

## JANUARY

- 1 Mild bright pleasant day. Went to Bellevue. Joe and Bill worked getting out fence posts and this morning cut and sawed sycamore wood.
- 2 Bright pretty day 24 degrees at sunrise. The men didn't work – they went to a tobacco stripping. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty, Sally, and T-D and from Natl. Bk. of Washington with check for \$75,
- 3 Bright lovely day 25 degrees at sunrise. I went to Bellevue – got copies of T-D. Hilda and Mr. B. came to stay all night. Isaac came up and I gave him an order on Elliott for coal for 1.00. Joe Bill and Dick worked – began to make fence in barn lot.
- 4 Sent by Mr. B. letters to Nat. Met. Bk. Georgetown and to Bk. of Washington. Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. with draft on N.Y. for 8.00. Hilda and Mr. B. went away. The men worked on the barn lot fence. Didn't write in this till the 7<sup>th</sup>. Sent Patty T-D.
- 5 The men worked on the fence ½ day. It rained a cold rain.
- 6 Sunday – Hilda, Mr. B. and Ernest dined here. A singular thing is taking place. The bulbous roots, daffodils, narcissus and even jonquils are up out of the ground as if in spring.
- 7 Joe and Bill worked on the fence. Dick ½ day. Cloudy day but not cold – went to Bellevue – took letters to Natl. Met. Bk. to acknowledge draft (see 4<sup>th</sup>) and to T-D. Got letter from Patty.
- 8 Still mild. The men worked at fence till it rained, in the afternoon. It poured at night. Joe and Dick worked on the barn lot fence and started that on the pike where Bill set posts.
- 9 Blowing like Dakota, with occasional gusts of snow that melts. Blew all day and at night too. I walked to Bellevue, took letters to Sally and Sue, got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28. and letters from Sally and Julia. Joe and Bill stripped tobacco. Got packages from Sally.
- 10 Bright. 30 degrees at sunrise. Got letter from Patty. Joe, Bill and Dick worked at fence. They finished the string in barn lot and worked on pike.
- 11 A spring day. Mr. Newton Botts brought 30 bus. of corn he owed me for borrowed corn (See May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1888) – this pays up in full. I went to Bellevue and Rising Sun – put in P.O. Rising Sun letter to Patty and Julia. Got letter from Patty. Went to see Aunt Sally – bought gates fence wire &c. Paid Oscar Jones's bill to date 4.50. The river was high and smooth – it was like an April evening instead of Jan. Paid Ed. Botts at grange store 1.95 for the wire I got yesterday. Paid Mike Corbin \$50. on my bill and told him to credit me with it. Paid Mr. R. A. Steele R. S. 8.00 and got the order I gave Dick May 1<sup>st</sup> for a coffin. Forgot the main item. Went to R.S. Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash my three drafts from Washington and Georgetown (see Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>) for \$111.
- 12 No one worked for me. Bright spring-like day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Mr. Jim Conner (circular) about wool and cattle. Lily Arnold came over.
- 13 Sunday – mild pleasant day but cloudy and smoky most of the time. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 14 Raining in the morning – chilly and unpleasant – the men Joe and Bill stripped tobacco.
- 15 Another spring day, mild and bright. Sent by Georgie letter to Sally. Met Frank Grant and he paid me 9.00 in full for the sand Mr. Leming got for the court house bricks. Joe and Bill worked making fence on pike. Mr. Fl--- was hauling tobacco away from the hay shed. I got letter from Julia and from Critic.

- 16 Poured down to-day – rained all day. Joe and Bill finished stripping my tobacco and then Joe put a latch on the kitchen door and they sorted apples. I am sitting up to see the eclipse of the moon. It is partial but beautiful – the sky has cleared, still warm. Sent W. Childers 2.00.
- 17 Lovely bright day after the rain. I walked to Bellevue. Took letter to Messrs. Luther Tucker & Son, Albany, N.Y. inclosing money order for 2.50 sub. for Co. Gen. for this year. Also took letter to Patty. Got yesterday's letters from her and Sally. Went to Bob Brady's and left with his wife 5.00 for Joe to pay for pigs. Went down again in the wagon. Joe went down after the gates Mr. Smith brought from R. S. Took letter to Sally. Joe and Bill worked on the fence.
- 18 Another bright day but cooler 26 degrees at sunup. The 3 men worked at the fence.
- 19 Still cooler 20 degrees at sunrise. The men Joe, Bill and Dick worked ½ day at the fence. Isaac came up and I gave him an order on Elliott for 1.00 for coal for Aunt Sally. Got letter from Patty saying she was to start the 17<sup>th</sup> for Vancouver W. T. to visit Fanny Gibbon.
- 20 Sunday – Rained all day.
- 21 Cold and a disagreeable wind. 24 degrees at sunrise. Sent Joe to see about sheep. Turned pleasanter. Joe Bill and Dick worked at fence on pike. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from brother Charlie about interest on my money – also letter from Ernest. Took letters to Mary Reed, Fanny and Amy.
- 22 23 degrees above 0 at sunup – turned pleasant. I went to Bellevue twice and up to Ernest's. Took letter to brother Charlie this morning. Joe Bill and Dick made fence. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined.
- 23 The thermometer was 25 degrees at sunrise, bright and pleasant most of the day. Joe, Dick and Bill worked at fence and Bill ran hogs out of wheat. I went to Bellevue, took letter to Ernest, got one from Sally – she said Patty was gone and Til got back Sunday night.
- 24 Very mild – after noon misted and rained a little – rained at night. Joe and Dick worked on the fence and Bill set posts except when he had to patch fence round rye.
- 25 Moist and cloudy but not raining. 39 degrees at sunrise. Joe Bill and Dick worked at fence. I went to Bellevue – got wire at Corbin's 160 lbs. Got letter from Amy and copies of T-D and book from Sally. Susie Rice came over.
- 26 Foggy warm morning. Joe and Bill worked ½ day at setting posts across the branch. Sent by Anderson little note to Sally. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Til saying Patty got to Vancouver the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rained.
- 27 Sunday – Snowed, not very deep – disagreeable all day and turned colder.
- 28 Snow on the ground 25 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Cold and cloudy all day at 8 p.m. 22 degrees and snowing hard again. No one worked for me – sent Joe to feed sheep corn.
- 29 Only 18 degrees at sunrise. I think no one worked. I walked to Bellevue – took letters to Patty and Sally and T-D. Got letters from Julia and Ernest. Turned warmer. I went to Mrs. Clore's.
- 30 Turned warmer 26 degrees at sunrise. Snow melted fast. I think Joe and Bill worked on the fence. I got letters from Patty at Vancouver and from Sally. They said Dick worked ½ day on fence.
- 31 At sunrise 39 degrees. Turned colder and snowed a little in gusts – very disagreeable after noon. The three Joe Bill and Dick worked on fence.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Went to Bellevue – took letter to Aunt Sally with order on Elliott for coal 1.00 also letters to Sally, Sarah and Julia F. Isaac came up and said Aunt Sally was worse. It was 19 degrees at sunrise but was bright and turned rather warmer. Aunt Susan went this morning to Agnes's.
- 2 Didn't write in this till 4<sup>th</sup>. The men worked ½ day on the fence. Joe and Dick hauled rails and Bill cut briars and grubbed. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Birkle and got her shod after dinner. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and stayed all night. Bright and pleasant.
- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined and went home. Ernest and Lily came to spend the day. It was warm and sprinkled a little.
- 4 Warm and bright. Mrs. West had a boy baby last night. Joe went to Bellevue with wagon – got a barrel of flour and had Tilden shod. I got letters from Sally and Julia. Joe hung barn lot gate. Bill and Dick grubbed on fence row in woods. Joe said he saw 5 lambs to-day, a pair of twins among them.
- 5 Turned very disagreeable 30 degrees at sunrise and turned colder during the day and snowed a little towards night. Joe and Bill hauled rails Joe said. Dick went to mill. I sent by Anderson letter to Sally. Got letters from T-D and a R. Road Agt. Aunt Susan came back.
- 6 Coldest morning yet – 10 degrees above 0 at sunrise 8 degrees at Bellevue. I walked to the P.O. Sent letters to T-D and to Patty – got book from Sally. Joe, Bill and Dick worked at rail fence.
- 7 Still colder 8 degrees above 0 at sunrise – moderated somewhat but remained cold all day. I went to see about sheep – found the first pair of twins dead and a new pair. The men worked at the fence. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Aunt Eliza about Aunt Sally.
- 8 Not so cold 30 degrees above at sunrise. It snowed last night and to-day till after 10 o'clock. Joe and Bill hauled fodder and fed sheep and cattle and sorted apples – worked ½ day. I got letter from Patty & Fanny.
- 9 I went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Sally who is sick in bed – went in skiff – it was cold but milder. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Gave Isaac an order on Elliott for coal 1.00.
- 10 Sunday 18 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Turned milder. Joe said there were 10 lambs.
- 11 Joe said there were 12 lambs. I went to Burlington to see Hilda. It was about 30 degrees with a cold wind blowing and sometimes a puff of snow. The men Joe, Bill and Dick worked at fence on mud road.
- 12 Paid Aunt Susan Payne in Joe West's presence 45.15. I left out in my settlement 2.15. I paid her Christmas and told her of it but let her keep all the money so I have paid her in full up to date and she now owes me the 2.15. Cold to-day 18 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Joe and Bill took Cherry. They worked on the fence on mud road.
- 13 Colder 12 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Joe said there were 16 lambs. It snowed hard for a while to-day but it melted, and moderated 24 degrees at 8 P.M. Susie Rice came. Joe and Bill ----- I got letter from Sally and one from Julia saying Mary Stettinius had a girl born the 9<sup>th</sup> Sat. evening, named Eloise.
- 14 Moderated. Bright pleasant day. The men finished the pasture fence on mud road and began to work on fence by fill. I went down for more wire. Took letters to Sally and Julia. I went up to see lambs found 17 including one new one and found 1 dead. Rained during the night.
- 15 Misted about noon then rained a little and quit – raining a little at night. Joe Bill and Dick worked on fence at Bill's garden along fill. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty in

Portland and one from Tilden on business with statement of my account. Joe says he counted 19 lambs.

- 16 Rained some. The men didn't work. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Tilden. Got letter from Julia.
- 17 Sunday – Joe said he counted 27 lambs and found one dead. Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. called going by. It snowed at night a very wet snow.
- 18 Joe said he counted 32 lambs. It was 35 degrees at 7 a.m. and turned colder. The men didn't work – they went to a stripping.
- 19 Colder 16 degrees above 0 at sunrise but bright. Joe said there were 5 more lambs 37 and he found 1 ewe dead. I forgot to put down that a bedspring agent came yesterday and I agreed to take a set at 3.00. The men hauled fodder.
- 20 Colder 11 degrees above at sunrise and snow on the ground. Joe said there were 40 lambs. I went to Bellevue. The men Joe and Bill hauled manure wood &c. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Tilden with papers to sign.
- 21 Spring-like day, 16 degrees above at sunrise but moderated fast. The two Joe and Bill worked on slat fence and Dick worked ½ day cutting briers on piece of grass in bottom. I walked to Bellevue, got circular from Wash. banker and copies of T-D.
- 22 Pleasant morning but turned colder. Isaac came up and I gave him order for 1.00 on Elliott, also told him about another for 1.00 I sent last week to Mr. Jones. Joe and Bill worked at fence Dick grubbed and cut briers.
- 23 Colder 8 degrees above 0 at sunrise and windy. Joe said he found a lamb dead. He and Bill worked ½ day at fence &c, I got note from Til inclosing Gen. Gibbons telegram saying Patty left Portland the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 24 Sunday. 16 degrees at sunrise not above 20 degrees during the day that I know of, cloudy and very unpleasant. Joe found 3 more lambs dead. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 25 Not quite as cold but very unpleasant. Joe and Bill hauled fodder and rails, Dick cut briers back of the house. I went to Bellevue. Got two letters from Patty one from brother Charlie on business and one from Cousin Mary Goodrich. Took letter to Sally.
- 26 Warmer – cloudy all day. Joe and Bill hauled rails. Dick worked cutting briers. I went to Bellevue, took letters to Patty and 2 T-D, letters to buddy and to Mary Reed. Got letter from Julia.
- 27 Aunt Susan was sent for – her daughter's baby died. I took her to Ernest's, went to Bellevue. It rained last night and a little this morning, cloudy and mild all day. The men made and hung some watergaps &c.
- 28 I went to Burlington. Got Mr. Brady and Hilda to go to the Clerk's Office and I signed and got them to witness the relinquishments of mortgages Tilden Selmes sent (see 20<sup>th</sup>). Mr. -----, the bedspring man came and put in a set for which I am to pay 3.00. Dined at Hilda's. Disagreeable day, cloudy and raw – 30 degrees at sunrise. Joe, Bill & Dick got out posts and set some on pike. Joe said he counted 69 lambs.

## MARCH

- 1 Raining this morning and off and on all day and after dark. I sent by Bill letters to Tilden Selmes with the law papers to T-D and to Sally. I believe Joe tried to make a day's work, tinkered at different things sorted apples &c.
- 2 Didn't write in this till 5<sup>th</sup>. I believe the men worked ½ day on fence. I got letter from Cousin Augusta. Hilda & Mr. B. came.

- 3 Sunday, Ernest came and dined. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 4 Bright and pleasant in the morning. Joe and Bill and Dick worked on fence. I went to R. Sun to see Aunt Sally. I left for her with Oscar Jones an order on Elliott for 1.00 coal. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 5 Joe took Louly. He worked at fence. Bill and Dick worked ½ day. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally.
- 6 My birthday 56. A bright beautiful day. I went to Bellevue, took letter to Patty – got one from Patty. Joe, Bill, and Dick worked on fence and gate by fill on pike. I found 1 dead lamb in the pasture.
- 7 Joe, Bill, and Dick worked on fence by big corn crib and rail fence in barn lot. Not so pleasant as yesterday, a chilly wind. Didn't write in this till 11<sup>th</sup> again.
- 8 Went to Bellevue, got birthday letters from Patty and Sally and picture from Lizzie Mitchell (Hodges) of her two children Leigh and Sibyl. Snowed a little off and on. Took letters to Sue and Julia.
- 9 Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I got letter from Lizzie Mitchell Hodges. Dick said he grubbed all day in big field next pear orchard.
- 10 Sunday – Unpleasant day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Joe's baby very low.
- 11 Cold morning 2 degrees above 0 at sunrise. Dick worked for himself, began to burn plant beds. Joe and Bill worked hauling fodder and cut a tree for paling. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Fanny Gibbon, and book from Cousin Tom Flandrau. Joe said he began to wean Katy's calf Fanny nearly 8 months old. Took letter to Sally. Dogs got after my sheep to-day. Found 2 lambs dead.
- 12 Lovely spring day – went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia. Joe and Bill cut hedge.
- 13 Another spring day but rather cloudy towards evening. I went to B. and McVile to get saw. Joe and Bill worked on hedge and brought down a ewe that was down in the pasture with a fine ewe lamb. I found another dead lamb. Found the first wild flowers this year, turkey peas.
- 14 A lovely warm spring day. I went to Bellevue and took letters to Patty and Sally. Joe and Bill worked cutting and hauling hedge beyond the creek and began on pike.
- 15 Another warm beautiful day. I went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Sally. Got old July shod by Mr. Grant. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Joe and Bill cut hedge on pike.
- 16 Another warm lovely day. I sent by beef man letter to Patty partly on business. Joe and Bill worked ½ day at hedge on pike and garden. I found one of the young heifers with a b. calf red and spotted with white. Went to see Lily a little while. They say the young cow had a calf before.
- 17 Sunday – St. Patrick's. As warm as May – a beautiful day – heard the frogs singing. I went to spend the day at Ernest's with Katy and Lily A. Hilda came by.
- 18 Rained off and on most of the day and after dark. I went to Bellevue – got a letter from Patty and two from Sally. Patty said her dog Spy – died suddenly the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dick put an extra horse on pasture.
- 19 Windy day – warm till noon and turned cooler. Daffodils out in bloom and I found more turkey peas in the woods. Mr. Mauer came out and trimmed grape vines. Joe and Bill worked at getting out paling timber I believe. I rode to Bellevue, got letter from Sue. Dick worked ½ day grubbing on the piece we are going to fence.
- 20 Mr. Mauer finished the vines. I paid him in full 2.00. Joe helped him and set out some asparagus plants till noon, then worked on the hill by fence row. Bill and Dick finished hauling paling timber and the palings left by the fence, then hauled trash grubs and rock off

the hill. Mr. Fred cut briars beyond the rye field. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Cousin Tom Flandrau, who said Cousin John N. Macomb had just died, and that Cousin Alexandrine Stanton was dead.

- 21 Cloudy raw day. Joe, Bill and Dick worked on fence row in woods above big field – setting posts and grubbing, cutting out little trees &c. I took the ewe and lamb back to the pasture. Found the first anemones a handful of them and beautiful, blush and pink. Mr. Fred cut briars.
- 22 The baby's birthday, bless her little life – 3 years old now. A beautiful bright spring day – found crowfoot flowers in bloom. Joe, Bill and Dick worked on the wire fence got 3 strands up as far as the spring. Mr. Fred cut briars, said he cut 3 days and I gave him an order on Corbin for 2.25. I rode to Bellevue late, took letter to Patty, got for her bill for sub. to Outing.
- 23 Joe, Bill and Dick worked ½ day at wire fence. I went to Bellevue, got side of meat. Got letter from Sarah. Bright pleasant day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 24 Sunday – Bright pretty day. Hilda and Mr. B. went home in the evening.
- 25 Bright day but a keen air and windy. Mr. George Blythe came and bought my wool and lambs. Agreed to pay me .25 a pound for wool deducting some on fleece – grown – and for 60 of my lambs 3.75 a head, for the rest 3.25. I told him I expected to have not over 80 lambs. I counted the best I could to-day and made 79. The lambs look well and thriving. I gave Mr. Fred an order on Corbin for .75. He worked to-day cutting briars and grubbing on grass hill beyond the fence we put up. Joe and Bill worked – hauled a load of fodder and finished putting on fence wire and began to replace garden gate on pike. Dick ploughed in oats for himself. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally. Got letter from Aunt Eliza about Aunt Sally. Found a yellow violet to-day and spring beauties Sat. and to-day and other wild-flowers. Lily came over this evening.
- 26 Cold this morning 27 degrees at sunrise. The daffodils were frozen stiff at that time. I went to Burlington to see Hilda. It was quite pleasant and bright. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Julia, and boxes from Sally.
- 27 Went to Rising Sun in skiff to see Aunt Sally. Lovely morning but became windy and turned cool. Joe and Bill sowed and harrowed in clover till noon on Dick's wheat. Dick put in oats. Joe and Bill after dinner.
- 28 Bright but rather chilly day. Dick worked for himself putting in potatoes in my garden on shares. Joe and Bill put in clover seed on wheat. I got letter from Patty and copies of T\_D. 29 Katy cow
- 29 Sent Joe down for coal, gave him an order for me for 20 bus. and he brought the gate I got in R. Sun. Bill piled trimmings in vineyard and then they cut hedge. I sent letter to Patty by Joe. It sprinkled a little and turned colder. Joe hauled some corn up from the lower crib. It was 31 degrees at sunup.
- 30 Colder, 24 degrees above at sun up. Joe and Bill cut hedge on hill ½ day. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally. Sent this morning T\_D to Patty, by beef man.
- 31 Sunday – March went out like a lion – roaring wind and a little rain. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined.

## **APRIL**

- 1 Disagreeable chilly cloudy day. Went on a hunt for a bunch of seed oats – then to Bellevue. Took a letter to Sally – got one from Patty. The men took Nancy cow – then hauled out grape trimmings and hedge brush.

- 2 Pleasant sunny day. Went to Mr. Brady's place and got 1 bus. oats. Got message from Aunt Eliza about Aunt Sally. Joe and Bill hauled some hedge brush, finished cutting hedge on hill and rammed fence posts.
- 3 Went to Rising Sun to see Aunt Sally – found her alive but not conscious. Went to the Court House with Aunt Eliza, paid her taxes amounting to 2.20 and to the office and paid her city taxes .68 and gave her the receipt. Hilda and Mr. B. came to stay all night. The men took Hilda cow. Then hauled manure from stable. I got letter from Amy.
- 4 Hilda and Mr. B. went away. I went to Bellevue this evening – took letter to Amy – got Mr. Ha---nhill's wedding cards and letter from Dilly Deer (Mrs. Britton). Bill sowed the peck of clover seed on the banks in the wheat in sand field. He and Joe worked hanging gates.
- 5 Isaac sent me word that Aunt Sally (Taylor) died this morning about 7 o'clock. I went down to see about the arrangements for her funeral to-morrow. I put in the R. Sun P.O. a letter to Patty and one to Dilly Deer (Mrs. Britton) inclosing two dollars she wanted to borrow. It was bright but turned windy and cold. Joe and Bill tinkered at fixing up gates and fence. Aunt Nancy said they took away the cow Siegra.
- 6 Bright cold 28 degrees at sunrise – daffodils frozen stiff so I can snap the stems. I took Aunt Nancy down in the buggy via Rabbithash to Rising Sun to Aunt Sally's' funeral. She was buried in the R. Sun graveyard old part. The day was cold and very windy. The men didn't work – it was primary election. Got letter from Sally.
- 7 Sunday – Bright and turned pleasanter. Ernest came and dined. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way. I let them take Billy. Joe had him shod yesterday. It was cold at sun-up 28 degrees and I find the cherries are killed and some pears.
- 8 Milder but chilly. Joe and Bill worked – they hauled some fodder and burnt some – then Joe cut stalks with machine and Bill grubbed and cleaned along the banks. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty, and a little book. Took letters to A. Elliott A----- about plough.
- 9 Rather warmer – very smoky. Joe broke up ground in bottom between the ditches. Bill and Dick Lacy grubbed, sprouted and cut trees along the creek. I rode to Bellevue, took letters to Patty, Sarah, and T-D.
- 10 Warmer – found it comfortable without any wrap. Susie Rice came. Joe broke up in bottom and broke the plough point I got day before yesterday – got another at Bellevue. Took letter to Aunt Eliza, as order on O. Jones for groceries. Got letters from Sally, Julia, the Agt. for plough Aurora, and a notice from the bank of Washington registered. Bill and Dick Lacy sprouted and grubbed in rye field and before noon I had the sloughs burnt out.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday. I worked in graveyard part of the time – cleaned off the headstones &c. Took letters to Sally and Julia. Got photographs of Sally. It was warm and once sprinkled a little. Joe went up to Charlie's after ashes and then worked in bottom. Bill and Dick Lacy worked – they grubbed and sprouted in rye field – and got up the sheep and tagged them and turned them on the rye. Dick Loudon got my wagonload of damaged corn – said he would pay me .20 a bus. for it.
- 12 Warm – had no fire even at night. The wind blew like Dakota all day and about 5 P.M. it clouded up and showered a little about 8 there was a very hard rain with thunder and lightning. Joe broke up in the bottom. Bill and Dick Lacy cut briers and sprouted in orchard grass above pike.
- 13 No one working for me. I gave Dick Lacy an order on Corbin for 1.00 on his own work returned. Went to B. took letter to Mary Reed with little picture of Sally. Got letter from Patty.

- 14 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came. Ernest dined here. Cool and windy – unpleasant. Aunt Susan went away, to visit her daughter.
- 15 Cloudy and cool. Joe ploughed in bottom. Bill and Dick grubbed and cut briers.
- 16 Joe ploughed on hill in rye field. Bill fixed fence a little and he and his Dick burnt grass and sprouted for Joe and then grubbed and cut briers. Mr. Fred Utz came with Mr. Blythe to see lambs. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia and little box. Dick went down for the Cole sidehill plough Mike ordered for him and me, to be 13.50.
- 17 Joe ploughed with sidehill plough below the graveyard. Bill and Dick Lacy grubbed and cut briers till noon and then worked in garden and yard – cleaning up. I set out a few strawberries. Went to B. got letter from Sally. Redirected to Patty letter from Outing.
- 18 Spring day – no fire in the evening. Joe broke up in the garden – ploughed asparagus and he and Dick Lacy planted potatoes. They all Bill too worked in garden. I had onion sets, radishes, beans, peas, beets planted. Got letter from Mrs. Britton. A man from Owen came hunting Aunt Susan last night.
- 19 Lovely day – no fire at all in the house. Sent Joe with Daisy to Mr. Terrill’s Norman. Sent Bill with Posey to Mr. Berkshire’s Hedgeford. Sent sweet corn seed to buddy. Had the sheep turned out of the rye into the pasture – tagged and put the 2 bucks in the back pasture. Then Joe hauled load of corn to barn and took harrow and plough to shop. I went to Bellevue.
- 20 A year since Cousin William died. Lord love his soul forever. Beautiful day – a little sprinkle about sun-up but cleared off. Only Bill worked awhile ½ day – in yard and cleaned the chicken house. Cooler this evening.
- 21 Easter Sunday – Beautiful day but turned cool towards evening. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 22 Hilda and Mr. B. started to go to Mrs. Eugenia Gaines’s. Aunt Susan came back. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally. I got trailing arbutus flowers from Susie Tew, a pamphlet ----- Saline Co. Mo. from Willy Ingram. Got 2 sides of bacon from Mike at .10. Bill Lacy worked for himself in his garden. Joe worked – he fixed fence by Mr. Rice’s – worked in yard a little went for harrow and plough &c. Turned right chilly this evening – a good fire feels good.
- 23 Gave Dick Lacy order on Corbin for 1.60. He worked ½ day in yard and grubbing. Joe and Bill worked. Joe harrowed in rye then they tried to plant corn and he had to begin to break it up. Bill then grubbed and cut briers. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia. Susie Rice came. It was bright but cool and is very dry.
- 24 Blew hard most of the day and sprinkled sometimes but cleared off cool – have a fire this evening. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Julia – got letter from Patty. Joe broke up in rye. Bill & Dick Lacy cut briers and grubbed.
- 25 Chilly all day and cloudy – Went to Bellevue – got letter and book from Sally. Joe broke up in rye field. Bill and Dick Lacy grubbed and cut briers. I got letter from Amy.
- 26 Didn’t write in this till Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. got home from Mr. Gaines’s and stayed all night. Bill went to Bellevue and worked grubbing and brier cutting. Dick too. Joe broke up in rye.
- 27 Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Sent letters to Patty and Lizzie Hodges. Bill took Posey to Bellevue – he worked ½ day. I went to Bellevue, got 2 hams from Mr. Corbin. Looked for Amy but she didn’t come. Susie Rice came over. Mr. Ryle attended to calves. I got letter from Patty and T-D. Set out tomatoes.



- 28 Sunday – Actually rained some this morning – cleared off. Ernest dined here. Had fire last evening and all day.
- 29 Joe broke up in rye. Bill and Dick Lacy grubbed and cut briers. I went to Bellevue took letter to Sally and T-D, and pamphlets to Patty. Set out some more tomatoes. Hilda and Mr. Brady came, and stayed all night.
- 30 Joe broke up in rye. Dick Lacy after dinner shoveled up in rye. Bill grubbed. I went to Bellevue, got trace chains. Hilda and Mr. B. went home towards evening.

## MAY

- 1 Still cool – cooler – had a good fire most of the day. Bill and Dick Lacy grubbed. Joe finished breaking up in rye and harrowed. I got letters from Sally and Sophie Mitchell, Carthage, Mo.
- 2 Dick Lacy worked in garden & yard – says he has worked 3 ½ days this week. I gave him an order on Corbin for 1.00. Bill worked in garden and drilled corn after dinner. Joe harrowed and laid off corn – planted sweet corn in garden.
- 3 Still cool and dry – have fires all the time to sit by and the ground so dry the dust flies from hoes ploughs and everything. Joe, Bill, Dick Lacy and Flave ½ day worked planting corn in rye field.
- 4 Colder – 35 degrees at sunup and a frost – the dock leaves in the yard are many of them frozen stiff with frost on the edges. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill’s – then planted spinach. I went to Bellevue right after breakfast – took letter to Patty – got one from her. Only Joe worked ½ day.
- 5 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Not so cold.
- 6 Joe, Bill, Dick Lacy and Flave worked planting corn. Dick L. harrowed. It was much warmer and still as dry as ever. I have no fire this evening. Sent by Dory Cook letters to Patty and Sophie Mitchell. Weaned Nancy’s calf.
- 7 Hilda and Mr. Brady came down to tell me goodbye – expect to start to Phil. the 9<sup>th</sup>. Joe and Bill, Dick Lacy and Flave finished planting corn in the rye field – then Bill went to hunt bucks.
- 8 Really warm today. Joe and Bill worked. They went and brought the bucks home from Mr. Walton’s and worked in the garden. Joe broke up the rest of the ground. I had planted watermelons, muskmelons, pole and ---ia beans, peas, wax beans, okra. Flora came over. I got letter and pictures from Sue and letter from Sally. Hilda sent July home by Hubert B.
- 9 Hot today. I went to Bellevue twice and took letters to Sue and Sally, got one from Patty. Went to Ernest’s for sheep shears and had the sheep driven up and put in sheep cellar. Joe and Dick Lacy hauled rotten apples and trash out of barn too and hauled wood. Bill planted some more beet and radish seed and cut briers. I had my crape myrtles taken out. Dry as a bone.
- 10 Sent Daisy to Mr. Terrill’s by Bill. Sent old July to Bellevue afterwards. Mr. Nixon came and we sheared sheep. Dick Lacy helped. Bill cut briers after dinner. Hot as pepper. I went to Bellevue twice. Lily, Cordy, and Flora came over. Joe sheared sheep. Finished shearing sheep by noon. Dick Lacy helped – he worked 4 ½ days this week.
- 11 Mr. Nixon and Joe sheared. Bill worked ½ day – took Posey to Bellevue and then put wool in bags. This evening there was a wind and dust storm and about 4 o’clock a slight shower. It was very hot still.

- 12 Sunday – After 6 P.M. a blessed rain – began very gently, then rained hard a while and at 9 raining gently and steadily. No wind with the rain. Ernest dined with me.
- 13 My dear parents' wedding day – Lord love them. Another good rain between 2 and 3 P.M. and sprinkles after that. Joe and Bill worked. Joe harrowed and then they planted corn and shelled some seed corn. I think Bill cut briers while Joe harrowed. I went to Bellevue and to see Permelia Corbin. Took letter to Patty – got postal from Hilda. Cooler.
- 14 Joe and Bill finished planting corn in bottom then worked in garden. Joe ploughed the ground for sweet potatoes. Bill hoed &c. and planted a few more watermelons. I set out tomatoes of my own raising. Went to Bellevue and to Florence's.
- 15 Only Joe worked ½ day for me cutting briers. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty.
- 16 Joe, Bill, and Dick Lacy worked cutting briers in old vineyard. Susie Rice came over. I heard that Emma Brady had run off to be married. Got letter from Julia.
- 17 Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's. Then he ploughed my garden sweet corn, afterwards cut briers in old vineyard. Dick Lacy cut briers. Bill took July to Bellevue, then cut briers. I sent by Dick letters to Patty, Julia and Hilda. Warm day, bright and beautiful.
- 18 Joe took Peggy to Bellevue. Bill took Posey – then cut briers. He and Dick and Joe worked ½ day cutting briers in old vineyard. I got letter from Sarah. Very hot and windy. Before ten P.M. it rained with thunder also during the night and turned cool.
- 19 Sunday – bright and cool.
- 20 Saw at sunrise one of the most beautiful rainbows I ever saw. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Harriet Young, and Sally. Got 400 sweet potato plants and had them set out, also my cabbage plants, and I set out tomato plants – it rained off and on during the day, good showers, and was cloudy and cool all day. I have a fire to-night. Bill and Joe replanted some corn in rye field and set plants and when it rained made paling I believe.
- 21 No one worked for me. I don't know why. Chilly cloudy day. Went to Mrs. Snyder's. Got letters from Patty and Sally and postal from Hilda.
- 22 Went to Bellevue to mail letters for Patty and Sarah. Cold and cloudy and windy. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy cut briers, on cherry hill.
- 23 Sent Joe down with wool and went down myself. The wool came to 419 lbs. and at 25 came to 104.75. Mr. J. M. Conner gave me a check for the amount. The wool of Flora's pet was with mine and I stopped and pd. her 1.70 for it. Got letter from Sally Mallory. Joe took the horses to be shod.
- 24 Went to Burlington. Got Mr. Revill to cash Mr. Conner's check for 104.75. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally telling me to meet her next Tuesday. Mr. Kirtley came and dined. I pd. Mr. D. Snyder 10. for Dick Loudon also paid Mrs. Nolan 10. for my years' toll up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month. My Patsy cow had a red b. calf. I named it Victor.
- 25 Had a settlement with Dick Lacy and paid him in full to date and 1.00 besides so he now owes me that. Settled with Aunt Susan last night. I owed her up to May 21<sup>st</sup> 16.60. I paid her 15.00 and am to pay her the balance when I can get change. No one worked for me. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty. Amy Campbell and Anna Foos came. Ellen came up and I gave her an order on Davis for Aunt Eliza for a pair of shoes. It rained of course – cool, had fire.
- 26 Sunday – Ernest came and dined. The girls went away. Angeline came up to see us. It rained at night with thunder they said.

- 27 Joe and Bill replanted corn. Joe cleaned and fixed spring wagon. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Harriet Young. It rained again this evening with some hail. Cool again. I have fire again.
- 28 Didn't write in this till the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. Went to Erlanger and met Sally who came on the morning train – from St. Paul. Joe drove the wagon. It was cool and bright. Joe ploughed in garden after he got home and then in corn in rye field I think and Bill ploughed corn.
- 29 Joe went up to Burlington for Sally's trunk and then ploughed corn. I think Bill ploughed till noon and then Dick L. did and Bill cut briers. I can't remember what was done – it rained hard at night I think and was very cold.
- 30 It was cold and rainy off and on all the time. The men cut briers when they worked.
- 31 Dick Lacy worked 2 days this week. I had some of my cabbage plants set out. I had a letter from Amy this week.

## **JUNE**

- 1 Bill took Posey to Bellevue. Got some cabbage plants and set out for me. He and Joe worked ½ day. Joe cut briers. Joe took old July to Bellevue. Susie and Lily came over. Had fires all the week.
- 2 Sunday – Sally and I went to Ernest's, his Aunts were there. For a wonder it was bright to-day and didn't rain. Joe went to Bellevue for 2 horses Amy Campbell sent down for me to pasture.
- 3 Went to Erlanger to put Sally on the train for Lex. to go to Mitty Gibson's wedding. Joe drove the wagon and replanted corn in the bottom. Bill and Dick L. cut briers I believe. I went to Bellevue – found a letter to Sally.
- 4 Set the hands to working in the garden but it rained off and on. They hoed and ploughed and I had corn, beans, butter beans, radishes and cucumbers planted and tomatoes staked. After dinner they went to cut briers. I went to Bellevue – sent another letter that came for Sally.
- 5 Nancy cow's daughter had another calf. Joe found her with it – a heifer calf, red with some white and a white spot in her forehead like a heraldic shield – named her Juno. By 12 it was raining again – then cleared. Susie Rice came. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Lucy Johnstone. The men cut briers.
- 6 This is to be Mitty Gibson's wedding day. Lily came over. Had the piano moved into the parlour – had Kitty sent to be shod. Joe, Bill, and Dick Lacy worked - mowed grass in yard – hauled out manure and grass – and helped around the house. I sent by Dick Lacy letter to Sue. Got letter from Patty for Sally. Went to see Betty Rice – her mother Mrs. Polly Grant died soon this morning. It was warmer – had no fire to-day and for a wonder it didn't rain. Got postal from Hilda. Didn't write in this for a week.
- 7 Went up to Erlanger with buggy and wagon. Joe drove the wagon – Sally came home from Lex. and Mr. Armstrong with her – also Lucy and Mr. Johnstone and Sally Johnston. Bill and Dick Lacy replanted corn and Joe ploughed.
- 8 Poured down last night and rained off and on during the day. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Polly Grant in Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. No one worked for me.
- 9 Sunday – Ernest came down to dine and he took the Johnstones home with him. I sent Joe to Burlington for Sally's trunk. Rained some in the morning.
- 10 Sally, Mr. Armstrong and I went to spend the day at Ernest's and turned so cold we had fire at night. I got postal from Hilda. Joe and Bill chopped weeds in rye field corn.

- 11 Mr. Furlong came down and bought my 3 year old Woodpecker colt of Daisy's. He paid me \$100. cash for it, and took it away. Lucy and Mr. J. and Sally J. and Ernest came and Ernest stayed. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy chopped weeds in corn and helped with colt.
- 12 Went to Erlanger with company. Ernest took Sally J. Joe drove the wagon and ploughed corn when he got home. Bill chopped weeds. Dick chopped & ploughed. I got letter from Sue and card from Robert Brown. Didn't rain to-day.
- 13 Weaned Louly's calf Pink and Siegra's calf Christmas Gift. Rained fine misty rain in the morning. Joe and Dick L. ploughed corn in rye field. Bill cut briars round field and in garden. Rained again a little in evening.
- 14 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked cutting thistles 3 ¾ days – it came to 2.81 and I gave him .81 and an order on Corbin for 2.00. Didn't write in this till 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 15 It rained hard while Sally was gone to Aurora. I went to Bellevue – got a ham.
- 16 Sunday – Poured down rain. Mr. Kirtley called on his way home.
- 17 Mr. Armstrong went away. Joe drove the buggy – I got letter from Julia.
- 18 I went to Rising Sun. Paid Oscar Jones and Mr. Steele in full. Put in P.O. letter to Patty with 5.00. It poured down rain so I had to wait to get across Middle Creek when I came home. Joe said he and Bill chopped corn till noon and didn't work afterwards.
- 19 Hot and cloudy but didn't rain. We went to Bellevue. I took letters to Harriet Young and Julia. Went to the Arnold's and to Mary Lee's. Joe and Bill worked for Dick setting out tobacco this morning. Joe said they chopped out corn afterwards. I think Dick Lacy worked too.
- 20 Very hot day – heavy clouds and lightning at night but no rain here. Lily was here. Mary Lee came to work. Joe, Bill and Dick chopped corn and after dinner Joe and Dick ploughed corn in sand field.
- 21 Cloudy morning. Mr. F. A. Utz came and got 31 lambs and 3 fat ewes. The lambs at 3.75 came to 116.25 the 3 ewes I sold for 11.00 and he gave me a check on the Farmers' & Traders' Bk. Cov. for the whole amount \$127.25. Bill, Joe and Dick Lacy worked ½ day they got up the sheep and then Bill hoed in garden and Joe and Dick ploughed corn. Mr. Bob Brady came to cut wheat and the men helped Dick harvest. Lily was here. I got letter from Lucy Johnstone.
- 22 Bill says Dick worked 3 days this week. No one worked for me. Didn't rain to-day. Got letter from Germania Bk. St. Paul with paper to sign appointing proxy to vote - also letter from Julia.
- 23 Sunday – Cool and didn't rain. Ernest dined with us.
- 24 Sent by Sally letter to Germania Bk. – at least returned the form they sent appointing C. E. Flandrau proxy with S. G. Flandrau witness, also letter to T-D. Mr. Bob Brady cut wheat for Dick and my hands helped him. Dick Lacy worked for me – ploughed and hoed in garden. I hoed my poor muskmelons for the first time. I went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty. Didn't rain to-day.
- 25 Dick finished cutting wheat in the sand field. Bill and Joe helped him. I went to Bellevue to the burying of old Mr. Philip. Cool and rained a little towards evening. Didn't write in this till July 15<sup>th</sup> and will probably set some things down wrong in trying to recall them.
- 26 Sally and I started to take the 2.40 train for Cin. Stopped in Burlington. I went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the check Mr. F. A. Utz gave me for \$127.25 (see 21<sup>st</sup> inst.). We went to Erlanger and Cin. and in the evening went to Clifton to Julia's. Joe drove the wagon and they ploughed corn and chopped weeds.

- 27 We went to dentist's shopped &c. and Sally went to a party in Clifton and we stayed at Julia's. The men ploughed corn and cut weeds round creek and in corn.
- 28 We finished our visit and shopping and came home on the boat at night.
- 29 Joe went down with wagon for my things but with that exception no one worked for me. Bill says Dick Lacy worked 5 days this week.
- 30 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came down to spend the day – they got back from Phil. yesterday.

## **JULY**

- 1 The hands worked the garden – ploughed melons &c. Then Joe cut hay and Bill cut with scythe. I went to Bellevue and to Mary Lee's. Got letters from Sophie Mitchell.
- 2 Jane came and I went to work cleaning the house. Joe finished cutting hay across the bottom and they ploughed corn in bottom.
- 3 Jane came again and we cleaned house. The men ploughed corn in bottom and chopped weeds. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Nat'l. Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. Nat'l. Metropolitan Bk. W. with draft for \$8. and dividend on two shares brother Charlie bought me in that bank with the money Cousin Wm. gave me. Got letter from Julia.
- 4 Jane came and we worked again. The men finished in bottom and hauled one load of hay after raking it.
- 5 Went to Rising Sun. Paid Dr. Stevenson \$30. and got his receipt in full for medical attendance on Aunt Sally Taylor. Got my drafts (see 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.) amounting to \$91. in all cashed at Rising Sun Bank. The men got in the hay. Got copies of T-D.
- 6 No one worked for me. Bill says Dick Lacy worked 2 days for me. Aunt Susan's granddaughter Cora came to work for me.
- 7 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady spent the day.
- 8 The hands worked in garden – had sweet corn planted and melons ploughed again – then they went to work in corn. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 Aunt Eliza came up to be here to nurse Patty's child. I took to Bellevue and had shipped to Meader Furniture Co. the mattress I bought of them – sent letter too. Worked at blackberries and cleaning house. It is very hot this week. The men worked in corn, chopping weeds and ploughing.
- 10 Still hot. Susie Rice came. Ernest came in the evening. The men worked in corn.
- 11 Joe took Tilden to be shod – they worked in corn. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Elliott in Rising Sun inclosing the orders for coal for Aunt Sally that I wanted to pay – amounting to \$11. It rained a sprinkle.
- 12 Went up to Erlanger for the early train to meet Patty and Isabella who came. Stopped at Hilda's to rest and then came home. Joe drove the wagon and then worked with the rest in corn. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from buddy about my business.
- 13 No one worked for me. Bill says Dick Lacy worked 5 days this week. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 14 I went to church. It rained hard afterwards – had a good rain. Hilda and Mr. B. came back and stayed.
- 15 They went home. Joe and Bill hitched Kitty up in the wagon with Daisy – she went like a regular work horse – they drove to Bellevue and got a barrel of flour for me. Before that they worked on tennis court, afterwards loaded tobacco. Ernest came down this evening. Dick Loudon and I sold his crop of tobacco to Mr. A. F. Lerch for 8 and 4. Didn't write in this till 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 16 Joe and Bill finished loading tobacco and they and Dick hauled it to Bellevue to Mr. Lerch. Dick had 2168 lbs. leaf and 1360 trash – total 3528 lbs. The leaf at .08 came to 173.44. The trash at .04 came to 54.40, total \$227.84. Mr. Lerch came out again to see mine and made an offer of 7 and 3 for it which I accepted but it was too dry to load. The men after dinner chopped weeds in corn. I got letter from Meader & Co. about mattress.
- 17 Went down after the mattress. The men ploughed corn.
- 18 Susie Saxton and Lily came. It rained hard during the night. The men ploughed corn and Joe hauled a little wood and then chopped weeds.
- 19 It is never forgotten. Lord love their souls. Rained this morning and very sultry. The men loaded the tobacco and hauled it to Bellevue. Joe, Bill, Dick Lacy and Dick L., Jack Le Fevre said there were 1110 lbs. leaf and 850 lbs trash. The leaf at .07 came to 77.70. The trash at .03 to 25.50 total 103.20. There were 1960 lbs. The men cleaned barn &c. Got letter from Mary Cochran. Very hot.
- 20 Went to Bellevue – Mike Corbin gave me a check Mr. Lerch left with him for me on the B. F. Power Co. Cin. for \$331.10 for Dick's and my tobacco. No one worked for me. Dick Lacy said he worked 3 days this week.
- 21 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here and Ernest. Ernest drove Kitty in his buggy for the first time.
- 22 My hands went to Mr. Arnold's to help with threshing. After dinner they came and began at 3 to thresh for Dick, but didn't get done. I went to see Mr. Humphrey in McVile and got 100 sacks and sold him what wheat we would have for sale at .73 delivered. Went to Bellevue and McVile twice. Got letter from Julia. My hands helped Dick thresh.
- 23 The men finished threshing wheat. Dick said they counted it at 235 ½ bus. for which they charged 11.75. I kept for seed 46 bus. and they hauled the rest to McVile landing. I went down to see Mr. Humphrey and he said what he got weighed 195 bus. which at .73 came to \$142.35. He gave me a check for \$75. and said he would pay the balance 67.35 to-morrow. There being 241 bus. in all R. Loudon's share of the wheat money would be \$87.96. Mr. Rollins came and brought me the poplar lumber for wagon bed – it came to 1.80. I sold him the dead walnut by the kitchen for 7.00 and he pd. me 5.00 and now owes me .20.
- 24 Rained in the night and this morning – quit before noon. I went to Burlington with Patty – at the Bank got Mr. Revill to cash the check on B. F. Power Co. that Mr. Lerch gave me (see 20<sup>th</sup>) and the one Mr. Humphrey gave me for \$75.00 total 406.10. He charged .60 for collection and paid me the balance \$405.50. We stopped at Hilda's. I went to Bellevue and in the presence of Patty paid Mike Corbin \$300. to credit on my account. Went to McVile and paid Mr. Stamper \$32. for the orders I had given R. Loudon and 3.00 for one for Bill Lacy, and got the orders. ---- Loudon came in and we talked. Went to Mr. Humphrey's and he gave me a check on Rising Sun Bk. for \$32.35 and \$35.00 in cash being the balance of the wheat money. Got letter from Farmers & Mechs'. Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft for \$28. dividend also letter from Sarah. R. Loudon came and talked about renting – said he would rent another year &c. I am to let him have the corn ground in bottom that he has this year on the same terms and the field with the ribbon wire fence on the same terms for tobacco and wheat and the field next. Mr. Arnold's for wheat. Joe and Bill cut weeds after dinner.
- 25 Raining a little this morning but quit. Mr. Humphrey and R. Aiken came and put the wire screens in the dining room. Patty and Sally went to Ernest's. I got letter from buddy on business and photographs from Fanny of Katy's children. The men chopped weeds in corn I believe.

- 26 Went to Aurora – went to Bank and got Mr. Davis to cash two checks. The one for \$32.35 Mr. Humphrey gave me and the one for \$28. dividend (see 24<sup>th</sup>). Went to Express and got Sally's portrait by Mrs. McKnight, the harness Tilden sent and my dress from Miss Donegan. Joe drove the wagon – cut weeds in yard and washed spring wagon besides. Rained this evening, I went to Bellevue.
- 27 No one worked for me. Bill said his Dick had worked 4 days for me this week. Settlement with R. Loudon. Dick came in and we had a settlement, the first since Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1888. He was owing me on account for cash orders and sundries in 1888, 149.68 for the same in 1889 to date \$104.24 total 253.92. I was owing him for days work 61.50 – his share of the tobacco money 113.92, his share of wheat money 87.96 total 263.38. I paid him the balance 9.46 and we are now settled in full to date with the exception of 6.75 he owes me for half a side hill plough to be paid when he sells some corn. And there was no settlement for pasture.
- 28 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined and stayed all night. Ernest and Frank Grant dined with us. It rained in the evening.
- 29 It rained off and on during the day – part of the time hard. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I went for the letters – got one from Harriet Young. Joe and Bill and Dick L. worked chopping weeds in corn. Mrs. Clarkson and Katy came.
- 30 Mr. F. A. Utz came for the lambs and got the rest. There were 29 lambs at 3.75 = \$108.75 and 18 lambs at 3.25 = \$58.50 and he took 2 late lambs and 2 ewes for 3.00 total \$170.25. He gave me a check for \$170. on Farmers & Traders Natl. Bk. Cov. I also sold Mr. Utz for 60. two heifers the red and white one and the big red one – he to have the privilege of sending for them any time in August and to send check or bring money then. I sold in all 80 lambs. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked – they got up sheep – tagged some &c. then Joe cut grass in yard and Bill & Dick worked in the garden. They hoed melons &c. Susie R. came.
- 31 Sally and I went to Aurora. I went to the Bank and got draft for 11.00 and sent it to W. H. Elliott R. Sun to pay for the orders for Aunt Sally's coal (see 11<sup>th</sup>) Also got draft for \$21.20 and sent Miss Mary Donegan for making my dress. We went to Bellevue. I got letter from Mr. M. E. Lemming about cypress shingles, and one from Julia. Joe cut grass in yard and then chopped out corn.

## AUGUST

- 1 Joe worked in the yard cutting and hauling grass & also put in a few turnips. Bill and his Dick were gone. Joe took the buggy down at night for Sally's friend Mr. Charles Lewis Beck---ts 6<sup>th</sup> inf. U.S.A. who came down on the boat from Newport Bks. I got letter from Mr. James H. Dorman Owenton about Aunt Susan.
- 2 Didn't write in this till the 6<sup>th</sup>. Joe got up cattle for Mr. Blythe to look at – patched paling &c. Rained hard. Took postal to Mr. Dorman and letter to Julia.
- 3 No one worked for me. Mr. Griffith came to see about shingles &c.
- 4 Sunday - Tilden and Alice Bigelow got here from St. Paul this morning. Hilda and Mr. B. called.
- 5 Election, no one worked for me. We went to Aurora to take Mr. Beckurts to the train. Ernest came. Mr. Leming came to ask about shingles. Sophie Mitchell and Bessie McIntosh came on the boat at night.
- 6 Went to see Tom Clore and bought a stack of hay from him – paid him \$22. Went to see Betty. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down to call on Sophie. I set Bill and Dick Lacy to cut weeds and grub on wheat ground and Joe to chop corn.

- 7 Joe took wagon to Mr. Morrison and brought it back – chopped out corn – Bill and Dick Lacy cut weeds and grubbed and chopped out corn after dinner. I got enclosure of proof from buddy and a proxy blank to sign from Germania Bk. of St. Paul.
- 8 Til and I went to Aurora. I bought at Wymonds' brick yd. 3000 bricks for which I paid \$16.50 to be good hard brick. Also got mattress &c. Got letter from Sarah saying they (she and Harriet) would come next Monday. Didn't write in this till the 19<sup>th</sup> and can't expect to get things straight.
- 9 Til and Patty, Bessie and Sally went to Burlington to see Hilda.
- 10 Mr. Evans and Mr. Ethan Allen came down via Lawrenceburgh (sic). I don't think any one worked for me. Dick Lacy worked 3 ½ days this week he said.
- 11 Sunday – Mr. Evans and Mr. Allen went away after dinner. Joe drove the wagon and took it to Mr. Morrison to fix hub. Young heifer had calf.
- 12 Got up and went to Erlanger to meet Sarah Humphreys and Harriet Young who came on the train from Lexington. Took Bessie McIntosh up and put her on the train. After we got to Burlington I stopped at Bank and got the check Mr. Utz gave me for \$170. cashed (see July 30<sup>th</sup>). When \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 Had the young cow brought up and milked. Tilden took Sophie to Hilda's. Ellen came.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday – she is 28 years old – Lord love her. People from Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and their lawyers Judge Dorman and Mr. Gordon and Squire Green came to take depositions of Aunt Susan. Harriet, Til and I went to Ernest's.
- 15 Til, Patty, Sally, Alice and Ernest went to Big Bone. Mr. Flinn came and paid me 10. for the rent of the hay shed to put his tobacco in. Got paper from Mr. Graham with a notice of the death of Mary Reed – in Portland the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month. Lord love her soul. Got letter from Mr. Allen.
- 16 Til Selmes and Alice Bigelow went away to St. Paul. Joe drove them to Aurora. Patty brought back a picture of Sally Mr. Armstrong sent me. Ellen went away. Got letter from Mr. Evans.
- 17 My mother has been dead 30 years to-day. Lord love her soul. The men have mostly cut weeds this week. Dick Lacy said he worked five (5) days. Joe took spring wagon to Mr. Morrison several times to get it fixed. I sent 2 letters to Sophie by Mr. Blythe. It has been very cool most of this week.
- 18 Sunday – Ernest came to dine with us.
- 19 Joe hauled a little wood then took the wagon to Mr. Morrison. I sent for a ham and side. Bill cut weeds and so did Joe. Mr. Fred Utz came and I sold him my Hilda cow for 30. and had the 5 head driven up. Mr. Brady and Sophie came down and said Hilda had a fall and was poorly. Bill said Dick Lacy cut weeds ½ day.
- 20 Sarah, Harriet, and I went to Cin. via Erlanger. I came home on the boat. Joe drove the wagon and came after me. Met Mr. F. A. Utz and he gave me his check for \$140. and took away the cattle. Joe hauled some bricks out and Dick Lacy helped him. I got a letter from Mr. Leming about shingles and found the shingles in the landing. Hot day – very dusty. Bill \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21 Joe and Dick Lacy hauled bricks and one load of shingles. Patty and Sally went to Burlington to see Hilda. I sent by Joe 3.00 for Mr. John Burns. Very hot day. Bill cut weeds.
- 22 Went to Burlington and to see Hilda. Went to Bank and got Mr. Reville to cash the check for 140. Mr. Utz gave me for the cattle. Went with Mr. Brady to the county clerk's office and in presence of Mr. Garnett paid Mr. Brady 145. to pay my taxes when Mr. Garnett could furnish



a receipt. Joe and Dick Lacy hauled shingles and bricks. Bill cut weeds and cleaned out cellar.

- 23 Went to Mr. Rouse's for peaches. Joe drove the wagon – then he and Bill hauled sand and bricks and took Billy down to be shod. I got letters from Julia and Alice Bigelow.
- 24 My dear father's birthday – Lord love his soul. Dick Lacy worked 3 ½ days this week. Didn't write in this till the 28<sup>th</sup>. Sent letters to Mr. Armstrong and Sally.
- 25 Sunday – Still hot and dry.
- 26 Mr. Cutcheon came from St. Paul. I went up to Mr. Bob Brady's and to Charlie's to see about getting rocks. Had four hands working. Joe, Bill and both Dicks. Went to Bellevue to see about grate. Got letters from Sarah and Harriet. Sent letters to Mr. Armstrong and Sally Mallory.
- 27 Mr. Brady brought Sophie back. I sent the hands to get out rock in my own branch. Joe hauled – he and Bill and the Dicks worked. I went down and Joe got my grate. Sent postal about it when I went to Bellevue. Mr. Brady brought me my tax receipt for 1889 amounting to 142.
- 28 The men got out and hauled rock. I think Joe, Bill and the Dicks worked.
- 29 Patty &c. went to Ernest's. Joe and Bill and Dick Lacy cut weeds and briars in Dick's new ground and Joe and Bill timbered up barn and stable doors &c. I went to Bellevue – took letters and book to Harriet. Got letter from brother Charlie on business. Went to see Mr. Griffiths about the repairing the house. Still hot and dry. Had pump taken out of kitchen cistern.
- 30 No one worked for me. Joe was on road I think. Went to Burlington to see about getting Mr. Hogan to work and see Hilda.
- 31 Dick Lacy worked 3 ½ days this week. No one worked for me.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday – Very hot and dry – began to rain about 11 P.M. and rained hard.
- 2 Poured down rain. Joe tinkered at gear &c. and afterwards went to McVile after Mr. Griffith's tools and for his ladders &c. I think only he worked. Mr. Albert Kelly came and I sold him my Canada Red apples for .35 a barrel on the tree and Rome Beauties for .40 on the tree – he to get them soon. Dick's wife Georgie Loudon had a girl baby last night. I sent this evening letter to Mr. Graham – got letters and package from Harriet and letter from Mr. Armstrong.
- 3 Mr. Cutcheon went away and Patty and Sally went to Cin. with him. Joe drove them to Aurora and went to the boat for them at night. He helped Charlie Burns after he came home. Mr. Griffith and Charlie and Mr. Hogan came, and Mr. Griffith laid off the chimney foundation for Mr. Hogan and Mr. H. worked at it. Bill Lacy helped Mr. Hogan. I got bill from Mr. Leming for shingles and lumber for \$82.13. It rained a little in the morning and showered after dark. Sent Amy Campbell's 2 horses up on the boat.
- 4 Turned the 2 bucks into the big pasture. Mr. Hogan worked ½ day on the foundation – paid him in full 3.00 and he left. Charlie and Joe patched gallery and fixed hay shed. Bill helped Mr. Hogan, cut weeds and hauled sand. Dick Lacy worked. Mr. Griffith came to see about work. It rained this evening. Ernest and Ed Grant came. I paid Ernest the shingle bill for Frank 82.15. Let Mr. Griffith have 5.00.
- 5 Rained off and on all day. Mr. Henry Griffith and Charlie Burns worked and Joe and Dick Lacy hauled sand and Bill helped Mr. Griffith.

- 6 Cool and clear – lovely day – Mr. Henry Griffith and his brother and Charlie came out and worked on chimneys. Joe and Bill helped. Dick Lacy also Dick Lacy drove the buggy and Sophie went out to see Hilda and afterwards hauled 2 barrels of lime from Bellevue.
- 7 Mr. Griffiths and Charlie Burns worked. Joe and Bill helped them and Dick Lacy worked ½ day. I went to Bellevue. Another bright lovely day.
- 8 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. Lovely bright day.
- 9 My darling mother’s birthday – Lord love her soul. I remembered her. Went to Rising Sun to see Isaac who is sick. Mr. Griffiths and Charlie Burns worked on the house. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy helped. I got letter from Harriet and receipt from Mr. M. E. Leming for \$82.13 for shingles (see Sep. 4<sup>th</sup>). Lily was here.
- 10 My dear little sister’s birthday. I did not forget. Mr. Griffith worked part of the day – went to Mr. Gaines’s. Mr. G. Griffith and Charlie worked. Joe helped them, and Bill and Dick Lacy cleaned chimneys and carried out mortar and trash. Lily was here. Ernest came this evening.
- 11 Went to Bellevue & McVille twice – on hunt of shingles. Charlie Burns sick, couldn’t come. Mr. H. McMullen worked ½ day and the Griffiths worked shingling the house. I sent to the Miami Stove Works letter inclosing 3.00 for hearth tile, and got side and ham. Joe helped shingle and Bill and Dick worked the road on cherry hill.
- 12 Mr. Griffiths, Charlie Burns, Mr. Presser and Mr. McMullen shingled and Joe helped. Bill and Dick Lacy cleaned up and hauled off old shingles. Cooler and clear.
- 13 I went to Aurora – took Bill Lacy with the wagon – to get lumber window &c. The men finished shingling while I was gone. Mr. McMullen and Mr. Presser left after dinner – the Griffiths and Charlie Burns worked the rest of the day. I think Joe shingled and helped the carpenters and Dick Lacy picked up shingles &c. Amy Campbell & Anna Foos came. Amy paid me 12.00 pasture.
- 14 Joe and Bill worked ½ day – hauled wood. The rest did not come. Charlie Grant and Ernest came. Mr. Hunt came and paid me 1.75 for 5 bls. apples. Dick Lacy worked 5 days this week.
- 15 Sunday – Ernest came to dine and stayed all night. Anna and Amy went away. It rained hard with wind and thunder – about 4 p.m. and later and rained all night.
- 16 Mr. Griffith and Charlie came out and worked – put window in little room. It rained nearly all day. Joe fixed a wagon bed. Bill and Dick Lacy tinkered around a little and fixed vinegar cask, and Dick went to Bellevue twice.
- 17 Rained in the morning but cleared off. Patty and Sally went to Aurora on their way to Cin. Joe drove the wagon and when he got back we went to Bellevue. Mr. Bob Brady came. Mr. Griffith and the rest did not come. I think Bill cut fodder in garden and field next. I got letter from Sue. Turned quite cool, but bright.
- 18 Mr. H. and Mr. G. Griffith and Charlie came and worked – put up moulding fixed tin gutters painted &c. Joe painted too. Got letter from M. G. W. Mitchell about apples. Patty started to Columbus. Isaac Sanders died. Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn. Beautiful day, but cool.
- 19 Sally came home via Burlington. Hilda and Mr. B. spent the day. I went to Bellevue twice – sent letter to Patty and 2 letters that came for her. Aunt Eliza went to Rising Sun to go to Isaac’s funeral. Mr. H. Griffith worked ½ day finishing plastering &c. He quit and left. I paid him 11.20. He had already gotten 10. and this was in full to date. Mr. George Griffith and Charlie worked – after dinner they began on Dick Loudon’s flue. Joe helped them after dinner. I don’t think he worked this morning. Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn this morning and

- helped take bricks mortar &c. down to Dick's. Right cool to-day 46 degrees before sunup. I sent letter to Mr. Mitchell about apples. Got letter from Julia. Ernest came this evening.
- 20 Mr. Griffith and Charlie finished for the present and after dinner left. They finished Dick's flue and other little things. I paid Mr. Griffith in full 5.50 – Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked cutting corn and Joe hauled the carpenter's tools ladders &c. to McVile and got me a barrel of flour at Corbin's. I didn't write this till the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 21 We all went to Burlington to Hilda's. I went to Bank and gave Mr. Revill my note for 300. payable in 4 months with Sally on the paper as security and got \$292.80 on it. Pd. I. H. Brady 100. I had borrowed of her. Went to McVile and pd. Charlie Burns 5.15. Got box of tile and bill of lading. Sophie remained at Hilda's. Aunt Eliza came back. Dick Lacy said he worked 4 days this week. No one worked. 44 degrees before sunup.
  - 22 Sunday – Ernest came a few minutes. Mr. Brady and Mrs. Barnard dined with us. Cool 39 degrees at 6.30 a.m. Ellen came up to go to see Mandy. Didn't write in this again till Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and despair of ever getting things straight.
  - 23 Sally and Ellen started early for Cincinnati via Aurora. Sally put Ellen on the train to go to see Mandy – and Sally met Patty in Cin. on her return from visiting Molly Warner Columbus and went to the dentist. Joe drove the wagon.
  - 24 Patty and Sally came home on the boat at night. Joe took the wagon for them.
  - 25 Had a settlement with Dick Lacy this evening in full and paid him all I owe him 14.00. Ernest came down.
  - 26 Patty and Sally went with Ernest to Petersburg to spend the day with his kin. Bill cut corn.
  - 27 Mr. Brady brought Sophie Mitchell back. Ernest and Mr. Holman and his wife (Katy Graves) came, and Amy and Blanche Campbell came too. Bill cut corn. Lovely weather. Dick Lacy worked 1 day to-day.
  - 28 Ernest came down – the girls all picked apples. Beautiful weather. Took note to Julia. Bill cut corn ½ day. Some very slight frosts this week.
  - 29 Sunday – Ernest came down and dined. Amy and Blanche Campbell went away. Mr. Howe and Miss Alexina Mitchell of Aurora came to call on Patty and Sally. It rained some and poured down all night.
  - 30 We went to Aurora. Patty, Sally and Isabella went to Cin. on their way to St. Paul. Joe drove spring wagon. Bill road wagon with trunks &c. It was wet and misted rain some times after we started about 10 a.m. Went to McHenry's and got flooring for Joe's house, and got it wrong.

## OCTOBER

- 1 Settled with Joe West. Since our last settlement Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1888 Joe has worked including extra time allowed 250 days which at .75 a day comes to 187.50, then for his fodder I bought 1.20 it comes to 188.70. The cash orders and sundries come to 139.54 not including his coal orders which come to 12.43. This brings what he has received to 151.97. I paid him in full and 7.43 over which he now owes me. I took Aunt Eliza to Bellevue on her way home. Bill cut corn. Sophie and I went to Ernest's after the cider mill baskets. Got letter from Patty from Cin. Dick Lacy cut corn.
- 2 Joe didn't work. He and Mrs. West went to Rising Sun. Sophie and I went to night meeting. Bill cut corn. Mr. Hunt began to make cider. Dick Lacy cut corn.
- 3 Went to Aurora to see Mr. McHenry and get the flooring changed. Joe took the lumber in wagon. Beautiful day and warm. Lily came over. Bill and Dick Lacy cut corn. Dick ½ day.

- 4 Bill and Joe shucked shock corn in rye field till noon for feed. Bill only worked ½ day. Joe then went to get the apples Mr. Nolan picked on shares and hauled to Bellevue 3 barrels for Amy Campbell – and I sent her postal. I think Dick Lacy worked after dinner helping about apples and cutting corn. Old Mr. Lacy had been cutting corn by the shock 51 shocks and I paid him in full 2.55. Mr. Ben Corbin came and got 200 bricks and paid me for them 1.50. Mr. Albert Kelly came and settled for the apples. He said he got 130 barrels in all, 54 at .35 a barrel came to 18.90 and 76 at .40 a barrel to 30.40 total 49.30 which he paid me in full. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder came to see about apples. Mr. Hunt finished making me 3 barrels cider. I went to Doll Walton's about his hogs. Joe had a dance last night. I went to Bellevue – took letter and picture to Harriet – and letter from Fan to Patty. Settled with Wm. Lacy for the first time since he set in to work March 1888. His days work came to 393 ½ which at .75 makes \$295.13. By my book his cash orders & sundries come to 254.52 which taken from the amount due him leaves 40.61. I paid him this in full. If any coal orders additional are found he is to pay them – also I let him off his pasture on the old mare he gave Lewis – fool like. Dick Lacy worked 3 days this week.
- 5 Sophie and I went to Burlington to Hilda's – a beautiful day. Only Joe worked ½ day for me. Got letter from Sally.
- 6 Sunday - Cora's uncle came for her and she left. I paid her 5.00 in presence of Aunt Susan and she wants me to pay the balance 5.00 to Aunt Susan after a while. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to call. Chilly gloomy day.
- 7 Cold – 30 degrees at sunrise – ice at cisterns. I went to Rising Sun. Put in P.O. there letter to buddy on business, and letter to Sue and little package for Patty. The men finished cutting corn in rye field and dug the potatoes in garden. Joe, Bill, and Dick Lacy worked.
- 8 Cold again 30 degrees at 6 a.m. Killing frost for two nights – gourd, tomato and pepper plants killed. Sophie Mitchell went away. I took her to Erlanger and put her on the 2.40 train. Joe drove the wagon. I stopped to call at Hilda's. Bill and his Dick worked and they put the cider in the cellar and replaced other barrels – then gathered and hauled the potatoes and put them in the cellar.
- 9 Had the cattle and horses changed into the pasture beyond Middle Creek. Dick attended to the calf. Then the men hauled hay from cherry hill and helped Dick move some tobacco hung in the way. I took old July down and Mr. Grand shod her. Got letters from Julia of yesterday's mail and from Patty, Sally and Mr. Graham and Blanche Campbell. Ernest and Lily and Katy came. Katy and I went to church at night. Dick finished putting in wheat. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked. Pleasant day, not so cold. Took letter to Sally.
- 10 Warmer – lovely day 36 degrees at sunup. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked – they hauled the rest of the hay off cherry hill and then Joe mended coupling pole and the others hauled straw into the lane. Dick Loudon was digging his potatoes in the garden. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Mr. Graham – got one from Amy.
- 11 Like a return of summer – hot and dusty. Went to Bellevue - Got letter from brother Charlie with draft on N. York for four hundred dollars which he lends me to get ready to go on – and enclosing receipt for me to sign. I have signed it and directed it to buddy, and inclosed it with a letter. Mr. L. Snyder came and got 20 bricks and Mr. W. W. Grant got \_\_\_\_\_. No one worked for me.
- 12 Sent by Mr. Blythe to Bellevue letter to buddy inclosing receipt for draft – also one to Patty. Dick Lacy worked 4 days. Didn't write in this again till 18<sup>th</sup>. Went to Aurora. Joe drove the wagon. Went to the \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Aurora and got Mr. Davis to cash the draft brother

Charlie sent me (see 11<sup>th</sup>). I took \$150. and left the \$250. in bank and Mr. Davis gave me a certificate of deposit. It rained hard, with thunder and lightning. I went to Cin. It rained in hard showers and was warm. I went out to Julia's and stayed all night.

- 13 Sunday – Rained in the morning and turned colder and unpleasant. Julia took me to see Mary and her children.
- 14 I went in town shopping &c. to see Amy and to the Art Museum to see Miss Enid Yandell's statue. Stayed with Julia. The men said they didn't work Nancy cow.
- 15 Came in with Julia – finished my business in town and came down on the 4 o'clock train and on to Burlington – stayed all night at Hilda's. The men Joe and Bill said they helped Charlie Burns put the floor in Joe's house.
- 16 Mr. Brady brought me home. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty, two from Sally, from Sue and Sophie. Went to see Lily. The men worked for themselves getting apples.
- 17 Sent Joe to Burlington for my trunk. Bill and Dick got some apples for me then they all hauled manure out of stalls. Mr. Dave Snyder paid me 1.65 for some apples he had bought and 1.25 for some Genetan apples. I let Dick have \$30.00 to be paid out of his crop. Went to Bellevue – took letter to Sally. Mr. Rowland came to get the dead walnut tree by the kitchen that he had bought. I sold him in the woods back of the pear orchard 1<sup>st</sup> tree \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> tree (crooked) 8.00 3<sup>rd</sup> tree \$15. 4<sup>th</sup> tree 18. if sound 10. if not and if only a little hollow the difference to be divided – to be paid for and taken away the last of next week.
- 18 Lily was here. Joe and Bill took Cherry to Mr. Brady's – then got some corn out of bottom field and then hauled out manure and fixed eaves troughs at Bill's. I paid Dick Lacy 1.00. It has been warm lovely weather since I got home. I got postal from Mrs. Newman. Dick Lacy worked ½ days this week.
- 19 Sent by Mr. Blythe letters to T-D and Julia. Lily was here. Ernest came this evening. No one worked for me. Lovely warm day.
- 20 Sunday – Warm day – very smoky. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and dined. Went to the funeral of Bob and Bell Clore's little daughter Kitty – who died of diphtheria and was buried in the Bellevue graveyard.
- 21 Lily came over – Still smoky but not so much so. Sent note to Mrs. Newman. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty and Express notice – also note from Mr. Brady by hand. Joe, Bill and Dick Lacy worked. Joe hauled manure out of yard and they cleaned kitchen cistern – put bricks in cellar.
- 22 Was raining hard before day and rained all day long. Joe and Bill put in the time I think – they took up lumber on cherry hill picked up tobacco sticks in wine house &c. Then Joe went to Bellevue and got horses shod by Mr. Birkle and Bill sorted potatoes. It was a cold disagreeable rain and the leaves fell off in quantities.
- 23 Bright and clear. Lily was here. Mr. Brady and Mr. Lassing came down to attend to getting an insurance for this house. I told Mr. Lassing to get it insured for \$2500 and I would send him the money for it. Mr. Brady also brought the tax list for me. Sent my steer to Mr. Jim Rogers – he had left word he would give me 25. for it. Joe and Bill worked – took the steer away &c. and Joe hauled lumber on the place. Bill pulled and hauled cockle burs &c. I went to Mr. Clore's and paid him 15.00 for the 20 bushels of seed wheat I got from him. Sent letter to Patty and got one from her.
- 24 Cloudy and raw but cleared off. I went to Aurora. Went to Bank. Sent Patty a box with a dozen jars or cans of jam and her jacket she lost at Big Bone. Got my dress from Miss Donegan. Joe drove the wagon – and emptied barrel for cider when he came home. I went to

Bellevue – got Patty’s bill for Outing – got from brother Charlie an application for passport to be sent to Sec. State Washington. Bill pulled and hauled burs.

- 25 Settled with Dick Lacy in full. He had worked since our settlement in Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 10 ½ days which came to 5.25. I had paid him 1.00 – so now paid him 4.25. + Mr. James Rogers sent me by his son Ally \$25. for the steer – (see 23<sup>rd</sup>). I went to Burlington – to the clerk’s office and got the Deputy to sign and seal the application for passport and Mr. S. A. Brady to sign it. Put it in the P.O. at Burlington addressed to Sec. of State. Wash. Dined with Hilda. Lily was here. It was a very disagreeable day – chilly and raining. Bill cut briers till it rained – then sorted potatoes.
- 26 No one worked for me – cloudy and rained a little. Got letter from Patty. Lily was here.
- 27 Sunday – Cloudy – misting rain sometimes. Alone all day.
- 28 Mr. Roland the walnut timber man came to begin getting his trees. He cut one tree, the 4<sup>th</sup> one (see 17<sup>th</sup>) and finding it partly hollow allowed me 14. for it. I sold him another tree just below Jake’s old garden for 12. and he paid me for all 20. – 8. – 15. – 14. – 12. - \$69. I went to Mike Corbin and gave him \$70. to be credited on my bill. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Sally Mallory, postal from Sue, and Sally’s passport from Washington. I sent this morning letters to Cousin Tom Flandrau, brother Charlie and Patty. Lily came. I went to Ernest’s to see his cousins Miss Ramys from N. Orleans. Ras Rice bought some apples, paid me 2.50 for 25 bus. down apples. Joe Mauer bought 13 – paid me 1.30. Joe and Bill said they worked setting gate post and hanging gate.
- 29 Set Joe to hauling coal – he hauled two loads for me – bushels. Sent by him letters to Sue and Patty. Got letter from Julia. Lily was here. Susie Rice came too. Mr. Rowland paid me 2.40 for 24 bushels down apples. Bill burnt cockle burs, fixed fence in big pasture and cut briers. Sunless raw disagreeable day. Joe hauled one load of coal for himself.
- 30 Frost this morning 35 degrees at sunrise. Turned warmer and showery – raining at night. Sent letter to Sally care Miss Donegan and to Julia. Went to Bellevue. Got my passport from State Department – signed by James G. Blaine. Lily was here. Joe hauled me another load of coal – then hauled rails. Bill ----- Sold apples to people 1.00 Mrs. Bachelor and Smith boy.
- 31 Warm as spring and cloudy. Lily and I went to Rising Sun. I went to call on Miss Myra McConnell and Alice Powell. I pd. Mr. Elliott 2.00 for coal to be delivered to Aunt Eliza. Paid Charlie Burns’s wife 1.25 for his work (see 15<sup>th</sup>). Paid W. W. Grant’s bill. Got letter from Sarah. Lily came home with me and Ernest came. Joe and Bill shucked corn out of shocks in rye field.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Joe and Bill shucked corn I think – it was very warm. Sally came home on the boat at night. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Got letter from Cousin Mary Goodrich, and note from J. M. Lassing.
- 2 I went to Bellevue to see Mike Corbin about my account. Paid him \$100. on it and arranged with him to let the hands have some things during my absence &c. It rained in the night and during the day. I sent postal to buddy – notes to Julia Miss Donegan. Got letters from Sue and Cousin Harvey. No one worked for me. Settled with Aunt Susan Payne my cook – in full up to Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Also paid her in full the balance due Cora see Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Had bought for Cora flannel 1.20 and pd. Aunt Susan for her 3.80 Aunt Susan’s balance I paid her was 28.85. Sent by Mr. Blythe note to Mr. Brady with 10. for insurance.

- 3 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came down and dined. Ernest dined here too. I sent by Hilda letter to Sue. Bright pretty day.
- 4 In regard to my Insurance – Mr. J. M. Lassing of Burlington came down with Mr. Brady to see about insuring my house Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and then he sent me a letter which I sent to Mr. Brady last Saturday – and he went to see Mr. Lassing. Mr. Lassing agreed to insure my house in the same Philadelphia Co. in which Mr. Brady is insured, for \$2500. and for five years. I gave him \$20. and am to pay another \$20. at the end of a year from that time, and that is to keep it insured for the five years. Mr. S. P. Brady is witness to it all and the policy is to be left in the Burlington Bank for me.
- 5 Sally and I left home early in the morning via Erlanger for Cin. Julia came in to meet us and we went out to supper there and she sent us in to the train. We left about 8 P.M. for New York via Pittsburg and Philadelphia. A lovely bright day.
- 6 A beautiful bright day and we saw some fine mountain scenery – also saw Johnstown. Got to Jersey City at night where John Riddle met us and took us to the Brevart House.
- 7 Sue got to N.Y. and stayed with us. We went around with John while he and Sally attended to the business preparing for the journey. Went to Ex. Co. and saw cousin Willie D. and to call on his mother but didn't see her. A bright pretty day.
- 8 Rainy day – Sally and I went to see Cousin Augusta and also saw Clarence and went with John to see Jefferson in The Rivals at night. Sue left. Late at night we went on board the French Str. La Champagne for Havre.
- 18 After a very disagreeable passage we landed at Havre and came on via Rouen to Paris – got here about 3 P.M. to Hotel Maurice.
- 19 We went to the bankers and took a long walk. Yesterday was foggy and cold and weather very disagreeable.
- 20 Miss Enid Yandell came to see us and then went with us to the Louvre. We saw the Venus de Milo and the Immaculate Conception of Murillo and others of all sorts and sizes. Sally and I went to the Bon Marche. Weather still cold and foggy.
- 21 An improvement in weather – the sun came out part of the day. Sally and I went to take a drive in the Bois de Boulogne and to the Eiffel Tower and to see the tomb of Napoleon in the Dome of the Invalides. We also went to a dressmaker's.
- 22 Cold day but partly bright. Sally and I went to order her shoes and to try on my dress and hers, and to see the outside of the Madeleine and to see the flower market. We also went to see the Tour de St. Jacques and the Hotel de Ville and to Notre Dame. We went into the cathedral and also up on the towers and to see the bells. I got letter from cousin Tom Flandrau and sent one to Hilda.
- 23 Pleasantest, warmest day since we came. We went to the dressmaker's then to the Jardin des Plantes by steamboat. At the garden I saw among other things cedars of Lebanon Paulownia Imp. Cocoa Palm – East Indian Sugar cane, banana in bloom and bearing green fruit &c. Also saw the outside of Notre Dame and Hotel Dieu.
- 24 Sunday – We went to hear mass at the Madeleine and then to the Louvre. It turned cold and rained.
- 25 Rainy and not so cold. We went to see the Palais royal and stores. We got letters. I got one from Patty and Sally got letter from Bishop Whipple with letters of introduction.
- 26 Sally and I went to her tailor's and then to the Luxembourg Palace to see the modern statuary and painting – it rained a little this evening.

- 27 Raining this morning but cleared off and towards sundown snowed a little – very disagreeable weather. We went to the dressmaker’s – then to Pere Lachaise – back by the prison de les Rognette – then across the river to the Bon Marche. Mrs. Goodrich of St. Paul and her brother called to see Sally and me.
- 28 This is Thanksgiving day but we didn’t know it till late this evening. It was brighter than usual to-day – the sun came out in the morning. We went with Sally’s friends to the photographer’s and then to the bankers and some stores. Got letter from Hilda and Mr. B. of the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 29 Rather brighter and pleasanter. We went to the dressmaker’s and to the Magasins du Louvre and afterwards to Passy. Here we went to the Convent de l’Assumption to see Mrs. Goodrich of St. Paul. Sister Theresa showed us the garden chapel cloisters paintings &c. She was in a habit of violet with a white cross and a white linen round the face and a veil of ivory white that hung down behind. She told us that the place was one where the author and statesman Thiers used to live – and that Napoleon used to visit there and pointed out to us the room where he used to say. She showed us a beautiful weeping beech that was planted by Queen Hortense. The garden was large and beautiful and there was an ancient ivy grown tower at one end of the buildings and a pond in the garden. She also said the place was once occupied by Rachel. On the way there we passed Rue Franklin. Sister Theresa said the order began there only 50 years ago and now there are 25 houses of the sisters. She was a sweet agreeable lady with lovely manners, and treated us with the greatest kindness.
- 30 Sally went to get her photograph taken at Nadar’s – and we went shopping and way across the river to the Bon Marche. It was cold but brighter. We went to the banker’s and I got letter from Julia.

[The following notes were discovered between pages Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, 1889]

#### Whooping – cough

A specific for whooping cough is a tea made of the dried blossoms of red clover. They should be dried in the shade. Steep a handful in a pint of water and drink a wineglassful 3 times a day. Co. Gen. Dec. 15.

1889

May 24 Patsy cow had red b. calf named it Victor.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Nancy’s daughter had heifer calf red with some white named it Juno.

August 11 Red heifer with short broken horn had calf – b. calf red with white round spot in forehead.

Oct. 14 Nancy cow

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1887 Nancy cow

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1888 Siegra (Jersey grade)

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Nancy cow

March 1<sup>st</sup> Louly

March 19 Siegra

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1888 Cherry had red h. calf named May

May 29 1888 Hilda had twin b. calves red with some white spots, named Alex and Bob. Sold them to Bob Brady.

July 14 Joe found Katy G. with a red heifer calf – named it Fanny

Aug. 13 Patsy cow.



Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy has a red heifer calf  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Louly had red heifer calf with white star in her forehead – named it Pink.  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Siegra has a red b. calf named it Christmas Gift  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1889 Cherry  
March 5<sup>th</sup> Louly  
March 16<sup>th</sup> found young cow with red spotted b. calf  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Katy  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy  
    3<sup>rd</sup> Hilda  
    5<sup>th</sup> Siegra

1887

Mrs. Coons began to work for me Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> left Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs. Britton began to work Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1888 Mrs. Britton left Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs. Coons came back Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Coons left Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Aunt Susan came Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.  
March 26 got her calico 1.00  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> paid her 9.50  
Had a settlement Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> with Aunt Susan Payne. She and I settled in full April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Since then up to Tuesday Nov. 27 she had worked 34 weeks- her wages at 1.50 coming to 51.00. She had drawn up to that time and including 1/00 pd. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 8.17 which left me owing her 42.83. + I then paid her 7.00. Her work is now to be counted up from Nov. 27. and I owe her 35.83.

1889

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> shippers .65 – 15<sup>th</sup> goods 1.28 Jan. 15 1.00.  
Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00 Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> \$45.15 Dec. 22 2.15  
April 14<sup>th</sup> .60 May 13<sup>th</sup> .15 May 24<sup>th</sup> 15.00 May 27<sup>th</sup> 1.60 June 16<sup>th</sup> .25 June 18<sup>th</sup> 2.50 Hat .25  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> calico 1.26 goods .23

Lorena

1

The years creep slowly by Lorena  
    The snow is on the grass again  
The sun's low down the sky Lorena  
    The frost gleams where the flow'rs have been  
But the heart throbs on as warmly now  
    As when the summer days were nigh  
Oh, the sun can never dip so low  
    Adown affection's cloudless sky.

2

A hundred months have passed Lorena  
    Since last I held that hand in mine  
And felt that pulse beat fast Lorena  
    Tho' mine beat faster far than thine  
A hundred months – 'twas flow'ry May

When up the hilly slope we climbed  
To watch the dying of the day  
And hear the distant church bells chimed

3

We loved each other then Lorena  
More than we ever dared to tell  
And what we might have been Lorena  
Had but our lovings prospered well  
But then 'tis past – the years are gone  
I'll not call up their shadowy forms

.....  
I'll say to them 'lost years sleep on'  
Sleep on, now heed life's pelting storms

6

It matters little now Lorena  
The past – is in the eternal Past  
Our heads will soon lie low Lorena  
Life's tide is ebbing out so fast.  
There is a Future! Oh thank God,  
Of life this is so small a part  
'Tis dust to dust beneath the sod  
But there, up there 'tis heart to heart.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Sunday – Coldest day, but brighter. We went to hear high mass at two churches, St. Roch at 10 A.M. and St. Sulpice at 3 P.M. Heard a sermon in french at the first church.
- 2 Colder yet. Stayed in the house with Sally nearly all day. Wrote and put in P.O. box letters to brother Charlie and to the three banks, in Washington and Georgetown. Also sent letter to Mr. Armstrong and the letter Clarence gave me to Mr. Charles LeGay, 24 rue Bociador. Didn't write in this till Thursday night.
- 3 We went to the Pantheon and to see the tombs of Victor Hugo and other celebrities. It was still cold. In the evening we went with Mrs. Goodrich, her sister Mrs. de la Harran and their brother to the Gymnase to see La Lutte pour la Vie by Dandet. Mr. Le Gay called while we were gone.
- 4 Sally's birthday. My little baby is now 23 years Lord love her. It was a bright pretty winter day. We went to see the Musee and ruins of Cluny and the churches of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Germain des pres. We also went to the Grand Opera to see L'Africaine. Mr. Le Gay called again – among other things told us people were skating in the Bois.
- 5 Cold sunless winter day. We went by invitation to take lunch with Mrs. Le Gay. Mrs. G. came to call. I put in P. O. box letter to Sarah.
- 6 Cold but bright. We went shopping and to the Louvre.
- 7 Cold cloudy and raw and after 3 P.M. snowed hard. We went by rail to Versailles starting from the station by which we entered Paris, Gare St. Lazare (de l'Ouest) – at 10:30 A.M. spent the day at Versailles and went first through the grounds and then through the palace –

having an excellent guide saw a great deal. It was bitter cold going about in the grounds and people were skating on the canal.

- 8 Sunday – only a skim of snow but very foggy and dark and cold. The thermometer is not low for the snow melts on the sidewalks but the cold is damp penetrating and very disagreeable. Wrote and put in letter box a letter to Hilda. With the exception of taking a walk we stayed in.
- 9 We went to tell Mrs. Le Gay goodbye and made our arrangements to leave. It rained a little and was cold and unpleasant.
- 10 Tuesday – We left Paris on the train about 8.50. It seemed to get colder and before we got to Dijon and all round there was snow on the hills and mountains and skims of snow on the lower grounds. We came through Lyons and on to Marseilles where we arrived about one o'clock in the night. We went to the Grand Hotel de Marseilles.
- 11 We spent the day driving round sight-seeing in Marseilles – began at the church of Notre Dame de la Garde and went the rounds – saw the harbor shipping – monuments places, churches parks &c. and came back by the sea on the Corniche road. Magnificent views everywhere.
- 12 Left Marseilles about 10 A.M. and came via Toulon and Cannes to Nice where we arrived before 5 P.M. Came to Hotel Grande Bretagne, which is situated just opposite the Jardin Public, near the sea. Very fine views all the way to Nice of sea and islands, mountains, valleys, olive orchards, orange orchards &c. The sea was actually blue when we got here.
- 13 We slept late and spent most of the day walking on the Promenade des Anglais looking at the sea.
- 14 We went to Castle Hill and climbed up and down in the beautiful garden and enjoyed the fine sea and mountain views – but it was rather cloudy and chilly.
- 15 Sunday – A cloudy day and colder – not so pleasant. We walked by the sea and took a street car ride and then walked out by the station to see the fine eucalyptus trees.
- 16 Bright and warmer. we drove along the road by the sea to Villefranche and Beaulieu. Everything looked lovely. Orange trees full of fruit, Mezpiles (?) plums full of bloom, roses, geraniums, and various flowers blooming all along the way and the sky and sea both blue. We also took a long walk and went to the end of the street car route.
- 17 We went to Monte Carlo in the breach via Villefranche, Beaulieu, and Monaco. It was a beautiful bright day and the sea and sky and all the scenery were lovely. The gardens at Monte Carlo were also beautiful. We went to the Casino to see the people gamble – saw plenty of them at it, ladies as well as men making the money fly. Found letters when we got back from Patty and Ernest.
- 18 Lovely bright day. Sally and I went to Villa Bermond where Nicholas of Russia died in 1865. She met some acquaintances from St. Paul. Got tickets for Naples to leave tomorrow.
- 19 Left Nice on the 8.20 A.M. train. At Ventriniglia the frontier town of Italy we had to stop and have the trunks taken through the custom house. Then we went along the Riviera to Genoa, where we stopped and stayed all night at the Grand Hotel de Genes. This was a bright beautiful day and the sea was blue and scenery lovely. We got to Genoa about 6.30 P.M.
- 20 We spent sight-seeing in Genoa. Went to the Campo Santo a wonderful cemetery – then to a very fine church of the Annunciation and the port and views from the heights out on the gulf – the monument to Columbus, public gardens &c.

- 21 The day my beloved father died Lord love his soul. It rained a little. We left Genoa about 1 as the train was late. We came through Pisa to Rome where we arrived between 1 and 2 in the night – stayed at Hotel de l'Italie. It was very cold and disagreeable.
- 22 Sunday – About 12 we left for Naples and got here about 7.30 in the evening. Came to the Bristol Hotel. It was not so cold but it was cloudy and the sea was not blue as we came along.
- 23 It was sunny today but misty all along the sea and mountains. We saw Vesuvius smoking this morning. Went to the public garden and to walk on the promenade by the sea.
- 24 Christmas eve. It is seventeen years since my dear father was buried. Lord love his soul. A bright day rather cool – but the sky is cloudy and the sea and capes and islands misty still. We took a ride in the dummy car and then a long drive through the most well built and finest streets and by the port and sea shore – and saw a great crowd everywhere. Went to the Cathedral of St. Januarius (S. Genuaro) a splendid church inside though not worth seeing outside. In the crypt on the right hand side as we entered I saw among other reliefs on marble a pelican with her brood under her.
- 25 Christmas day. We went to hear high mass at the Cathedral (S. Genuaro) this morning. A cardinal, lots of bishops and priests, fine music and everything in great style. Then we walked in the Toledo to see the crowd and drove back again. It was cloudy and chilly and rained to-night. Yesterday and to-day the town has been like 4<sup>th</sup> of July – an incessant firing of guns, cannons &c.
- 26 Rainy gloomy day. We drove and walked round in the mud – went to the banker's but didn't get any letters. Went to see the church of St. Francesco de Paola, built in imitation of the pantheon, in which the royal family are buried – not an interesting church.
- 27 Poured down rain all day – in torrents at times, with lightning thunder and some hail. We couldn't leave the house and passed a dull gloomy day in the hotel.
- 28 Another rainy day – We went to the banker's and came home in a hard rain. Afterwards we went to the Aquarium the finest in the world and saw some of the wonders of the deep – after we came back it rained hard again.
- 29 Sunday – Another rainy day. Sally didn't feel very well and we stayed in the hotel all day.
- 30 The weather showing signs of improvement and our being weary of doing nothing in the way of sight-seeing we started on an excursion – and drove by the way of a tunnel they call the Grotto di Posilipo to that little place. We saw Bagnoli, the Island of Nisida – the Solfatara a crater, the temple of Serafins – Monte Nuovo, Lacus Lucrimus, Pozznoli where St. Paul stayed 7 days, Baja – ruins of what they call the temples of Diana and Venus and another they call the temple of Mercury where there is a remarkable echo and telephone arrangement in the walls, and where peasant women danced the tarantella. We also saw the castle of Baja from the outside – and the prisons of Nero where Agrippina was imprisoned the guide said. We went to the Piscina Mirabilis a Roman reservoir of the Julian Aqueduct and to the top of a cottage near there for a view. We saw the bays and islands including Procida and Ischia. The bay was actually blue occasionally for the first time since we saw it. We then went to Lacus Avernus and the Grotto d'Averno where the Styx is. On the way back we stopped to see the Amphitheatre where under Diocletian St. Januarius was thrown to the wild beasts which refused to eat him. It sprinkled on the way back.
- 31 We spent hours in the Museo where we saw the Farnese collection, the paintings and all sorts of curiosities from Pompeii and more things of all varieties than one could imagine. We went down town afterwards and I got a letter from Patty. Of course it rained in the evening.