

JANUARY

- 1 Sunday – Freezing today and wind blowing part of the time with a little glimpse of sunshine sometimes. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped a little while on their way home.
- 2 Rather cold but bright and clear. Went to Mr. Conner's with Dick to deliver his share of the tobacco. It weighed out 2166 lbs. which at 11 came to \$238.26. I told Mr. Conner I wanted to pay the balance on my sheep note so he took \$120. for that and gave me my note (see May 2nd, 1886) which left a balance of 118.26. He gave me a check for 128.25, 10. of which he sent as a present to Dick Loudon which I gave him in presence of Jake Anderson. Mr. Brady got the check cashed with Mr. Len Clore for my coal 16.50 and 2.00 for an order I gave Dick settling with Mr. Clore in full to date. Jake went with Dick to help with the tobacco. I dined at Hilda's.
- 3 Dick Loudon got \$24.00 of the tobacco money. Nancy cow's heifer named ___ had a heifer calf, found this morning. Joe and Jake tied her up and milked her and hauled fodder. I went to Bellevue. I let Joe help Jake Anderson build a chicken house out of the old log house that fell down. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to stay all night.
- 4 There was a meeting of the Directors of the pike here with Mr. Brady, Mr. Clore, Mr. Lillard and Mr. Rogers. I went to Bellevue. It was like spring today – lovely for winter.
- 5 Cloudy and misty all day. We went to church to see Katy Walton and Mr. Lee Huey married by Mr. Fullilove. Then Hilda and I and Mr. Brady dined by invitation at Mrs. Corbin's. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Got letter from Nat'l Bank of Washington with draft on Am. Ex. Natl. Bk. N.Y. for \$75. and a power of Atty. to be signed for noting. Also got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft on N.Y. for \$8.00. Almost like spring it is so warm. Dick says he cut briars on cherry hill. Joe and Jake turned out the cattle and sawed some oak timber.
- 6 Went to Bellevue – sent to Bk. of Washington receipt for draft for 75. and proxy to note my shares signed by Albert and Mr. I. Corbin. Also sent letters to Patty and Sally. Warm and raining. Only Joe and Jake worked and they worked at bolting some timber and Joe went to mill.
- 7 Got note from Mr. Armstrong about oranges. It poured down rain. No one worked for me.
- 8 Sunday – Stopped raining and snowed a little. Hilda came and Mr. B. and dined. My heifer Patsy had a calf – it was found this morning – red b. calf.
- 9 Snowing hard – 29 degrees. The men fed but did not work – went to old Mrs. Telp's funeral. Mr. Lerch came and offered me 15 and 6 for my little garden tobacco.
- 10 Snowed a little during the night. Joe and Jake worked. Joe went to mill and Jake to see about the sheep – then both said they worked up timber in the woods. I went to Bellevue. Sent letters to Patty, Sarah and Mr. Armstrong, also to Georgetown Bk. asking for my Jan. dividend. Lily came to get buddy's address for her cousin. I got letter from Julia.
- 11 Colder 16 degrees at sunrise – 20 degrees at sundown. Joe and Jake hauled timber to make palings.

- 12 It was 16 degrees at sunrise – went up to 27 degrees and between 1 and 2 began to snow hard – turned to hail, sleet and rain – a very bad evening. Joe and Jake hauled fodder. I went to Bellevue. I endorsed my draft for \$75. (see 5th) and gave it to Mike Corbin and he credited it on my account. I also paid him for Joe's coal 12.43 and for Jake's 3.30. I took letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally and vignette photograph – also letter from Belle Raymond and one from Aunt Eliza. Didn't write in this till the 16th.
- 13 The rain washed all the snow off. I went to Bellevue. Sent Aunt Eliza a letter with 2.00 in it – also letter to Sally. The men worked I think at palings. Mild weather.
- 14 Hilda and Mr. B. came down to church and stayed all night. I went to Mr. Rice's and engaged a 5 gal. jar of lard. The men including Dick worked ½ day – they tried to turn the cattle out but the creek had ice in it and then they made palings. Got letter from Patty. Sleet and little snow at night.
- 15 Sunday – Ernest and Lily dined here. So did Hilda and Mr. B. all went home. The ice and snow on ground disagreeable.
- 16 Cold – 10 degrees at sunrise. Only Joe worked ½ day – it was so cold they couldn't. My cow Loulie had bad luck.
- 17 Milder – 28 degrees at sunrise, the snow and sleet not very deep but dangerous to walk on. Mrs. Coons came back and I paid Mrs. Britton 1.50 in full and she went away. Joe and Jake and Dick were all working at palings today.
- 18 Colder again, 11 degrees at sunrise. I sent Jake to Bellevue for things. Sent letters to Patty and Julia and postal to Sally at Belle's. They took Siegra the Jersey grade cow. Got letter from Farmers & Mechs' Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft for \$28. also letter from Patty that had been back to St. Paul, two letters from Sally and one from Julia. Bright but cold day. The men all worked. Jake took the saw to be set and after dinner he and Dick sawed some – made palings the rest of the time.
- 19 Colder, 8 degrees above at sunrise but moderated up to 24 degrees at 7.30 p.m. I walked to Bellevue. Took letter to Belle R. Got letters from Patty, Sarah and note from Hilda about tobacco. This morning the 3 men worked – they cut a hickory tree and a nest of flying squirrels flew out – they counted 8 and it seemed to me there might be more. After dinner Joe and Jake hauled fodder. Bright all day. Dick didn't work after dinner they said. Didn't write in this till Sat. evening.
- 20 I stayed in the house most of the day – cutting and sewing. The men worked on the tree I think. Not as cold, 18 degrees at sunrise.
- 21 Snowed some last night, a little on the frozen snow. Had a little settlement with Jake and paid him in full to date. I only owed him 8.69 so I paid him .70 and gave him the draft for 8.00 (see Jan 5th) as he was going to Rising Sun. Sent by him Aunt Eliza's flannel & dress and Aunt Sally's dress. Sent by him order on Elliott for Aunt Sally for 1.00 for coal, paid Mar. 12. Sent letter to Patty by him to Mr. Corbin. Walked to see Dub Lacy – and on to Mr. Clore's – and to Bellevue. Got 8.00 from Mike Corbin to be paid next week. Got large calendar from Mr. Graham – also papers T-D.
- 22 Sunday stayed home – no one came.
- 23 Went to Bellevue – took letters for Patty, Sally and T-D sent Patty T-D. Got letter from Sally saying she would go to Belle's Sat. 21st and mag. from buddy with article

- of his. Went to Dub Lacy's funeral – he died early Sunday morning. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Joe didn't work – went to funeral. Milder today. First lamb – ewe.
- 24 Still mild – 24 degrees at sunrise and went up above freezing during the day. Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder. I walked to Bellevue – took letter to Sue about Katy and letter to Cousin Augusta. Called at Mrs. Susie Brady's. Got letter from Mr. Graham written Sunday saying they had a girl a week old named Christine Alexander. Mr. Clore stopped and gave me .10 my dividend from pike stock.
- 25 Raining and warmer 35 degrees at sunrise. Walked to Bellevue. Took Mike Corbin the 8.00 I borrowed (see 21st). Took letter to Sally. Got letter from Sally written 22nd. Still at Ft. Leavenworth. Joe, Jake and Dick worked at paling – they hauled a load from the woods of ash. I had the two heifers and calves turned out of the sheep cellar. Snowed a little and turned cold.
- 26 Colder, 10 degrees above 0 at sunrise, 20 degrees above at 7 p.m. The men made some paling and then went to the woods and sawed and split timber. The rain of yesterday froze and the road and ground are a solid sheet of ice.
- 27 Milder, 24 degrees above at sunrise. I walked to Bellevue. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Agt. Con. Ins. Co. Joe and Jake worked getting out timber in woods – bright day.
- 28 Colder, 10 degrees above at sunrise. The 3 men worked ½ day I think getting out timber. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I got letter from Patty.
- 29 Sunday – Milder, 23 degrees above at sunrise and went up to 46 degrees during the day – ground thawed. Ernest, and Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 30 Mild again – thawed the ice and toward sundown misted rain. I went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake worked – hauled fodder – paling timber and hay to barn. Dick said he was going to make rails. Ewe sick.
- 31 Joe and Jake hauled timber and straw to sheep cellar and some fodder. I got letter from Sally saying she got to Belle's 28th.

January 4th, 1888

Settlement with Dick Loudon

Dick came and I went over our former settlement. He was owing me on account 140.14 and for the note for my mare Granny given April 19th, 1884, 43.60 in all 183.74. His share of the tobacco money came to 245.90 which leaves me owing him \$62.16. I had paid him 24. of his tobacco money yesterday and the balance due him is 38.16. Not being able to make change I overpaid him 1.50. So at this date we are settled up in full with the exception that he owes me two days work. I brought from Burlington and gave Dick his note Aug. 1st. 1888.

Settlement with J. Anderson Jan. 7

Told Jake Anderson I wanted to settle up to the last of last year. I was owing him at our last settlement 2.25 (see Dec. 17th) and up to Dec. 31 he had worked 10 days which comes to 7.50 total 9.75. He had received cash 5.00, order 1.50 vinegar .15 total 6.65 which left due him 3.10. This I paid him and we are now settled for the year 1887.

Settlement with Joe West Jan. 21

Joe came in and we settled. His work came to since our settlement (see Sep. 10th) 87 ³/₄ days with extra work to 90 days which comes to 67.50. His cash, orders, sundries came to 60.43 which leaves me owing him 7.07. There was an item of 1.50 cash pd. Jan. 7 which was overlooked and will have to go into the next settlement. I borrowed 8.00 of Mike Corbin and paid Joe 7.07 (see Jan. 25th)

FEBRUARY

- 1 Milder. Ernest Grant sent his hand for oats. I let him have what we thought would be 30 bus. or upwards, he to weigh them. The three men worked in woods getting out timber. Katy came.
- 2 1 buck lamb. Milder still – thawing. Katy stayed last night and went home this evening. I went to Bellevue. Got letters from Julia and Sue. The 3 men worked in woods on timber I think.
- 3 Mild and cloudy again, roads muddy. I rode to Bellevue, took letters to Sue and Sally. Joe, Jake and Dick worked on timber in the woods. One lamb this evening, buck.
- 4 Only Dick and Joe worked – they loaded my little tobacco on the spring wagon and worked at paling. Rained all day and last night too. Got letters from Patty & Sally.
- 5 Sunday – Still cloudy and misting. Found 2 new lambs – buck and ewe. Jim Moreland came to see about renting tobacco ground. Sick ewe died.
- 6 Went to Mr. J. M. Conner's and delivered the tobacco – it came to 256 lbs. which at 20 came to \$51.20. Mr. Conner in Burlington gave me a check for it which Mr. Brady got cashed for me. I also got him to get cashed my draft for \$28. (see Jan. 18). Stopped a little while to see Hilda. Joe drove wagon -afterwards he worked on timber in woods. I think Jake and Dick worked too. I went to McVile and paid Mr. Stamper 15. and got the orders I had sent him for Dick and Bill Lacy. Went to Bellevue too – sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got 2 letters for Sally and one from Mary C. There was another lamb today. I saw 6 in the sheep cellar this evening. It was colder, 27 degrees above this morning.
- 7 About 32 degrees at sunrise. Snowing a little after breakfast. Settled with Mrs. Coons in full up to tomorrow and paid her 10.50. Joe and Jake worked hauling hay and fodder – they said Dick was making rails. Isaac came up and I sent Aunt Sally 1.00 and an order on Elliot for coal 1.00. Pd Mar. 12. I went to see Katy A.
- 8 Colder and disagreeable with a slight skim of snow. Dick worked making rails. Joe and Jake sawed stove wood. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Mary C. with the children's photograph. Got letter for Sally and one from her saying she expected to be home tomorrow – also one from T-D inclosing a letter.
- 9 Colder – 12 degrees above 0 at 7.30 a.m. didn't write in this till the 13th. I went to Burlington the 9th and met Sally who came on the omnibus from Erlanger. Found my precious own safe and well, thank the Lord – went to Hilda's and dined. Joe drove the wagon, and worked afterwards. I think there was another lamb.
- 10 Joe went to Bellevue and had the horses Daisy and July shod, and he worked. I got letters from Patty and Mary Reed and copies of T-D. Cold – 13 degrees above 0.
- 11 Milder. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Found 1 lamb dead and one new one, probably twins. Snowed at night.
- 12 Sunday – Ernest and Hal Bennett came and dined. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Warmer. Snow melted. Got letter from Cousin Augusta.

- 13 29 degrees above 0. New lamb black-faced bell ewe. I counted 9 lambs. Joe and Jake worked, hauled hay into barn and fodder. They hauled Dick's fodder, 25 shocks they said. Dick said he made rails and grubbed in new ground. I rode to Ernest's to see about getting cook.
- 14 Warm bright spring-like day. Mrs. Coons left and I went to Ernest's and brought Aunt Susan down. Took to Bellevue letter to Patty inclosing letters and also T-D. Found young long-tailed brown-legged ewe with 1 lamb also ewe with twins. Towards evening and at night it rained.
- 15 Cold – 16 degrees above 0. Found two ewes with twins, also 1 other live lamb and one ewe with one. The ewe with twins of yesterday did not own one and it died today. So far as I know there were 16 ewe lambs this evening. Joe and Jake cut briers. Sally and I walked to Bellevue. I got letter from Patty.
- 16 Colder – 14 degrees above 0 but bright and moderated. Found one lamb dead – and ewe with twins and after noon one black-faced ewe had 1 lamb. Joe cut hedge, Jake briers. Ernest and Hal B. dined here and Katy and Lily came over.
- 17 Warmed 28 degrees above at sunrise. Found 1 lamb dead, probably a twin – there are now 5 dead and I counted 21 alive. One old ear-cropped bell ewe had twin lambs no account. Joe cut hedge, Jake briers and Dick grubbed in his new ground. Went to Bellevue and paid Mike Corbin 3.00 as my subscription to buy a landing. Got 2 jars of lard Mike said 59 lbs. Lily came over this evening.
- 18 Warmer – 28 degrees and a spring-like day. Found 6 or 7 lambs this morning and one ewe had twins after noon and I found another lamb this evening. Joe went to mill. He and Jake turned the cattle and horses out on the pasture. Sally got letter from Patty.
- 19 Sunday – Warm and towards evening rained hard and thundered. Hilda, Mr. B., Ernest and Hal B. called. Lambs are born and die every day. I can't keep the run of them any longer.
- 20 Warm and clear and windy. 2 lambs dead this morning and some new ones. Sold black Ben a bushel of turnips. Sold ___ 2 bus. oats – he paid me .80. I went to Mrs. Rice's and bought a jar of lard 42 lbs., paid her 3.36. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty. The men worked. They made paling till noon – then Dick and Jake sawed and Joe cut hedge I think. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty with letters inclosed.
- 21 The men all went to a mill for meal – didn't work. Ewe with twin lambs, 1 died. Same man came and got 3 bus. oats. Mr. Brady stopped here. Got letter from Julia. Warm pleasant day.
- 22 The other twin died and I saw 11 dead lambs on the roof. There was another black lamb born today and one with black spot on right shoulder. Mr. Brady stopped here. Joe worked cutting hedge. Jake cut briers. Dick grubbed his tobacco ground. We went to see the Arnold girls. Isaac came and I sent Aunt Sally another order for coal for 1.00, pd. Mar. 12 on Elliot. Got news of the death of Katy Gibbon McCoy the 19th.
- 23 Saw three new lambs. Joe hauled some hay and then manure and ashes – then cut hedge and Jake briers and Dick grubbed. Went to Bellevue – got 1 side bacon from Mr. Corbin.
- 24 Mr. Brady sent Zen and got 12 bus. oats. Henry Bradford (blk.) came and paid me for 15 bus. oats, 6.00 and .60 he owed on oats last year – did not take his oats. Found one

new lamb. Doll Walton came and paid me 4.00 for 10 bus. oats which he is to send for. Henry sent and got his 15 bus. and Mr. Botts sent word to save him 9 bus. Joe and Jake worked and Dick too. It rained after noon and they made paling. I think Dick grubbed, Jake cut brier and Joe hedge before. Joe buried 11 lambs. I found 3 new ones in the evening – 1 black-faced young bell ewe with a ewe lamb with a spot on his right hind leg. Rained hard at night with plenty of thunder, lightning and a dash of hail.

- 25 Turned colder, very unpleasant. I think Joe and Jake worked ½ day – and Dick worked.
- 26 Sunday – Cold and unpleasant. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home.
- 27 Sent letters to Atlee Burpee inclosing 4.00 for garden seed and to Cousin William. Cold – 12 degrees above 0 and a dull cold day. Joe and Jake worked at paling.
- 28 Colder at sunrise – 8 degrees above 0, but sunny. Found 2 new lambs. It moderated afterwards. Joe and Jake worked at paling, and Dick piled grubs in tobacco ground. Mr. Riggs came. We went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty, Julia and Mrs. Brown saying her sister, Mrs. Torrey, was dead.
- 29 Warmer, 37 degrees above 0 and cloudy. Joe cut garden hedge. Dick piled trash and Jake cut briers I believe. Rained a little at night.

MARCH

- 1 Came in like a lamb, warm and showery. The men all 3 worked digging up fence posts in bottom and made paling when it rained. 1 new lamb – ewe down and had no milk. Katy came.
- 2 Warm and showery – Joe and Dick grubbed and Jake cut briers perhaps, ½ day. Settlement with Jake Anderson. Jake said he was going to leave probably tomorrow and I settled in full see little book to date and paid him all I owed him, 7.80.
- 3 Dick went to Rising Sun. I paid him 10.00 and sent Aunt Sally by him order on Elliott for 1.00 for coal, pd. Mar. 12. Joe worked ½ day – cut hedge. Got garden seeds from Atlee Burpee. Sally and I went to Bellevue – I took letters to Patty, Mrs. Brown and T-D inclosing letter Mr. B. sent me. Chilly, disagreeable day. 1 ewe had twins and there were two small lambs dead, probably twins.
- 4 Sunday – Cold and disagreeable. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped on their way home. Mr. Brady paid me 4.80 for the 12 bus. oats he got, see Feb. 24th. Ernest came and dined.
- 5 Cold, 24 degrees above 0, and snowing. Bill Lacy came to hire in Jake's place and I engaged him. Joe began to cut hedge but it snowed so he quit and made paling. After dinner he and Dick hauled some manure. Didn't write in this till Wed.
- 6 My birthday – 55. Joe cut hedge I think – 5 lambs were born to die. Cold – 19 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Got letter from Aunt Eliza. Dick worked. Jim Loudon came and got 8 bushels oats and paid me for them 3.20.
- 7 Joe Mauer came and trimmed vineyard. Joe said he finished cutting hedge. 6 lambs found dead and died today – saw one new one. Bill Lacy moved. Dick helped Bill move and haul wood, said he would return the work. Got letter from Patty. Cold, 19 degrees above 0 at sunrise but moderated.

- 8 Still cold – 20 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe worked – a little nailing up slats in the grapes – after noon he and Bill Lacy fixed the hearth in Bill's house. Dick said he was going to make plant beds. Mr. Mauer was here working – sent by him letter to Patty.
- 9 Warmer 24 degrees at sunrise. Joe Mauer finished the grape vines a little after dinner and I paid him 2.50 in full. Joe and Bill worked, hauling hedge brush. I put sheep, ewes and lambs on the rye and the bucks in the sheep lot. Got letter from Patty.
- 10 Didn't write in this till the 13th. Joe and Bill worked ½ day – they emptied some vinegar and made paling when it rained – a cold rain.
- 11 Sunday – cold disagreeable day – found 2 good-sized lambs down – 1 died before night. Hilda and Mr. B. came by and stopped.
- 12 Will Botts sent for 20 bus. oats and got them. I went to Rising Sun. Found Aunt Sally poorly – got Dr. Stevenson to go to see her. Pd. her bills at Elliotts, Jones's &c. and got orders. Pd. 3.16 for Aunt Eliza's taxes for a year and gave her the receipts. Went to see Angeline – her husband Lewis died last Tuesday, 6th she said. Put in Bellevue/Grant P.O. a letter to Cousin Loulie at sunrise and remained cold. Joe and Bill worked fixing hedge round rye field and hauling hedge brush.
- 13 Cold again 22 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Bill worked – finished hauling trash and burnt plant bed and hollow above old pond. Went to Bellevue with Sally.
- 14 Colder 20 degrees above 0 but bright. Joe and Bill worked burning plant bed across the creek and patched up gate. I sent by mail to Aunt Sally order on Elliott for 1.00 coal pd. April 1st. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed. Got letter from Patty and copies of T-D.
- 15 Still cold, 22 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Hilda and Mr. B. went to R. S. came back and stayed all night. Joe and Bill worked – made and burnt plant bed up on the hill. Turned warmer.
- 16 Joe and Bill worked. Bill got new dirt from woods – sowed plant bed that Joe dug then they sowed the other and made palings when it rained. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent letter to Patty and T-D.
- 17 Joe and Bill worked ½ day, making plant bed in sand field. Bright day and warm – 32 degrees at sunrise.
- 18 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. B. and Ernest dined here – pleasant bright day.
- 19 Spring morning – 45 degrees above 0 at sunrise. The men fixed plant bed back of house and put canvas on it – also brought up the two heifers with calves and turned them into the pasture back of the house. Lily came over.
- 20 Joe and Bill burnt this plant bed in sand field in the morning and said they grubbed fencerow on hill after dinner. Doll Walton sent and got his 10 bus. oats. Sally got letter from Patty. Rained at night and thundered.
- 21 Sally brought in a daffodil flower. Mr. N. Botts came and got his 9 bus. oats and paid me for them 3.60. I think Joe and Bill cut briars on cherry hill. Didn't write in this till Sunday 25th. Turned colder.
- 22 Little Isabella's birthday – 2 years old, bless her little life. Cold, only 17 degrees above 0. Joe and Jake worked ½ day cutting up poles in a thicket. Windy and very disagreeable. Sally went to Bellevue. I sent letters to Patty and Julia and got one from Cousin Loulie.

- 23 19 degrees above at sunrise. Joe and Bill hauled hay from cherry hill. Kept cold and snowed a little off and on, and snowed at night.
- 24 Snow on ground and snowed and sleeted. Sally and I both got letters from Patty. Turned milder. Joe and Bill worked ½ day, hauled and chopped some stove wood.
- 25 Sunday – Sleeted and turned to rain. Warmer – 32 degrees at sunrise. Joe brought the horses and cattle to the barn lot yesterday.
- 26 Uncommon change in the weather even for this changing climate. Yesterday the hard, frozen snow was at least 4 inches deep when I got up – the sun was hid and in the cloudy light the gray shadows of the trees on the snow looked cold and dismal – then a warm rain came and the snow went off as if by magic. This morning everything looked wet and the grass was green – the creek filled the banks and went over in some places. I found the first wild-flower in the woods, a turkey-pea – saw the first butterfly flying – the frogs were singing as they did before it turned cold, and thousands of insects were flying in the sun. I found a newborn ewe lamb. I saw the thermometer at 70 degrees in the shade. Went to Bellevue twice – once for Sally’s trunk. Sent letter to Patty – got one from Julia. Joe and Jake worked cutting briars on cherry hill.
- 27 Daisy has a mare colt, ----. Had the cattle and horses, except the 2 mares Peggy and Posey turned into the big pasture – had them turned into pasture on mill road. Joe put the canvas on the plant bed in hollow. He and Bill sowed some clover in sand field, then it rained and they did one thing and another. Joe went to Bellevue for mail. I sent Aunt Sally care Mr. Oscar Jones an order on Elliott for 1.00 for coal, pd. April 12. After dinner Joe and Jake piled manure in sheep cellar. Mild and rainy all the evening.
- 28 Still mild and misting part of the time. I went to Bellevue. Joe and Bill sowed clover in sand field and then grubbed in grass.
- 29 Sally and I went to Burlington to see Hilda and got some tobacco canvas. I stopped and left 2 pieces with Jim Moreland 104 yds. Joe and Bill grubbed in grass and hauled manure on garden.
- 30 Bright day and pleasanter – found some little wildflowers. I planted seeds in boxes. Early Ex. Cabbage, Surehead Cabbage and Cauliflower. Joe and Bill worked – they dug and planted the tobacco plant bed in sand field and hauled manure on garden. Dick has been fixing the fence along mill road. Got a letter from Cousin Augusta dated 27th saying Cousin William is dying of cancer of the liver.
- 31 Warm pleasant day. Joe and Bill worked ½ day hauling manure on garden.

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday – Warm day and pleasant though windy. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and Susie, Lily, and Flora. I gave Flora the pet lamb. We found a few turkey peas yesterday and today.
- 2 Bright pleasant day. Dick and Joe and Bill all worked putting in oats in big bottom field across the creek and little piece in garden. Dick worked his 2 mares 1 for ½ day the other all day.
- 3 Sent letter to Cousin Augusta. Mr. Flinn (Dick calls him Charlie) came and bought my young horse, Jamie. He is Daisy’s colt and will be 4 years old the 7th. Mr. Flinn

paid me \$115. cash for him. Joe and Jake worked putting in clover and then Bill tramped plant beds and Joe broke up piece in garden. Pleasant day. I went to Bellevue.

- 4 Joe and Bill worked in garden. I set out strawberry plants. They set out onions and Bill sowed spinach, radish and beets. Joe went to Doll Walton's and got me 10 bus. seed potatoes for Dick to plant – they are 1.00 a bus. He also got ½ a bus. for himself he said. I got letter from Patty. Bright pleasant day.
- 5 Warm – 66 degrees at sunrise – wind blew all day and it is raining at night with thunder. Joe and Bill worked first in garden – planted peas & beans and 6 rows potatoes – Northern Early Rose. Then they got up the sheep, tagged them and turned them in the big pasture. One ewe died today. I got letter from Amy Campbell with check for 25. Dick planted his potato patch today and got 2 bus. from me for his own use.
- 6 Only Bill worked for me in yard – digging, grubbing &c. I went to Bellevue. Susie Rice came over. Only rained a little last night and turned cooler.
- 7 Only 35 degrees above 0 at sunrise. No one worked for me. Sent letter to Patty.
- 8 Sunday – Bright day but cool. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped this evening and Ernest and Lily.
- 9 Didn't write in this till Thursday night. Sally and I got up early and went to Burlington. Stopped at Hilda's. I gave Mr. Brady 10. to give Mr. J. W. Gaines for Daisy's colt. Sally and I went to Cin. via Erlanger. I went to Dr. Taylor's and had my teeth filled and pd. him in full, 15.00. We shopped a while and it rained. Then we went out to Julia Foster's and stayed all night – it poured down rain with thunder and lightning. Went to see Amy – returned the check (see 5th) and she gave me 20.
- 10 Julia took me to Mary's to see her and the children then Sally and I went to Cin., did our shopping, came back to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday, Lord love her precious soul. A beautiful bright warm day. We went to Bellevue and I got letters from Patty, Sue, and Cousin Tom Flandrau. The men Bill and Joe were hauling manure on the garden.
- 12 Bright, but a chilly wind blew. I went to Rising Sun with Hilda who came down with Mr. Brady. Went to see Aunt Sally, Angeline &c. Pd. Elliott 3.00 for the two orders – see March 14 and 27 and for another dollar's worth of coal which I told him to send her. Also paid Oscar Jones's bill for her to date, 3.00 and pd. Aunt Eliza 1.00. Isaac came up today to get some things for Aunt Sally. Joe went to mill this morning and he and Bill hauled manure on garden and some wood.
- 13 Colder 29 degrees at sunrise. I went to Mr. Rouse's and got some strawberry plants and set them out. Bill and Joe hauled manure on garden. We went to Bellevue.
- 14 45 degrees at sunrise. No one worked for me. The men went to Bellevue and I sent for a barrel of flour and one of cement and lime. Dick is having a cistern made and said he sent for another barrel of cement while I was gone to Cin. Sent letter to Cousin Tom Flandrau. Sally and I walked up to the line fence and paid Doll Walton 10.00 for the seed potatoes. Hilda and Mr. Brady were here – and Cordy and Flora and Betty Scott came over.
- 15 Sunday – 41 degrees at sunrise. Pleasant bright day but rather chilly. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. We all walked to Mr. Rice's.

- 16 48 degrees and cloudy, and chilly all day. Amy Campbell's mare Peggy has a mare colt. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home. Mr. Brady bought 15 bus. corn at .60 and paid me in full 9.00. I sent by Sally to Mike Corbin .50 for Doll Walton, the balance due on the potatoes because he couldn't make change. Dick had Bill Lacy working for him helping Henry Hall with the cistern. Joe worked for me – he helped Mr. B., ploughed some in garden and began to plant some more potatoes. Sally got letter from Patty. Joe worked Dick's Fan part of a day. Got letter from buddy from Mexico.
- 17 Warmer – bright and pleasant. Mr. Brady came to bring Billy and the wagon home. I gave Mr. Brady 10. to pay to Mr. J. W. Gaines for Amy's mare's colt. Dick paid me 1.50 for two days of Bill on the cistern. I sent Amy Campbell a letter with 1.00. Sent Messrs. Luther Tucker and Son a letter with money order for 2.50 that I got in R. S. the 12th for sub. for Co. Gentleman. Joe worked for me in garden – he finished planting potatoes and planted some corn then ploughed asparagus and hauled some manure on it &c.
- 18 Bright but chilly. I went to Mr. Rouse's and got 200 cabbage plants and Bill set them out – he worked in the garden laid off beds made hills &c. planted more beans and peas and Patty Pan squashes. Joe worked – he cut stalks with machine and hauled some ditch dirt on a poor point. I went to Bellevue twice. Met Mr. Conner and sold him my wool for 23 cents or more if he can give others any more. Sold him my lambs for 3.25 throwing out 3.
- 19 Colder, 35 degrees at sunrise. Joe and Bill worked in bottom. Joe broke up ground and Bill burnt up the string of hedge there and cut off sprouts on the rest.
- 20 Cousin William died at ½ past 3 p.m. Colder, 30 degrees above 0 at sunrise and ice on buckets at the cisterns but thin. Joe broke up in bottom and Bill began to ditch but it was too cold – he cut little trees and sprouts off bottom and went to mill. Posey was found with a colt – a mare colt – dark with black mane and legs and a little white star in her head.
- 21 Colder, 29 degrees at sunrise, thicker ice and a hard frost. Saw in Cin. Enquirer of today that Cousin William is dead. Yesterday's paper said he was dying. Lord love his soul. Sally got letter from Patty. I got letters from Lucy Johnstone and Amy Campbell. Joe and Bill worked half a day hauling grubs and briers off meadow. I set out a few more strawberry plants. Sent yesterday evening by Sally – to go today – letter to T-D and one to Patty and Julia.
- 22 Sunday – Cold and disagreeable day and rained a little, not much. Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night. Dick put cow in pasture.
- 23 They went home. Still cold and raw. Sent Joe and Bill for the scraper Doll Walton lent and they scraped the dirt from the ditches in the lower bottom. We went to Bellevue. I got a telegram from Willie Dinsmore saying his father died at 3.30 p.m. Friday the 20th – one of my best and oldest friends gone – to rest and bliss I hope.
- 24 Louis Le Fevre came out and whitewashed. Joe took the scraper home and ploughed. Bill cut briers & elders. Sally and I cleaned house, I took up the matting in the big passage. Sent letter to Cousin Augusta, and got one from her that had been missent. Still cold – 33 degrees at sunrise.

- 25 35 degrees at sunrise. Joe ploughed in the bottom, broke sod and finished all in bottom. Bill grubbed and cleaned the piece left out by the new picket wire fence. Lewis white washed. I got letter from Patty on business.
- 26 Warm pleasant spring-like day – 45 degrees at sunrise and went up to near 80 degrees Sally said. Corrine came to work cleaning house. Joe ploughed in garden and on hill side in sand field. Bill grubbed in sand field.
- 27 44 degrees at sunrise. I sent letter to Patty. Bill took the mares to Bellevue. Peggy, the Campbell mare. Bill worked the rest of the time in yard & garden. Joe finished breaking up the hill side and they laid off for melons in the garden – planted Kolb Gem and Hungarian Honey Watermelons and Chicago okra. Mrs. Britton and Corinne worked cleaning house. I put the matting down in the big passage. Got letter from Julia. Georgie Loudon, Dick's wife, had a girl baby early this morning. This is the first day we have had no fire in the house.
- 28 45 degrees at sunrise – turned warm. Bill took Posey to Bellevue. Joe only worked ½ day in yard – hauled out manure and ashes, patched up kitchen steps &c. I went to Bellevue and to the burying of old Mrs. Rush. Steve Burns came and bought corn 4.50.
- 29 Sunday – Hot and dry. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. Ernest called.
- 30 Joe and Bill worked. Joe harrowed in the bottom and Bill got out seed corn and they planted some. I got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Bill began to weed a plant bed but it rained, a shower only but we need rain so much it seemed to do good.

MAY

- 1 Thermometer 48 degrees but cloudy and chilly. Dick and Georgie Loudon's little baby died last night about 10 o'clock. Gave Dick an order on Steele for coffin. Sent Aunt Sally an order for 1.00 on Elliott for coal, paid June 2nd. No one worked for me. Sally and I went to the burial of Dick and Georgie's little baby. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Sue with Sally's photograph. Got Harper's Weekly of April 28 with a picture of Cousin William that Willie sent me. Cold and disagreeable all day. Mrs. Newt Botts came here to see about getting corn. I agreed to let her husband have 15 bus. at .65 and take it in corn in the fall.
- 2 Mr. Newt Botts came and got 9 flour barrels of corn – at .65 a bus. – he agrees to return me an amount of corn in the fall to equal 15 bus. or to pay me the money if he gets it in the meantime – paid. John Popham also got _ bus. seed corn and Mr. Brashear 2 bus. seed corn. The men Joe and Bill finished planting corn in the bottom. 43 degrees at sunrise and we sat by a fire in the house. Miss Betty Bruce came.
- 3 Warmer, 50 degrees at sunrise. Found my cow Cherry with a red heifer calf – named it May. Zen Scott came and got 1 bus. seed corn paid .75 for it. Joe and Jake worked – they weeded plant beds then worked in garden. Joe ploughed the potatoes he first planted and a little hill side below old pond. After dinner they dragged rails to the fence next Mr. Walton's pasture on mill road. Sally and I went to Bellevue. I got letter from Patty and one from Julia inclosing a piece of newspaper about Cousin William's will. I got a bill for Aunt Eliza's shoes. Turned warmer today.
- 4 Louis came out and whitewashed. It rained some good showers. Bill took the Campbell mare to Bellevue. I sent letter to Cousin Augusta. Got note from Fanny

Foster and circular from Mrs. Jonson [sic]. Joe and Bill worked – after dinner they said they worked at fence.

- 5 Louis came and worked ½ day. We cleaned house. Bill took Posey to Bellevue – worked ¼ day he called it. Joe didn't work. Cool.
- 6 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 7 Didn't write in this till Wednesday. We cleaned house – had Mrs. Britton working. I went to Bellevue. I sent letter to Julia. Got two letters from Sue about Fanny. Sally got a letter from Ruth saying her father and Julia would be in Burlington. I sent Joe and Bill right up for them – they met them. Cousin Tom Flandrau and Julia came in the rain. We had a good shower at last and it rained off and on and at night. Joe and Bill worked on the fence and weeded plant bed after the rain.
- 8 I got Bill to set out cabbage and cauliflower plants, also I set out a few tomato plants. Got up early and sent Joe to Burlington with Cousin Tom to catch the stage for Cin. He and Bill worked at the fence after they finished weeding plant bed. It rained and we had a beautiful rainbow. There were several showers and we are having our April in May. I went to see Mandy Riley. Fanny's mother Mrs. Britton worked ½ day cleaning house.
- 9 Didn't write in this till 11th. The men worked on fence. I went to Bellevue twice – got wool sacks and sent Julia a basket of ferns. Tom Roberts came and got some more corn and paid me in full I think - it came 3.35. Got copies of T-D,
- 10 Went to Ernest's for sheep shears – took Julia with me to see the river views. Doll Allen came and got 7 bus. corn – came to 4.55 which he paid me. Joe and Bill worked, they finished the fence and Bill said he ricked the rest of the rails. Joe ploughed in garden – the potatoes and corn. I got note from Cousin Tom Flandrau saying he would be down tomorrow. Corinne came to work a week. Joe re-ploughed the little piece by old fish pond and made hills – then I sent him to see Ennis Nixon. Bill got up the sheep and went to see Henry Hall. Warm, bright like summer.
- 11 Bill took Campbell mare to Bellevue. Only Henry Hall came out and he and Joe sheared sheep. Bill helped them. Hit today. I replanted melons which bugs and worms are ruining. Sally went for mail. I got postal from Cousin Tom Flandrau saying he left Cin. for St. Paul last night to see buddy who is sick, not dangerously ill, he says but I have my fears. Got letter from Julia with scrap of newspaper saying Cousin Augusta would sail for Europe tomorrow.
- 12 Bill took Posey to Bellevue. I sent letters to buddy, Patty and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Hall came and he and Joe and Bill worked ½ day – finished shearing sheep and turned ewes on rye. I got letter from Cousin Augusta. Amy Campbell and Miss Enid Yandell of Louisville. Zen Scott came either today or yesterday and got seed corn, paid for it .75. It turned cold so we had a fire in the evening. Ernest came for a few minutes. Dr. Grant came in the morning. Hilda and Mr. Brady came but didn't stay.
- 13 Sunday – The wedding day of my parents – Lord love them. Bright windy day and so cool we had fire all day. Hilda and Mr. Brady called. Amy Campbell gave me 10. to pay for her colt and I gave it to Mr. Brady for Mr. Gaines. Amy and Miss Enid Yandell went away.
- 14 Cold as charity, 41 degrees at sunrise, and cloudy and cold all day. Bill and Joe hauled hay from cherry hill and then hauled poles from across the creek I think. Sally

went for mail. I got a letter from Patty, saying her father was sick in bed with rheumatism. Sally heard Cousin Tom F. was there and her father better. I also got a note from Cousin Augusta inclosing a piece of newspaper – about Cousin Wm. – also got photograph of Mr. Graham's baby.

- 15 Colder, 36 degrees above 0. Frost last night that killed most of my beans, some of the melons and froze the potato tops. Cold all day, cloudy most of the time and wound up with a cold rain. Joe and Bill worked in the garden and weeded some plant beds. I sent letter to Patty. Set out tomatoes.
- 16 Chilly still, 48 degrees at 5.30. Joe and Bill set out more cabbage plants as the ground was wet with the rain. Dick set out 5 short rows of tobacco in the piece next Mr. Rice's. Joe and Bill worked – they weeded the plant beds and then hauled some poles from beyond the creek. Got letter from Amy Campbell. I set out more tomatoes. Sally got letters about her father. I got notice from Ex. about the package Cousin Tom F. sent me.
- 17 Still cool, 40 degrees at sunrise. Went to Bellevue – got old July shod. Went to R. Sun to see about Aunt Sally. Got on credit at Mr. Davis's pr. shoes for Aunt Eliza and overshoes pd. June 2nd. Put in P.O. at R. Sun letter to Julia. After I got home it rained hard. Joe and Bill said they worked at the fence next Mr. Jim Rogers's.
- 18 Rained hard last night and off and on during the day hard showers. I got letters from Cousin Tom F. about buddy and from Sue. Joe and Bill worked at odds and ends. They set out some cabbage plants the first thing, fixed the fence and made paling &c. and Bill went to mill.
- 19 Bill took the Campbell mare down. No one worked for me. I went to Bellevue – got Ex. package Cousin Tom F. sent me and letters from Patty and Julia. Still cool.
- 20 Sunday – 50 degrees at 6.30 a.m. but bright. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest and Hal Bennett dined here.
- 21 Sent wool down to Mr. Conner. There were 371½ lbs of good wool at .23 and 15 lbs of fleece grown and dead sheep wool at .15. Mr. Conner gave me a check for \$87.70 on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. I bought a Clore double shovel, new make from Mr. Len Clore. After we came home Joe ploughed and laid off tobacco ground and he and Bill weeded plant bed. I had Kitty caught and sent Bill to have her shod. Mr. R. E. Kirtley came. I got letter from Fanny G. with hat and sunbonnet for Isabella. Sally heard her father was better. It was warmer. I set out more tomatoes.
- 22 Sprinkled rain early, cleared off. Joe ploughed in the garden and then in the corn. Bill weeded plant bed and then ploughed corn. Julia and I went to Burlington. I went to the Bank and got Mr. Conner's check for \$87.70 cashed. Zen Scott came and got ½ bus. seed corn paid for it .37. Planted Hubbard Squash and cucumber seed.
- 23 Cousin Tom Flandrau came from St. Paul. Joe and Bill worked – they hauled locust timber off tobacco ground in sand field till noon, then turned the sheep back in pasture and grubbed tobacco ground. Turned warmer.
- 24 Bill took Posey to Bellevue – 0 – Joe and Bill worked – grubbed in sand field and worked in garden. Had more cabbage plants set out, planted more beans (bunch) and set tomato plants. Mr. Rouse's boy came and bought 8 bus. corn at .65 paid me in full 5.20. Mr. Stewart bought 3 bus. pd. me for it 1.95. Warm and pleasant. Sent Patty T-D. Got gloves from her.

- 25 Rained last night and this morning. Joe and Bill set out tobacco and Dick Lacy helped them. Dick Loudon was setting out his plants too. A man named Winter came and got 2 bus. corn, pd. me for it 1.30. I went to Bellevue and stopped and pd. Mrs. Nolan 10.00 – told her it was my toll for last year up to May 1st. Didn't write in this till the 30th.
- 26 Got up early and we all, Cousin Tom Flandrau, Julia, Sally and I started for Cin. Joe drove the spring wagon to Erlanger. Bill said Dick wanted him to help ½ day setting tobacco. Mr. Will Ryle attended to calf. We got to Cin. and Sally stayed at the Burnet House with her uncle and Julia and they went to the matinee and evening performance of the Musical Festival. I went to them both with the Fosters and stayed at Julia's in Clifton. Sally came out Sunday and stayed all night.
- 27 Sunday – I stayed with Julia and she took me to see her mother. It rained hard – rained at night too. Cousin Tom Flandrau and Julia came out with Sally to call – started home that evening.
- 28 Sally and I started home on the train that left before 9 a.m. Found things wonderfully grown since Saturday. There was a thunder shower while we were on the train and it rained hard. We went to Hilda's and dined, came home. Went to Bellevue for mail. Paid Mike Corbin 30.00 to be credited on my bill. Found Bill setting tobacco in the garden. Joe had taken July and the buggy up to Burlington for us then set tobacco I think and made hills in sod ground. Stopped to see Permelia who is sick.
- 29 Bill and Joe worked – they finished the hills and then worked some at the fence on Mr. Rogers's line. After their dinner they worked in the garden – ploughed everything – hoed cabbages, made ridges and planted 350 sweet potato plants that I got of Mrs. Corbin and Mr. Kelly, and a row of tomatoes. Showered a little at night. My cow Hilda had twin b. calves red with some little white spots. Joe named them Alex and Bob.
- 30 Had the cow driven up and the calves helped along – then Joe and Bill made a fork fence along the creek bottom to big pasture. We went to Bellevue and I got 50 more plants Bill set out, from Mr. Snyder. Took letter to Patty – got one from her. Jim Moreland came to see me and gave up the 4 acres tobacco ground I rented him – said he had not plants enough to set it out. We had some strawberries yesterday and today.
- 31 Bill took the Campbell mare to Bellevue but Mr. Berkshire was not there – he got home about 10 and I believe he worked for himself till noon – then he ploughed corn and set out 50 more sweet potato plants. Joe ploughed corn. We went to Bellevue. Bob Brady got some seed corn .35. I hoed my melons for the first time. We had a good little shower.

JUNE

- 1 Cool, 46 degrees at sunrise, clear day, sprinkled a very little after sundown. Joe and Bill worked – they ploughed corn till noon, then Bill took the Campbell mare to Bellevue – then he worked in garden. Joe worked in garden and yard too. I divided my crape myrtles and they hoed – planted more butter beans, pole beans, radish, beets &c. Sally and I got some cherries – not fully ripe.
- 2 Warmer, 49 degrees. I went to Rising Sun. Pd. Elliott 2.00 for coal, see order May 1st. and for verbal order May 17th and told him to let Aunt Sally have another dollar's

- worth. Pd. Davis in full to date 5.85. Sent letter to Julia. Joe and Bill worked ½ day. Bill took Posey to Bellevue – then helped Joe on fence.
- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. and Mrs. Holmes, Hilda's cousin dined with us. Very cool bright day.
 - 4 Cooler, 43 degrees at sunrise. Henry Hall came and ditched. Joe and Bill worked – they got horses out of pasture and worked on fence – then after dinner hauled rails off new ground. Ernest came in the evening. I got letters from Patty and Julia Henderson.
 - 5 47 degrees at sunrise – turned warm with a hot wind. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia. Joe and Bill worked hauling rails off the new ground and to the fence and on the fence. Henry Hall worked on ditch.
 - 6 Joe and Bill worked on road. Sally and I went to Ernest's to spend the day – to meet Katy Graves &c. It was a real summer day – towards sundown plenty of clouds and lightning and vivid lightning after dark. We went to Bellevue. Doll Walton came to ask about hauling rock off the new ground Dick is breaking and --- hauled some Dick said. They said Henry Hall ditched.
 - 7 My darling big baby's wedding day. She has been married 5 years – Lord love her and hers. I wrote to her and took the letter down with one to Fanny when Sally and I went in the evening – stopped at Mrs. Brady's. Joe and Bill worked on the everlasting fence. Let Henry Hall's wife have order on Corbin for 3.00. Sarah came to bring home part of the canvas. Warm.
 - 8 Had the two calves born in Jan. turned out to wean. Hoed the cucumber and Hubbard Squash vines. Stopped here and didn't write again in this till the 19th. Don't suppose I can ever get things straight again. I think Joe and Bill worked hauling rock off Dick's new ground.
 - 9 Only Bill worked ½ day for me picking cherries. Mrs. Holmes came with Hilda and Mr. Brady – went home before night. Amy Campbell and Anna Foos came. I got letter from Sally Humphrey and one from Bessie McIntosh saying she and Lou Pearce were coming on the boat. Went down for them and brought them out.
 - 10 Sunday – Amy and Miss Foos went home. There was a go
 - 11 od shower – and Dick set out tobacco across the creek. Ernest and Lily stopped in the evening. Miss Hill & Mr. B. came.
 - 12 Joe and Bill set tobacco, watered the last. Dick set tobacco for himself – bugging potatoes.
 - 13 Bill and Joe worked ½ day in garden ploughing, hoeing &c. Picked cherries for themselves. Got letters from Cousin Tom F. and Sarah. Sent one to Sally H.
 - 14 Joe ploughed in garden and then ploughed corn. Bill worked in garden, helped Dick fix fence and hoed tobacco in garden. Sally and Bessie went to Burlington to take Hilda cherries and see Miss Hill. I got a letter from Patty. Went to Mrs. Noah Clore's funeral in Bellevue.
 - 15 Mr. Conner came and got 26 of the lambs which at 3.25 came to 84.50 – also took the 2 bucks and gave me a check for \$95. in full. Sally brought me from Bellevue 8.52 for corn that Will Botts got – he sent John Coons for it. I received a letter from Willie Dinsmore inclosing a check on Am. Exchange Natl Bk. from Dumont Clark and himself as Executors of his father's estate for \$9500 (nine thousand, five hundred dollars) being in full for the legacy of \$10,000 that Cousin William left me, the other

500. having gone to pay state tax. They also inclosed receipt for me to sign. Joe and Bill ploughed corn after they finished attending to sheep.
- 16 Got up early and wrote to William Dinsmore and took it down to Bellevue myself. I inclosed in it the receipt for the check which Sally G. Flandrau signed as witness. Went to see Permelia Corbin. The men Joe and Bill, finished corn, finished the fence up next Mr. Rogers and set out tobacco – there was a shower towards 2 P.M. but not enough to do any good. Corinne came to work. Sent letter to brother Charlie about check.
- 17 Went to Burlington – Showed Hilda the check for my legacy from Cousin William, \$9500. took it to the Boone Co. Deposit Bank and put it in my t---box with other papers. Got my check from Mr. J. M. Conner for 95. cashed. Brought it home and went to Bellevue. Paid Mike Corbin \$80. and got him to credit it on my account. Went to see Becky Mauer who is sick. Got letter from Amy. It has been very hot and dry all this week and I have been so busy with company and cherries that I neglected my day book and every thing else. Joe worked ½ day in garden.
- 18 Sunday – Ernest dined here.
- 19 Got letter from Patty saying that Julia and the baby would probably be here Friday. Joe cut clover in the sand field. Bill worked some in the garden and dug out some springs in pasture and they watered some tobacco. It is intensely hot and dry – everything seems to be burning up – garden, pastures, everything. Sent letter to Patty.
- 20 Hot as pepper again – couldn't sleep much last night it was so sultry. Joe and Bill worked getting in the clover hay. I got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 21 Bill worked ½ day in garden. He hoed, staked tomatoes &c. and took Til to be shod and the hay rake down. Sally got letter from Patty saying Julia and the baby wouldn't be here till Tuesday. I wrote to Patty in the P.O. Still very hot. I went to McVille to see Charlie Burns about getting lumber – gave him 3.00 to get it with. Had manure and ashes hauled out.
- 22 Sprinkled before 4 a.m. and about 11 we had a shower, didn't amount to much. Joe and Bill hoed tobacco and Bill replanted a little in the bottom. Ellen came up and I sent Aunt Eliza 1.00 by her also her dress & Aunt Sally's. Not so hot but still very warm. I got letter from Sue.
- 23 Joe and Bill worked hoeing tobacco and set out a little by the creek. They also spent some time running the horses out of Mr. Arnold's pasture. I went to see Mrs. Burns who was very ill. Got letter from Sally H. and photograph from Julia.
- 24 Still hot as pepper. Only Bill worked ½ day hoeing tobacco in garden. I sent by him this evening letter to Sue. I got letter from buddy about business and one from Julia, with photograph of Mary's children. I watered some tobacco on the creek. We had a little sprinkle or shower at night.
- 25 Still hot and dry. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here and Ernest and Charlie Grant called in the evening. Mandy Riley or Strader, the mother of Sue's Fanny was buried to-day.
- 26 Joe and Bill hoed tobacco and when it showered they attended to vinegar barrels. At a quarter to 1 a good rain lasting over half an hour – later we had fine soaking rains, that end our drouth for the present. Joe and Bill set out tobacco on the bluff and in garden. I went to Bellevue – took letter to buddy.

- 27 Got up early and drove the buggy to Erlanger to meet the baby and Julia Loving. Was thankful to find them there safe and well. Went to Mr. Brady's and stayed to dine. Went to Burlington Bank and got the check Willie sent me, (see 14th) and endorsed it payable to the order of Charles E. Flandrau and put it in an envelope and put it in the P.O. in Burlington. Mr. Brady was with me and Mr. Lassing ass. Cas. saw me endorse it. Joe said he and Bill finished setting for me by noon and helped Dick afterwards. Got a picture from Fanny of little Frances. Sent letter to Patty from Burlington and postal from Grant.
- 28 Raining hard this morning again. Corinne came back. Rained off and on till about 2 P.M. The men Joe and Bill worked ½ day Dick called it for him setting out tobacco in new ground. Rained again last night and before sundown.
- 29 Joe worked ½ day helping Dick set. After dinner he went to Burlington for the baby's trunk. Then he and Bill took to Bellevue a barrel of vinegar I am sending to Julia. Bill helped Dick set till some time after dinner then bugged potatoes till he went to B. Joe brought me some raspberries from Mr. Rouse. Dr. and Mrs. Grant came. Sally, Lou and Bessie went to Ernest's to get cherries. It poured down again at night.
- 30 Didn't write in this till Sunday. I think Joe went to mill while Bill worked in garden – then Joe cut weeds from round some tobacco. Sally and I went to see Mrs. Burns and to Bellevue. I made raspberry jam.
- 31 Got up early and went to Burlington with Bessie and Lou. I had to take them on to Florence. Joe drove wagon – worked ½ day. I made jam afterwards. Bill didn't work for me. I got letter from brother Charlie acknowledging the receipt of the letter I sent him from Burlington (see 26th), also letters from Julia and Patty, saying she had heard of the baby's arrival here. Stopped to see Hilda. I did not forget that it is 21 years this day since my beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her sweet soul forever and ever.

JULY

- 1 Hot day, Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped on their way home. Didn't write again till 4th.
- 2 Joe and Bill got ready for cutting grass and Joe cut with machine and Bill mowed. Mr. Rouse came with more raspberries – he got 10 bus. corn at .65 which came to 6.50. He paid me 1.50 and said the berries came to 5.00. I worked putting them up. Got letter from Tilden Selmes.
- 3 The men Joe and Bill fixed the road a little and hauled hay – 3 loads they said. I worked putting up berries. A man named Stumpf came and tuned the piano.
- 4 No one worked for me. Sally and I went to see Mrs. Burns. I got letters from Nat. Bk. of Wash. with draft on Am. Ex. Natl. Bk. for \$75. also letters from Bessie and from Lizzie Hodges. There was a hard rain about 11.30 a.m. lasting twenty minutes or more and a sprinkle early and I think a shower in the night.
- 5 Bill turned and scattered the hay that was down – then hoed tobacco. Joe hoed tobacco and chopped out my hills of cucumber and squash. After dinner they hauled in hay and cut more. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. It was very hot.
- 6 Very hot day. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Burns – got letter from Sue. Joe and Bill worked – hoed tobacco and after dinner got in the hay and ploughed and hoed my melons to lay them by.

- 7 Didn't write in this till the 10th. Only Bill worked – he ½ day hoeing tobacco. I went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins at the Bk. to cash my check for \$75 (see 4th) and pd. Oscar Jones what I owed him for Aunt Sally also Aunt Eliza's bill there – pd. Mrs. Jarvis for their sewing &c. took the Dr. to see Aunt Sally again. Hot day. Got letters from Julia and Lou Pearce.
- 8 Sunday – Sally poorly all day and last night. Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped on their way a little while. Hot day – about 5 p.m. rained and rained at night too.
- 9 Bill didn't work in the morning. It rained and Joe mended hay bed, then chopped weeds or rather mowed weeds on creek – after dinner I sent him to Mrs. R. Brady's with his horses. Bill tried to work after dinner – it poured down. I sent him to Birkle with old July to be shod – sent letter to Patty. He wormed a little at tobacco between the rains.
- 10 Didn't rain. Joe and Bill worked – wormed tobacco in garden – then hoed the rest on hill side and part of that in the creek bottom. The first blackberries for sale were brought me. Yesterday Mr. Stewart sent and bought 2 bus. corn paid for it 1.30. Mr. Henderson came to see about getting corn. Hilda and Mr. B. called, also Susie Saxton and Flora.
- 11 Mr. Henderson came and bought some corn, 8 ½ bus. I think – paid for it 5.40. I went with Susie Saxton to Petersburg to see Mrs. Longmore and Miss Lou. Joe said he and Bill worked – they hoed tobacco and cut hay. Sent letter to F&M Bk. Georgetown.
- 12 Sally and Julia and the baby went to Ernest's – dined with Mrs. Grant. Joe ploughed some of the tobacco in the garden and Bill hoed it, then they cut some hay on the hill and hauled a load of what they cut yesterday. I got a letter from Julia.
- 13 Didn't write in this till the 18th. Joe and Bill worked and I had Dan McCarthy to help them. They hoed tobacco till noon then got in hay on the hill and put it in the old house. It was a cool breezy delightful day. Joe found my Katy cow with a new heifer calf apparently two days old – named the calf Fanny.
- 14 Joe and Bill worked ½ day – finishing getting in what hay was down. Hilda and Mr. B. were here but did not stay. I got letters from Patty and from brother Charlie on business.
- 15 Sunday – Ernest dined here. Hilda only stopped to speak.
- 16 Mr. Conner sent here and the man took 18 lambs – at 3.25 they came to 58.50. We went to Burlington and spent the day at Hilda's. We saw them tearing down the old court house. Joe and Bill worked. Bill hoed my sweet potatoes and some tobacco. Joe ploughed tobacco in bottom and garden and on hillside. I got letter from brother Charlie telling me about a loan he made of part of the money Cousin Wm. gave me – also a letter from the Farmer's & Mechs.' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with check for \$28. on Gallatin Natl. Bk. N.Y.
- 17 Joe and Bill worked – it rained part of the time – rather hard rains – they hoed the bottom tobacco and chopped weeds in corn.
- 18 Rained hard off and on during the day very hard, dashing rain part of the time. The creek was over the bank in low places. Bill began to mow weeds but quit. Joe went to mill for me, and took old July to the shop to see about her foot – cut weeds a little between the rains. Lily was here.

- 19 Still unforgotten – Lord love their souls. Bright sunshine after all the rains. Ernest brought Mr. Lessing to see about getting sand for bricks. Joe and Bill fixed a watergap – then wormed tobacco in garden, and after that chopped weeds I believe in corn. Lily was here.
- 20 Didn't write in this till the 23rd. The men worked Joe and Bill – they wormed tobacco in garden and chopped weeds in corn. Lily was here.
- 21 No one worked for me. Mr. Lessing came and got some sand.
- 22 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brady came out after dinner. We sat up late to see the total eclipse of the moon. Mr. S. P. Brady brought me check from Mr. Conner for 68.00 for the lambs (see 16th). There is a mistake of 10. in the check.
- 23 Sent by Joe letters to Nat. Met. Bk. Washington and to Tilden Selmes. Received letter from brother Charlie about the investment of the rest of my money – (see 16th). Got 2 sides of bacon from Mr. Corbin and engaged 2 more also got barrel of flour. Sent Joe down this morning with the wagon after Charlie Burns and the eaves troughs he made for Dick's house. Bill wormed tobacco a little then helped Charlie, so did Joe. Lily was here.
- 24 Didn't write in this till the 27th. Charlie Burns came out and finished up – fixed the house gutters &c. Joe helped him, then cut a little grass on hill with machine & scythe – and I believe wormed a little. Bill wormed tobacco in garden and on side hill. I went to Rising Sun. Paid Oscar Jones and Elliott up to date. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash my draft for 28. (see 16th). Lily was here.
- 25 Bill and Joe cut hay across the creek in the morning with scythe and machine. After dinner they took in hay on hill and Dick helped – after that Bill ploughed a little tobacco in garden. Lily was here.
- 26 Bill mowed weeds for Joe to plough a little turnip patch – then hoed tobacco – after dinner they took in hay across the creek and Dick helped them. I went to R. Sun.
- 27 Had a little turnip patch put in and afterwards they got in hay – about 10.30 it rained a good rain. Afterwards they, Joe and Bill, hoed tobacco in garden and bottom. I got letter from Natl. Met. Bank with draft on N.Y. for \$8.00
- 28 Only Bill worked, he wormed tobacco in the garden. Ernest came to call. Lily was here all the week. Got letter from Patty.
- 29 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. Very hot for several days.
- 30 Sent letter to Lizzie Hodges. Lily came. Joe and Bill worked. Joe cut clover and hay and ploughed tobacco. Bill weeded the asparagus and wormed tobacco or hoed it.
- 31 Bill and Joe worked in tobacco and hay finished getting in the hay. Very hot day. Lily here. Got letter from Sue.

AUGUST

- 1 A cool cloudy morning with a sprinkle of rain near Burlington, a very hot day afterwards and a good hard thunder rain with a little hail about 5 P.M. I got up early this morning and took Sally to Erlanger and put her on the train for Lexington – to go to visit Mitty Gibson. Joe drove the wagon – I stopped at Hilda's on my way back. Went to Bank in Burlington – got 2 checks cashed – the one for \$8. (see July 22nd). Told Mr. Lassing about the mistake – to be rectified when Mr. Conner gets the rest of

the lambs. Paid Mr. Clutterbuck my taxes and got receipt \$107.25. Got my tin box from Bk. and brought it home. Gave Richard Loudon his note for the mare Granny that I did not have here when we settled for it. Isaac Sanders came up. I sent by him a letter to Sally, inclosing one that came to her from Tilden to-day. Told Dick he could plough in sand field for wheat.

- 2 Very hot day – with thunder but no rain. Got letter from Patty – still in Yellowstone Park. Lily was here and Flora and Katy came. Joe and Bill worked in tobacco and chopped weeds in corn for which he paid, 1.25.
- 3 Very hot again – Bill and Joe took Mr. Arnold's ladder home, then wormed tobacco. Lily was here. I sent by Dick a letter to Patty.
- 4 Received a telegram saying that Cousin Frank Goodrich died at M-----ton, Col. yesterday. The telegram was from Sue. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Sally Humphreys. Lily was here. Joe and Bill worked ½ day worming tobacco. Between 2 & 3 P.M. we had a pouring rain and showers afterwards.
- 5 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. B. and Ernest dined here – still hot.
- 6 Sent by Julia letters to Sue, Cousin Mary, Patty and Sally. Got letters from Patty in St. Paul and from Cousin Dick Marvin. Rather cooler. Lily here today and Susie Rice with Emma's child. Dick Loudon began to plough for wheat to-day. I am to let him put in the sand field and the oat field in the big bottom to furnish seed – he to do all the work furnish team threshing and everything and let me have half the wheat at the machine. Joe began to plough the rye. Bill cut briers where Dick was ploughing.
- 7 It rained between 8 and 9. Mr. Westby came after the rest of the lambs took all 22 of which 4 were not sold to Mr. Conner and I sent them for him to take and pay what he pleased – also sent word about the mistake in the check, (see July 22nd). Joe helped with the sheep and ploughed in rye field. Bill cut briers I suppose. I sent letter this evening to Julia – got one from Cousin Harvey. After 8 P.M. there was a thunder shower.
- 8 Didn't write in this to-day – Joe ploughed and Bill wormed tobacco in the garden. It turned cooler. I got letter from Sally and Amy. Julia got one from Patty. Cousin Frank buried at Jamestown this evening.
- 9 Much cooler. Julia Loving got news of the death of her brother. Joe ploughed in rye field. Bill wormed tobacco. I got letter from Mr. J. M. Conner with check for \$54.50 for the lambs – (see 7th) less 10. for what was overpaid (see July 22nd). Didn't write in this till 13th.
- 10 Joe ploughed in rye field and after dinner ploughed the little tobacco in garden and bottom. Bill worked in tobacco. I sent letter to buddy this evening – it is Sister Belle's wedding day.
- 11 Joe and Bill worked ½ day. Joe hauled out manure and ashes and ploughed and Bill worked in tobacco. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. I got telegram from Tilden saying that Patty would be down on the boat. Went after her and she came. Joe drove wagon. Ernest came and bought 5 bus. of corn for which he paid 3.25. When Mr. Brashear came for it he paid me for corn he got May 2nd, 1.00.
- 12 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came. We had our first ripe watermelons. There was a thunder shower in the evening about 4 or 5.

- 13 Cooler – Got letter from Sue about Frank’s death and papers from her with accounts of his funeral. Joe worked ploughing rye. Bill in tobacco.
- 14 My darling Patty’s birthday – Lord love her she is 27 today. Hilda and Mr. B. came to dine. I got letters from Sally saying she expected to come Sat. and from Fanny and John Riddle. Joe ploughed. Bill wormed tobacco cut briars a little in sand field and caught horses. Sent to go to-morrow a letter to Sue and one to T-D.
- 15 Bill took Kitty and Posey to Mr. Birkle then after dinner worked cleaning the graveyard. Joe ploughed for rye.
- 16 I got letter from Sally and letter and book for her. Mr. Snyder came and got .70 worth of corn from me on Dick’s account. Joe ploughed rye and Bill cut briars on piece that was in oats and Dick began to plough there. It rained between 2 and 3 P.M. and again at night.
- 17 It was not till the 21st that I wrote this. Very warm and rained after dinner. Joe ploughed till noon, then took horses to Mr. Birkle to be shod. Bill worked in tobacco when it didn’t rain I believe. Ernest and Miss Goddard called. My beloved mother died 29 years ago Lord love her soul forevermore.
- 18 Poured down – I started with Joe to drive for Erlanger. Sally came from Lex. Stopped in Burlington and got the check Mr. Conner sent me for \$54.50 cashed (see Aug. 9). Bill only milked – it rained so hard.
- 19 Sunday – Hilda was down with Mr. B. It rained at night.
- 20 Rained off and on all day. My white and roan steer, Nancy’s calf I think, was found dead in the pasture. Joe and Bill took the horses and hauled it off – they also wormed tobacco a part of the day. Charlie Rockwell came and got 5 bus. corn for Ras. Rice paid for it 3.00. I went to Bellevue, paid W.W. Grant his bill 8.65 got letter from Sally H.
- 21 Poured down – in the night and nearly all day. I don’t think the men could work.
- 22 Bright and clear – Mr. Cox came and got 2 bus. corn for Tom Roberts and 3 for himself to be paid for after threshing. Patty & Sally went to Burlington to see Hilda. The men worked in the tobacco. I got letter from Julia.
- 23 Mr. Pierce Bruce came and bought 20 bus. corn – to be paid for soon. Patty and I went to Mr. Parker’s for peaches. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down – dined here. The men worked in the tobacco.
- 24 Didn’t write in this till the 28th. Did not forget that this is my dear father’s birthday. Lord love his soul. The men cut weeds – picked Bartlett pears and worked a little in tobacco. Mr. Brady came and dined.
- 25 Joe took some pears to Bellevue – said he got 2.40 for them which he brought.
- 26 Sunday – Ernest dined here – Hilda and Mr. Brady called. It poured down rain.
- 27 Rained off and on. Bill perhaps worked some cutting weeds. Joe caught Til and rode him down to get him shod – cut weeds afterwards.
- 28 Joe and Bill worked – in tobacco and after dinner began to cut tobacco in garden. Hilda and Mr. B. were here to-day.
- 29 Didn’t write in this till the 31st. I went to Aurora on the little boat the Rocket to get barrels &c. The men worked in tobacco – hauled in some. I got letter from Sue.

- 30 The men worked in tobacco part of the day – about 4 P.M. it poured down rained hard and apparently all night. Got letter from Sarah H. The men took one of the heifers away – she was Nancy's calf I think.
- 31 The men worked most of the day I think – it rained a little off and on. They brought the cow back – suckered tobacco &c. I got from Cousin Tom Flandrau a Macomb family tree. Raining again at night. Didn't write in this till Sep. 5th.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 I think no one worked today, but Bill Lacy went to the river for me with the wagon to bring out a barrel of Big Bone water.
- 2 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady stopped on their way home,
- 3 Patty and Sally left on the little boat Rocket for Cin. and Lexington. I got note from Mr. D. P. Williams, Aurora about apples. Joe drove wagon and worked in tobacco. Bill worked in tobacco and his Dick ½ day – they hauled and cut.
- 4 They all three worked – Joe went to Mr. John Cox's and got 35 bus. seed wheat – then worked in tobacco. Dick and his father Bill cut briars in vines and worked in tobacco. Isaac Sanders came.
- 5 Mr. John Cox came – I owed him for 35. bus. wheat at .87, \$30.45 – he owed me for 3 bus. corn at .60, 1.80 (see Aug. 22nd) so I owed him a balance of 28.65 which I paid. Charlie Rockwell brought me some stove wood for which I paid him 2 bus. corn. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked, picked pears. Yesterday I got a postal from Patty and sent by Isaac a note to Patty. Got copies of T-D.
- 6 Picked pears again - Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy. Joe hauled to Bellevue a load of 10 barrels to be shipped to Louis H. Shafer & Co. 13 Water St., Cin. Isaac Sanders came up and picked some.
- 7 Raining – rained last night, stopped and towards sundown rained again. Joe, Bill, and Dick Lacy worked, they moved the tobacco from the wine house to barn – and Bill cut up a little sweet corn. Got yesterday's mail this morning postal from Patty. Got note from Wm. Turly (I think) Napoleon – about 2 buck lambs 14 months old, Oxforddowns he says, that Mr. Conner bought for me. Ed Botts brought them out from the river, Joe put marks in their ears and turned them in the big pasture. Sent by Julia note to Mr. William about apples. Made a 10 gal. keg of Ives Seedling wine.
- 8 Only Joe worked ½ day and went to the boat at night. Joe took old July to be shod and carried some pears down – he sold some .75 worth. I told Bill Lacy I did not want to rent to him. Patty and Sally came home from Lex. on the boat at night.
- 9 Sunday – My mother's birthday – Lord love her soul. A bright pretty day. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest dined here.
- 10 My dear little sister's birthday – Lord love her soul. A bright day and beautiful. Lily and Mabel Bennett came over in the morning and we three went to Lily's this evening. Hilda and Mr. B. came for Dilly Deer. I went to Bellevue – Sent to Bellevue by Georgie Loudon letter to T-D. Got long letter from Mrs. Brown in Vienna. Only Joe worked for me – he suckered and wormed tobacco in the morning & cut after dinner.
- 11 Joe and Bill both worked in tobacco – cut and hauled. Patty and I went to Ernest's. Ernest drove my Til horse in his buggy the first time he was in shafts.

- 12 Cloudy this morning – looked like rain but turned cool at night. Tilden Selmes and Will Armstrong came from St. Paul. Joe and Bill worked they hauled tobacco off the bank in sand field. Dick Lacy helped after dinner. I went to Bellevue. Got returns from Lewis H. Shafer & Co. about pears. He sent check for \$12.70 which old Mr. Corbin cashed for me.
- 13 Bright pretty day cool in the morning 49 degrees at sunrise. Joe, Bill & Dick Lacy worked in tobacco – they suckered and wormed and began to cut that in the garden. Joe hauled load of manure & ashes out of yard and helped Dick fix the roof of his tobacco barn and went to Bellevue for the trunk the children lost. Patty, Sally and the others went to Ernest's and spent the day. Mrs. Clore sent for pears.
- 14 Still cooler 45 degrees at sunrise and foggy. Mr. P. Bruce came and brought me 10.00 he got 20 bus. corn (see Aug. 23) which was to be .60 a bus. Joe and Bill and Dick Lacy worked in tobacco – cutting & hauling. We all went coon hunting – no coon.
- 15 Didn't write in this till the 17th. I think they all worked ½ day – in tobacco. It poured down during the night and most of the day – rained hard. Til and Mr. Armstrong went to Erlanger but the train was gone and Til brought Mr. A. back. I got letter Aunt Eliza sent saying Aunt Sally was very sick.
- 16 Sunday – I went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Sally – found her better – went by river. Order on Elliott for coal 1.00 pd. Nov. 24. Tilden took Mr. Armstrong to Aurora. It rained part of the day – hailed some in places around. Ernest dined here.
- 17 Tilden & Patty went to Burlington. Joe and Bill worked cut briers in garden and cut tobacco in bottom.
- 18 Joe and Bill worked they finished the tobacco. Tilden went back to St. Paul via Aurora.
- 19 Sally started for Cin. on her way to Ft. Leavenworth and St. Paul. Patty went with her to Cin. Joe drove the spring wagon and took them to Aurora via McVile. After he came back I told him to cut and roll up the wire fence left where we moved fence and gate in bottom. Bill cut briers and weeds in garden and rye field. There was to be a big Dem. barbecue at Erlanger to-day. Got letter of Sep. 4th from Mr. J. M. Conner about the bucks he sent me (see 7th). Says they are Southdown bucks and his bill for them is 16.00.
- 20 Didn't write in this till the 28th. Joe ploughed in rye field and went with me to Bellevue for Patty. Patty came on the boat from Cin. Bill cut weeds in rye field. Got copies of T-D.
- 21 Sent letter to Sally by beef man. Bill helped Dick with his tobacco. Joe ploughed in sand field.
- 22 Bill helped Dick ½ day cut tobacco. I think Dick finished cutting. Joe ploughed. Amy Campbell and Miss Yandell came. Amy brought telegram from Sally saying she got to Ft. Leavenworth in safety. Made keg wine. Jim Moreland borrowed 650 tobacco sticks.
- 23 Sunday – Amy and Miss Yandell went away – Ernest came. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night. Jim got ___ sticks.
- 24 Patty went to Burlington for Sarah and brought her back. I got letter from Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. went to Aurora and home. Went to Mrs. Rice's and to see Lily. The men began to cut corn. Joe and Bill and Dick Lacy.

- 25 Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn.
- 26 Dick Loudon began to put in wheat in sand field. Joe, Bill and Dick L. cut corn. Patty rode to Burlington.
- 27 Joe cut corn and boxed Patty's cans. Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed to dine. It turned cool. We had a fire in the evening as we have had two or three evenings this week.
- 28 Cool 44 degrees at sunrise. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn. Sarah and I went to Ernest's and he came down in the evening. I sent Sally letter by beef man sent to the P. O. I mean.
- 29 Dick Lacy 5 ½ days this week cutting and 2 ¾ days in tobacco – Joe, Bill & Dick L. cut corn ½ day. I took Sarah up to Burlington to go on the omnibus to Lex. via Erlanger. Katy, Lily and Flora came over. It was cold early this evening.
- 30 Sunday – Frost the first I have seen this fall - saw little pieces of skim ice. Mr. L. R. Riddell and Mr. Henry Hoffman came to see about a filly. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a while and Ernest dined here.

OCTOBER

- 1 Mr. Henry Hoffman and another man came and Mr. Hoffman bought my filly Noh, 2 years old last April – for \$95. which he paid. I gave him a receipt as he was probably buying for another man – the receipt was to Mr. L. R. Riddell as I got the two or three names mixed and I offered to write another but he said it made no difference. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked, they got up the horses and helped catch the filly. I had the three mares, Daisy, Posey and Peggy separated from their colts intending to wean the colts, also weaned calf. The men cut corn the rest of the time. Isaac came up and I sent by him to Aunt Eliza an order on Oscar Jones pd. Nov. 24 for 1.00. It was warm and very windy all day and at night we have a thunder and rain storm. Had letter from Sue.
- 2 Patty, the baby and Julia went away – to St. Paul via Cin. I went to Aurora with them and saw them on the cars. Joe drove the wagon – it was cold and cloudy and the wind was cold. After Joe got home I sent him to see about hands. I went to the bank in Aurora and got a draft for \$16.00 and inclosed it in a note to Mr. Conner to pay for the 2 bucks (see Sep. 19th). I suppose Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn.
- 3 Frost last night – 34 degrees about 6 a.m. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn – they began in the bottom below the barn Joe said. I went to Bellevue – engaged 400 bus. coal from Mike Corbin at .11. Got letter from Sally – she was to leave Ft. Leavenworth for St. Paul the 1st.
- 4 Frost this morning, 34 degrees at sunrise. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn – also Dan McCarthy said he would cut ½ day. I went to Mrs. Rice's – she is sick too. Warmer and cloudy to-night. Mr. Hall of Burlington came and got a load of corn at .45 a bus.
- 5 Warm and cloudy and about sundown it began to rain. Joe, Bill, and Dick Lacy cut corn – Dan ½ day. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Patty and T-D. got letter from Patty at Chicago and from Sarah – went again and got letters from Sally in St. Paul and from Julia. Childers came and got 2 bus. old corn – is to pay in new [nov?].

- 6 Dick Lacy worked 5 days this week cutting corn – his work to date comes to 6.63 and I paid Bill for him in full 6.65. No one worked for me to-day. I sent a letter to Julia. Ennis Nixon came to see about picking apples on shares.
- 7 Sunday – A perfectly beautiful day – bright and warm – woods and fields in every shade of autumnal beauty. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a few minutes. Angeline came up and spent the day with Sam et al.
- 8 Joe, Bill, and Dan cut corn – Aunt Susan who went away yesterday, came back. I went to Bellevue in the evening – took letter to Patty. Went to see Gene Moody who is sick. Bill said Dick cut $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 9 Joe went to R. Sun didn't work. Bill and Dan cut corn. I went to Burlington. Mr. Brady paid me 12.13 that Mr. Sam Hall gave him for the corn he got (see 4th). Some frost this morning, beautiful bright day. Didn't write in this till the 14th.
- 10 Went to Aurora in the spring wagon. Sent Patty's boxes of preserves as freight and a dress skirt of her's by Express. Joe came home and I went to Cin. Put in P.O. in Aurora letter to Sue. Went to stay all night with Amy C. and went to see the Fall of Babylon.
- 11 Julia came in for me and I went to stay with her. Went to the Cin. Centennial Exposition at night with her. It rained about 2 or 3 p.m. and all night – poured down, cold too.
- 12 Sally Gray called to see me. Went with Julia to Exposition and spent the most of the day. Came down on boat. It rained all day and at night but not so hard – got home about 10.00 p.m. Joe drove the wagon – said they had cut corn and dug sweet potatoes and some Irish potatoes while I was gone and stripped some tobacco while it rained.
- 13 Joe and Bill stripped tobacco half a day. Bill said his Dick had worked $2\frac{1}{4}$ days and that Dan worked Wed. and $\frac{3}{4}$ Thursday. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. It rained again at night. I got invitation from Mrs. Hart to Susie's wedding the 16th. She is to marry Mr. Johnson Newlon Camden Jr. of W. Va. I also got two letters from Patty and one from Sally.
- 14 Sunday – Warm pleasant day. I forgot to say that yesterday Mr. Ryle of Burlington sent for a load of corn he is to pay .45. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 15 Raining when I woke – rained off and on all day. I sent Joe down to take Daisy to be shod – sent letters to Mr. Mitchell about apples and to Sally. Joe and Bill stripped tobacco.
- 16 Warm and bright early, but cloudy and towards evening rained hard. Joe and Bill hauled manure out of stalls and straw into stalls and lane. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally and Ex. notice.
- 17 Joe and Bill worked – finished digging Irish potatoes. It was a lovely day. Mr. L. Snyder came out to see about apples. Got letter from Mr. Mitchell about apples. A warm bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. came down at night and I went to church with them – they stayed all night. I sold to Mr. Bob Brady my twin calves (Hilda cow's) for \$22. when he takes them. Mr. Brady brought me \$11. which Mr. Ryle sent for the corn he got (see 14th).
- 18 Rained again after breakfast. Sent to Bellevue by Mr. B. letters to Julia & Sally. Got letters from Patty and Sally and bundle by Ex. from Patty. Hilda and Mr. B. went

home. Joe and Bill worked they began to haul potatoes and when it rained they stripped tobacco.

- 19 Rained again about 8 a.m. hard. Sent by beef man note to Mrs. Hart. Mr. Ben Kelly with his brother Albert came and bought my apples on cherry hill. The Canada Reds, Rome Beauties and Smith Cider – to be hauled to my barn and he to pay .50 a barrel for merchantable apples there. I to take what I want for my own use out. They to receive them in two weeks or as soon as I can get them picked. Joe and Bill worked in tobacco – stripping and raising. Jim also raised his to make room for apples and driving. I went to Bellevue – borrowed 8. from Mike Corbin. Took letter & papers for Patty.
- 20 No one worked for me – I sent by Bill postal to Mr. Mitchell about apples. Isaac came up and I sent by him order on Elliott for 1.00 for coal for Aunt Sally. I got letter from Patty. Turned colder to-day.
- 21 Sunday – Pleasant day – Went to church. Hilda and Mr. B. came in the evening and I went to church with them –they stayed all night. Ernest came to dine. Order for coal 1.00 pd. Nov. 24th.
- 22 Was pouring down rain this morning and rained all day, and a cold rain at that. I think the men worked in tobacco. Got letter from Patty. Didn't write again till 25th.
- 23 Hilda & Mr. B. went home. Charlie brought a rick of stove wood and got his pay in corn.
- 24 I went hunting hands & ladders. Joe went to McVile for ladders. I went to Bellevue & McVile – got letters from Sally and Julia. Hilda and Mr. B. came down – stayed all night and I went to church with them. Joe and Bill and Dick Lacy worked and Jim in the afternoon.
- 25 Picking apples again. Joe, Dick Lacy and Billy worked and Jim – after dinner Charlie Vandercraft, Dan, Asa, and Anderson worked till it rained about half past 3. Hilda and Mr. B. went home before dinner.
- 26 Misting rain in the morning and towards sundown rained right hard again. Joe and Bill and Dick Lacy worked, they stripped tobacco and after dinner worked in apples. Jim, Dan and Mr. Vandercraft worked ½ day. I went to Bellevue, paid old Mr. Corbin the \$8.00 I borrowed of Mike (see 19th).
- 27 Picking apples again – Jim, Dan, and Mr. Vandercraft worked ½ day – gave the latter an order on Clore for 2.00. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked ½ day. Bill said his Dick had worked 3 ½ days this week. Mr. Gillam and Heenan Dorman worked picking apples. Gave Dan McCarthy an order on Clore for 3.00 he to work out this balance next week the same as C. Vandercraft. Aunt Susan went visiting.
- 28 Sunday – Lovely bright day – cooked. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped as they went by. I saw in the paper last night that Amy Campbell's mother died Wed. evening 24th.
- 29 Lovely bright day, frost in the morning 35 degrees about sunrise but turned warm. Picked apples again – Joe, Bill, and Dick L. worked – also Jim, Dan, Charlie Vandercraft, Mr. Gillam, Heenan Dorman, Asa Delph, Ed Burrows, Lum Popham, Frank Jeffries, and Mr. Fred cut briars under the trees. Aunt Susan came home. Jim Loudon worked ½ day picking.

- 30 Another lovely day. The same hands worked at the apples and Mr. Fred cut briars. I went to Bellevue – took letters to Sally and Amy – got letters from Patty, Julia and Mr. Armstrong.
- 31 Went to Bellevue after mail – took letters to Patty, Julia, and to Critic – got letter from Patty. Another lovely day. The same set picked apples and Mr. Fred cut briars and Dick Loudon hauled with his team. Joe has hauled all the time.

Oct. 6

Settlement with Joe West. Since our last settlement (see Jan. 21st.) my account against Joe comes to \$109.09 including Cash, orders, and sundries see his ac. book – his work including extra allowed comes to 146.25 which leaves a balance due him of 37.16 which I paid and we are now settled in full to date.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Jim Moreland came and said he had worked 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days which comes to 4.31. I gave him an order on Clore for 2.15 and am to credit him 2.15 on what he owes me. No one worked for me, all went to a pole-raising. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 2 My Nancy cow has a red heifer calf, named it. Mr. Fred came down at noon – said he had worked 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days. I gave him an order on Corbin for 1.50 on his work. Jim Moreland fell out of a tree picking apples and broke his left arm. Dick hauled $\frac{1}{2}$ day with team.
- 3 Charlie Vandercraft came and I gave him a cash order on Corbin for 1.75 in full for his work. Gave Lum Popham a cash order on Popham [?] for 2.63 in full for his work. Bill said Dick Lacy worked 4 days this week.
- 4 Sunday – Warm as spring. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Ernest dined here.
- 5 Bob Brady came and paid me 20. on the calves, 10 of it in an check from Ernest Grant, the rest in cash. I went to Bellevue, got Mike to cash the check for 10., paid him the money for the cash order (see 3rd) and took them. I sent letter to Patty with R.R. receipt for her fruit boxes. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Mr. Fred worked cleaning fence row by Mr. Walton's. Joe, Bill and I think C. Vandercraft picked and hauled apples.
- 6 Dick Lacy came in and I counted up his work to date – it came to 10 days – 5.00. I paid him 2.00, gave him an order for his uncle Dick for 2.00. Presidential election – no one worked but Mr. Fred part of a day, it began to rain before 10.
- 7 Mr. Fred began to work but it poured down rain and he came and settled up - he said he had worked 5 days which came to 3.75 – the 1.50 (see 2nd) and .12 butter. I paid him in full 2.13. Joe and Bill stripped tobacco.
- 8 Poured down nearly all day – there were intervals of slight rain.
- 9 I walked to Bellevue, took letter to Willie Dinsmore inclosing letter to Cousin Augusta. Took letter to Sally too. Got letters from Amy Campbell and from Sue. She said Mattie Hawley my mother's namesake was dead. It rained in torrents to-day, with some thunder and lightning. Middle Creek came up till it ran through the bars and carried off shocks of corn in both bottoms. The Searcy branch was full from the bank till it ran through the gate, and people who wished to cross had to wait for it to run off. The river very high too. Joe and Bill stripped tobacco.

- 10 Joe and Bill worked ½ day – cut stove wood and hung up some tobacco. Mr. Albert Kelly came to see about apples. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. It rained again to-day. I got letter from Patty.
- 11 Sunday – Clear for a wonder. Cooler 36 degrees at sunrise. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 12 Dan McCarthy came down and I paid him in full all I owed him 1.00. Bill and Joe worked – they spent some time hunting Kitty and hauled in the rest of the potatoes – after dinner they pulled some of the shock corn out of the creek and drift piles. Charlie brought wood.
- 13 I went to Bellevue twice – took to mail this morning letter to Patty T-D and Mr. C. D. Warner. Mr. Kelly hauled barrels to the barn yesterday. It was clear yesterday and to-day – 28 degrees at sunrise this morning. Joe and Bill worked hauling apples and Joe fixed fence and watergap next Mr. Jim Rogers. I went to tell him about his hogs. Order 1.00 pd. Nov. 24.
- 14 Cloudy day but didn't rain. I went to Bellevue late and got letters from Patty and Sally. Isaac came up and I sent by him an order to Elliott for 1.00 worth of coal for Aunt Sally – also 1.00 to Aunt Eliza. Joe and Bill worked – hauled apples – ladders &c. and a little sand. They said Mr. Kelly came and began to barrel apples.
- 15 Bill helped Dick shuck fodder corn. Joe hauled ladders to McVile and hauled 2 loads of coal bushels – also cleaned out the lower crib. Charlie was here making cider and the Kellys putting up apples. After night it rained a little.
- 16 Rained off and on then turned to snow which melted as it fell – then rained. Joe and Bill worked ½ day. Joe hauled coal 2 loads and Bill helped Dick shuck shock corn.
- 17 I went to Bellevue, sent letters to Sally, Sue and to Freight Agt. Aurora about Patty's boxes. Only Joe worked ¼ day – he went after sand sieve. Colder this morning 27 degrees at sunrise.
- 18 Sunday – a particularly dreary day – rained a cold steady rain all day.
- 19 Joe and Bill shucked corn and hauled it. Mr. Gillam began to shuck by the shock. I went to Bellevue this evening – took letters to Sarah, Mrs. Brown, Mary Reed and Cousin Tom Fl and pictures for Sue and Mary R. A very disagreeable day, misting this morning and cold and feeling like snow this evening.
- 20 The men didn't work for me – they sawed wood for Jim M. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Brady's, got letter from Julia and postal from Freight agt.
- 21 Disagreeable cloudy day – looked like falling weather. Joe and Bill worked, they gathered a few apples – pulled the few turnips and emptied vinegar barrels – then I sent them to haul corn. Mr. Kelly told me they would finish packing apples and there would be in all 223 barrels. I sent by Dick note to Patty – got letter from Mary Reed.
- 22 Sent by Mr. Kelly letter to Mary Reed. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and The Courant. Joe and Bill worked hauling corn. Dick hauled corn too to the lower crib for me. Zen Scott was making cider. Cool, 28 degrees at sunrise.
- 23 Sent letter to Patty by Joe. Didn't write in this till Monday. I sent Joe down for the 4 barrels Mr. Kelly got for me and he hauled them out, also barrel of salt. Mr. Albert Kelly came to pay me for the apples – brought me bill for 6.00 for the 4 barrels he bought – and paid me the balance on the apples \$105.50. Mr. Gillam and old Mr. Lacy shucked corn. I could not make change and Mr. Gillam said he had shucked 48

- shocks and got .90 apples and I paid him 5.00 to be worked out. It was a pleasant pretty bright day – Bill worked – he shucked corn while Joe hauled and then they hauled corn. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. I got papers from Courant.
- 24 Went to Rising Sun with Hilda – to see Aunt Sally and pay her bills orders &c. also for Aunt Eliza. Gave Elliot verbal order to let her have another 1.00 in coal when she needed it. Called on Miss McConnell. Got letter from Mr. Lessing about sand.
 - 25 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady went home after dinner. Ernest dined here. I heard old Mr. Len Clore storekeeper in Bellevue died last night. Sat. the men went to mill for themselves. Dick Lacy went for me.
 - 26 Old Mr. Lacy came this morning and said he had shucked 29 shocks and I paid him 2.90. I went to Mr. Clore's place – the funeral was to be in Burlington. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe and Bill worked. I believe they hauled corn. It was cold and disagreeable. I went to Betty Rice's this morning.
 - 27 Snow on the ground this morning that melted during the day. Mr. Will Duncan came to assess property. Susie Rice came. Bill didn't work. Joe ½ day sorting corn.
 - 28 Joe and Bill worked – they began to haul corn but Bill had to stop and help Mr. Griffith who came to set Bill's grate and had to set the hearth too. Mr. Brady came for me and I went to Burlington with him to spend Thanksgiving with Hilda. Sent Sally letter.
 - 29 Thanksgiving day. Went to church in Burlington – heard Mr. Jimmy Kirtley. Hilda had company dinner. It was not cold and misty, rained a little at night I think. Joe and Bill say they worked – finished hauling corn.
 - 30 We came home. Hilda and Mr. Brady with me. Found men sorting corn in lower crib.

DECEMBER

- 1 Still dull and cloudy. The men worked for themselves – got apples and Bill hauled coal. I got letter from Patty – said her jam had come. Old Mr. Lacy came said he had shucked 12 more shocks 41 in all and ¾ day on the scattered shocks – in all it came to 1.76. I pd. all but a nickel. Hilda went to R. Sun. I sent by her and got 30 fire bricks.
- 2 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady went home in the evening. Fixed pasture fence.
- 3 The men Joe and Bill worked – sorted corn and Joe went to Bellevue after the fire bricks – brought a load of coal. I sent by him letters to Mr. C. D. Warner and to the Courant. Got letter from Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Gillam came – said he had shucked 25 more shocks making 73 in all and worked part of a day .60 shucking wheat was torn up – I settled in full – paid him 2.00. Mr. Bruce made cider on shares.
- 4 My Sally's birthday – my precious own is twenty-two to-day. Lord love her. A beautiful sunny day. Hilda came down – we went to Bellevue. Joe and Bill worked sawing, splitting and hauling fence posts. Mr. Bill Snelling made cider on shares.
- 5 Bright pretty day. Joe and Bill fixed wire fence next Mr. Rice's. Isaac and Ellen came up for money &c. for Aunt Sally. Sent letter to Sally, got letter from Patty. Jim Loudon made cider on shares.
- 6 Another bright beautiful day. Mr. Griffith came out to set my rolling grate in dining room – also set tile flue for kitchen stove and hung bell in kitchen. He said he charged for this and setting Bill's grate – see Nov. 28th) 3.00 – had gotten 1.00 worth apples – so I paid him in full 2.00. Bill helped Mr. Griffith. Joe worked a little on the board

fence that fell down – then cut the rest of the tree by smoke house for wood. Dick says Mr. Rains and he finished shucking the shock corn at noon. Mr. Rains says he worked 8 days.

- 7 Another beautiful day. I rode to Bellevue after sundown – took letter to Patty. Got one from Sally. Joe and Bill worked – finished fixing wire fence next Mr. Rice's and fixed weak places in hedge over by wheat and down by Bill's garden.
- 8 Warm – sprinkled a little this morning and towards evening rained a steady rain. Joe and Bill worked ½ day repairing board fence. Mr. Bob Brady came and paid me 2.00 the balance on the twin calves he bought – see Nov. 5th. Mr. Lillard came and engaged 200 bus. corn at .30 at the crib. Isaac came and I gave him an order on Elliott for 1.00 coal for Aunt Sally. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. Dick says Mr. Bob Brady found Louly with a calf – did not tell me till Monday.
- 9 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent by them letter to Julia.
- 10 Had Louly brought up – she has a red heifer calf with a white mark on her left hind leg – named it Pink. Another pleasant day after the fog raised. Tom Nettles came for a load of corn for Mr. Lillard, got 15 flour barrels full 25 bus. Joe and Bill worked at patching board fence.
- 11 Disagreeable day – cloudy and chilly. Tom Nettles got 2 loads of corn, the same as the first he said. Joe and Bill worked cleaning out and resetting the fence on Mr. Arnold's line. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sue, and pr. gloves from Sally.
- 12 Coldest morning yet I think 23 degrees at sunrise. Tom Nettles got 3 loads corn. Joe and Bill worked setting fence next Mr. Arnold's. A chilly raw day, a sprinkle of snow after dark about 8 o'clock.
- 13 Chilly disagreeable cloudy day – 28 degrees at sunup. Tom Nettles hauled 2 more loads making 8 in all. Mr. Lillard had one weighed it came to 28 bus. 10 lbs. which made the 8 loads 225 bus. Mr. Lillard came and paid me gave me a check for 67.50 on the Burlington Bk. Joe and Bill worked. I sent Joe down with buggy and he got Mr. Job Morrison to mend the wheel. He took letter to Patty, and brought me yesterdays mail – letter from Patty and Julia. Bill laid up rails and cleaned fence row next Mr. Rice's – after dinner he and Joe patched up wire fence this side of the creek.
- 14 Coldest day yet – 15 degrees above 0 at sunup. Joe and Bill worked hauling pieces of rails and cut and hauled some sycamore wood from branch.
- 15 Milder 28 degrees at sunrise, and turned warmer. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sarah from Gibson, La. and photograph of Cousin Frank from Cousin Mary. No one worked for me to-day. Didn't write in this till 19th.
- 16 Sunday – Ernest dined here. Rained this morning and poured down during the night.
- 17 Joe and Bill worked stripping tobacco. Jim came down and had the tobacco in hay shed bulked down. I rode to Bellevue in the evening – took letter to Julia.
- 18 Only Bill worked for me – he sorted corn. Joe was killing his hogs. I walked to Bellevue. Left postal for Sally. A dust of snow at night.
- 19 Cloudy and disagreeable 26 degrees at sunup. Tried to snow and then cleared off. I went to Bellevue & McVile. Took 2 letters to Patty one Sarah's. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Aunt Eliza. Bill worked. Joe worked ½ day. Bill cut stove wood and after dinner they fixed line fence on cherry hill and turned cattle in the back pasture.

- 20 Disagreeable chilly day. Joe and Bill worked – they turned the horses in back pasture. Joe put handle in axe and they cleaned out corn room in barn and hauled a little corn from lower crib. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. I got letters from Julia and little Julia and Fanny F.
- 21 Sixteen years ago since my dear father died. Lord love his soul, may he rest in peace. Hilda and Mr. Brady went home. Day sometimes pleasant, generally chilly. Isaac came up. I sent by him order on Elliott for 1.00 coal. Joe and Bill worked fixing fence in barn lot. Saw Mr. Botts about corn.
- 22 Colder but clear 17 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Only Bill worked ½ day – cut stove wood cleaned up a little in barn lot &c. I went to Bellevue – took my check from Mr. Lillard for 67.50 (see 13th) to the grange store and Mr. Ed. Botts took it and gave me a receipt for my account there to date 60.85 and the change. Sent this morning by Joe letters to Sally and to Julia. Aunt Susan went away.
- 23 Sunday – Pleasant bright day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home.
- 24 Christmas eve – 16 years ago since my dear father was buried. May he rest in peace. This was a lovely spring-like day warm and bright. I went to Bellevue – got little picture from Fanny, from San Francisco. Aunt Susan came back. Joe and Bill worked fixed up barn lot and cut and sawed sycamore tree.
- 25 Christmas. No one here – ate my Christmas dinner alone. Got letter from Mary Reed. It was warm and like spring – and cloudy part of the time. Siegra my little part Jersey cow had a red b. calf – named it Christmas Gift.
- 26 Still warm – very windy and showered or rather sprinkled sometimes. I went to Bellevue, took letters to cousin Mary G. got letter from Patty. Aunt Susan went this morning. Ernest and Lily came to call after dark - rained after they left.
- 27 Colder 32 degrees at sunrise and stayed cold. I sent to Bellevue by Anderson J. letters to Patty and to T-D. Got Christmas No. T-D. and box from Julia with calendar.
- 28 Didn't write in this till 31st. Think it was colder.
- 29 Bright in the morning but turned cloudy. Susie Rice came over. I went to Bellevue.
- 30 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came. It rained and they stayed all night.
- 31 Joe and Bill began to work again – they stripped tobacco – it misted a little during the day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia.