doing yesterday the first thing this morning. Warm as summer today.

- 28 Poured down all day. I let George haul with my team for John Moreland who was hauling apples for Mr. Mitchell. John to return it. Dick and Mr. Storer stripped tobacco. I got letter from Lucy Humphreys and sent one to her and also a postal card.
- 29 Sent letter to Julia by Mr. Fred. He said he worked 3 days cutting weeds and I pd. him see a/c book. I went to Bellevue. George hauled a load for John – took Mr. Corbin's wagon home.
- 30 Sunday – Went to the funeral of Charlie Rockwell's little Lewis – it had been postponed. Mr. Dick Smith, Mr. Howe and Ernest dined with us – it rained hard and the two former stayed all night.
- 31 Got up early and started the two gentlemen off. Only George worked for me – he fixed up things and picked some apples on cherry hill. The apple men finished and got off at last. Mr. Corbin came and I sold him my wheat at 1.37 to be weighed on his scales. Mr. Mitchell paid me 2.25 for some poles and hauling.

## **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Went to Silver Lake to meet Lucy H. who didn't come. Stopped in Burlington on my way home and paid taxes amounting to 64.28 put receipt in tin box. George drove the wagon. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally, Patty and Fanny – went to Aurora to Mrs. Mitchell's. Lily came and told me that Mrs. Grant (Dr's wife) was dead and I went up there and stayed all night. Mr. Storer helped Dick shuck corn. Sent Mr. Rice's slided harrow home.
- 2 George came up for me and I got home rather late. Mr. McMurray, Mr. Storer, John Loudon and George worked – shucking corn, hauling it and apples – picking apples &c. Patty got letter from Sally H. I sent by Bill Lacy letter to Sally. The girls got home from Mrs. Mitchell's.
- 3 George went to see about getting Mr. Howe to build his chimney – didn't see him. After dinner George drove the wagon and we went to Dr. Grant's to Mrs. Grant's funeral and from there to the cemetery at Petersburg. Mrs. Rice went with us. It was cold coming home and we had a frost at night. Mr. McMurray, John L., John Moreland and Mr. Storer picked and hauled apples.
- 4 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 4 days more and finished the weed pulling and cutting. I owed him 3.00 but paid him 5.00 – he is to work out the 2.00 in the pasture. I went to Bellevue – had Billy shod all round at Griffith's. I went to Mr. Corbin's and got him to pay me 50. in advance on the wheat I sold him. Got letter from Julia. Dick and Bill hauled 4 loads of their corn they said – 1 for themselves and 3 for me – gave hogs one of mine and put 2 in crib for me. Didn't write in this till the 12<sup>th</sup> but will try to get things right. George says he and Mr. McMurray worked.
- 5 Patty, Fanny and Amy went to Silver Lake to go to Cin. George drove the wagon. Dick, Uncle Bob, John L. picked apples and George hauled some. I let Patty have the 50. I got from Mr. Corbin yesterday. Mr. Gordon came on the boat.
- 6 Sunday – Beautiful warm day.

- 7 Rained – George went to Mr. Sutton’s to see about stone mason. Dick, Bill, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray stripped tobacco. Hilda came home from S. Lake with Mr. B.
- 8 Sent George over the river with Mr. Gordon – he hauled rocks and sand afterwards. Mr. Storer and Mr. McM picked apples. Dick and Bill worked for themselves hauling corn or shucking. I went to Petersburg to see about stone mason – stopped at Dr. Grant’s on my way home. A lovely summer’s day. I saw a fruit tree with blossoms on it and a primrose in bloom. ‘The primrose of the later year as not unlike to that of spring.’ Went to church at night.
- 9 George was gone all day, hunting a mason – went to Union &c. Mr. McM. chopped some wood and he and Mr. Storer hauled it and worked in apples. Bill and Dick worked for themselves getting in their corn. I went to night meeting with Hilda and Mr. B. Poured down rain this night. John Moreland worked ½ day sawing locust with Mr. S.
- 10 George spent another day chasing after a stone mason – went to Dink Barker’s and after black George [Roseberry?]. Mr. Storer and Mr. McM. picked apples. George hauled a load of apples. I walked about for hours and it was cold and raw – went to see Mr. Fred who was grubbing in big pasture – went to church at night. Dick and Bill hauled 7 loads of corn they worked for themselves. Georgy Loudon got order on grange for 2.00.
- 11 Rained part of the day – George, Bill, Dick, Mr. Storer, and Mr. McM. all worked for me, sorting and putting in barrels the apples, making cider and hauling wheat. Mr. Storer and Dick each hauled a load of wheat; 1<sup>st</sup> load 40 11/60 bus. Sent barrel of apples to my little darling. Went to church at night.
- 12 Went to Bellevue with wagon, Mr. Storer drove – got 8 barrels at grange – in addition to 12 we got before. I got 25. on my wheat from Mr. Corbin, which in addition to the 50. I got for Patty = 75.00. George worked in apples – put up stoves, cut wood &c. Bill worked ½ day making cider. I agreed to exchange with Bill a load of corn from John M.’s on the hill for one down here. Dick and Mr. McM. and Mr. Storer worked in apples. Dick went to Bellevue to see Philip about cider. Mr. McMurray and I had a settlement and I paid him in full for all his work to date, 9.00. George Youell and I settled today in full – he had worked 21 ½ days since our last settlement, which comes to 16.13. He had already drawn 10.10 and I paid him the balance, 6.03.
- 13 Sunday – Lovely day – Big meeting and baptizing at Bellevue. I went to Dr. Grant’s Ernest rode home with me.
- 14 Dick said he would sell me 12 bus. of his corn for 6.00 – which I paid him. Mr. Storer worked ½ for me – after dinner gathered apples on shares – he cut and hauled wood in the morning. Dick and Bill shucked corn and hauled a load to the hogs. Old black George began to work on the chimney of George’s house. George helped him. I sent letter by Hilda to Sally with 1.00 in it. Colder – found ice in milk pans.
- 15 Cold this morning, 28 degrees above. Old George and George Youell worked on the chimney. Mr. Storer picked apples on shares and Bill helped him haul them. Uncle Bob and Mr. McM. worked for me and I set him to dig potatoes in Bill’s place while Bill worked for me. Bill helped John M. pull and haul his turnips and haul me my share and in return John hauled out a load of coal. Bill hauled two loads – the weight

of all 3 was 85 30/76 bus. which Mike said would be .17 a bus. I got postal from Fanny G. I went to night meeting – the wind up.

- 16 Colder this morning – 26 degrees above – turned warm afterwards. Mr. McMurray worked for me and I let him work digging potatoes – must make one of the men, Bill?, return the work. Mr. Storer worked for me hauled 4 loads of coal bus. making a total of --- bushels. John Moreland began to haul corn out of the bottom – he hauled me two loads he says equal to 45 bus. Mrs. Rice was over this evening. Old black George tried to work at the chimney. George Y. helped him ½ day – had to go to a trial this evening.
- 17 Old George came to work on the chimney but as it rained he quit. George Youell went to work fixing his house inside. Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked for me. I let them help the boys dig potatoes till 10 a.m. then as it rained they sorted apples and made cider. John Moreland said he hauled me – loads of corn – bus. Mr. B. came. I got a letter from Miss. S. Harris, who wrote for Mrs. Brown. The boys hauled a load of potatoes from the new ground. It was warm today and rained gently off and on all day.
- 17 Patty and Fanny came home from Woodford. George went down for them – they didn't get home till bedtime.
- 18 Poured all day – George didn't work – went to Aurora. Dick worked ½ day, cut wood for me – after dinner he measured out to my hogs the 12 bus. corn I paid him for the – and also 2 barrels of corn he got out of the garden for his hogs. Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked – they made cider. Mr. Storer took wagon to Bellevue with 5 barrels for Mr. Philip who was to give me 5.00 a piece and furnish barrels. Mr. Philip paid me 15.00 on the cider. I settled with Mr. Corbin in full to date. The coal was 193 bus. lbs. and came to 32.84 – having already had 75. on the wheat (the wheat amounted 128.73) in settling my store account (see receipted bill) there remained a balance of 5.22 which I paid. Cold, disagreeable day.
- 20 Sunday – Thermometer 22 degrees above this morning – ground frozen. Fair day and turned warmer. Amy Campbell came down on the boat tonight. Gave Lewis Beatty (Angeline's husband) an order on Corbin for 5.00 – 2.50 of it for Angeline – 2.50 for him to take to Aunt Sally. Didn't write in this till Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 21 Patty and I went to Silver Lake to take the cars for Cinti. It snowed and was a horrible day. She went home with Bessie McIntosh. I went to Mr. Foster's – got 100. on my account – paid 25. of it for a present for Mary – went out with Mr. Foster. First of all I went to see my little darling at Miss Nourse's. Mr. Storer worked ½ day in apples. After George got back from Silver Lake Dick and John M. helped ½ day with apples. Mr. McM. worked.
- 22 Lovely bright day – stayed at Julia's. In the evening Mary Foster was married to Mr. Henry Stettinius in Calvary Church Clifton, by Rev. Edmund Roland, Mr. ---isley being also at the altar but not officiating. Mr. Foster and Julia had a grand reception after the wedding. Patty was there. Mr. Storer worked for himself getting wood. George & Mr. Tobin worked on chimney.
- 23 Went in town about 1 - went shopping came down on the boat with Patty, Sally, Miss Edith Garrard, Bess McIntosh, Lou Pearce, Joe Humphreys, Duncan Gibson and Mr.

- Graham. Very cold and disagreeable night. Mr. Storer worked for me – cut wood and hauled &c. George and Mr. Tobin worked on chimney.
- 24 Thanksgiving – had a big dinner as I could get up for the children and their company. Mr. McMurray and Mr. Storer worked for me – sawed board timber and got wood &c. George and Mr. Tobin worked ½ day on chimney.
  - 25 Sent Mr. Graham up to the cars with George to drive the buggy. Posey acted so badly that George didn't go all the way to Lawrenceburg. Mr. Storer hauled up board timber and made boards.
  - 26 Duncan and Patty took Amy Campbell to the little boat. Joe and Duncan tried to make Posey go in the buggy but she wouldn't. Mr. Storer put on the roof on one side of his house. George hauled wood.
  - 27 Sunday – Joe, Duncan, Patty, Fanny, Lou and Bessy went to see Dolly Botts baptized – a lovely day. Mr. Storer underpinned house and built flue.
  - 28 A perfect spring day – lovely – George drove big wagon down and Pat, Sally, Joe, Duncan, Lou, Bess and Miss Garrard went on the little boat to Aurora or L. on their way to Cin. George was the only hand who worked for me – he fixed cistern pump in kitchen cistern, got things ready for hog killing &c. I went to Bellevue – paid Mike Corbin 5.00 and got the order I gave Lewis Beatty 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brady here of course. Got letter from Aunt Sally.
  - 29 Another lovely spring day. Killed hogs, 11 of mine – 8 for my own use and let Dick, John and Bill all killed their own hogs, 6 in number. Charlie Rockwell worked ½ day for me helping. Molly Nelson helped with lard. Mr. Storer pointed his house. John M's. hog he got of me weighed 175 lbs. net = 218 gross. George Youell's 146 net = 182 gross. Dick's 215 lbs. net = 268 gross. They were to pay me the same Mr. Conner pays for the hogs he got. I sold 11 hogs to Mr. Jim Conner – they were weighed this evening at Mr. Clore's scales and came to 2920 lbs. averaging 265 lbs. Mr. Conner was to give me 5.75 if they weighed 230 or under, 5.85 if they went to 240. Molly Nelson helped with lard.
  - 30 Charlie worked ½ day cutting up and salting meat. George and Mr. McM. worked all day – helped Charlie in the morning and worked on fence in bottom after dinner. Dick and Bill worked ½ day on fence. It was as warm as spring. Molly Nelson worked. Mr. Storer finished pointing his house.

## **DECEMBER**

- 1 George and Mr. McMurray worked for me today and John M. ½ day. They sorted potatoes till noon and John helped them work on the fence afterwards. The men hauled the rest of their peach blows and sorted their potatoes this morning and then Dick and Bill shucked corn. Mr. Storer came down and got 2.00 cash and an order on Corbin for 5.00 in money. Mr. B. here. I got letter from Sally. Rather raw – rained some last night and seemed colder today.
- 2 George and Mr. McMurray finished the fence by noon, and then Mr. M. helped George haul wood for himself so I am to credit Mr. McM. for a day and not credit George at all. I went to Mr. Rice's and left word about his hogs. Got Miss Pauline Gregory's book.

- 3 Mr. Storer worked. Mr. Fred came down and said he had worked 6 ½ days since we last settled which came to 4.88 – as I had advanced 2.00 Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> I was owing him 2.88 – gave him an order on Kite which I paid today. Dr. Furnish came to see Aunt Nancy. Went to Bellevue in spring wagon – sent letter to Sally. Paid my account at grange store, 12.68. At Mr. Corbin's found check from Mr. Jas. Conner (Wilkerson Sleet & Co.) for hog money –\$172.28. Mr Corbin paid me cash 150. and out of this I paid him 5.00 that Mr. Storer got Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. I then paid my store a/c. 10.10 (see bill receipted) and left with him bal. of 12.18. George worked today - he patched up fence &c. and after going to Bellevue put in some window glass, got up sheep and went to mill. Charlie came by and caught Mr. Walton's 3 bucks for me. I lent Bill Lacy 20. to be paid when he sells his tobacco. Sudy, Katy and Florence came this evening.
- 4 Sunday – My little heaven's birthday, 15 years old today. Lord love her. Old Mr. Kidwell came to get his stock off pasture and I told him it would come to 2.70.
- 5 Went to Bellevue twice, sent letter to Sally and to Julia. Sent sausage meat to Julia. Mr. Conner told me he paid me 5.90 for the hogs. Got letter from BBG. George and Mr. McM. worked for me. They took home Mr. Walton's 3 bucks and then cut wood in the woods – the oak tree top. Mr. B. came. John M. hauled me part of a load of corn from up on the hill next Mr. Rogers's.
- 6 Took sausage machine to Mr. Brady's. George and Mr. McM. worked for me getting wood. George hauled before dinner. It was cold this morning – turned warmer and rained at dark. Got letter from Patty. Sudy A. came.
- 7 I went to Rock Spring this morning – found the spring for the first time – not running. Went to Mr. Arnold's to dine by invitation. George and Mr. McMurray worked for me – sawing and hauling wood. Mr. Storer was grubbing when I was up there. Went to Bellevue late, got letter from Patty, saying Sally was sick and at Mrs. Anderson's with her.
- 8 George and Mr. McM. worked for me sawing and cutting wood. Sent by John M. letter for Patty with 5.00 in it. Dr. Furnish came to see Aunt Nancy. Mr. B. here of course. Hard frost and some ice this morning. John Moreland worked ½ day cleaning up ground in his tobacco patch. Got letter from Miss Nourse and fed fodder.
- 9 Had cattle turned into big pasture. Frank Grant came and left for me insurance policy. George hauled wood today. Dick, John M. cut trees and cleaned up in locust grove. Mr. McM. helped George and them. Another lovely day.
- 10 Mr. Fred came down and said he had worked 5 days this week so I paid him off in full 3.75. John Moreland worked in the locust grove. Mr McMurray worked too – made pen for turkeys, split wood &c. – helped George haul fodder . George worked. Went after Patty, Sally and Fanny who came on little Queen. He took Cherry but couldn't find any place to take her to. We got some turkeys from Mrs. Rice's.
- 11 Sunday – snowed a little, more like sleet. Dick Loudon paid me 10.00 on the hog he bought which came to 15.00.
- 12 Got letter from brother Charlie with draft for 100. for Sally's use. George, Dick and Mr. Storer worked. George put in glass &c. and helped the others strip tobacco. It rained all day.
- 13 George, Dick, Mr. McMurray and Mr. Storer worked. George and Mr. McM. hauled fodder to the cattle and then helped the rest strip tobacco. Black Henry began to grub



on the hill above the orchard grass – only worked part of the day. Warm and rainy again today. Ernest sent his horse down.

- 14 George, Dick, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked – they bulked down the rest of the tobacco in sheep shed and stripped tobacco. Henry grubbed. Dull, cloudy day.
- 15 Bright, pleasant day. Patty and I went to Rising Sun. I got the draft brother Charlie sent me for Sally (see 12<sup>th</sup>) cashed at bank, got \$100. Dick, George, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked stripping tobacco. George and Mr. McM hauled fodder to cattle. I sent by Mr. Brady letter to buddy. Blk. Henry didn't work. I got letter from Miss Nourse. John M. says he worked in his ----.
- 16 Cold this morning, 22 degrees above 0 and turned warmer – a bright beautiful day. John Moreland worked for me cleaning up tobacco ground. Dick and Mr. Storer worked stripping. George worked for himself – getting wood. Mr. McM. worked ½ for me in tobacco and helped George after dinner. Blk. Henry was grubbing this morning. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Miss Nourse and one to Miss Pauline Gregory with 1.00 for her book.
- 17 George came in to settle up and see how we stood – his work since our last settlement, see Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, amounted to 24 ½ days – 18.38. He had drawn money to the amount of 7.75 and got potatoes .38 = 8.13. The hog he got 182 lbs. at 5.85 = 10.64. I paid him today 5.00. Balance now due me, 5.39. George and Dick didn't work for me. John Moreland worked ½ day grubbing. Mr. McMurray worked – sorted potatoes and stripped tobacco. Henry grubbed – says he worked 3 days this week. Patty went to Dr. Grant's. Bob Brady rented of me the cabin he rented for Joe Horton – to put Tom Nelson in – agrees to pay 1.25 a month for the cabin and little stable and to see that Tom does no damage to fences &c.
- 18 Sunday – lovely bright spring-like day. Ernest and Mr. B. here.
- 19 Mr. M. S. Rice surveyed the Rock Spring place for me. Mr. Wm. Walton and Mr. Brady followed the survey and assisted in finding the lines. Mr. W. set a corner stone in his line. George and Storer carried the chain. A pleasant mild day. Mr. McM. stripped tobacco. I got letters from Sarah and Mrs. Brown and postal from Joe H.
- 20 Rained all day – George, Dick, Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked in tobacco. George took Polly to Bellevue but didn't get her shod. I baked a cake.
- 21 Nine years ago today my beloved father died. Lord love his soul. The men found Beck (the Raymond mare) down in the barn with her foot caught – had to cut the floor to get her loose and she is suffering very much, injured internally I suppose. John Moreland worked for me ½ day – went to Bellevue twice, drenched her &c. Mr. Corbin came out to see the mare. George went to Bellevue, got Polly shod. He then stripped tobacco &c. Dick, Mr. Storer and Mr. McM worked in tobacco. I went to Bellevue. Rained all day. I let Sally have \$55. of the money her father sent (see 10<sup>th</sup>), the rest is to go on what I advanced.
- 22 Patty and Sally went off in the rain to Cin. – expecting to start Sally for St. Paul. I went to see them on the boat – it poured down rain. Pink had a red heifer calf, which I named for Katy Gibbon. Fanny and I went to Bellevue for Hilda's Christmas things from Cin. I got letter for Sally and Patty from buddy – also letters from Miss Nourse and BBG. George and Mr. Storer repaired stable &c. Dick stripped tobacco.

- 23 George, Dick and Mr. McM. worked. They stripped tobacco. George fixed wagon &c. and went down to the boat for Patty and Mr. Selmes who came. Joe Humphreys came out before breakfast – got off the boat last night. Rained part of the day. I settled up in full to date with Mr. McMurray and paid him 6.70.
- 24 No one worked except that George attended to stock, got wagon and buggy ready &c. I lent John Moreland 5.00. Sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by Beatty. We all went down to Christmas tree, found box from Mr. Graham with presents for us. Nine years ago my dear father was buried – blest be his rest. It was a lovely bright day, warm and spring-like. Aunt Eliza came up.
- 25 Christmas and Sunday. We all stayed home except Hilda. Sudy A. and Mr. Hughs came to call. Ernest came in the evening. A bright warm pleasant day – clouded up afterwards and began to rain. Mr. B. here of course off and on.
- 26 Rained again most of the day. George, Dick, Mr. Storer and Mr. McM. worked in tobacco.
- 27 Rained again – George, Dick, Storer and Mr. McMurray worked in tobacco. George went after May and Joe rode her to Bellevue. Beck much worse.
- 28 The men found my valuable Raymond mare, poor Becky, dead this morning. Patty, Mr. Selmes and I went to Cin. via Aurora to hear Patti. Went to Burnet House and in the evening heard Patti in the Messiah, with Cary Whitney and T---. Saw Amy C. who came to see me. So warm it was like spring, wraps uncomfortable. Dick, George, Storer and Mr. McM. worked – buried the mare and stripped tobacco.
- 29 We came home, Patty, Mr. Selmes and I on the little boat by 10 a.m. George met us with the wagon. In the evening I sent him down for Mr. Frank I. Cheek of Danville who came to see Fanny Gibbon. I got letters from buddy and Sally – telling me of Sally's arrival at her father's. Joan Rockwell brought me 10.00 from Charlie Rockwell on the money he owed me, I to credit him on the account and look it over. Dick, George, Storer and Uncle Bob McMurray worked in tobacco.
- 30 Ground covered with snow and weather cold, 24 degrees above 0 at sunrise and went down to 20 degrees by 3 p.m. Joe Humphreys and Mr. F. I. Cheek went to Silver Lake to take the train for Lex. George drove the wagon, he worked. Dick worked ½ day. Mr. Storer and Mr. McMurray worked.
- 31 Mr. McMurray came and said he had worked 5 days this week and I paid him off in full to date, 3.75. Milder this morning, 25 degrees above 0. Mr. Storer worked ½ day – came in and we settled up in full to date, I paying him 3.00.