

1886

JANUARY

- 1 Lovely bright day, like spring. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sue, got N. Years card from Harriet. Joe and Jake worked – fed sheep and put coal oil on some – then hauled briers and trash and put them in gullies in rye field.
- 2 Sent by Isaac a dollar to Aunt Eliza for rent and 1.00 to Aunt Sally. Rained hard part of the day. Joe didn't work. Jake _____. Got note from Sue. Warm as spring.
- 3 Sunday – Patty and I went down for Sue but she didn't come. Mr. Brady brought me my tax receipt for 1885 for \$65.15 and the change (see Dec. 29th). He and Hilda went home – rained again at night.
- 4 Joe and Jake worked – Joe fixed fence round hay shed – Jake grubbed by graveyard and then I sent him to cut briers and fill gully. Lily came. It snowed hard about sundown. Mr. John E. Walton came this morning.
- 5 Joe worked and fixed fence and hauled manure out of stalls. I think Jake worked cutting briers in orchard grass. Got letter from Cousin Harvey and Sally's picture. Lily was here.
- 6 Pleasanter – Joe worked cutting wood in pasture on mill road. Jake was cutting briers in orchard grass. I got note from Spalding. Lily was here after her dinner. I went to Bellevue with Patty.
- 7 Didn't write in this for a week but will try to set things down. Joe worked and I believe Jake too.
- 8 I went up to Burlington – got home before dinner. Joe worked but not Jake. There was a hard snow storm a regular blizzard. I had all the cattle and horses put in the barn lot. Joe drove them up and fed them. Amy Campbell and Anna Foos came at night on the boat.
- 9 The weather was bitter cold 8 degrees below 0 and a terrible wind – one of the worst days I ever saw. No one worked for me. Joe fed &c.
- 10 Sunday – Another bitter day - at night I took the girls down to Bellevue on their way to Cin.
- 11 Still colder – 10 degrees below 0 at sunrise. No one worked for me. Joe fed &c. One lamb was born.
- 12 Colder – 16 degrees below 0. I got letter from Julia. Isaac came. I sent Aunt Sally 1.00 and an order on Eshman for 1.00 coal. Tilden came at night. Jake cut wood part of a day at the woodpile.
- 13 Moderating – 9 degrees above 0 at 8 a.m. Got letter from Washington with draft for 7.00. Ewe had twin lambs. No one worked for me. Joe fed &c. Ernest came, but went away.
- 14 Colder – down to 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and Ernest.
- 15 Moderating – 27 degrees above 0 at 8 a.m. Misting rain. Ernest went home. Another pair of twins. Ernest came back. Joe and Jake hauled fodder ½ day. It rained hard.
- 16 Raining a little this morning – found 2 new lambs, and afterwards a pair of twins. 1 twin lamb died. Got letter from C. A. James Cos. with Certificate No. 25 fro 15 shares stock in Nat. Bk. of Washington – also draft on N.Y. for 21.61.

- 17 Sunday – Didn't write in this till the 25th – so will probably not get things right. Hilda and Mr. Brady were here and went home. Til took me out to Burlington and I stayed all night with Hilda.
- 18 Went to Cin. via Erlanger – and to Julia's and stayed all night with her. Got Mr. Foster to cash my draft for \$21.67 (see 16th). Went to Dr. Taylor and had teeth filled. Julia Loving (Patty's Julia) came down from Cin. and Patty and Til went out to B. for her. Joe and Jake say they hauled fodder and used Dick's mare. Ernest came down and stayed all night. It rained a little, misty rain.
- 19 Went in town with Julia after lunch and came down on the evening train and stayed all night at Hilda's. The men Joe and Jake say they hauled fodder and hung up meat.
- 20 Mr. Brady brought me home. Ernest left before I got home and I think came again. I got letter from Sally Gray.
- 21 Joe cut hickory wood. Jake cut briars in orchard grass.
- 22 Went to Bellevue, got Mr. Kelly to cash my draft for 7.00 (see 13th). Turned cold this evening. Joe and Jake hauled fodder.
- 23 Cold, only 3 degrees above 0 at sunrise. No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed. Pat got letter from N.Y.
- 24 Sunday – Ernest came and stayed all night. Til left this evening. Joe drove him up to Erlanger. Dennis went to his mother's he said. Weather moderated.
- 25 Joe worked – hauled wood and cut some. Jake worked ½ day cutting wood. We went to Bellevue. Ernest came.
- 26 Turned out ewes with lambs, 59 as near as I could count – on the rye. Joe and Jake worked with sheep and sawing wood – mild and cloudy – Ernest came back.
- 27 Had the 2 Mercer Co. bucks up and put coal oil on them. Sent by Ernest a letter to F. and M. Natl. Bk. Georgetown. Went to Bellevue and borrowed of Mike Corbin 12.00 to send to the Continental Fire Ins. Co. Chicago and had the letter registered. It rained hard today. Joe and Jake helped Dick strip tobacco after dinner. I got a letter from Sally.
- 28 Sold to Mr. I. M. Conner my lambs, at 3.50 per head, he to leave out 5 if he wishes to. Also my wool at 23 with possibly some deduction on account of scab. Joe helped Jim load tobacco today and fed – Jake helped Dick with tobacco. I got letters from Sue and Julia.
- 29 Dick Loudon took a load of tobacco to Mr. Boone Rogers's and Jim took 2 loads, all of his. Joe and Jake helped load and deliver the tobacco – they both helped Dick load up after he got home. I went to Mr. Rogers's. Ernest came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue twice. Got letter from Cousin Tom Flandrau.
- 30 Went to Mr. Rogers's again. Jim Moreland's crop came to 3966 lbs. which at the different prices came to \$205.90 all together. Jim had 2846 lbs. at .05 ¾ - 993 lbs. at .04 and 127 lbs. flyings at .02. Colder, 14 degrees above 0 at this morning. Dick Loudon's crop was 6443 lbs. He had 6186lbs. at .05 ½ and 257 lbs. flyings at .02. His crop came to \$345.37
The two crops came to \$345.37
205.90

\$551.27

Mr. Boone Rogers gave me an order on Brooks & Masterfield Globe House Cin. for the amount signed Thompson & Rogers. Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 5.00. Isaac came and I sent an order for Aunt Sally on Eshman for 1.00 for coal and on Oscar Jones for 1.00 for groceries. Snowed this evening.

- 31 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Dennis came home. I turned the ewes and lambs back into the cellar.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Colder – 12 degrees above 0 and snowing but cleared off. No one worked for me but Joe fed. Went to Bellevue. got letter from Far. & Mechs' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28. Got Mike Corbin to cash it and paid him the \$12. I borrowed to send the Ins. Co. see Jan. 27. Got letters from Julia and Martha Hawley. Put in P. O. letter to T.D. Went down to 8 degrees above 0 at night.
- 2 Settlement James Moreland. Jim Moreland came and we had a settlement – the first since Feb. 29th and March 28th 1884 which see. Since that time till now he has had cash \$106.85

orders 109.50

\$216.35

He has also had for sundries rec'd \$37.05 which added to that makes \$253.40.

I owed him for days work	12.00
for cash for corn see Dec. 28/85	21.13
½ tobacco sold May 27 th , '85	87.32
½ tobacco sold Jan. 30, 1886	<u>102.95</u>
	\$223.40
	\$253.40
	223.40

\$30.00 Bal. due me to date. We made no settlement with regard to his use of my horses in crippling as I could not get the straight of it. 10 degrees above 0 this morning. Joe fed but no one worked for me. We went to Bellevue. Saw a sun-dog this morning.

Cold – 8 degrees above 0 this morning and a cold wind blowing. Joe and Jake hauled some fodder – they called it ½ day I think.

- 3 Settlement with R. Loudon. Dick came and we had a settlement to see how we stood. Our last was Dec. 29th, 1883 which see. We counted up the use of horses on both sides and as mine was a little over his, I let them off set each other, and do not put that in the settlement. In charging him for the note I returned to him June 2nd 1885 I only calculated it at \$100 with 6 per cent a year for a year and 1 month and it came to \$106.50 (see April 26th, 1884). After settling for the days work against Dick's, I am only owing him for 8 ½ days. In 1884 his orders come to

	\$34.50
cash	76.92
	\$111.42
In 1885 his orders	\$54.20
cash	<u>80.18</u>

	\$134.38
Dick owes me for; money due me on last settlement	20.00
see Dec. 29 & Feb. 22 nd 1883	
pasture for 1883	9.00
hay 1225 lbs. Jane. 22 nd 1884	7.35
corn 22 ½ bus. May 19 th 1884	11.25
1885 Mar. 12 th potatoes 1 bus.	.60
April 11 th “ “ “	.30
April 14 th , 10 bus. corn .50	5.00
June 9 th , 24 th , &c. 5 bus. corn	2.50
1884 & 1885 Vinegar	1.95
butter	.82
pasture for 1884 & 1885	<u>18.00</u>
	\$76.77
cash and orders 1884	111.42
cash and orders 1885	<u>134.38</u>
	\$322.57

[Settlement with R. Loudon continued;]

I owe Dick for 8 ½ days work at .75	6.38
credit by wheat money Sep. 19 th , 1884	13.75
credit by balance of tobacco money see May 29 th and June 2 nd , 1885	14.23
credit by ½ tobacco money Jan. 30, 1886	<u>172.68</u>
	\$207.04
	\$322.57
	207.04

\$115.53 = balance due me to date.

After our settlement Dick wanted to sell me his wheat crop as it is. I agreed to let him have the pasture for 1884 and 1885 which comes to 18. for the wheat, and in case the wheat crop comes to 200 bus. I am to let him off paying the pasture for 1883, \$9.00. This leaves R. Loudon owing me \$97.53 for money advanced and also the note for \$40.00 for my mare Granny which I still hold, see April 19th, 1884. Very cold, 4 degrees above 0 this morning. Joe fed &c. but no one worked for me.

- 4 Colder 4 below 0 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder. I found two new lambs, the first born since Jan. 25th.
- 5 Moderated – 15 degrees above at sunrise. Found new lamb among the ewes that had been on the rye. The thermometer went up to 3 degrees above 0 at 1 p.m. Joe and Jake worked ½ day hauling rye to barn and fodder.
- 6 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Found 2 new lambs I think and one ewe down to die apparently.
- 7 Went to Burlington with Patty. Went to the new bank there with Mr. Brady and presented the order for tobacco that Mr. Boone Rogers gave me (see Jan. 30th). The cashier would not cash it but took it to try to collect it. I put in Burlington P.O. letter to Harriet Young. We dined at Hilda's. Turned the ewes with lambs all but one on the rye again. Found one sick lamb that died. It was a beautiful day – warmer and like

- spring. Snow melted fast. Sent by Lewis 1.00 to Aunt Eliza for rent and 1.00 to Aunt Sally. Joe, Jake and Dick worked. Joe hauled two loads of coal ___ bus. from Corbin's – then hauled wood. Jake and Dick sawed wood.
- 8 Turned another ewe and lamb on the rye. Joe hauled wood and Jake and Dick sawed and cut wood in pasture. I went to Bellevue twice. Got receipt from Ins. Co. also 2 copies of Times Democrat – and letter from the Editor. Warm like spring – the thermometer 30 degrees at sunrise.
 - 9 Didn't write in this till Feb. 21 and expect everything is wrong. Joe and Jake and Dick worked I think getting the wood.
 - 10 Think the three men worked – can't remember anything else.
 - 11 Patty and I went to Burlington and they cashed the order I left there the 8th. The cas. charged 1.00 for collections and I drew \$250.25 and left the balance, \$300 in Bank. Went to Mr. Brady's and pd. I. H. Brady \$70. that I borrowed of her, the 60 see Dec. 1885 and 10. since then, in presence of Patty Selmes. It was misting rain when we came home. I went on to Bellevue and paid my bill at Corbin's.
 - 12 Went to Clore's and found I had not brought enough to pay my bill there so got Alice Walker to credit me \$38.00 on my bill and brought it home.
 - 13 Hilda and Mr. B. and Miss Dunlevy came down and stayed all night. I got letters from T-D. and from Julia.
 - 14 Sunday – Hilda and the rest went home after dinner. Ernest came to call. Mr. Gordon came down on the boat.
 - 15 Snowed hard in the night 6 or 7 inches snow on the ground. Joe fed &c. but no one worked. Sent letter to Ed. P.N.O. Turned colder.
 - 16 Cold – 8 degrees above 0 at sunrise. No one worked. Joe fed &c.
 - 17 Colder – 4 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Isaac came and I gave him orders on Oscar Jones and Eshman for 1.00.
 - 18 Mild again – snow melting fast. Jim Moreland told me he was going to move away next week. Carrie Moreland and Dan McCarty were married. Joe and Jake worked cutting hedge across the creek. Got 2 papers from T-D.
 - 19 Very disagreeable day – snowing off and on and cold. The men cut hedge ½ day and quit on account of cold. Mr. Utz came and got his heifer calf (Jenny Herron's calf). Got letters from Sarah and Sally.
 - 20 Mrs. Roberts and Charles Rockwell came down and Mrs. Roberts and Charlie had a settlement. I returned to Mrs. Roberts the note she left in my hands (see _____) and she gave it to Charlie. In addition to the 90. he had paid her he had sent her they both said 25. at two times and spent 15. more for ex. of going after his brother. That left him owing her \$120. besides \$18. interest which he promised to pay her in future and she to wait for. Charlie paid Mrs. Roberts in my presence \$120. and she paid me the ten dollars I lent her. Ernest and Dr. Bennett called here.
 - 21 Sunday – Milder. Found a young Southdown ewe dead in the rye field. There were today 4 lambs in the sheep cellar and I have seen 12 dead lambs. Milder today only 30 degrees at sunrise.
 - 22 Milder – bright pleasant day. Mr. Gordon went to Burlington to Mr. Brady's. Joe took him up in the buggy, then he cut hedge I believe. Dick and Jake cut stalks and then

hedges. Patty got letter from Sally. Found another ewe down to die. Mrs. Johnson came.

- 23 May Eggleston died at Dick's today. Dick began to cut stalks but had to quit. Joe and Jake worked – they cut stalks – got cattle out of bottom and fixed fence and cut hedge. Pleasant bright day – above freezing at sunrise. Sent by Lewis 1.00 to Aunt Sally. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown, got one from Julia.
- 24 No one worked for me today. May was buried – I went to the burying. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Mattie Hawley. Warm pleasant day. Bill Lacy said he worked ½ day yesterday grubbing and I paid him 2.00.
- 25 Started to Burlington but turned back. Sue and Jamie came down with Mr. Brady. It turned cold towards night. Joe and Jake worked cutting hedge.
- 26 Colder – 15 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Sent letter to Sally and to Julia with 5.00. Joe and Jake worked cutting stalks.
- 27 Joe and Jake ½ day cutting stalks. Went to Bellevue – paid the balance on my bill at Clore's \$16.62 see Feb. 12. Bought Dennis pr. of boots and had them charged. Asked Mike Corbin to let Jake Anderson have 3.00.
- 28 Sunday – Mr. B. came down brought spring wagon and Sue's trunk. He and Hilda and Miss Dunlevy and Ernest dined here.

MARCH

- 1 Not very like spring – it was 21 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Dick, Joe and Jake ½ day worked, they cut stalks and hedge. Got letter and package from Julia.
- 2 Jim Moreland and family moved to Mr. Bott's. Dick cut stalks this morning and hedge after dinner. Joe and Jake hauled hedge and cut hedge. It was still colder – 18 degrees above 0 at sunrise.
- 3 Still cold 18 degrees above again. Sue and I went to Burlington and I got from the bank \$100. Dined at Hilda's. Joe and Jake hauled hedge brush. Dick cut stalks and grubbed.
- 4 Still cold – 19 degrees above 0. Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me. I went to Mr. J. W. Gaines's sale. Yesterday I turned out the ewes that were in the sheep cellar on the rye – they had 5 lambs with them. Alice B. the heifer of Fanny G. had her first calf – a heifer red with some white on it – named it Siegra.
- 5 Dick Loudon gave me the money 15.00 for the coffin for May as I had sent an order for it. All three, Dick, Joe and Jake worked grubbing and cutting trees and piling for a plant bed in sand field. It turned warmer, after night there was a sprinkle of snow.
- 6 My birthday – fifty-three today. Warmer – 30 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Let Dick have 4.00. Went to Rising Sun and pd. R. A. Steel the 16. for May's coffin (see 5th) and got receipt and gave it to Dick. Paid my orders at Davis's, Eshman's, Oscar Jones's &c. Paid Aunt Eliza 1.00 for Aunt Sally's rent. Joe, Jake and Dick worked grubbing and making plant bed in sand field. Ewe had triplets, one died.
- 7 Disagreeable day – snowed some at night. Hilda and Mr. B. came by for a little while.
- 8 Joe, Jake and Dick worked. Turned the sheep and lambs off the rye into the big pasture and put coal oil on them again. They worked. Didn't write in this till March 17th.

- 9 Mardi Gras. Got up and went to Burlington, from there in Mr. Westbay's wagon to Cin. Came home at night on the boat. The men worked in the hollow in the sand field. It was cold all day and snowed at night, a light snow.
- 10 The men worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day – it was too cold they said – they worked at plant bed I believe. Snow melted.
- 11 The men worked and I got them to fix the watergap and fence next Mr. Rice's house. Only Joe and Jake worked for me.
- 12 Joe and Jake worked at the watergap and fence – finished it.
- 13 Hilda and Mr. B. came – she brought me a letter from Mary Reed. Miss Dunlevy spent the day – only Joe worked part of a day. It was a cold snowy bad day. Sent Joe to Burlington for Cousin Tom (Dr. Flandrau) who came from Rome N.Y. Jake Anderson came in to settle up to see how we stood. His work for this year including 3 days from last year came to $42 \frac{1}{2}$ days at $.75 = 31.88$. The cash orders &c. he has received since Jan. 1st. come to 17.88 leaving a bal. of 14.00. At our last settlement Dec. 23rd, he was owing me \$51.05. Deducing the 14.00 it leaves him owing me 37.05. Dennis went away.
- 14 Sunday – Jake Anderson moved into Jim's house – the old basket shop. He is to let me take the inside out of the house this summer if I want to build a new one. Sue and Jamie went on the boat to Madison and Mrs. Dickey, Patty's nurse, came from Cin. Ernest dined here.
- 15 Got a telegram from his father saying that Spalding Graham died of pneumonia yesterday at New Haven. My poor Bally boy – Lord love his soul. Sent letter to tell Sally. The two J & J men worked getting stove wood. I found Bill Lacy grubbing. The first day that seemed like spring – it was bright and pleasant.
- 16 Sent letter to Mr. Graham. Joe and Jake worked – they sowed clover on the wheat and Jake harrowed some. Beautiful warm day. I got letter from Julia.
- 17 Went to Bellevue – heard old Mrs. Garnett was dead and went to Mr. Brady's place. Got copies of papers from T-D. Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day I think and Joe worked – he ploughed for oats. Jake planted onion sets.
- 18 Joe worked ploughing and sowing oats and grass seed. Jake burnt a plant bed for me and went to Mr. Rogers's for 3 bus. oats for which I sent 1.05 and helped Joe put them in. Joe then broke up a little piece for potatoes.
- 19 Jake sowed cabbage &c. in my plant bed – planted potatoes and put some canvas on plant bed. Saw 3 snakes today – the first this spring. Warm lovely weather this week. Went to the funeral of old Mrs. Garnett and to Bellevue again. Joe worked for himself hauling manure on his garden. Tilden Selmes came down.
- 20 Bill Lacy came – said he had worked 6 days. I had pd. him 2.00 so I pd. him in full to date 2.50. Joe and Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Storm and lightning. Aunt Eliza came.
- 21 Sunday – Disagreeable day – snowed hard but melted and rained. Ernest was here. Joe went for ice at night.
- 22 Patty had a baby, a girl. Cousin Tom (Dr. Flandrau of Rome, NY) attended her. Mrs. Jane Dickey of Cin. the nurse was present and Angeline Beatty, my cook. Sent Sue a line to tell her the news. Only my Maker knows how thankful I am. Got letters from my Sally and Sally Gray. Didn't write in this for a week. Jake and Joe put on canvas and after noon Jake and Dick sawed wood and Joe chopped and split.

- 23 Jake and Dick sawed wood in new ground and Joe hauled – used Dick’s horse. Think Cousin Tom and Til went to Burlington.
- 24 Jake and Dick hauled wood. Joe hauled – used Dick’s horse.
- 25 Joe and Jake worked – they put in grass seed in the piece over in the woods next the Kelly corner and then Jake worked in garden. Joe ploughed a piece and I had onion sets, radish, spinach, beet, peas, beans &c. planted. Think I went to Bellevue. Sent Aunt Sally by Dick 1.00. Rained at night.
- 26 Dr. Flandrau (Cousin Tom) operated on Aunt Nancy’s eye for cataract. Jake chopped and split wood and Joe used stalk cutter. Mary Coons worked here Wed., Thursday, Friday and ½ of Sat. Pd her 1.00 today. Dick and Bill grubbed in new ground.
- 27 Dick grubbed ½ day. Bill Lacy says he worked 2 ½ days this week. Pd. Bill 1.88. Got letter from Bessie McIntosh. Have had letters from Sally, Julia, and Sue. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Sue.
- 28 Sunday – found my gray mare, Daisy, with a black horse colt – named it Doctor Tom after Cousin Tom Flandrau. Susie Saxton came to see Patty. Rained at night.
- 29 Joe and Jake worked – they hauled fodder and I think got the sheep out of Mr. Arnold’s pasture. Got letters from Sue and Fanny G. and photograph from Sally of the Ice Castle in St. Paul. Sent Sue letter.
- 30 Is raining hard tonight.
- 31 Sent for Hilda who came to see Patty and the baby. Mrs. Rice came too. Joe and Jake worked – hauled fodder, and then got birds nests out of the gutter. Got letters from Julia and Cousin H. Tew. Rained towards evening. Til took Hilda home. Til went to the river for Sue who came on the boat from Madison. Rained hard.
Joe and Jake worked – hauled manure and Joe went after Sue’s trunk – got some fence planks. Dick and Bill were grubbing yesterday and I found some wild flowers. At night it snowed hard so the roofs were white and blew hard.

APRIL

- 1 Not much like spring – disagreeable day. Joe and Jake hauled manure out on the tobacco ground. The assessor, Mr. Riley, came. I got letter from Lizzie O’Reilley about Spalding. Patty sat up.
- 2 Thermometer 30 degrees – snowing hard. Snowed all day – very disagreeable. Dick and Bill quit grubbing after dinner. Joe and Jake worked – they were chopping in new ground I believe and then Joe took Mr. Selmes to the river and Jake sorted potatoes. Tilden went away – crossed the river. I got letter from Mr. Graham – sent letter to Sally. Got barrel of flour from grange store.
- 3 Snow 3 inches deep and still snowing part of the time. Dick came in and Bill Lacy. Bill said he had worked 3 ¼ days – it came to 2.43. I pd. him .03 and gave him an order on grange for 2.40. Mary Coons said her work came to 4.75 and I had paid her 2.00 so I paid her 2.75 in full. Got letter from Sally and Cousin Clara. No one worked for me but Joe milked &c. At night it hailed and froze. River very high.
- 4 Sunday - Disagreeable day – hail and sleet on the ground – melted some.
- 5 Cold disagreeable day, 31 degrees above 0 at sunrise – snowed hard after noon. I went to Bellevue – got 12.00 from Mike Corbin – to be paid as soon as I can get it from bank. River very high, over 53 ft. at Cin. they say. Cousin Tom, Dr. Flandrau,

went away, Joe took him to Burlington to the omnibus. I sent a letter by Cousin Tom to my namesake Julia Flandrau.

- 6 Day like winter, snow from 4 to 6 inches – snowed hard all day, melting too. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Sally. No one worked for me. Joe fed &c.
- 7 Snowed this morning but cleared off afterwards and much of the snow melted. Went to Bellevue to see the river – still rising. Jake worked ½ day – went to Mr. Schwartz's for me and cut some wood. Had Posey put up. Mr. Gaines came to see about mares. Joe didn't work.
- 8 27 degrees above 0 this morning – ice on water. Joe and Jake worked – they fixed fence round rye field and Jake dug on the ditch while Joe went to Bellevue for coal, got _ bus. from Mike Corbin. Then they got up the sheep and I had them coal oiled and turned them on the rye. Dick and Bill were grubbing. It turned out a lovely day – bright and pleasant. This evening I named Patty's baby – she having given me the naming of it – for its grandmother my beloved sister Isabella Dinsmore. Patty got a letter from Sally. Found dead ewe.
- 9 Lovely bright day – 31 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Got letter from Sally. Joe and Jake worked – Joe buried ewe and they hauled out manure on the garden. Gave Mary Coons order on Clore for 1.25.
- 10 Bill Lacy said he had worked 2 ½ days and I gave him an order on Clore for 1.88. Joe worked ½ day hauling stove wood. Jake didn't work. I got telegram from Sally saying she would be at Erlanger Monday – also letter from Belle Raymond. Went to Burlington – got Patty's cheque for \$50. cashed at the bank and brought her \$10. of it left the rest in bank in my name as she wished. Got 100. of my money and pd. Mr. Dudley Rouse 6.73 for canvass and left with Mrs. Gaines for Mr. J. W. Gaines \$10. for Daisy's colt. Went to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin the 12.00 I borrowed (see 5th). Went to Hilda's to see Miss Harriet. Sent letter to Julia. Sent Aunt Sally order on Oscar Jones R. Sun for 1.50.
- 11 Sunday – My beloved sister Belle's birthday, Lord love her sweet soul. I didn't forget it. Ernest came to call. We had a thunder shower and hard rain after dinner and it poured during the night.
- 12 Got up early and went to Erlanger in the wagon to take Mrs. Dickey on her way home to Cin. and to meet my Sally who came on the morning train from St. Paul and got here safe thank the Lord. Joe drove – and

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 - 14 Joe worked around the yard – hauled out manure – fixed tubs and got dirt for my crape myrtles, mended gate fences &c. Dick and Jake grubbed in new ground. I went to Bellevue and McVile and got saw – got letter from Cousin Tom Flandrau. Warm delightful day.
 - 15 Posey had a mare colt – almost black, this and Daisy's colt are the colt of Mr. J. W. Gaines's Young Woodpecker. Named Posey's colt Ush after pet name of Sue Tew. Sue and Jamie left today. I took them to Burlington to the 3 p.m. stage. Went to Hilda's for a little while. Joe, Jake and Dick worked. Dick grubbed and Joe and Jake sawed till noon, then Joe drove the wagon and Jake grubbed. It rained hard at B. but

not here. Got letter from Mr. Graham saying that his baby Francis Blair was dead. Didn't write any more in this till Thursday the 22nd.

- 16 Jake says he and Joe worked in new ground sawing and burning brush.
- 17 Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me.
- 18 Sunday – Mr. Brady was here a little while. Ernest was here too.
- 19 Joe worked for himself – Jake worked ½ day for me in garden - planted sweet corn &c.
- 20 Joe and Jake put in grass in Jake's garden on the hill and in the strip along the run in the new ground and among the trees there, Blk. Anderson was cutting briars - said he cut yesterday, I pd. him 1.00. Dick was putting in potatoes on shares in the strip that used to be in tobacco. Joe cut stalks after noon and Jake worked in garden. I planted watermelons and muskmelons. Bill Lacy put his mare in pasture – it had been on 4 weeks or so over here.
- 21 Jake worked in garden till noon then ditched in bottom back of Joe's house. Joe finished cutting stalks and chopped weed stalks till noon, then began to break ground in bottom below barn. Got postal from Sally Gray.
- 22 This has been beautiful weather this week. Joe ploughed and Jake ditched today. Blk. Anderson was grubbing. Splendid bloom of apples and cherries now. Got letter from Harriet Young.
- 23 Good Friday – lovely warm day. Went to Ernest's and to Bellevue – engaged shearers at Ernest's – he was shearing sheep today. Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed and Jake ditched in bottom. This evening Jake re-sowed the plant bed I made Mar. 19 except the part in lettuce – and put some in garden – some cabbage early and late – cauliflowers, big peppers, eggplants &c. Stopped at Mr. Boone Rogers's to see his sick daughter. Blk. Anderson was grubbing in orchard grass. Got wool sacks at Mr. Jonas Clore's.
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- 25 Easter Sunday – beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here.
- 26 Got the sheep up and had all sheared but the 3 bucks. Mr. Nixon and two black men from Ernest's helped and Joe sheared. Jake worked – he helped with the sheep and ploughed in the bottom. I got letter from Belle Raymond I think. We had a hard shower after noon. Got letter from Sue.
- 27 Joe and Jake worked – Joe ploughed in bottom on this side and Jake cut briars and grubbed. Henry Hall and Dump Raines cleaned out the ditch. Dick was breaking up beyond the creek. Patty and I went to Bellevue and to Mr. Arnold's. Ernest and Lily came by and I gave Ernest 2.00 to pay the hands who sheared – got letter from Julia. Took letter to T_D.
- 28 Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed - Jake grubbed and cut briars and cleaned up round the edges of the creek. It was cool last night and this morning. Joe ploughed my potatoes early – some of the melons were coming up. Jake planted okra this evening.
- 29 Found my heifer, red with a white tip to her tail. I believe it is the one manes Sips, with a heifer calf, red with some white. It rained hard towards sundown. didn't write in this till May 3rd.

30 Went to Burlington in spring wagon after Cousin Belle Raymond who came from Kansas City. Went to bank and drew \$100. Left 10. with Mrs. Gaines for Posey's colt. Joe drove wagon.

MAY

- 1 No one worked for me. I found the horses and colts in Mr. Walton's clover and got them out. It rained hard and hailed towards evening.
- 2 Sunday – Belle, Sally and I spent the day at Ernest's. Cool – we sat by a fire in the evening.
- 3 Joe harrowed bottom and sheared the bucks at noon. Jake shelled seed corn, helped with bucks and weeded plant beds. Got letter from Mary Reed.
- 4 Went to Bellevue with wool. Mr. Conner received it – there was in all 371 lbs. of which 113 was docked on account of scab and I only got .15 for it. It all came to \$73.71 and Mr. Conner gave me a check on the Burlington Bk. I pd. Will W. Grant's bill 10.30 and my account at Kelly's 2.65 I think. Joe and Jake worked, Joe harrowed and took wool, Jake burnt brush till noon and cut and piled briers in big bottom. I got letter from Julia.
- 5 Rained this morning – Joe and Jake made watergaps and put them up on Searcy branch next to Dick's and then Joe went to ploughing and Jake patched up fence and helped Dick fence his plant beds. Rained a little after dark.
- 6 Hilda and Mr. Brady came and she dined here. Joe and Jake worked – Jake cut briers and Joe finished breaking up and they were going to plant corn but it rained hard, after it they hauled a little manure.
- 7 So wet that Joe hauled wood off of new ground and Jake chopped. Dick hauled wood off with his team. One of the young red heifers had a red heifer calf. Isaac came and I sent Aunt Sally order on Oscar Jones for 1.50.
- 8 Belle and I went up to Burlington – she wanted to go to the Clerk's office. I put in P.O. letter to Mary Reed. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Neither of the men worked for me. Got papers from T-D.
- 9 Sunday – Belle and I went to church to hear Mr. R. E. Kirtley preach old Mrs. Garnett's funeral sermon. He came to call. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 10 Joe ploughed my potatoes and corn. They also milked the fresh heifer. Old Mr. Hunt came down and paid me 2.40 for the apples he got. Joe and Jake planted corn in bottom below barn. Didn't write till 14th. Angeline and I had a settlement the first since she came back July 6th, 1885. Her work to date comes to \$83.25 and she has had goods and cash amounting to \$19.93 which leaves me now owing her \$63.32.
- 11 Last night at midnight and after we had a storm of wind and rain – a severe storm. A large beech – one of the 7 up towards the graveyard was blown down. The men didn't work. Dr. Furnish came to see the baby.
- 12 No one worked for me – I went to Sam Eggleston's funeral. It was very hot and rained hard again.
- 13 My beloved parents' wedding day, Lord love them forever and ever. It was a beautiful day. Belle and I went to Bellevue and to the Arnold's. I got letter from Julia. The men, Joe and Jake, worked – they set out sweet potato plants and some cabbage

plants, then they worked clearing up in new ground. Sent Joe to take my mare July to Mr. Gaines's and leave her.

- 14 Found the young cow Hilda with a heifer calf – red with a white spot in her forehead named it Little Belle after cousin Belle. Joe and Jake worked, hauling and cleaning up in new ground. Blk. Anderson has been working 2 ½ days cutting briars &c. in pear orchard. Rained hard in the night.
- 15 Didn't write in this till the 20th. No one worked for me. Belle and I went to Burlington – took supper at Mrs. Dill's – went to the entertainment in the Presbyterian church and stayed all night at Hilda's.
- 16 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came down with us and dined. Ernest and Hal Bennett were here too to dine.
- 17 Joe and Jake worked. Joe hauled some wood and poles off new ground and then broke up in garden. Jake worked in new ground all day.
- 18 Found my cow Jenny Herron with a fine b. calf, red all except a little white under its shoulders, named it _____. It seemed to be a day or two old. Jake worked in the garden and burnt some trash by hedge row by the fish pond. Joe broke up and harrowed tobacco ground in front of yard and ploughed corn and potatoes in garden. Set out tomatoes.
- 19 Took Sally over the river to the omnibus on her way to Cin. Went to Bank in Rising Sun and got Mr. Perkins to cash my check Mr. Conner gave me (see 4th). He took .40 for cashing it. Paid me 73.31. I paid Angeline Beatty \$63.50 in presence of Mr. Perkins – he counting it for her. Paid orders to date at Oscar Jones's and Davis's. Got draft on N. York for \$25. Joe worked weeding plant beds and Jake cut briars and grubbed in orchard grass. Joe went to Bellevue for a plough.
- 20 Got letter from Julia. Sent letters to Julia and my Sally. Joe and Jake planted corn in the little piece next the bars – it was so wet they quit and weeded plant bed. After dinner Jake worked for Dick planting corn to pay his own debts. Joe laid off tobacco ground this morning – it sprinkled. Joe hauled poles off new ground too. Miss Fanny Raymond came on boat.
- 21 Joe worked – sent him for cows that got out – then he made ash hopper and picked cherries. Joe came in and we had a settlement to date. His work since our last settlement Dec. 12 came to 11 ½ days up to Jan., 1886. Since then his work came to 87 ½ days with 4 days for extra work = 103 days. This at .75 comes to 77.25. His orders, money &c. since Dec 12 come to 49.53 leaving a balance due him of 27.72. I paid him 2.72 and gave him a cash order on Corbin for \$25.00. Lovely day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined. I sent by Mr. Brady to Bellevue letter to Sally Reed. The Arnold girls Katy and Lily came over. Got letter from Sally.
- 22 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 5 ¼ days last week and this which came to 3.94. I pd. the .04 and gave him an order on Corbin for 3.90. Anderson Johnson came and said he had worked 4 ½ days. I gave him an order on Kelly for 3.00 and let the ½ day go on to the next work. No one worked for me. I went to Mrs. Garnett's sale.
- 23 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined. I got from Hilda \$40 and gave her an order on the Burlington Bk. for it – the money was Patty's and I borrowed 25. of it. My Sally came on the noon boat and Bessie McIntosh with her. It rained very hard before dark. One of my Mercer Co. bucks about to die.

- 24 Joe and Jake set tobacco and Dick and his boys helped – also blk. Anderson and Bill Lacy. They set the piece in front of the house and that in the garden. Afterwards they worked getting the piece in wheat field ready for Dick's tobacco. Found my buck dead this morning. Miss Fanny Raymond went up on the boat. It rained at dark. Got letter from Julia.
- 25 Had the sheep and lambs turned out of the rye into the big pasture and had cattle and horses turned into the rye to eat it down. Had Ned caught and Joe ploughed him. Jake helped him – they broke a chilled plough beam. Went to Bellevue and with the 25. (see May 23rd) pd. Mike Corbin the order I gave Joe West the 21st. Didn't write in this till 27th.
- 26 Joe and Jake worked – they planted corn in bottom after getting ready tobacco ground in rye field. Bill Lacy worked for me, he cleaned off Dick's new ground and piled and burnt trash, cut briars &c. on the hedge row by fish pond. He said he had worked 3 days and I pd. him .25 for Dicks Lacy's work Monday and 1.00 cash on his own – the rest to go on his pasture. Belle and Dr. Raymond went to Hilda's to spend the day. Beebe kicked coming home and broke the buggy and hurt Dr's leg.
- 27 The red heifer Aline had a red heifer calf this morning early – named it Bessie for B. McIntosh. The red white spotted heifer Angeline had a red and white spotted b. calf named _____. Joe and Jake worked – planted corn and attended to heifers and Joe ploughed my potatoes and corn in garden. The first thing they went to Mr. Rouse's and brought home the broken buggy and Beebe. I gave Anderson Johnson order on Kelly for 1.00. Turned the horses and cattle into big pasture. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to see Dr. and Belle after the accident – didn't stay long. Mrs. Delilah Roberts came and I lent her 2.00.
- 28 Sent Posey to Mr. Gaines's. Joe and Jake worked ploughing corn. Anderson worked and replanted corn a little. Cousin Belle and Dr. R. went away on the boat. I sent letter to Cousin Wm. – went to Bellevue with Belle. Dick worked Daisy.
- 29 Anderson came in and said he had worked 4 ½ days this week which with the ½ day (see 22nd) makes 5 days. Neither of the hands worked for me. Sent Aunt Sally order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 by Angeline who went down and engaged her lot from Mr. Whitlock. Amy Campbell came down on the boat. Dick worked Daisy.
- 30 Paid Patty the 25. I borrowed (see 23rd). Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Sally and Amy and Bess went to Bellevue to wait for the boat. Joe drove the wagon after sundown. It rained some at night.
- 31 There was not a season but as the ground was damp the men replanted some. Bill Lacy helped and worked ½ day – replanted corn. Joe and Jake ploughed corn. I went to Bellevue and to see Florence. Took letters to Mr. Graham and T-D. Stopped to see Lily. Joe ploughed a little in tobacco.

JUNE

- 1 Patty went to the boat and got the baby's pictures taken. I got letter from Cousin Belle, and bill for Sally. Joe finished ploughing tobacco and melons and laid off for corn in garden. Jake replanted and hoed in garden and planted sweet corn. I also sent Joe to break up that little piece that was burnt off by fish pond. Sent Joe to Rising Sun to take the buggy to Ernest Smith's to be mended. Jake picked cherries after dinner.

- Lily was here after noon. Fred came in and said he had finished. He worked 5 days he said and I gave him an order for 3.75 on Kelly.
- 2 Anderson Johnson came and got an order on Kelly for 1.00. Joe and Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day – Joe ploughed corn, and Jake worked in garden – planted popcorn. Lily was here after noon. I got letters from Sally and Amy Campbell. We had a good rain towards sundown. Didn't write in this till the 8th.
 - 3 Joe and Jake set tobacco all day. Dick Lacy dropped for them and Bill Lacy helped Dick set to return so much of what he helped me.
 - 4 Jake picked cherries all day – and Joe ploughed corn. He took Posey to Mr. Gaines's.
 - 5 No one worked for me. Anderson Johnson says he worked Tuesday, Wed. $\frac{1}{4}$ day, Thursday setting tobacco, Friday and $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sat., 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ days in all this week.
 - 6 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. Ernest came later.
 - 7 Patty and Til's wedding day – wish them much joy. Patty went to spend the day at Hilda's. I sent letters to Lizzie O'Reilly and Joe Humphreys. Got letter from Sally at Baltimore. Sent Joe for my buggy – he brought it from Rising Sun. Then I sent him up to take Ernest's buggy back. Then he ploughed corn. Jake worked – he picked cherries, planted things in garden – salsify, beans and radish then shelled corn and took it to mill – then ploughed corn. Anderson Johnson worked clearing up in orchard grass. Sent Aunt Sally by Joe order on Oscar Jones for 1.00.
 - 8 Mr. Hogan came to see about cistern. I went to Bellevue to see about tile. Joe and Jake worked – both ploughed corn then Jake replanted and Joe ploughed tobacco across the road.
 - 9 Rained last night some so I told Joe, Jake and Anderson J. to replant tobacco – about 9 it rained hard and very hard during the morning. Kate Corbin and Mrs. Riley stopped here out of the rain and I took them home. Got letter from Sally. After noon my 3 hands worked setting tobacco and Dick with his boys. Bill Lacy and his Dick helped – they reset and finished setting mine they said. It rained very hard again about 3.
 - 10 Sent letter to Sally inclosing one. Got letter from Sally Reed. Katy cow __ Dick set tobacco and my hands helped him. Anderson Johnson worked less than a day. Dick said I had paid up all the work I owed setting tobacco.
 - 11 Joe took Posey to Mr. Gaines's and he said not to take her back till the 24th. Mr. Scranton and Mr. Burdsal came to look at Ned. Anderson J. worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. He came and got order on Kelly for 2.00. Joe and Jake worked grubbing in grass on the hill John Moreland cleared. Didn't write in this till the 16th.
 - 12 No one worked for me. Angeline laid up with her leg. Amy and Bessie drove down..
 - 13 Sunday – It rained hard. Joe Humphreys and Ernest came and Hilda and Mr. Brady.
 - 14 Mr. Conner came and took 45 lambs which at 3.50 came to 157.50 and he gave me a check for it on the Farmer's and Traders Bk. Cov. I went to Burlington the same day and got Mr. Revill to cash it. Hilda came by and stopped a few minutes. I went to the poor house to take Angeline to see the old woman who cures legs. Joe and Ernest here. Joe, Jake and Anderson J. worked – they replanted tobacco and then cut weeds in corn and Anderson grubbed in grass.
 - 15 Sally Reed and John S. Mallory married. Mr. Hogan came and laid the tiles. I paid him for it 3.00. It poured down rain part of the day a dashing rain that washed gullies

- out. Joe and Jake worked part of the day – after noon I sent Joe to see about getting my wheat cut and he filled up tile trench &c. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 Sent letter to buddy about selling the children's land. Joe and Jake worked chopping weeds out of corn. Got letters from Sally, Belle and Sue. Didn't write in this till Sat. night. Paid Kelly orders amounting to 10.75.
 - 17 Went to Rising Sun after Aunt Eliza. Stopped at Mr. Stampers and paid him all the orders I sent there and got them amounting to \$25.25. Bought Aunt Sally a new stove and had it put up. Bought of Mr. Eshman for Aunt Sally 11 bus coal for which I paid him 1.00. Brought Aunt Eliza home with me. Went round to get hands to harvest wheat. Joe and Jake worked chopping out corn.
 - 18 Perfect day – cool and breezy. Cut the wheat this side of the creek. Had 12 hands, Dick, Joe, Jake, Anderson Johnson, Jim and the two McCarthys, Bill Lacy and Mr. Fred and Dump Rains, Henry Hall and Frank Jeffries. Mrs. Corbin and Permelia came. Also Susie Saxton and Katy.
 - 19 Cool and pleasant. Joe and Jake worked ½ day – ploughed and hoed in garden and finished shocking the wheat cut yesterday. I worked and thinned my melons. Hilda's cousin Mr. Havenhill came to call. Patty got letter from Sarah. Anderson Johnson came and I settled in full to date. I pd. him 1.50 for his days work harvesting. Then since our last settlement he had worked 14 ½ days at .75 which came to \$10.88. He had gotten orders amounting to 4.00, which left me owing him 6.88. I paid him 7.00 and he now owes me .12. Jim Moreland came and bought one of my double shovel ploughs for which he paid me 3.00 cash. I sent by him 1.50 to Dan McCarthy for harvesting.
 - 20 Sunday – Rained some. I went to Bellevue to see about a telegram Patty sent to Til.
 - 21 Rained hard last night and this morning. Joe and Jake helped Dick after 2.15 this evening. Joe worked part of a day – fixed cradle and they both reset tobacco for me after noon till they helped Dick. Found my other Mercer Co. buck dead. Patty got letter from Sally. Baby 3 months old.
 - 22 Rained of course – quit after a while. Joe and Jake worked part of a day – hoeing weeds out of tobacco. Ernest and Katy A. came to call.
 - 23 Patty and I went to Burlington to call on Hilda's cousin, Mrs. Havenhill. It sprinkled or showered after we got home. Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed tobacco and Jake hoed tobacco and corn. Dick was planting corn in new ground where the grasshoppers ate up plants. I got letters from buddy and BBG. I paid Mr. Brady \$10. in presence of Patty for my toll for the year ending in last May. Didn't write in this till 29th.
 - 24 Mr. Brady and Hilda and Mrs. Havenhill and her son, Harry, came and spent the day. Joe and Jake worked in corn.
 - 25 Joe and Jake worked in corn. Anderson worked too and he and Jake cut my little dab of rye.
 - 26 Joe worked ½ day in corn. Jake tried to work all day but it poured down about 5 p.m. He ploughed and hoed in garden – melons &c. and in the morning helped in corn. Anderson Johnson said he had worked 2 ½ days this week – which came to 1.88 and .12 (see 19th) left me owing him 1.76 for which I gave him order on Kelly.
 - 27 Sunday – Poured down most of the day – gloomy, chilly day – felt like fall.

- 28 Sent letters to Dr. Raymond about selling children's land and to Belle R. Went to Bellevue. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. Susie Rice too. Mr. Al Lewis from Aurora came and offered me \$160. for Ned. Dick worked ½ day cutting wheat over the creek. Joe worked – fixed cistern and mowing machine – cut wheat while the horses were sent to be shod, and then cut timothy. Jake helped grind knives – worked in garden staking tomatoes and then cut wheat. I went to Mr. Bob Brady's to ask him about selling Ned.
- 29 Joe, Jake, Dick and Anderson worked chopping weeds and cutting what little of the wheat beyond the creek seemed fit to cut. I went to B. Got letters from Sally and Julia.
- 30 Nineteen years ago sister Belle died. Lord love her precious soul. Sally Humphreys came – via Erlanger – I got letter from Cousin Belle and Sally Reed and box by Ex. from Belle. Sent Ned by Jake Anderson up to Aurora for Mr. Lewis and he sent me a check on Merchant's National Bk. Cin. for \$160. Joe, Jake and Anderson worked – Joe cut and raked hay and they hauled it in – that was cut before. Dick said he had worked and would get 3 bus. corn.

JULY

- 1 The men, Joe and Jake, and I believe Anderson worked. Joe broke up in garden and I had my late corn planted and Jake hoed some – they also worked in corn and got the rest of the timothy in. I got telegram from my Sally and letter from buddy about children's land.
- 2 Took Sally Humphreys to Burlington to the omnibus. Stopped at Hilda's. Went to the bank and got the check for \$160. (see June 30th) cashed. Sent Posey to Mr. Gainses's and brought old Julia back. Put in Burlington P.O. letter to Dr. Raymond about children's land. Got letters from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for 37.50 and from Mr. Graham with pictures of Spalding. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis from Aurora came and dined – Mrs. Rice and Susie and Ernest came and Mr. Conner came to look at cattle. Got papers from T-D. Went to the boat in the evening and my Sally came.
- 3 Bill Lacy came in and we straightened up the work &c. He has worked enough to come to 4.63 and is owing me 4.00 for pasture up to the present time July 2nd and I pay him the .63. Then I advanced him 1.00 – to go on work or pasture in the future. Joe and Jake worked till noon ploughing corn.
- 4 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady and Ernest dined here. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis came afterwards. Lovely weather the last few days – warm and dry.
- 5 Joe and Jake worked ploughing corn. Lily was here. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 7.00. Paid Mike Corbin my account since Feb. 15th which with orders amounted to \$101.35 and got it receipted. Got letter from Susie Tew.
- 6 Paid Aunt Eliza 6.00 of which 3.00 is for her rent and 3.00 for her work. Gave her an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally. Isaac came up and Aunt Eliza went home. Miss Lou and Mrs. Longmore came to stay all night. Joe and Jake worked. Joe ploughed and Jake hoed in garden & tobacco. Yesterday and today I hoed my melon vines and had them ploughed.

- 7 Patty went out to Burlington and Joe took some of her trunks out. Sent by Patty my draft for 37.50 (see July 2) and got it cashed at Burlington Bk. Went to Bellevue and pd. Mr. Clore at Grange store my bill 36.34. Paid Mr. Birkle 1.65 in full. Got for Anderson .50 meat and he got 1 ½ bus. corn and worked part ½ of a day. He came and danced for the children in the evening. Joe and Jake worked. Joe hoed tobacco and so did Jake and he went to drive the carriage for Miss Lou past the bridge. Ernest came this evening and Lily and Katy this morning. Didn't write in this for two weeks and now the 21st try to pick up the tangled threads.
- 8 Went to Cin. via Erlanger with Patty and the baby and Julia. She left on the evening train for Chicago and I came home on the boat. Old Julia the mare, gave out when she got home from Erlanger and has [been] poorly ever since. Joe drove the wagon.
- 9 Joe, Jake, Anderson J. and Dick with his mare worked hauling in wheat, got what is in the sand field hauled. It rained at night.
- 10 Anderson J. said he had worked 3 days which came to 2.25. I already owed him 1.63 (see July 2nd) which makes 3.88. He had got corn and I had bought him meat which came to 1.02 so I gave him order on Kelly for 2.86. Got letter from Patty from Chicago.
- 11 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came but think they left before dinner.
- 12 Joe and Jake say they ploughed. Got letter from Patty in St. Paul. Sent for Mrs. Lonaker and cleaned the dining room &c.
- 13 Joe and Jake say they ploughed. It rained hard at night. Mrs. L. here again. I put the dining room carpet down.
- 14 The men didn't work – they picked blackberries I think.
- 15 Joe and Jake say they ploughed.
- 16 Joe and Jake say they ploughed and worked in tobacco and cut my little piece of oats beyond the creek. Anderson J. helped them. I think Lily came over and stayed all day.
- 17 Anderson J. said he worked 4 ½ days this week – that he hoed tobacco Monday and Tuesday – Thursday hoed and wormed, Friday wormed and cut oats and Sat. ½ day. I owed him 3.38 and pd. him cash 1.38 and gave him an order on Kelly for 2.00. Lily was here.
- 18 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed to dinner. Ernest came to call. By not writing in my book everything is forgotten or wrong. I have had letters from Julia from buddy and from Mary Reed.
- 19 The day that makes me heartsick to recall – Lord love their souls. Lily came over and stayed all day. The men, Joe, Jake and Anderson cut clover hay over by Dick's new ground.
- 20 Sally and I went to Hilda's to a Brady dinner. The men worked in the hay twining it &c. and after dinner began to haul but only got in two parts of loads – it rained hard. Dick helped with his mare.
- 21 Joe, Jake and Anderson - worked they wormed tobacco a little and turned and corked hay and hauled a load. I went to Bellevue and engaged of Mike Corbin 14 M. shingles at 4.30 warranted 1st class. Sally got letter from her father with check for 100. to go to White Sulphur.
- 22 Dick, Joe, Jake and Anderson worked – they wormed tobacco a while and then when the dew was off they worked in hay and hauled some in. Dick worked his mare. Isaac

came and I sent Aunt Sally order on Oscar Jones for 1.50, pd Oct 25 and .25 cash with her dress &c. Ernest and Lily stopped by.

- 23 Got up early and took Sally to Burlington to the omnibus on her way to Cin. Stopped at Mr. Brady's to see Hilda. Susie Tew came via Burlington. Mr. J. M. Conner came and I agreed to sell him my old sheep, ewes, at 2.25 a head and throw in 5 – also to throw in the 5 lambs he left out when he bought them (see Jan. 28th). Also to sell him three steers and my bull for 20. a head and 5 heifers, some with calves and some without for 25. a head. The men worked at getting in hay. Sally came home on the boat at night. I got letters from Susie Tew, Amy and Sally Mallory.
- 24 None of the men worked for me. Dick said he had worked 2 days and his mare 2 ½ days. Anderson J. said he had worked 4 ¾ days which came to 3.56 and I am to pay the beef man .70 for him which leaves me owing him 2.86. I pd. him .36 and gave him cash order on Corbin for 2.50. Dick said he got 2 bus. corn and Jake 1 bus. Got letters from Patty and Belle R.
- 25 Sunday – Angeline suffered so with her leg I had to send for Dr. Riley. Isaac came up and I told him to bring Aunt Eliza tomorrow. Amy sent her mare Peggy down on the boat. Hilda and Mr. B. were here – dined. Very warm day.
- 26 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally Mallory – got letter from Julia. Lily came over after dinner. Very warm day. Joe and Jake worked . Joe hauled out shingles &c. and at 4 p.m. went to help Mr. Romeyn thresh. Jake helped ½ day too – he wormed tobacco in the morning.
- 27 Sent Peggy and Julia to Bob Clore's but in vain Angeline says – Ellen came to work. Sent letter to Patty. Mr. J. M. Conner came and got all my sheep and lambs – there were 46 lambs and 93 grown sheep he said. The 46 lambs – 5 leave 41 lambs which at 3.50 come to 143.50. 93 sheep – 5 leaves 88 sheep at 2.25 a head =
198.00
\$341.50 for which he gave me a check on Farmers' & Traders' Natl. Bk. Cov. He promised to save my bells for me. Sent Aunt Eliza by Isaac 1.00. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Anderson J. worked ½ day for Mr. Romeyn the rest hoeing tobacco. Joe and Jake worked in tobacco and getting up sheep. Very warm day. Lily came.
- 28 Still very warm. Joe ploughed tobacco and the two Andersons hoed – they wormed in the cool of the morning. Lily came. Charlie Burns came out to see about roofing the side of the barn joining the sheep cellar.
- 29 Sent Jake down with the 2 mares Peggy and Julia. Charlie Burns came out and he and Joe began to work on the barn roof. Jake too. He dipped the shingles in petroleum and carried shingles &c. Anderson wormed tobacco and cut briars in garden. Lily came over.
- 30 Charlie, Joe and Jake worked on the roof and Jake dipped shingles. It was cloudy and showery. Anderson J. wormed tobacco all day. I got letter from Patty and Horace Grant's wedding invitation. Lily came.
- 31 Charlie, Joe and Jake and Anderson J. worked all day. It was hot and showery. Jake helped worm tobacco. Lily came. I went to Bellevue. Anderson J. said he had worked 5 days which would come to 3.75. I pd .80 to the beef man (also .70 due last week) which leaves me owing him 3.00 - .05 I pd. him cash 3.00.

AUGUST

- 1 Sunday – Warm and cloudy – showers towards evening. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by on their way home.
- 2 Election day – no one worked for me. Lily was here and I helped Sally. Didn't write in this till the 8th and expect to get all wrong.
- 3 Charlie Burns came and he and Joe worked on the barn roof. Charlie also fixed Sally's trunks. Jake worked and after noon drove me out in the spring wagon to take Sally's trunks and I sent them by the omnibus to Erlanger. Went to the Bank in Burlington and got Sally's check her father sent her for \$100.00 cashed. Also I got the check Mr. Conner gave me for 341.50 (see July 29th) cashed and left 200. in Bank. I stopped a few minutes at Hilda's. Went to Bellevue for lumber and shingles with Jake. Paid Mr. Kelly orders to the amt. of 12.62. Anderson worked in tobacco. Lily was here – pd. 4.00.
- 4 Got up early and took my precious own to Burlington – put her in the omnibus on her way to Cin. to join Mrs. Jordan and Elizabeth and go to White Sulphur. Charlie Burns, Joe and Jake worked and Anderson J. worked in tobacco. Sent July and Peggy to Mr. Clore's.
- 5 Charlie and Joe worked on the barn. Jake worked ½ day. After dinner he and Anderson J. fixed the fence in the big pasture and then Jake went to Bellevue for more lumber and shingles. Anderson J. worked in tobacco.
- 6 Charlie and Joe and Jake worked at the barn roof – finished it and put lumber roof on part of the stalls this end, about 3 ½ stalls. After dinner they put shingles on the corn crib. Charlie finished and left. I paid him in full 8.50. Jake worked in tobacco after dinner. Anderson J. worked too in tobacco. Dick worked too in tobacco. I got letter from Sally Mallory. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 7 Dick worked ½ day – in tobacco and cleaned out spring. Joe and Jake worked ½ day cutting grass in yard. Anderson got 3.00 said he had worked 4 days – he pd. the .05. Joe went down with wagon to the boat and I went for Sally and Mr. Mallory but they didn't come. Hilda and Mr. B. left for Carrollton.
- 8 Sunday – Ernest and Lily and Katy came to call. Sally and Mr. Mallory came down on the boat at night. Angeline and I had a settlement. I allowed her for 9 weeks time since our last settlement which at 2.00 comes to 18.00. The money and orders (verbal) came to 11.64 which would leave me owing her 6.36. She left with me 4.50 to pay Dr. Raymond for her elastic stocking and Dr. Riley for his visit – which left me owing her 1.86. I pd. her 1.90. She still owes for the rubber band Amy got, but she didn't mention the price.
- 9 Sent Joe down for the baggage then let him take Angeline home to Rising Sun in the wagon. After dinner he and Jake hauled in oats – said there were 2 loads. Jake worked in tobacco cut grass in yard &c. Anderson J. worked and Dick in tobacco in rye field and garden. I got letter from Patty – also a picture of Charlie for Sally. Mr. Bob Brady, Zeke Rice and Mr. Arnold all came to see about threshing.
- 10 Sent Joe down for sacks they didn't come – then he and Anderson hauled the old shingles from the barn &c. Dick worked – he and Jake helped Mr. Bob Brady thresh and after they got home wormed tobacco. I got letter from Sally at White Sulphur. Still hot and dry. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by on their way home.

- 11 Sent Joe down for sacks, they came. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Anderson worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting weeds. Dick worked in tobacco and cutting briars in sand field, cutting out fence row. Joe hauled shingles and Jake helped him and worked some in tobacco. Pd. Mrs. Lonaker's girl the .75 I owed her. Sent Aunt Sally by Isaac 1.00. Sprinkled a little at bedtime.
- 12 Mr. Conner came and got the cattle I sold him (see July 23). He took the 3 steers and the young bull, and the 5 heifers all of which now have calves, and I also sold him my cow, Jenny Herron, and her b. calf for 35, 16 head of cattle in all for 240. and he gave me a check on the Farmer's and Trader's Bk. for the amount. There was a pleasant shower this morning. Dick worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day in tobacco.
- 13 Joe and Jake worked threshing at Mr. Arnold's and Mr. Rice's. Dick worked in tobacco and Anderson took the mares to Mr. Clore's. Had a fine shower during last night. Mr. Mallory and Sally left on the boat for Cin. Joe drove down with the baggage, we got home a little after 10. Put letter for Sally in P.O.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. She is 25. Susie and I started to Burlington but turned back. Anderson J. came and said he had worked 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days – which came to 3.19. I pd. him 1.70 and kept the 1.50 to send Dr. Riley for him – sent it today by Jake Anderson. Mr. Bob Brady came to see about threshing and brought May. Mr. Brady and Hilda stopped by. May stayed all night. Joe and Jake threshed at Mr. Rice's $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 15 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 16 Went to Bellevue. Sent note to Sally Mallory inclosing 4.00 and Mr. M.'s waistcoat that I found it in. Rained. The Trester brothers came with their machine to thresh. They got here about noon and began to thresh about 3 p.m. and worked till dark. Dick, Jake, Joe, Anderson and Jim Moreland threshed – also Mr. Arnold and Will. Mr. Bob Brady, Mr. Romeyn and the Rice boys that I had sent hands to help. The threshers didn't finish and stayed all night. It was very hot – intensely so, and during the night we had a thunder storm and hard rain. Sent letter to Patty with 10. also letter to Sally. Got letter from Patty.
- 17 The day of my beloved mother's death. May life everlasting with eternal joy be hers. Lord love her sweet soul. It rained and the threshers didn't begin till 9. Thank heaven they finished and left after 10. They say I had 166 bus. wheat and 3 bus. rye. I pd. Mr. Trestor in full 8.50. Went to Bellevue to see about selling wheat. Hot again. Joe, Jake, Dick and Anderson worked in tobacco and Joe fixed up fence round hay shed. I sent a letter that came for Sally Mallory and a document that came for him. Pd. Mr. Birkle .30.
- 18 Dick worked for himself in his tobacco. Joe and Jake and Anderson worked. Joe and Anderson hauled the wheat to the river for Mr. Corbin to ship and then Anderson began to clean the kitchen cellar. It rained some. Jake worked in tobacco. I got letters from Patty, Sally, and Aunt Eliza. Sent letter to Julia.
- 19 Bright and cool this morning. Sent letter to Sally. Joe and Dick worked cutting briars. Joe in pike, Dick in rye field. Jake worked in tobacco. Anderson worked cleaning the kitchen cellar. Ernest came to call this evening.
- 20 Joe worked fixing fence in rye field next Mr. Arnold's and in sand field next Mr. Rice's. Jake worked in tobacco. Dick cut briars in little oats piece and in sand field

next fence. Joe fixed &c. Anderson whitewashed kitchen cellar. Turned warm again. Susie Rice came over.

- 21 Settlement with Jake Anderson. Jake came in to settle and see how we stood, our last settlement being March 13. Since then up to today his work came to 108 days, which at .75 a day comes to \$81.00. The cash, orders and sundries he has had come to 51.12 (see the small account book with his name on it) and that added to the 37.05 he was owing me at our last settlement (see March 12) comes to 88.17 which leaves Jake now owing me 7.17. Anderson Johnson said he had worked 5 ½ days and I pd. him in full 4.13. Isaac Sanders came and I gave him an order on Oscar Jones for Aunt Sally for 1.50 pd. Oct. 25. Pd. Ellen 1.00. Dick came up to talk about renting and thinks he will rent. Sent July and Peggy to Mr. Clore's.
- 22 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. About 5 p.m. we had a fine rain.
- 23 It rained off and on during the day. Anderson J. worked and finished up the cellars; pd him .75. Joe and Jake worked in tobacco, cellar &c. I was working at catsup again. Got letters from Patty and Sally M. My Sally came home. Old Mr. Snyder brought her out from the boat.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday. Lord love his soul. Sent Joe down for Sally's baggage. Then all three Dick, Joe and Jake began to break the colt, Til, and worked at him all day.
- 25 Hilda and Mr. B. came and took Susie home with them. Isaac came yesterday and today to gather pears. Didn't write in this till the 30 and will get everything wrong. Joe helped with the colt part of the day and began to plough the rye field. Dick hauled with the colt and his mare and Jake helped him and worked in tobacco. Very hot.
- 26 Dick hauled again. Jake worked in tobacco and Joe ploughed.
- 27 Sally and I went down late to Bellevue and stopped at Betty's. I got 2 letters from Patty. Joe ploughed and Jake and Dick's two boys worked in tobacco. It being dark of the moon in Aug. with the sign in the heart I got Dick to cut down the thicket in the big pasture near the old Coons house. Very hot. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Jake worked in tobacco ½ of day and Dick's children. Dick worked all day as before. I pd. him 2.00 for the children's work and 2.00 on his own. Joe didn't work – he hauled wood for himself. Aunt Eliza came with Isaac to work and Ellen went home. She had worked 4 ½ weeks and I owed her 9.00. I had pd. her 1.00 (see 21) and so I pd. her in full 8.00 when I took her to Bellevue. Got letter from Sarah.
- 29 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came and brought Susie home. They stayed all night – there was a rain and wind that blew down the old Coons house and a tree across the lane. Ernest and Miss Ma _____
- 30 Went to the funeral of Mrs. D. H. Rice – it was preached in the Bellevue church by Dr. J. A. Kirtley. Got letter from Sue. Joe took the mares to Bob Clore's again, and ploughed in rye field and helped Dick with colt again. Jake did too and patched up lane fence and worked in tobacco. Cooler after the rain.
- 31 Didn't write in this till Sep. 8th and may get everything wrong. Think Joe ploughed and Dick hauled till noon then began to plough. Jake helped him with the colt ploughing and worked in tobacco in the morning. There was a decided earthquake about half past nine at night by my time. Sally was upstairs and I downstairs and we

both felt it – she more than I on account of being higher. It was a shake from the fatal earthquake of Charleston. Susie Tew was spending the night with May Brady and said they didn't feel it.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 I think the men all worked. Dick and Joe both ploughing and Jake helping Dick with colt and in tobacco. Dick's little Dora broke her arm very badly this evening.
- 2 Dick didn't work this morning. I think he ploughed after noon. Joe ploughed and Jake worked in tobacco. I think I went to Bellevue and got 3.25 worth of things which I pd. for. 1.00 for Aunt Eliza. My wheat was 169 bus. 50 lbs. at .72.
- 3 Went to Burlington and to Bank. Got the check Mr. Conner gave me (see Aug. 12) cashed and left 100. of it in bank. Paid Mr. German the D.S. my taxes, \$61.61, and got receipt. Stopped at Hilda's and stayed a few minutes. Went to Mr. Corbin's and pd. my bill. It came to 144.09. There was a credit of 1.09 for shingles returned – leaving it 143. Then my wheat check from the Lawrenceburg Mill was 122.28 which I signed and gave to Mr. Corbin – which left a balance of 20.72. This I paid and paid a freight bill of 4.15 on the wheat. Also pd. Mr. Clore .65 for a scythe Joe got. Went up to Cin. on the boat with Susie Tew. Joe drove the wagon down. They all three worked ploughing and in tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. came to stay with Sally.
- 4 I put Susie Tew on the train for Jamestown. Went to Mr. Foster's and he bought some groceries for me which I pd. \$26.88 for (see bill). Went to Exposition. Came down on boat at night. Hilda and Mr. B. stayed here.
- 5 Sunday – Louly had a calf – a little scrubby red and white heifer. Warm today.
- 6 Set Joe and Dick to hauling coal for me. Jake was in tobacco. I sent letters to Patty and to T-D and B. They hauled coal first from Mr. Corbin's and then from Mr. Len Clore's.
- 7 The men hauled coal. Dick all day and Joe ½ day. Jake worked in tobacco.
- 8 Joe and Dick worked ½ day after dinner cutting tobacco. Jake worked ½ day before dinner suckering – they worked on the road the rest of the time. I sent letter to Sarah. Very hot day.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday, Lord love her soul. Sally and I went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty, Sue and Susie Tew. The men all worked in tobacco. They began to house it in the sheep cellar – and cut some. Weather hot and dry. Sent letter to Patty.
- 10 My darling sister Susy's birthday, Lord love her soul. It rained this evening between 2 & 3 I think – a good shower. The men all worked. Joe, Jake and Dick – they hauled and hung tobacco and after it rained nickered some. Went to Mr. Corbin's and paid for my coal. It was 172 ½ bus. at .10 = \$17.70. Mr. Corbin said the man I sold to pd. the freight on the wheat – so he credited me for the 4.15 freight I pd. (see 3) and I paid the balance 13.55. Went to Mr. Len Clore's and he said the coal I got of him was 244 bus. 26 lbs. which at .10 ½ came to _____. Forwarded to Patty a letter that came for her. Made some wine today. Gave Mike Corbin 1.00 to renew sub. to Courier Journal.
- 11 Only Joe worked ½ day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined.
- 12 Sunday – Rained some this morning and on till after 12. Cleared up cool. Ernest came and dined. Cherry had a b. calf red with some white spots. Sally made a little fire at night it was so cool.

- 13 Joe and Jake worked cutting tobacco. Dick worked for himself. It was cool with a wind blowing. We went to Bellevue and to Mr. Arnold's. I got letter from Farmer's and Mechanic's Bk. Georgetown with draft.
- 14 Joe, Jake, Dick and Anderson J. worked in tobacco today – the 3 white men hauled, hung and cut and the other suckered. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a little while. Sally and I went to Bellevue. She got letter from Patty. Isaac came up. I sent Aunt Sally an order on Oscar Jones for 1.00 and .25 in money. Didn't write in this for a week and may get all things wrong.
- 15 Think it rained – Joe said he and Jake and Anderson worked housing and suckering tobacco. Dick worked ½ day.
- 16 The men worked at tobacco.
- 17 They worked at tobacco.
- 18 Anderson J. said he had worked 4 ½ days this week and I pd. him only .35. Pd for beef .50. Hilda and Mr. B. came down late and stayed all night.
- 19 Sunday – Saw the most beautiful morning rainbow I think I ever saw. Sprinkled a little sometime during the day.
- 20 Mr. Brady poorly – didn't start home till after noon. Anderson was working for me and I let him haul coal for Mr. B. Sally and I went out to stay all night at Hilda's. Cool, a fire was pleasant when we got there. Joe and Jake worked cutting tobacco.
- 21 Went to Bk. in Burlington and got my draft for \$28. (see 13th) cashed and brought the money home. Sally and I went to Bellevue. I got papers T-D and letter from Julia. Joe, Jake and Anderson cut tobacco and hauled. Mr. Corbin fell into his ice house cellar and broke his leg and otherwise hurt himself very badly.
- 22 Joe, Jake and Anderson worked – they almost finished cutting and housing the tobacco and Joe went to Ernest's and got 18 bus. rye, and then they began to put in rye in the tobacco ground in the rye field. The man who buys walnut trees, Mr. Rollins, came and I sold him the trees on the point in the pasture on the mill road and the one on the hill in the big pasture – towards the Geneton orchard. Sally and I went to Bellevue – stopped at Bob Clore's and Mr. Corbin's. I sent letter to Julia – got letter from Sister Ignatius about Patty's package.
- 23 Sally and I went to Aurora. I paid Patty's package sent on to her at Mandan. Sent Belle Raymond's breast pin by Ex. and got receipt. It was very hot today and rained just as we got home. Anderson Johnson came in and said he had worked 4 days this week – this with the 4 ½ days last week (see 8th) makes 8 ½ days which makes 8 ½ days which comes to 6.38. I pd. him .35 which left me owing him 6.03 and I pd. him on this 2.00. Got letter from Patty. Joe and Jake worked. I spent for ferry and sundries 4.70. Anderson began to cut corn today.
- 24 Joe and Jake worked putting in rye. Didn't write in this till the 28th. I think Sally and I went to Bellevue and took 5 lbs. butter to Mr. Kelly came to .75. Sally sick at night.
- 25 No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. The wind blew hard all night.
- 26 Sunday – Mr. Lillard stopped to see Mr. Brady – they went home – rained a little occasionally.
- 27 Joe and Jake worked – they put in rye in the morning and then the wind blew so Joe ploughed and Jake cut corn.

- 28 Anderson Johnson came and I paid him 3.00 on his work. Jake worked ½ day smoking the tobacco in the barn. Joe worked. It rained part of the day. He ploughed first then took horses to be shod, then watched the smoke under the tobacco. I sent letter to Co. Gentleman. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sister Ignatius and paper T-D.
- 29 Joe and Jake worked – they put in rye till noon – then Joe broke up for rye and Jake cut corn. Anderson J. cut corn. I gave him an order on Corbin for .50. Ernest said the rye was 19 bus. 21 lbs. I pd. him 10.00 for it. Lovely bright day.
- 30 Joe broke up for rye. Jake cut corn. Anderson J. cut corn till noon then grubbed sprouts off stumps in rye field. I went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Corbin.

OCTOBER

- 1 We went to Bellevue – sent letters to Patty and to Ladies Home Journal Phil. Got letter from Patty. Cool this morning 40 degrees at sunrise. I saw a little frost on some leaves. Joe broke up for rye and sowed some. Jake cut corn in the morning and harrowed. Anderson grubbed sprouts and cut weeds &c. I had Posey brought up so her colt could be weaned.
- 2 Frost this morning – the gourds, tomatoes, okra &c. killed – thermometer 32 degrees at sunrise. Anderson worked ½ day – he came in and we straightened up the work – he having made a mistake of ¼ day last week. Up to date deducting the 3.50 I pd. him this week I was owing him 4.97. I pd him .02. Gave Jake an order for 1.00 for what he owed them and am now owing him 3.00. Isaac came and I gave him for Aunt Sally an order on Oscar Jones for 1.50, pd. out Oct. 25th.
- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and dined and Sally and I went home with them and stayed all night.
- 4 I went to the Bank in Burlington and drew \$50. Took it to Bellevue the same evening and left \$25. with Alice Walker to go to pay for my coal I bought of Mr. Len Clore. Got Joe Foster's wedding cards. Went to hear John H. Carlisle speak in the court house. Joe and Jake worked- Jake cut corn and Joe cut corn in the morning and ploughed after dinner. Flora came to see if I wanted to hire her. Anderson worked.
- 5 I went to Ernest's to get some more seed rye. The black man said it weighed 260 lbs including 3 sacks. We went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Corbin – and to McVile. Joe and Jake worked. Jake cut corn. Joe cut in the morning and ploughed afterwards.
- 6 Joe cut corn and ploughed for rye. Jake and Anderson cut corn I believe. We went to Bellevue. I went to the grange store and pd. .65, the balance on my coal which came to 25.65 and pd. .30 for other things also .30 to Mr. Birkle in full. Sent letter to T-D.
- 7 Ernest and Hal Bennett called. I pd. Ernest \$2.30 for the rye I got the other day. Went with Sally to see Mabel Bennett at Mr. Arnold's, and to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. Only Joe and Jake worked – they cut corn till noon then put in rye.
- 8 Anderson J. came and got 3.00. He and Joe and Jake worked, they cut corn till noon – then Joe and Jake finished putting in what rye ground was broke – and Anderson cut briars then he and Jake fixed fence in big pasture and Joe broke up the rest of the ground next graveyard. We went to Bellevue and Sally got her package by Ex.
- 9 Anderson came in and said he had worked four days and cut 12 shocks at night – it all came to 3.96 and I pd. him the .96 and gave him an order on Corbin for 3.00. This

- pays him off in full to date. Joe and Jake said they cut corn at night together, 65 shocks and I gave them an order for his half at .08 a shock it came to 2.60.
- 10 Sunday – Mr. Brady called on his way to church – Ernest Grant and Hal Bennett came and dined.
 - 11 Sally and I went to Burlington to call on Mrs. Fisk – spent the day at Hilda’s. Joe and Jake finished putting in rye. Charlie Rockwell made cider.
 - 12 Mrs. Fisk, Hilda and Mr. Brady came and spent the day. Joe and Jake worked digging potatoes in the garden. Mr. Will Ryle handled my two steer calves, Hilda’s calf and Cherry’s.
 - 13 Didn’t write in this till the 19th. Sent Jake up to Ernest Grant’s with Sally’s filly, Bebee – as he was going to Cin. and offered to sell her for Sally. After dinner Jake helped gather apples. Joe and Dick worked getting apples. Wind blew hard at night – rained a little.
 - 14 Rained this morning – Joe, Jake and Dick stripped tobacco till noon, then they gathered apples. Sally and I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty with the baby’s pictures and letter from Julia. I pd. Mr. Birkle 1.15. Took letter to R. Clarke & Co. with 5.00.
 - 15 The men all 3 gathered apples. Bill Lacy says he cut briers.
 - 16 Bill says he cut briers ½ day. Joe and Jake got apples ½ day. Lily was here. Sent Julia letter.
 - 17 Sunday – Ernest came to dinner – also Hilda and Mr. Brady and the latter stayed all night. Ernest said he sold Sally’s filly for 130. and paid expenses out of it. Sally had phthisic.
 - 18 Hilda and Mr. B. went home after dinner. Lily was here. I got letter from Robert Clarke & Co. acknowledging the 4.00 I sent for sub. to Century and sending back 1.00 change out of a 5.00 bill. W. W. Grant came and I pd. him his blacksmith bill to date 6.10. Joe, Jake and Dick got apples. I got letter from Sue.
 - 19 Took letter to Sue – stopped to see Mr. Corbin. Joe, Jake and Dick worked getting apples. Went to see Bill’s work – he says he cut briers yesterday and today and 1 ½ days last week.
 - 20 Isaac came up – I gave him an order on Oscar Jones for Aunt Sally for 1.00, pd. Oct. 25th. Lily was here. Joe and Jake and Dick worked – they picked apples from across the creek and after dinner Joe took the wagon down to him to have the wheels fixed and went to tell John Slayback to come to fix Dick’s cistern
 - 21 Joe worked – gathered apples and after dinner took Sally’s trunks to Burlington. Jake got apples and took Ben to be shod. Dick worked. John Slayback came out and fixed Dick’s cistern – mean to pay him for it. Bill finished cutting briers. Dick fixed cistern top &c. and helped get apples. I went to Bellevue got letter from Julia. Sally and I went out to Mr. Brady’s and stayed all night.
 - 22 Sally started on the omnibus for Erlanger and Lexington. I got \$50. from Mr. Rouse for her and when Bank opened gave Mr. Rouse who was in Mr. Revill’s place Sally’s check for \$117. that Ernest Grant brought her the 17th. Let Mr. Rouse take his .50 out of it, took for myself the \$17. as Sally owed it to me and left the other 50. in the bank put it to my credit but belongs to Sally, and was put to my credit in case she should want it sent to her. Joe, Jake, Dick and Bill Lacy worked in apples and Bill worked

yesterday. Charlie Rockwell finished his cider making – he made me 3 barrels. Joe and Jake began to make cider. I went to Bellevue and stopped to see Mr. Corbin. Sent Patty a letter from Burlington. Exquisite weather.

- 23 Bill Lacy came in said he had worked 5 ½ days this week – that with the 1 ½ last makes 7 in all, I pd. him 2.00. Settlement with Jake Anderson. Had a settlement with Jake. His days work since our last settlement (see Aug. 21) came to 45 ¾ days at .75 comes to \$34.31, add to this 2.60 for corn cut at night and .70 for the shocks of fodder in his garden comes to 37.61. His cash orders & sundries received since Aug. 21 came to 24.60 to which add the 7.17 due me at the last settlement comes to 31.77 – leaving 5.84 due Jake. I paid him 1.84 and now owe him 4.00. Got barrel of flour. Dick brought with his things. Went to Bellevue and got letters from Amy and Mary C. and from Patty and bundle of papers from Co. Gen. A letter for Sally from her father I redirected to her. Stopped to see Lily. Pd. her 1.50. Amy and Anna Foos came. Pd. Birkle .40.
- 24 Sunday – Amy and Anna went home. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Mr. Morgan Rice was buried at Bellevue today. Mrs. West, Joe's wife, had a girl baby after night.
- 25 Went to Rising Sun. Kate Corbin went with me. I borrowed 15. of Mike Corbin. At Bk. in R. Sun got Mr. Perkins to cash draft for 7.00 received July 5th. Paid Mr. Oscar Jones the orders I had sent Aunt Sally on him amounting to 7.50. Paid Mr. Ernest Smith for mending the buggy 5.00, see June 7th. Engaged pump at 7.75 delivered at Bellevue from Gibson. Sent letters from Grant P.O. to Patty, Mary C. and Sally. Joe went to Rising Sun for barrels with wagon – couldn't get any. He brought Ellen up to work for me and her girl Annie. Jake, Dick and Bill worked in cider making and cutting briars in sand field. Dick began to break little piece of bottom but quit. Letter came from Patty for Sally sent it to her. Pictures of baby came. Received by mail Mr. Gray's book. America Lacy found my cow Ellen with a calf.
- 26 Went and brought up Ellen and the calf a b.c. red with a white spot in its face and some white under its body. Sent Joe to Aurora for barrels – he got 6, 3 new casks 50 gal. and 3 whiskey barrels including ferry came to 8.65. Jake, Dick and Bill worked cutting briars and grubbing in sand field hollow. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally and books for her. It turned cold last night and has been cold and disagreeable all day. I had my share of pumpkins put in the cellar – kenshaws rather.
- 27 Very disagreeable day – cold rain all day and towards night snow was mixed with the rain. Joe, Jake, Dick and Bill worked at the cider. Yesterday Joe brought out 5 flour barrels to put apples in and this evening Jake brought out 10 – he also drove up cow. I took carpet up in Hilda's room and Joe cleaned out stove and flue. Thermometer 36 degrees on gallery at 8.30 p.m.
- 28 Still disagreeable and rainy. Joe, Jake, Dick and Bill ½ day worked at cider. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Patty and got one from her. Sent one to Sally that came for her.
- 29 Still cloudy and disagreeable but not actually raining. Sent Jake down for pump that I engaged of Gibson (see 25th) and he brought it. He and Joe and Dick worked they took barrels of apples in the cellar and Joe broke up little piece in bottom and then in sand field and Dick and Jake hauled manure. Went to Burlington and to Bk. Drew \$100. Went to Stamper's store and paid him \$15. for two orders given Dick Sep. 18th

and Oct. 23rd. Paid Mike Corbin the \$15. borrowed (see 25th) also the 5.30 for Jake's coal that he said I had not paid and it was on my bill. This was settled with Jake in our settlement (see 23rd). Paid Mr. Jonas Clore .40 for a board Charlie Burns got to fix cellar door. Got letter from Amy and one for Sally from Cousin Loulie Rucker. Stopped to see Hilda, Susie Saxton and Katy Arnold.

- 30 Bill Lacy came and settled up his work to date. I was owing him 4.28 dollars and not having change paid him 5.03 and agreed to take the .75 due me in a day's work. Settlement with Joe West: Joe came in and we settled and I pd. him off in full to date. His work since our last settlement (see May 21) including what I allowed for extra work came to 120 days which at .75 = \$90.00. His cash received, orders, sundries &c. came to 75.99 so I pd. him the cent and made it 76. which left me owing him 14.00 and this I paid. No one worked for me. The men went to Rising Sun.
- 31 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night – he went to night meeting, Ernest dined here.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sent letter to Co. Gen. Beautiful day bright and warm. I went to Bellevue – stopped to see Mr. Corbin. Only Joe and Jake worked for me – they made some cider and chopped stove wood. Bill Lacy got 1 ½ bus. corn to be paid for in work. I got letter from Patty and postal for Sally and papers T-D.
- 2 Paid Aunt Eliza 10.50 for her work. Took her back to Rising Sun. Paid for my pump 7.75. Joe and Jake worked – shucked corn till noon and at pump and cistern after. My line back cow Fanny Gibbon had a calf. Borrowed 2.00 of Mike Corbin.
- 3 The men Joe and Jake worked at the cistern till noon – then it rained and they worked at tobacco a little I think and finished cleaning cistern. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Mary Cochran came. Weaned the two calves, Hilda's and Augy's. We went to church at Bellevue and saw Robert Rice and Bertha Rice married by Mr. Fullilove.
- 4 The men worked shucking corn. Joe and Jake. We went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 5 Mary and I went to Burlington to spend the day at Hilda's. I went to Bank and drew 25.00. We stopped at Mrs. White's. I sent Sally a letter inclosing Cousin Loulie's and sent Patty the German books. Joe and Jake said they chucked corn. Lovely day warm and bright.
- 6 Rained last night and turned to snow – cleared off and melted. The men said they worked ½ day. Aunt Nancy's cabin burnt down between 11 and 12 this morning and she lost everything but the few things Ellen carried out. I was at the other end of the place and when I got to the fire it was too far gone for me to get anything out. The roof and inside were in a blaze.
- 7 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Hilda and I walked down to church at night.
- 8 I sent by Mr. Brady a letter to Patty. Cold this morning – 20 degrees above 0 at sunrise. The men Joe and Jake worked – they gathered corn and fixed up a sort of fence by the ruins of Aunt Nancy's cabin.

- 9 Turned warmer. Mr. Slayback came and I pd. him .50 for mending Dick's cistern. It rained a little misty rain and turned warmer. I went to Bellevue. The men Joe and Jake pretended to work gathering corn.
- 10 Joe and Jake stripped tobacco in barn I believe. I got letters from Patty for Sally and for me. Warm and misting rain.
- 11 Went to Bellevue – pd. Mike Corbin the 2.00 (see Nov. 2nd). Got letters from Patty and Sally. Went to Burlington to take Mary Cochran – we stayed all night at Hilda's. Joe and Jake shucked corn.
- 12 Rained last night and a little this morning – then turned to snow and snowed hard, very disagreeable. Cousin Mary Cochran started from Cin. I took Hilda to Mr. White's and back to B. then came home. Mrs. White died last night. Joe and Jake were stripping tobacco in sheep shed when I got home.
- 13 Colder – 24 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked ½ in tobacco they said. Isaac came and I sent Aunt Sally an order on Oscar Jones for 1.50. Hilda and Mr. Brady came.
- 14 Sunday – Bright pleasant day – went to church and to a baptizing in the river – baptized among them Flora Arnold. Hilda and Mr. B. stayed.
- 15 Lovely spring-like day. Sent two letters to Mary in the morning and left one that came today. Went to Bellevue and to Betty's and to Mr. Clore's. Saw Mr. Conner about corn. Joe and Jake worked. Jake went to mill and they shucked some corn and after dinner they pulled my turnips. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Got letter from Patty.
- 16 27 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Turned warm and cloudy and at night rained. Joe and Jake worked, shucked corn till noon, then Joe hauled load of new corn to Mr. Len Clore and Jake fixed big corn crib to hold my corn. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by on their way home from the baptizing.
- 17 Sent Jake to Bellevue twice – sent letter to Patty and got one from Sally. Joe and Jake worked stripping tobacco and Dick said he worked ½ day in sheep cellar. It rained all day – hard part of the time and is still warm.
- 18 Blew like Dakota all day. Joe and Jake worked – they stripped tobacco and Joe took Mr. Fullilove a load of corn – 23 bus. Says he got it out of what I bought of Dick.
- 19 Went to Aurora and sent Patty a box – sent letters to her and Sally and got Sally Ex. package. Joe drove. Weather rather cold but pleasanter. Jake worked ½ day cutting wood.
- 20 Warm and spring-like. Sent Patty a letter by beef man. Went to Bellevue. Sent a letter to be sent that came for Sally. Got letter from Patty and postal from Mary C. Only Joe worked ½ day – he patched up paling fence &c. Mrs. Katz called. I stopped to see Mr. Corbin.
- 21 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed to dine.
- 22 Raining a misty rain and harder afterwards. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty and Julia and to T-D and Co. Gen. Annie brought letter for Sally. Joe and Jake worked making cider till noon – then hauled some shocks not shucked out. Raining at night.
- 23 The men say it thundered and lightened (sic) early this morning. I didn't hear it. It poured rain most of the day – cleared off towards evening. I went to Bellevue – took

- letter to Mary Reed. Stopped at Betty's. Joe, Jake and Dick stripped tobacco in sheep shed.
- 24 Joe and Jake worked – hauled fodder till dinner and then finished making cider. It was clear and bright 30 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Got letters for Sally – one from Patty for Sally.
 - 25 Thanksgiving Day – Colder – 31 degrees above 0. Got letter from Sally and two from Julia. Sally wrote me that Mr. Gordon was dead. Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder corn.
 - 26 Colder 29 degrees above 0 at sunrise. I walked to Bellevue – sent letters to Patty, Sally, Julia and Belle R. Also sent Sally 3 letters that came for her. Got letter from Patty. Went to Betty's and to see Mr. Corbin. Mr. Len Clore paid me for the load of corn Joe hauled (see 16th). He said it came to 21 bus. 50 lbs. and he paid me 6.50 I then pd. my account at that store 3.15. No one worked for me – the men went to a wood sawing.
 - 27 24 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked shucked corn till Joe went to haul another load to Mr. Len Clore then Jake cut wood. The load Joe hauled Mr. Clore weighed 21 bus. 40 lbs. Isaac came up and I sent by him order to Oscar Jones for 1.00 for Aunt Sally also order on Davis for pair of shoes for her. Sent Aunt Eliza 1.50 rent money. Got paper form Amy with piece about Mr. Gordon's death.
 - 28 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed a little while.
 - 29 Mr. Clore came and I sold him the new corn on my side of the big crib and some of the other at .30 a bushel to be delivered in Bellevue. Dick says his corn amounted to 520 bus. and that he put 3 loads of his share on the side with mine. Dick and Joe and Jake put the rest of the cider barrel in the cellar and shucked corn. I went out to Burlington – Sally didn't come. I bought blanket for Ben 1.10. Went with Hilda to call on Mrs. Kirtley. Disagreeable day, rather cold and raw.
 - 30 Joe, Jake and Dick worked – shucked corn in barn and stripped tobacco in sheep cellar – finished down there. Got letter from Sally and Aunt Sally.

DECEMBER

- 1 Snowed some last night and this morning. 30 degrees above 0 at sunrise, went down to 12 degrees above 0 at 8 p.m. Very disagreeable day. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Sally and Patty. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Belle R. Mr. Clore pd. me 6.45 for the load of corn Joe hauled there Saturday. Joe hauled 4 loads, 3 out of the barn from the corn they shucked out there and 1 from my side of the big crib. Joe, Jake and Dick worked – the others shucked in barn. I bought 1.10 worth of sugar &c. at Mr. Core's and pd. for it. Stopped to see Mr. Corbin. Got book from Amy.
- 2 Cold this morning 5 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Dick was going to Rising Sun and I paid him 7.00 and gave him an order on Mr. Davis for a pair of shoes for Aunt Sally and overshoes for myself (see Nov. 27). Joe and Jake worked – Jake hauled 3 loads of corn and they shucked some few &c.
- 3 Down to 2 degrees above 0 at sunrise, went up to 22 degrees during the day. The men worked – Dick and Joe hauled corn – 6 loads- and Jake shucked, help load &c.

- 4 My precious own's birthday – Lord her sweet life and soul. Not so cold at sunrise 19 degrees but a blizzard, blew and it was a dreadful day. Went up to 24 degrees once. Got letter from Sally. Dick says he worked 4 days this week. Jake and Joe 5.
- 5 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came – still cold. I sent letter to Patty by them.
- 6 14 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked – they cut wood till after noon. Then Joe hauled 2 loads of corn – and Jake shucked some. Letter for Sally from Patty came and one from Mary C.
- 7 11 degrees above at sunrise. Joe, Jake and Dick worked, chopping tree that blew down and Joe hauled some. Moderated. I went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sally and Mary's. Stopped to see Lily.
- 8 14 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Turned warmer. I saw it up to 41 degrees. Very pleasant day. Lily came over and spent the day. Joe, Jake and Dick worked – shucked corn in the field and Joe hauled 1 load down to Mr. Clore.
- 9 Fool-like didn't write in this till the 15th and will probably make mistakes. Went to Bellevue and settled with Mr. Len Clore for the corn Mr. Lewis Clore got and he paid me. The 15 loads came to 319 6/7 bus. and he paid me \$95.95. The corn was .30 a bus. I went to Kelly's and pd. him. The orders there amounted to 12.95 on which there was a credit for butter of 1.20. I paid the bal. 11.75 and got the orders. I then went to Corbin's and paid my bill of \$49.47 also bought sundries. Joe hauled 1 or more load of corn to Mr. Clore I think they all worked at corn. Joe, Jake and Dick worked shucking.
- 10 Went to Rising Sun. It was a lovely spring-like day and the river was full of ice. Went via Rabbit Hash. Paid Oscar Jones the two orders I sent (see Nov.13) 2.50 – also paid Davis order for my shoes 1.25 and for Aunt Sally's 2.25. Also pd. Aunt Eliza rent 2.00 and dress & sugar for her 3.25. Paid for sundries for Aunt Sally 2.65. Ellen went down with me to Rising Sun. Got letters from Patty and Sally when I came back. Got postal order 2.50 to send sub. to Co. Gentleman. I think the men worked in corn and Joe probably hauled a load.
- 11 Still like Spring. No one worked for me – the men went to take corn to R. Sun to get meal. I sent 2 sacks. Gave Dick an order for 2.00 on Mr. Clore which I divided and charged a share to him and Jake – some went for my meal. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 12 Sunday – rained some. Hilda and Mr. B. went home – sent by them letter and paper to Patty.
- 13 Went to Bellevue and to the funeral of Bob and Louly Huey's baby – it was buried in Bellevue cem. Joe and Jake stripped tobacco in sheep cellar and barn – moved that out of sheep cellar. Dick worked ½ day he said. Got letter from Patty with one from Miss Shelhamer and one from Cousin Louly for Sally. Turned colder.
- 14 Lily came today. The men said they all worked and finished hauling into the barn the unshucked shocks. I sent letters to Patty and Sally. Mr. Nelson I think came as agent and I subscribed for cloth copy of Gen. R. E. Lee's life &c. 3.75.
- 15 Snowed last night and blowing cold – 20 degrees above 0 at sunrise. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally and one for her. Lily was here today. I went to Mr. Len Clore's store and he paid me for the 4 loads – there were 85 bus. and a little over – it came to \$25.50 – the 200 Dick got Sat. 11 and he pd. me \$23.50 and I took a skirt

- braid for the change – pd. for sundries .72. The 3 men worked shucking and cutting wood. Very disagreeable day.
- 16 Let Dick Loudon have order on Corbin for 2 loads of coal, 9.48. He had worked _____ of a day shucking and cutting wood. Cold – 14 degrees above 0 at sunrise and I didn't see it higher than that 23 degrees. Joe worked – took a load of corn to Mr. Clore and had the horses shod &c. Jake chopped and shucked corn. Lily was here today. I sent letter to Patty with Sally's letter.
 - 17 Didn't write in this till Sunday. Sally came home. Mr. Brady brought her down before dinner. Lily was here. Pd. 3.20 for sewing. Joe hauled coal for himself. It was very disagreeable raining and sleeting. I got letter from Bk. of Washington with proxy to sign.
 - 18 Went to Bellevue with Sally and got her and Mike Corbin to witness the proxy I signed and sent it to the Bk. of Washington to C.A. James cashier. Also sent to Editors Co. Gentlemen money order for \$2.50 (see 10th). Got letter from Patty. Sent Aunt Eliza her dress by Lily. Joe and Jake worked ½ day. Joe went to Burlington and got Sally's trunks and Jake said he stripped tobacco. It was a lovely spring-like day and rained a little. Sent letter to Patty.
 - 19 Sunday – Snowing off and on – very disagreeable. Went to see Lily. Sent letter to Amy and Sue.
 - 20 Rather cold. Went to the funeral of old Mr. Moreland in Bellevue. Got letter from Sarah. Think no one worked for me. Dick killed hogs and Joe was asked to help dig the grave.
 - 21 The day my dear Papa died – Lord love his soul – may he rest in peace. Charlie Burns came out and built the old coal stove in the kitchen chimney. Pd. him in full .75. Lily was here half the day. Jake helped Charlie and Joe hauled load of corn to Bellevue and finished shucking the standing corn. It was lovely like spring.
 - 22 Got two letters and calendar from Julia and letter from Amy. Lily was here. It was warm and cloudy. Joe and Jake worked. Joe hauled 1 load of corn and Jake cut stove wood – then they hauled fodder. Dick _____. Sent letter to Julia.
 - 23 Rainy, disagreeable day. I went to Burlington. Went to the Bank and drew all my money \$125. and also the \$50 of Sally's left there, see Oct. 22nd. Lily was here. Dick and Joe and Jake were stripping tobacco.
 - 24 Rained harder and snowed some. Went to Bellevue. Settled for the rest of the corn I sold Mr. Len Clore. It came to 64 bus. ½ - and at .30 to 19.35 and he paid me in full. I also paid to Otty Grant W. W. Grant's bill of 10.70 and he receipted it. Jake, Joe and Dick worked ½ day in stripping tobacco &c. Lily was here. Got letter from Patty and Christmas papers from BBG. Lily was here.
 - 25 Christmas – No one worked for me. A mild day – a green Christmas. Stayed home and sewed. Isaac came up and I sent Aunt Sally 2.00 and 2.00 to Aunt Eliza for her rent, also sent an order on Oscar Jones for .75 a week till further notice and sent other things. Pd. April 20th 1887 amount \$8.25.
 - 26 Sunday – Not cold - above freezing but disagreeable, Ernest came and dined. Didn't write in this again till the 19th Jan. 1887 and can't remember much but will try to set things down.

- 27 Went to Bellevue – paid my bill at Corbin’s. Also paid Mr. Nelson 3.75 for the book and got it. Paid what little I owed at grange. Mr. Conner came to buy turkeys and I told him to take them and leave the money with Mike Corbin. Joe and Jake worked. I sent Joe up with the trunks and Jake to wait and bring the buggy back. I left Aunt Nancy under Ellen’s care and promised Ellen 1.00 a week to cook for and take care of her. Sally and I went up to Burlington and stayed all night at hotel. I left my bonnet trunk with valuables at Mr. Arnold’s. Lily said they would take care of it. Took my tin box of deeds papers &c. to Burlington and put it in charge of Mr. Rouse to give to Mr. Revill to keep in bank for me.
- 28 Sally and I started on the omnibus and went to Erlanger. Met Mitty Gibson on the cars – went to Cin. and stayed the day there. Went to Dr. Taylor and had my teeth filled – paid him 13. Left on the night train for Chicago with Sally and Mitty.
- 29 Got to Chicago in the morning – it snowed hard and was cold – got on the cars for St. Paul
- 30 Arrived in St. Paul about 87 a.m. – went to brother Charlie’s and stayed all night.
- 31 Left St. Paul about 4 p.m. – very cold coming up – it was down to 41 degrees below 0 during the night.