

## JANUARY

- 1 + Went to Petersburg (sic) to the funeral of Mrs. Longmore. Katy Arnold went with me. We went to Miss Lou's first and after the funeral went to dine at Dr. Grant's. It was a rainy day – muddy disagreeable – but not cold. I met Mr. Wood Sullivan who paid me 1.00 for shed room for tobacco. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Sally, Cousin Tom F. and T-D.
- 2 Very disagreeable day 36 degrees at sunrise but turned colder, was cloudy and a little fine snow fell occasionally. I walked to Bellevue, took letters to Mrs. Brown, Fanny Gibbon and Cousin Belle. Got letters from Patty, Cousin Rebecca, buddy and Mr. Clarence W. Bowen N. York about grandpa's picture. No one worked for me. + Mike Corbin paid me 11.92 that Mr. Conner left for the turkeys, (see Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 3 Another disagreeable gloomy day. Walked to Bellevue this morning – took letters to Mr. Clarence W. Bowen and to T-D. Stayed at Betty's till the mail came. + Gave Mr. Kelly 2.00 to pay Mr. Riddell for the Boone Co. Recorder for this year and to have the place posted. Went to salt sheep and found one ewe dead and Joe said he saw another down to die.
- 4 Sunday – disagreeable, rather cold gloomy and trying to snow sometimes. Went to dine with Ernest and Lily. The river was so high it was over in some low places in Indiana.
- 5 Bright pleasant day. Joe and Dick hauled some fodder – then Joe went to see about the sheep. We found another ewe dead. + One of my young heifers had a calf yesterday Joe said – we found that ----- . Went to Bellevue – got letter from Patty. + Sent her telegram by Mr. Jim Smith to meet me Friday in Chicago. + Got letter from Nat. Bk. of Washington with draft for Jan. dividend \$75.00 also one from Farmers & Mechanic's Bk. for \$28.00 and one from Natl. Met. Bk. for \$8.00 total \$111. + Put in the office letter for Heyn & Bro. Rising Sun with 4.00 to pay for some goods I got. Maggie Kelly saw me put it in. Sent letters to Hilda, Mary Cochran and Sally Mallory.
- 6 + Went to Burlington. Got Mr. Revill to cash my two first drafts – got \$112.75. Got Mr. Revill as witness to sign my voting power of atty. for Farmers' & Mechanic's Bk. inclosed it in letter acknowledging draft and sent it from Burlington P.O. also note to Julia. Gave Mr. Ryle another telegram to Patty to get Mr. Finnel to send. Got letter from Sarah. Katy came and dined with me. Right cold this morning but turned pleasanter.
- 7 Got ready to leave home. Joe worked. He hauled fodder – fixed box for me &c.
- 8 + Went to Erlanger and Cin. Joe drove the wagon. Julia met me in Cin.. took me out to her home to dine and brought me back to the depot. I got on the cars for Chicago. Bright day rather cold.
- 9 Got to Chicago. Patty met me at depot and I went with her to the Hotel Richelieu. We left Chicago about 5 p.m. Mrs. Furness was with us.
- 10 Got to St. Paul between 7 & 8 A. M. Til met us and took us to brother Charlie's. Went up to see Isabella. Got letter from Dr. Raymond.
- 11 Sunday – Patty and Til dined at buddy's with us.

- 12 + Went to buddy's and he gave me out of my interest money a check for \$100.00. Went with Sally to bank and got it cashed. + Broke out a tooth and went to see Dr. Bigelow about it.
- 13 + Went with Sally to take French lesson from Mr. Ventura. Went to Patty's and got letter from Sally Mallory. Dined at Patty's this evening. Went to dentist's. Pleasant day but turned cold.
- 14 Went and bought my sealskin jacket – paid \$100. for it. Went to dentist's and had my tooth replaced paid him 18.00. Got letter from S. Dinsmoor.
- 15 Patty and Til lunched here and we all went down town together. Patty and I went to see Sally's wedding dress tried on. Cold but bright.
- 16 Sally and I went to the French class again. We went to the theatre with Mr. Cutcheon.
- 17 Mrs. Furness came and we all went to Patty's together. We went to an afternoon tea at Mrs. Clark's. After that we went at night out to the town and country club where Ignatius Donnelly made a speech &c. Warm pleasant weather for winter.
- 18 Sunday – Wrote and posted letter to Silas Dinsmore about the children's business. Went to hear band music with Sally and Mr. Cutcheon. Patty, Til and Isabella came to dinner. Bright spring-like day. Wrote and gave Mr. Cutcheon to post letter to Katy.
- 19 Went to Patty's and stayed till time to go to Mrs. Furness's to lunch with Cousin Rebecca and Patty. Walked with Patty down town.
- 20 Sally and I went to the French lesson and then to see Mrs. Thompson. Sally and I went shopping to get linen.
- 21 Went with Sally to Bank and got my check for 8.00 cashed (see 5<sup>th</sup>). Paid Field, Mahler & Co. for linen 118.28. Sally went to Minneapolis to Mr. Lowry's dinner and stayed all night. Cousin Rebecca and I went out to Louly Maxfield's to see the Gibson's.
- 22 Didn't go anywhere – stayed home and sewed. Got letter from Mr. Bowen about photograph.
- 23 Snowed a little during the night and in the morning. Went with Sally to French class, and to Patty's and then to a lunch at Mrs. Matilda Auerbach's. Put in box letter to Mr. Bowen.
- 24 Colder this morning and bright. Got letter from Hilda. Sally and I went down town. + I got from brother Charlie a check for \$150. and got it cashed at the bank. A bright beautiful day. Dined at Patty's.
- 25 Sunday – Mrs. Gibson and Mary and Joe Humphreys came. Patty dined here.
- 26 Sent by Julia letter to Hilda. She and Isabella and Patty came. Snowed a little to-day. Got letter from Ruth F[landrau].
- 27 Went alone to French class. Went to Patty's. Went to theatre to see Joe Jefferson in 'The Heir at Law' with Mr. Cutcheon. Went with Mrs. Hall to musicale. Snowed.
- 28 Went to matinee with Sally and Mr. Cutcheon to see Joe Jefferson in The Rivoli. Got letter from Katy about home.
- 29 Haven't written in this much this week and can't get things straight. Went with Cousin Rebecca to day concert. Got letter from Harriet Young.
- 30 Perfectly beautiful day – almost spring-like and snow enough for sleighing. Went alone to French lesson. Went to Patty's. Saw Joe there. Mrs. Furness came and took me sleigh riding and out to Louly Maxfield's where Patty and Sally and I took lunch. Went with Cousin Rebecca to dine at Mr. Squires's.

- 31 Snowed a little a little in the morning and snowed again at night. Went with Sally and Mr. Cutcheon to see Agnes Huntington in Paul Jones. It has snowed off and on several times this week and though it has been very mild most of the time it turned colder this evening.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Sunday – Bright but colder. It was 10 degrees below 0 this morning at 10. Went with Sally and Cousin R. to the house where Mr. C. and Sally expect to live and to Patty's and then Patty and the rest came to buddy's. There was fine sleighing to-day and a sky as blue as summer. + Didn't write in this again till Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and can't get things very straight.
- 2 Bitter cold. Went to call on Mrs. Squires and went down town – got home very cold.
- 3 Still very cold. Went to French lesson and to call on Mrs. Furness. Sally went to stay all night with Patty.
- 4 Fortunately began to moderate. The Cutcheons, Gen. and Mrs. Cutcheon arrived at Patty's. I went up to call on the Cutcheons and lunched with them. Had my trunks moved up to Patty's from buddy's but stayed all night with Sally. Got letter from Harriet Young one day this week.
- 5 Thursday – My precious own's wedding day. I went up to Patty's to stay with Mrs. Cutcheon while Patty went to her father's. About 6 P.M. the wedding took place. Sarah Gibson Flandrau and Frank W. M. Cutcheon were married by Rt. Rev. N. M. Gilbert, Ass. Bishop of Minn. in the presence of the following witnesses. Charles E. Flandrau her father, and his wife Mrs. Rebecca McClure Flandrau, Patty M. F. Selmes and Tilden R. Selmes, Isabella Dinsmore Selmes, who was little maid of honor, myself Julia S. Dinsmore, Charles Macomb Flandrau and Wm. Blair McClure Flandrau her half brothers, Gen. Byron M. Cutcheon and his wife Mrs. Marie A. Cutcheon the parents of the bridegroom, Mrs. Alice Bigelow Allen of Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Fielder Bowie Chew now of Duluth a friend of brother Charlie's who was staying in the house. Also the following Julia Loving and Tilly Johnson, Patty's maids and Anna Nickoleit and Martha Benson and Carry Nelson Cousin Rebecca Flandrau's maids. Sally was dressed in white satin with tulle over it a tulle veil, and carried two very large bouquets of lilies of the valley. There was a large reception after the wedding which lasted till 9 o'clock. Sally and Mr. Cutcheon left on the train before it ended.
- 6 Went to French lesson – stayed with Mrs. Cutcheon most of the time. The Cutcheons left on the night train for Washington. Warmer.
- 7 Went to lunch at Mrs. Hall's – can't remember much about the day but it was mild again. Mr. Chew came to Patty's.
- 8 Sunday – Snowed hard all day – a deep snow by night. We all went to dine at buddy's and then to call at Mrs. Furness's. Got letter from Silas D.
- 9 Got letter from Sally in Chicago. Went with Patty to a large lunch at Mrs. Furness's. Cousin Rebecca there too.
- 10 Went to French lesson. Then went with Patty to make calls and downtown to the stores.
- 11 Fanny's cousin Mrs. Wood and her children came to lunch from the train. Went to the Club to hear Miss Grace Howe deliver an essay on the 'Ideal Club'.

- 12 Went with Cousin Rebecca to Minneapolis to see Mrs. Atwater and Mrs. Buell – and went home with her to dine. Pleasant warm day.
- 13 Maj. Buell called but I did not see him. Went to my last French lesson – paid Mr. Ventura 3.00 for the extra lessons I got besides those Sally gave me of her quarter. Went to luncheon at Mrs. Lamborn's the sister of Bayard Taylor. Went to the Club reception to meet Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott. Maria Morris called but while I was gone. Got letter from Sue yesterday.
- 14 Went to a luncheon at Mrs. Furness's and stopped at buddy's. They read me letters from Sally and I found one from her when I got back – from N.Y. written just before she started to the steamer for Nassau. Warm day, thawing.
- 15 Sunday – Warm as spring. Went to Mrs. Furness's to supper and stopped at buddy's on the way home.
- 16 Snowing hard when I got up and snowed till almost sundown. We all went to Mrs. Bigelow's to dine.
- 17 Snowing hard this morning and continued till noon – then snowed off and on and turned much colder. Charlie was here to dine.
- 18 Sent by Til a letter to Katy Arnold. Colder this morning – some said 7 degrees and some 10 degrees below zero. Patty had a luncheon party. Went with Til and Charlie to the theatre to see 'A Texas Steer'. It moderated during the day.
- 19 Went to luncheon at Mrs. Robertson's. It was milder – snowed heavily after we got home and till late.
- 20 Went calling with Patty and to dine at brother Charlie's – he had been to the funeral of Gen. H. H. Sibley. Got note from Sue inclosing one from Mrs. Brown. Wrote and put in box letter to Mrs. Brown.

## **MARCH**

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- 3 Got to Cin. about 7 A.M.. It was a cold damp foggy day. Cin. at its deadliest full of mist and smoke and black slush snow. Had to wait for the 10.15 train. Came to Erlanger and from there to Burlington in the mail wagon. Sent Patty a postal from the Cin. depot and another from Burlington. Before we got there it began to rain. Joe was waiting for me and I came home in a cold sleety rain that afterwards turned to large wet snow and before night quit. Joe said it began to snow yesterday about 5 P.M. and the ground was covered. Got home about 1 to 2 and found the house all right and servants well as usual for which I am humbly thankful. Joe went down for mail.
- 4 + Mr. George Blythe came and I sold him my wool and lambs on these conditions. I am to reserve 20 choice ewe lambs and he is to give me 3.75 per head for the rest with the privilege of rejecting 5. If these five should be as good as the average he is to pay the same for them as for the rest but if not he will pay the proportionate worth of them if I want him to take them. The wool I sold at 24 cents – burry and fleece-grown 12 cents. It was 18 above 0 at 7 a.m. but went up to 28 degrees and the snow began to melt. I walked to Bellevue – took letters to Patty, Sally and Sue. Went to see Permelia who is sick.
- 5 Colder, 11 degrees above 0 about sunrise. + Gave Dick Loudon an order on Huey for 15.00. Went to Bellevue and to see Katy. Susie Rice came over.

- 6 My birthday – Not so cold 29 degrees about sunrise, very disagreeable, sunless and \_\_\_\_\_. +Dick Loudon came in to see how we stood by our books. From our last settlement July 27<sup>th</sup> 1889 he charged up to date for 82 days work which at .75 comes to 61.50. Then I owed him 67.18 on the wheat money and he cut corn to the amount of 20. for which I paid and charged him, total 148.68. He had received in cash orders and sundries since the settlement 203.55 and to this I added the 6.75 then left due for his half of the plough – total 210.30. Taking the 148.68 from this leaves him owing me 61.62 and besides no amount of the pasture he owes for was taken so we couldn't decide on that and we also forgot that Joe had helped him set tobacco, see June 10<sup>th</sup> 1890, for 5 days. Georgy Loudon brought me the account of the days she said Flave worked during my absence 20 ½ days at .50.
- 7 Didn't write in this till 10<sup>th</sup>. Another disagreeable day. Got letter from Patty.
- 8 Sunday – Milder and after noon it rained a cold disagreeable rain.
- 9 Rode to Bellevue, got letter from Sally saying she expected to get here the 11<sup>th</sup>. Joe hauled hedge brush. Said Flave helped him ½ day.
- 10 Walked to P.O. Sent letter to + Atlee Burpee with 4.00 for garden seeds and letter to Cousin Rebecca. Bright to-day and milder. Joe didn't work this morning, went to Burlington to mill. After dinner he hauled ashes out of yard. I went to see Mrs. Clore who is sick. Didn't write in this till the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 11 +Sally and Frank Cutcheon came on their way home from Nassau N. P. Bahama Islands via New York where they went on their bridal tour. It is good to have my own again and I am humbly thankful. It was a gloomy rather bad day. Joe worked.
- 12 +Daisy was found with a colt[,] mare colt, black with both hind feet barely white. Let Sally name it and she named it Nassau. +Sally, Frank and I went to Ernest Grant's. It was right chilly with a raw wind – we went to Bellevue. The river was over the low places opposite Ernest's.
- 13 When I got up it was snowing hard and there was a deep snow on the ground. About 2 P.M. Sally and her Frank started for Erlanger on their way to St. Paul. Joe drove the wagon. He also worked to-day.
- 14 Dick Loudon came in and said that he had worked 2 ½ days and that Flave had worked 1 day last week and 3 days this. It was cold 16 above 0 about sunrise. Got letter from Julia.
- 15 Sunday – 12 degrees above 0 at 7 A.M. and snow still on the ground.
- 16 Warmer 30 degrees at sunrise and turned warmer during the day and the snow went off fast. I rode to Bellevue – took note to Mr. Whelpley and letter to T-D.
- 17 Bright spring-like day. I heard a turtle dove, heard bees and heard the frogs at different times and the sun was warm. Went to see Miss Frances Botts who is sick. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Sue and Mary C. and my garden seeds from Phil. +Ernest came down and got a load of corn. Joe said he found another ewe dead yesterday. Joe was sawing wood this morning and Flave.
- 18 Warm to-day but not so bright – looks like rain. Heard Miss Frances died last night. Joe at last sowed the rest of the timothy seed on the wheat in the bottom, then he made and burnt a plant bed in the sand field and sowed it. The lowest end is in Cauliflower, the next Jersey Wakefield Cabbage – next B. Hard Head lettuce next B. All-head Early Cabbage.

- 19 Rained a little this morning and was chilly – rained off and on later in the day and harder at night. I went to Mr. Henderson's to the funeral service of Miss Frances Botts. Went to Bellevue this evening – got letter from Patty. Joe and Flave worked putting in clover in the field by the graveyard. Joe said he found another ewe dead. Didn't write in this till the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 20 Friday Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's. It rained off and on and was chilly and very unpleasant. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Patty. Joe fixed the fence between Mr. Arnold's pasture and mine.
- 21 Mr. Mauer came out to trim vines but it rained between 8 and 9 and he went home. Joe and Flave began to put in clover again but had to quit. It rained nearly all day and was cold and very disagreeable.
- 22 Sunday – Isabella's birthday – she is 5 bless her little life. This is Palm Sunday – sunless and gloomy. Ernest and Lily came down and dined. Ernest said his load of corn weighed 18 bus. 16 lbs.
- 23 Sent by Joe letters to Julia, Isabella and to Ellwanger & Barry. He worked ½ day putting in clover with Flave. Dick was cutting briars on cherry hill. Warmer and pleasanter. Mr. Mauer trimmed vineyard.
- 24 Not so pleasant, frost this morning. +Mr. Jake Klopp and his brother Frank came and got 60 bus. corn which at .60 came to 36.00 which they paid. Jim Loudon got a bushel on credit. Mr. Mauer finished grape vines – paid him in full 2.00. Dick helped him during the morning. Joe and Flave put in clover seed.
- 25 Joe and Flave finished putting in clover in the graveyard field – then they hauled a load of corn to the barn and afterwards Joe hauled wood. I told Flave he could cut briars but don't know that he did. Ernest sent and got his other load of corn. It was a gloomy, chilly day. Got a letter from Frank saying Sally was in bed with a sore throat – also letter from Aunt Eliza.
- 26 Poured down rain all day steadily. The creeks over the banks. No one worked.
- 27 Good Friday – Rained almost all day. Joe put in ½ day I think splitting wood and put the canvass on my plant bed. Got letter from Julia in which she said she saw a notice of Cousin Augusta's death in a N. Y. paper. Dick said Flave had worked 5 ¼ days last week and 3 this.
- 28 Joe took Daisy again – put in his ½ day. Ellen went to R. Sun. I took her to McVile – sent by her letters to Sue and Sally. Got letter from Patty. Disagreeable day, chilly and cloudy and misted rain this morning.
- 29 Easter Sunday – Actually bright though there was a skim of ice on a bucket on the gallery this morning. The sun was out most of the day. +Found the first wild flowers – by the look they must have been out Good Friday – but it was too rainy to look for any. Turkey peas and two kinds of weeds I found in bloom – the bees and frogs were out again too. Aunt Eliza came to take Ellen's place for a week.
- 30 Raining again – off and on all day and raw and disagreeable. Joe and Flave hauled manure on the garden when they could.
- 31 Went to Bellevue and took letters to Patty and Sue and Willie Dinsmore. Went again and sent order to Ellwanger and Barry with 4.00 in it for trees – left it with Maggie to have it registered. Gave John Burns an order for my box in the Ex. at Aurora. Joe and Flave hauled manure. Rained last night and early this morning but quit about sunrise.

## APRIL

- 1 For a wonder the sun rose clear and it stayed clear most of the day and didn't rain. Betty Rice came and spent the day with me. Susy R. came over in the morning. Charlie Burns came to see about work. I went to Bellevue twice. The P.O. was changed to John Huey's store. I went to McVile to get the box John Burns brought. + Let Dick have 40 yds. of canvass – 20 yds. of which he is to be charged with, it was 3 ½ cents a yard. Joe and Flave hauled manure on garden.
- 2 Raining of course and rained off and on during the day and harder at night. Joe and Flave and Dick cut and topped locust trees down at the house Dick is to move into - after dinner they cut some dead trees in my yard by the gate. It was a chilly rain day for April.
- 3 Joe and Flave began to work at the dead trees again but the rain stopped them. Joe then took Daisy down to get her shod. After dinner they worked again. It rained blew and even snowed and was a bone-chilling horrible day. I got letter from Cousin Rebecca and two from Sally.
- 4 Dick says Flave worked 4 days this week. Gave Flave an order of 5.50 on Huey. One of the most disagreeable days of the season – a little above freezing at sunrise and cold all day and trying to snow. The roofs were white with snow this morning. Got letters from Patty and Sue. Mrs. Fullilove's little boy came out.
- 5 Sunday – Chilly and windy but some sunshine – turned worse towards night.
- 6 Fresh snow on the roofs – chilly and no sun – Joe worked till noon cutting bushes and grubbing in the yard and hauled a load of wood. Dick and Flave worked till it rained 10 A.M. getting out posts. It snowed hard and rained at the same time and was a cold horrid day.
- 7 Thermometer 32 degrees at sunrise with heavy white frost and mist. Cleared and turned pleasant. Went to McVile and twice to Bellevue. Sent letters to Patty, Hilda and Sally Mallory. Got letter from Sue. Joe, Dick and Flave worked – they hauled some posts laid off fence row, dug post holes and at them grubbed &c. + Jake Anderson got 1 bus. potatoes 1.00 to be paid in work.
- 8 Went to Aurora on the Little Sandy after lumber &c. It was a pleasant day and the sun shone. Joe, Dick and Flave worked at the yard fence and Joe drove the wagon down for the lumber that didn't come. Hilda sent me word she got home yesterday.
- 9 Raining of course – poured down with thunder and lightning. Cleared off so the hands worked after dinner at the fence. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and extra T-D. Joe took the wagon down for lumber and shingles. Little Isaac came up to tell Aunt Eliza that Annie's baby died last night. I found spring beauties and one blood root flower today.
- 10 Rained last night of course. Cleared off so the hands Joe, Dick and Flave worked at the fence cut down dead trees &c. It was bright and pleasant till towards sundown then clouded up and before 7 was raining – rained hard with lightning. + Ernest sent me by Hugh a note with check for 28.25 for corn.
- 11 Dick says he and Flave both worked 4 ½ days this week. They helped Joe with the fence this morning. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Got letter from Sally. Chilly disagreeable day. My beloved sister Belle's birthday – Lord love her sweet soul. +Ellen came back.

- 12 Sunday – Beautiful bright day and warmer. +Aunt Eliza went home. Found anemone flowers and a yellow violet. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 13 Bright day again and warmer. Sent letter to Sally by Dora. Charlie Burns came out and Joe helped him put up eaves troughs &c. at the house Dick is to move to. After dinner Joe and Flave worked at the paling fence. Flave helped me in the morning set out some volunteer fruit trees. I hoed my new strawberries. Dick ploughed sod.
- 14 Rained again of course, last night and this morning but cleared. Joe and Flave worked at the paling – after dinner Joe sawed up old planks for paling – they attended to vinegar too.
- 15 + Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill's. Beautiful bright warm day. Flave sawed paling and then worked in the garden - Joe ploughed a piece in the garden and they planted potatoes. I went to Bellevue – got Ex. postal notice. Dick was ploughing sod ground again.
- 16 Another lovely bright warm day. Joe broke up in the garden, and ploughed asparagus and patch for strawberries. Flave worked in garden and part in spinach radishes onions, peas and beets. Joe [planted] some Surehead cabbage in the plant bed.
- 17 A bright day, very warm, like summer – no fire this evening. Went to Betty Botts's and got some strawberry plants. Went to Bellevue got the trees Ellwanger and Barry sent – 1 Early Purple Cherry, 1 Yellow Spanish, 1 Black Eagle, 1 Bigarean, 1 Seckel, 1 Bartlett and 2 Reas' Quinces. Set out the first three. Flave worked for me in garden and yard. Joe worked for himself. Yesterday sent letter to Sue and one to Ex. Agt. Aurora. Sent buddy the corn and okra seed – sent tester to Patty.
- 18 Another warm day – rained a little this morning but cleared off. +Joe took Patty's May to Mr. Legrand Gaines and left her there – his horse is Oscar Wilde. After his dinner he set out trees. I set out 1 cherry Napoleon Begarreau, 1 Bartlett Pear, 1 Seckel Pear and 2 Rea Quinces. Finished setting out the strawberry plants I got from Mrs. Jim Botts. Flave didn't work. I paid him (by Dick) 12.75. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty and Sally. +Heard whip-poor-wills for the first time this spring.
- 19 Sunday – A summer day bright and beautiful. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. We went to see Mrs. Lucy Rogers.
- 20 Another bright warm day. Joe planted some sweet corn then finished breaking up the garden and began to rake the clover field. Flave worked ½ day for me after dinner – setting out crape myrtles and in the yard. Dick planted potatoes on shares to-day, four bushels or upwards. Joe got corn ready for me to send to mill.
- 21 Only Joe worked for me – he raked clover, helped get cow (Katy) out of the mud and tagged two old lambs. It was warm and bright – there was a threatened storm that went round. Flave went to mill. Got letters from Julia and Sue.
- 22 Sent letter to Julia. Went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Got Mr. Brady to get cashed Ernest's check for 28.25 (see 10<sup>th</sup>). It rained in B. and after I got home at night. Joe hauled the trash he raked off clover. Flave helped.
- 23 Joe and Flave hauled trash till noon then Joe ploughed piece in front of yard and Flave grubbed in clover. I went to Ernest's – and to Bellevue. It turned cooler. Went to see Mrs. Rogers.
- 24 Cool and cloudy most of the day – turned so chilly that a fire was comfortable at night. Joe ploughed and harrowed. Flave worked in the garden. I planted okra – salsify, bunch beans, cucumbers. Went to Bellevue.



- 25 Flave worked 4 days this week. He worked ½ day this week. He worked ½ day with Joe to-day putting in corn in front of the yard. Heavy fog and dew this morning. Mr. Fred worked ½ day yesterday cutting briars by ditch below barn. Cut briars down by the wheat in bottom to-day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Not so cold but sat by a fire again.
- 26 Sunday - Found Posey with a horse colt – sort of a light bay or sorrel with very light legs – named it \_\_\_\_\_. The colt is one of Mr. Terrill's Norman's. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Bright day not so cold but fires comfortable in the morning and evening. Sent by Mr. Brady letter to Sally.
- 27 Bright and cool. +Dump Rains came to ditch for the potatoes – worked on the ditch below Joe's house. Joe helped him. Mr. Fred cut briars in sand field. Dick worked my team breaking up in bottom. I went to sit up with Mrs. Lucy Rogers.
- 28 Another bright cool day. Dump Rains ditched again. Joe helped. Mr. Fred cut briars in orchard grass. Dick ploughed in bottom with my team. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 29 Sent by Minnie letter to Mrs. Brown. Joe worked a little at paling and grubbed and cleaned old fence row in bottom. Mr. Fred cut briars he said. Ellen and I went to Rising Sun – came home by Rabbit Hash. Bright day and warmer. I went to Oscar Jones's and paid him up in full since Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1890, \$14.80 for things for Aunt Eliza. +Got on credit at Davis's slippers for Aunt Nancy and Ellen .75 a pair. + Went to Whitlock's and pd. him 3.00 for 150 palings and got on credit a ten foot gate for 2.50.
- 30 The men said there was a rainbow early. Mr. Fred came said he had cut briars 4 ½ days. I paid him in full 3.37. Went to McVile – left .25 for Mr. Burns for bringing up paling and gates. Bright lovely day – smoky on the hills – looked like rain. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Joe finished grubbing fence row in bottom – cut thorn bushes and put on slips in pasture. Took out old stumps in clover &c. Let Dick have Kitty to break up with.

## MAY

- 1 There was thunder last night and a slight shower. Joe went down for the paling and gate – brought them out got them ready and finished the paling up to the kitchen. It was a bright day rather cool.
- 2 Joe worked ½ day – got up Posey and Daisy – took Posey and Bill to be shod, shook carpet &c. Dick said he worked my team 5 ½ days.
- 3 Sunday – A shower – last night or soon this morning. Joe took Daisy and Posey to Mr. Terrill's. Little Isaac came up yesterday and says he wants to stay.
- 4 Sent by Lon letters to Patty and Ruth Flandrau. Went to Bellevue twice and to the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Rogers. Joe worked – hauled lumber and rails from ditch in bottom and laid off and planted some muskmelons and Emerald Gem watermelons. Very cold – had fires last night and this morning and to-night – very dry and dusty.
- 5 Went to Burlington for wool socks. Cold. Sent Kitty to be shod behind. Joe went to hunt sheep shearers – finished paling by red gate – planted 2 other kinds of muskmelons, fixed up sheep cellar &c. We got up the sheep.
- 6 Hard freeze last night – killed berries, okra, some potato sprouts &c. Susie Rice came and spent the day. +Sheared sheep – Jake Riley and Geo. Roseberry came and they sheared all but 10 Joe said. He helped shear and Flave worked for me helping with

wool. Cold all day. I went down to Bellevue. The freeze killed part of the grape sprouts and blossoms – weeds, foliage on trees wild vines shrubs &c. Thermometer was 34 degrees on gallery sheltered.

- 7 Cold but moderated – still dry and bright. Joe finished shearing sheep. He said there were 90 sheared and that included the late lambs. He cut off the tails of 20 ewe lambs that I am going to reserve and put the wool in sacks. I went to Bellevue got letter from Sally.
- 8 Mr. Ryle came and attended to the colt Daisy's yearling. Charlie Burns came out and worked on shingling the smoke house. Joe helped. Dan and his brother whitewashed on the yard paling. It was warmer and still bright and dry. I sent by Charlie this evening letter to Sally.
- 9 Charlie Burns was here again working – finished smoke house and raised the house Dick is going into and fixed the foundation. Joe worked ½ day with him. Dan and his brother worked ½ day whitewashing. +I gave Dan order on Huey for 2.25. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Warmer bright and dry.
- 10 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Bright dry day.
- 11 Charlie Burns worked here and Joe helped him making yard gates. I sent Joe to take out of the pasture any old ewe that died. About 10 A.M. there was a sprinkle of rain. It was cloudy and cold all day. Went to Bellevue twice – to Mrs. Fullilove's. Got note from Patty.
- 12 Charlie Burns worked to-day – repairing about the yard and house. Joe helped and took home Bob Brady's jack screw. Paid Charlie Burns 4.50 in full for his work. Dan and his brother finished whitewashing – gave Dan an order on Huey for 1.50. Went to Bellevue – heard Mr. Fullilove died to-day. There was frost this morning and evening. Chilly with a strange blue mist round the hills, and still dry.
- 13 Remembered it was my dear parents wedding day – may they spend it in bliss together. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. I went to Bellevue – they went home. Joe ploughed my potatoes and corn and made ridges for sweet potatoes – then he made curb for Dick's cistern &c. It was chilly again.
- 14 Found Amy Campbell's mare Peggy with a horse colt – bay with a white star in its forehead – it is a colt of Lee Gaines's horse Oscar Wilde. Spent the morning changing the cattle, colts to the other pasture. Dick attended to my calf. Joe hauled rails from fence round graveyard field after dinner. Sent Isaac down to have a shoe put on Kitty. Got letters from Patty and Sally. +Flave said he had worked 4 days for me this week. He put sand round the house they are to move into Monday and then cut thistles &c. in big pasture. Still cool but milder and very dry. Watered some of my strawberries.
- 15 Went to Ernest's to spend the day. Joe said he took the wagon and moving machine to the shop – and then helped Dick haul rails. Warmer and still dry. I went to Bellevue – took letter to Patty.
- 16 +Mr. Fred came and said he had cut briers 5 days this week – gave him order on Corbin for 3.75. Dick came up and we straightened up Flave's account. Up to date I owed him for work 27.62 and he had received 24.25 so I gave Dick cash .37 and an order on Huey for 3.00. So we are even to date. Dick said he worked \_\_\_ days this week. I set out in the garden next the beans a row of Iquatim tomatoes. No one worked for me. I went to Bellevue and to Charlie Burns's. Had good fire at night.

- 17 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Zen Scott came to see them. We had fire all day – cool and dry and dusty.
- 18 Joe went for the wagon and hauled trash posts timber &c. out of the yard. I set out above the row I set Sat. a row of 13 Chemin tomatoes. Got the invitation to Ruth Flandrau's wedding reception June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 19 Sent Joe down with wool – sent by him letter to Sarah. He replanted corn afterwards and caught the mares. +Mr. Geo.Blythe received my wool. He said there were
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| 219 lbs. at .24 | 52.56.       |
| 104 lbs. at .12 | <u>12.48</u> |
|                 | \$65.04      |
- He gave me a check for this. The men said I had 80 fleeces. I sent to John Huey's store and paid my account there mostly orders, which I got including a verbal one for Joe to-day \$55.65. Went up to Ernest's to see him dip sheep. It actually showered a little to-day after noon and was warmer. I did not have a fire tonight.
- 20 Joe took Daisy and Posey to Mr. Terrill's. + Got from Frank Cutcheon a notice from St. Paul Title Ins. and Trust Co. about July dividend. It actually rained a little by showers. Joe replanted corn and ploughed part of the time. I set out 7 tomato plants to-day. Saw the first fire fly. No fire to-night.
- 21 Warmer and windy but no rain. Joe took Amy's mare Peggy to Mr. Gaines's (Oscar Wilde) and brought Patty's May home. Then he ploughed in garden and across pike. I got letter from Patty about Isabella and Julia coming – to-morrow. Set out cauliflower and early cabbage plants to-day.
- 22 Went to Erlanger to meet Isabella and Julia Loving who came on the early train. Stopped to see Hilda on the way home. Joe drove the wagon and afterwards finished ploughing corn across pike – planted about 6 rows of sweet corn in the garden. I weaned the calves of Patty and Katy cows – turned them in the pasture across the pike. Warm to-day and cloudy part of the time – much thunder and lightning after sundown at 9 p.m. raining. Sent Patty telegram and note from Erlanger.
- 23 Seems to have been a good shower last night but the ground is not wet far. Cool in the morning. +Mr. Fred came in and said he worked 4 ½ days this week so I paid him .19 and gave him an order each on Corbin & Stamper for 1.50 settled in full to date - returned Dick moved back into the house Bill left. Joe worked ½ day. Went to Florence for Julia's trunk. I went to Bellevue got letters from Sally and Julia. Set out some more tomato plants. Cooler this evening – had a little fire.
- 24 Sunday – Cloudy and cool all day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 25 Went to Rising Sun. Went to the bank and got draft on N.Y. for 20. for Ruth Flandrau. Got letter from Patty. Cloudy day and warmer. Oscar Jones returned .75 as he said he had made a mistake in his bill. Joe cut hedge on hill – Jake A. worked a day cutting – Mr. Fred cut briars there – Hilda stopped to see me.
- 26 Went to Bellevue took letter to Ruth Flandrau with check for 20. and letters to Sally and one for Ellen. Joe and Flave cut hedge and bushes and Joe fixed gate fastenings. Cold at night and had fire all day.
- 27 No frost this morning here, still very dry. Joe and Flave cut bushes. Mr. Fred has been cutting briars this week on cherry hill. I drew off my Ives seedling wine to-day.

- 28 Sprinkled a little t his morning and cloudy all day. Went to Bellevue brought home pump chain. Got letter from Sally in Chicago. Jake A. cut briers. Joe worked ½ of a day. Set out more cabbages and some tomatoes.
- 29 Sent Joe down for the pump and he put it in the cistern – afterwards ploughed corn across the pike. Mr. Fred came out and said he had cut briers 4 ½ days this week. I had bought him shoes for 1.50 instead of the order he returned (see 23<sup>rd</sup>) so I gave him an order on Corbin for 3.38 in full. Ernest and Lily and Bessie Grant came for a call. We had a fine rain after 5 p.m. and it continued raining off and on. Patty's plum tree split and part fell.
- 30 A good tobacco season. Dick set out tobacco and Joe helped him. I went to McVille and got sweet potato plants and set them out also some more tomatoes.
- 31 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. stopped in passing. A lovely warm bright day.

## JUNE

- 1 Jake Anderson came and said he had worked cutting briers 2 ¼ days which came to 1.69. The potatoes he got came to 1.25 and I paid him the balance .44. Went to Bellevue, took letters to T-D to Mr. Graham and to Mrs. Brown. Sent Joe up to Ernest's for his tank to dip sheep in. Had a heavy rain with much thunder and lightning – it began to rain after 3 P.M. and continued till after dark off and on. Joe ploughed corn across pike till noon, then he got Jake to help him get ready the sheep tank &c. till it rained. Didn't write in this till the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 They say Hilda and Mr. B. came down. Joe worked setting out plants (tobacco) for Dick. I set out cabbage plants. Got letter from Ruth Flandrau.
- 3 Wednesday – This is Ruth Flandrau's wedding day. She is to marry Dr. Henry Carroll Sutton. Took up dining room carpet. Joe cut briers till dinner then helped beat carpet till it rained then said he worked on sled. We had a hard rain with wind and hail – a real storm.
- 4 Very warm day – stopped my work to go to Bellevue to see a wedding – Miss Fanny Botts was married to Mr. R-. Got letter from Patty with little book of sonnets from Mrs. Lamborn. Got letter from Tilden Selmes with a paper for me to sign – satisfaction of mortgage. Hilda, Mr. B. and Mrs. Laura Carver stopped on the way home. Rained hard towards night. Joe helped Dick set out tobacco.
- 5 Mr. Fred came and said he had cut briers two days off and on. I gave him an order on Corbin for 1.50 in full. Joe worked ½ day setting out tobacco for Dick – he picked cherries for himself after dinner. Jake Anderson picked some for me on shares. I put down the dining room carpet.
- 6 No one worked for me. Joe and Dick said that Joe had set tobacco two days this week – in all 3 days. I got letters from Sally and Sarah H. I canned some cherries. Rained again.
- 7 Sunday - Patty's wedding day – they have been married 8 years. May they be happier every year. Hilda and Mr. B. were here. A cloudy chilly day. The whole week has been rainy, cloudy and generally cool. Didn't write in this till the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 Went to Burlington, got the paper Til sent me, the relinquishment of mortgage signed by N. P. Mr. Lassing and wrote to Til and took the letter inclosing the paper to the P.O. in Bellevue. Took Ellen to McVille. Joe broke up ground by his house.

- 9 Joe took Posey and Daisy to Mr. Terrill's. Daisy has to go again. Hilda and Mr. B. came – also Katy and Mabel. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 10 Joe ploughed in garden and corn by his house. I worked in garden and replanted melons. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to be here Sunday. Ellen came home.
- 11 Joe worked in garden and finished ploughing corn – hauled out manure from yard – boiled tobacco to dip sheep and started to get up sheep but it rained a little. Jake came and said he had cut briers 3 days and I gave him an order on \_\_\_ for 2.25.
- 12 Joe worked in the garden, then we got up the sheep. After noon Jake Anderson came and Flave helped and we dipped the sheep.
- 13 Mr. Fred came and said he worked 4 ½ days so I paid him .38 and gave him an order on Corbin for 3.00. Joe worked ½ day in garden ploughing &c. + I sold Mr. Blythe 3 late lambs from last year – he is to pay 9.00 for them. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 14 Sunday – Very warm day. Patty came down on the boat from Cin. Joe drove the wagon and I went to meet my big baby. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. I gave them letter for Julia.
- 15 Warm again – a slight shower between 2 and 3. Joe went with me to look at a mowing machine – then worked in the garden – planted corn in the lower part. I went to see Cordy. Didn't write in this till the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 16 A little shower early this morning. Joe went to mill – drove the spring wagon. I went with him to Burlington to see about mowing machine. Went to see Hilda. After dinner Joe thinned corn. I went to Rising Sun and bought of W. R. Cofield a No. 3 McCormick mower for \$45. Ellen went down with me and Aunt Eliza came back in her place, in a skiff. A warm day.
- 17 Joe worked ½ day for Dick ploughing corn to return Flave's work helping dip sheep. After noon Joe went down to get the mowing machine, and set it up. Had a hard rain that made a season. I set out pepper and eggplants, and Isaac set the last late cabbages. Got card from Mr. Gaines about Amy's mare and letter from Julia. Very hot day.
- 18 Joe went to Mr. Le Grand Gaines's and brought back Peggy and her colt – then he went to see Bob Huey's mower and finished putting mine up. After dinner he mowed in the yard and clover field. I went to Bellevue.
- 19 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 2 days this week. I paid him .25 and gave him an order on Corbin for 1.75 so he now owes me .50. Didn't write in this till the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Joe cut clover in the morning and after dinner he hauled hay in Dick and Flave helped him. It rained hard towards sundown with partial rainbow.
- 20 Joe and Jake Anderson began to plough corn across the pike but it rained hard after 9 A.M. and they had to quit.
- 21 Sunday – Very warm day. Mr. R. E. Kirtley came to call.
- 22 Sent letters to Sue and to Page Wire Fence Co. Cloudy morning. Joe cut weeds and grass in garden and yard. After dinner Dick and Flave helped get in clover hay. I went to Bellevue. Hot and sultry part of the day. Isaac took May to be shod. Didn't write in this till 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 23 Sent Isaac after hands to help Sue get in hay. Dan came and after dinner Jake Anderson came and helped. Patty went to Burlington. I went to Mrs. Rogers's with Julia. Sent letter to Sally. + Pd. Jake July 31 .62.

- 24 Bright hot day. Dick began to cut his wheat. Dan helped Joe get in hay – and cut grass in the yard where it was wet.
- 25 Jane Roseberry came to wash. A bright warm day. Dan and the Beard boy helped Joe with hay. They hoed sweet potatoes and cut grass in yard while the dew was on. Joe finished cutting with the machine in sand field.
- 26 Mr. Fred came and said he had to quit cutting briers – had worked three days. I deducted the .50 advance and gave him an order on Corbin for 1.75 in full to date. Joe and Dan and the Beard boy worked getting in hay – put some in the big crib. They finished getting in the clover off the sand field. The Beard boy worked two days and I paid him 2.50 in full. Dan said he worked 4 days and I paid him 3.00 and owe him 2.00. It was a hot clear day + Pd. July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 27 No one worked for me. Mr. Charlie Early came to see us with Mr. Whitehead. Isaac went to R. Sun and I sent a letter to Julia by him. Ellen came up and went back again. I went to Bellevue. Patty and I went to see Cordy.
- 28 Sunday – Hot bright day. Went to church – to hear Mr. Fullilove’s funeral sermon preached by Mr. Jimmy Kirtley. Hilda and Mr. B. came to call. Bessie McIntosh Thomas came down on the boat. It was very hot and about 4 rained a good shower.
- 29 Joe ploughed corn in garden and after noon hauled wheat as I agreed to help Dick [get] the wheat out of danger from the creek to shock. Got letter from buddy asking me about my interest – also 2 from Sally and one from Page Wire Fence Co.
- 30 ‘What is so rare as a day in June’ and this is the last – the day my beloved sister Belle died 24 years ago – Lord love her precious soul forever. A beautiful, bright day. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Terrill’s and worked in the garden ploughing and hoeing. Sent letters in the evening to the 3 Banks and to Page Woven Wire Fence Wire Co. Sent by morning’s mail letter to buddy about interest. Went to see Cordy. It turned very cool towards night.

## **JULY**

- 1 Joe worked in garden hoeing, went to Bellevue for grindstone flour and salt, and cut clover across the creek. I went to Bellevue and to see Cordy. It was a cool day – too cool at night. +My cow Siegra had a heifer calf – red with white marks. Got letter from Sue.
- 2 Joe worked in garden – and hauled 2 loads of hay after dinner. Dick helped him get in hay ½ day.
- 3 We had a refreshing shower last night. Joe spread hay and fixed a gate and went after my ‘animal’ that got out. After dinner he got in the rest of the hay. Dick helped him ¼ of the day. Joe then ploughed corn in garden. I went to R. Sun and signed a paper for Ellen stating I knew her husband &c. Got letters from Julia, from Natl. Bk. of Washington with check for \$75. and letter from Mr. Graham. Ellen came back with me.
- 4 No one worked for me. Got letter from brother Charlie with draft on N.Y. for \$319. He sent 268. for int. on mortgage and \$51. dividend from \_\_\_ Ins. Co. in the one draft. Tilden came about dusk down by way of Aurora. Mr. Thomas had fireworks for Isabella and all on the place came to the celebration. Very cool – we had to have light wraps. Til brought Patty a letter from Sally.

- 5 Sunday – Bright beautiful day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came to call. Aunt Eliza went home.
- 6 Mr. Thomas went away on the little boat. I got letters from Farmer's and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft for \$28.00 and from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for 8.00. + Went to Burlington and to the bank. Got Mr. Revill to cash my draft for \$75.00 from Bk. of Washington (see 3<sup>rd</sup>) and draft from brother Charlie for \$319.00 (see 4<sup>th</sup>) – received \$393.50. Went to Bellevue and paid my bill to Mike Corbin \$139.00. Paid to Dan McCarthy my toll for the year due May 1<sup>st</sup> in presence of Bessie Thomas. Joe took Ernest's tank home – then took the spring wagon to Joe Morrison. Then he worked in the garden.
- 7 Joe worked in garden and cutting grass in yard – at noon it rained and he took Til horse down to be shod behind. It poured down rain most of the afternoon and rained at night. I got letter from Julia.
- 8 Tilden went to Aurora on his way home. Joe drove him up and was gone most of the day – cut weeds some after he got back. Patty went up to Aurora after Enid Yandell who came from Louisville. I went to Bellevue and paid W. W. Grant's bill 9.95. It was too cool to be comfortable.
- 9 Sent Joe down for spring wagon, sent letter to Sarah. Ot Scott and Iron Phipps came to get the colts to break Fanny G. and Daphne. Joe helped them with the colts and then worked in the garden a little.
- 10 +Mr. Geo. Blythe came and got 20 lambs. Gave me a check for \$75. dollars on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. I sold him one old ewe for 1.00 which he is to pay me. Had the sheep counted – there were left 81 head which includes the 3 bucks and 2 or 3 late ewe lambs. Flave helped ½ day getting up and attending to the sheep and cut weeds a little in garden.
- 11 Didn't write in this till the 14<sup>th</sup>. Bessie Thomas went away on the boat. Joe drove wagon worked ½ day.
- 12 Sunday - Sally came down on the mail boat from Cin. on her way from St. Paul. Joe drove us down to meet her. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped to see her. I went over to see Cordy who is still sick.
- 13 Joe worked in the garden – hoed. Ellen was taken sick. I got letter from Page Wire Fence Co. Turned warm again.
- 14 Joe worked – hauled out manure and ashes from yard – went to fix up fence in big pasture – hauled grass out of yard and worked in garden. I went to Bellevue late and it rained a shower and quit.
- 15 Went to Rising Sun and brought Aunt Eliza home. Went to Bank and got cashed my 2 drafts from Wash. for \$28. and \$8. (see 6<sup>th</sup>) and paid Elliott Whitlock and Davis. Dr. came to see Ellen. I got letter from Sue. Joe worked in garden and vineyard or yard.
- 16 Patty, Sally and Enid went to Big Bone on horseback. Joe worked. After noon he worked threshing. The threshers finished and went off before night. They measured 200 bus. We sold to John Huey for .82. Dick got some of my coal for the steam machine. I got letter from Frankie Dinsmore.
- 17 Joe hauled wheat to Bellevue – then went to hunt my 'animal' and then planted some sweet corn in garden. I went to McVile and Bellevue. There was a slight shower today.

- 18 Didn't write in this till the 21<sup>st</sup>. Sent Joe up early to Aurora – ferry for Mr. Cunningham – who came down in a skiff. It rained after 5 for an hour or so and then cleared. I went to see Dick Loudon's mother who was very low and died during the day. Very cool at night.
- 19 Sunday – I remembered though it is now 40 years. Lord love theirs souls. Hilda stopped in passing by, with Mr. B. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Stamper, Dick's mother who was buried in Bellevue.
- 20 Joe worked – cut wood and thinned corn in garden. I rode up to Ernest's. Got letter from Julia. Went to McVille and to Bellevue twice.
- 21 Ellen wanted to go home so I sent her in the buggy with Joe as she is still sick. Joe cut wood and weeds. Patty and Enid went to Aurora with Mr. Cunningham on his way to Chicago. +I got letter from G. J. Roots Co. Lawrenceburgh (sic) with check for \$132.09 in payment for the wheat 161 bus. 5 lb. at .82 a bushel.
- 22 Mr. Cofield came up from R. Sun to see about the McCormack mower. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped going by. Joe cut weeds and briars and helped with the mower.
- 23 Sent letter to G.J. Roots Co. acknowledging receipt of check. +Went to Burlington and got check for 132.09 cashed and brought the money home. Also gave him Mr. Blythe's check for 75.00 (see 10<sup>th</sup>) and left the money in Bk. and got cer. of deposit. Went to Hilda's. Cloudy and sprinkled a little towards noon. Patty sick. Joe said he cut weeds.
- 24 Joe went to Bellevue for wagon and hauled 2 loads of wood. + Dick Loudon came in and we settled about the wheat money. There were 206 bus. and his share 103 bus. at .82 came to 84.46. I let him have 40. and the balance 44.46 is to be credited to him on our account. I gave him a nickel on the 9 cents. Joe sowed turnip seed after he got a little piece of ground ready. I got letter from Julia. Amy Campbell came down on the boat at night. Joe went down with the wagon.
- 25 No one worked for me. Iron Phipps and Ot Scott came and got Amy's filly Harriet. Amy Campbell gave me 30. to pay Mr. Gaines for her colt and for the breaking &c. Patty, Amy and Enid went to Aurora.
- 26 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came to call.
- 27 Patty, Enid and Amy went to Aurora and Patty was on her way to St. Paul via Cin. Joe drove the wagon and cut weeds afterwards. Sally and I went to Burlington to the clerk's office and I signed a quit claim to the land the children sold in Mo. Sally signed the deed. Mr. Will Duncan and Mr. Brady were the witnesses to my signature and Sally's and Mr. Fo--t Riddle was the Notary Public who sealed the papers. Sally then put the papers in the Burlington P. O. to return to Frank Cutcheon. I took Mr. Revill a check Patty gave me for 25. which I cashed for her and left the money in Bk. and got certificate of deposit. We went to Hilda's and dined. Sprinkled a little.
- 28 Cloudy and sprinkled a little. Joe cut weeds and made kitchen steps and worked in the garden a little.
- 29 Joe cut weeds back of the house where I expect to build a sheep shelter. Ernest and Lily stopped a few moments at night. There was a fine prospect for rain but it all passed by. Got letter from Patty from Chicago.
- 30 Hilda and Mr. B. came down to the S.S. convention and stayed all night – so did Miss Kate Kirtley and Mr. R. E. Kirtley and Mr. Estes. Joe cut some second crop clover and cut weeds in graveyard and around. I got letter from Sally Mallory.



- 31 The company all left. Got letters from Amy and from M. E. Leming & Co. about lumber. Flave and Jake A. worked for me – they cut weeds till the hay was dry and then put 4 loads into the big corn cribs. Had some lambs tagged too. Ellen came up to see Aunt Eliza with Annis &c. +I gave Mr. Brady \$17. of the money Amy gave me to pay Mr. W. Lee Gaines for her colt and pasture. I also gave Mr. Brady in presence of Sally as regards both, \$30.00 to give Mr. Geo. Terrill to pay for my two colts Daisy's and Posey's. Mr. B. didn't see Mr. Terrill and brought back the 30.

## AUGUST

- 1 Joe worked ½ day – hauled manure & ashes out of the yard and cut weeds. After dinner he drove the spring wagon to Aurora for Frank Cutcheon, who came after dark. Got letters from Amy and Enid. There was a shower or so during the afternoon.
- 2 Sunday – Warm day and sprinkled after dark. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped.
- 3 Election day – no one worked for me but Joe went down to the boat at night after the Jersey calf Amy sent me, and brought it out. Last night there was a right good rain and it rained or rather showered a little to-day. Sent by Isaac letters to Cousin Frankie Dinsmore and Amy. Didn't write in this again till the 9<sup>th</sup>.
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- 5 Went to Aurora early and took the train for Cin. Spent the day shopping. I got wire for fencing – went to see about iron roofing &c. and came down on the packet at night. Joe drove the spring wagon down to meet me. I think he cut weeds by the fences.
- 6 Joe went down with the wagon to get the fence wire – then I think he cut weeds – and also cut a lot of clover. Sally and Frank went to Aurora.
- 7 Ernest and Lily dined with us. Joe hauled in the hay. Dick and Flave helped with it. I went down at night to get my things off the boat.
- 8 Joe drove the wagon to Bellevue after my bedstead – then cut wood &c. worked ½ day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. He brought me a receipt from W. Lee Gaines for the Oscar Wilde colt of Amy's Peggy – and brought back the 80. (see Jul. 31). I took letter to Patty and to Mabley & Carew about my lamp.
- 9 Sunday – Weather very hot – this said to be the hottest day of the summer – also very dry – everything suffering for rain. Sally and Frank went to Erlanger to take the train for Lexington. Isaac went with them – and then went to R.S. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day - Weaned Louly's and Katy's calves and turned Patsy cow in the pasture with them. Joe cut weeds and briers in the wheat field. I got letters from Patty and Julia. Pulled the first musk melons of the season.
- 11 Didn't write in this till the 16<sup>th</sup>. Don't know what went on – think Joe cut weeds.
- 12 Started for Sally – went by Bellevue and found her telegram and came home.
- 13 Went to Aurora in the morning to meet Sally on her return from Woodford and brought her home. Think Joe cut weeds. Got picture from Mr. Graham of his child.
- 14 Joe cut wood and hauled it from the barn lot. Very dry and warm.
- 15 Had a good rain between 5 & 6 a.m. +Mr. Geo. Blythe came for the rest of the lambs – he took 14 which at 3.75 = 52.50. To this he added 1.00 for the old ewe I let him have and gave me a check for 53.50 of the 5 lambs thrown out I kept the 2 ewes and let him take away the 3 bucks. Joe worked and Flave and Jess helped get up sheep.

- 16 Sunday. Showered a little off and on. Hilda and Mr. B. called as they went by.
- 17 The day my dear mother died – Lord love her soul. Sally, Isabella and I went to Hilda's to spend the day and see her Queen Lily. I went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the check for 53.50 (see 15<sup>th</sup>) and also got the 100. I had left in Bank and paid Mr. Beall the [amt of] my taxes \$101.70 and got receipt. Joe cut weeds on line fence next Mr. Walton's he said. I got letters from Patty and Mr. Graham.
- 18 Hot day, cloudy. Went to Bellevue and McV. Took letters to Mr. Graham & Patty. This evening sent letter to Mabley and Carew about lamp. Joe cut weeds and helped Bob Brady thresh part of the time after dinner. +Engaged 300 bus. coal of Mike Corbin at 12 cts. a bus.
- 19 Hot weather all this week. I think it showered a little. Joe cut weeds. We went to Bellevue. Doll Walton came.
- 20 +Went up to Doll Walton's to get the 15 lambs I engaged of him – ewe lambs. I paid him for them with the exception of .20 which by mistake I left behind. The 15 lambs at 4.50 came to 67.50. We brought them home. Flave helped bring them. Joe then fixed the fence round pasture on mill road and after dinner Dick helped Joe – they made gates for the watergap on Searcy branch and hung them. It showered last night and during the day and was very hot. +Louise Shaw.
- 21 Thundery this morning but cleared. Joe, Dick and Jake worked at wire fence and watergap on Searcy branch. Jake began to cut briars and bushes before he worked on fence.
- 22 Didn't write in this till the 24<sup>th</sup>. Joe, Dick and Jake worked ½ day fixing the fence and watergaps – it rained after. Got a letter from Fanny. Mrs. West had a girl baby named Josephine.
- 23 Sunday – Rained hard all day, a soaking cool rain without wind.
- 24 Joe and Flave worked. +We got up the sheep – marked and put in the pasture on mill road the 15 lambs I bought of Doll Walton, the 20 I saved out of my own and had the tails cut off – and 3 of the late lambs Mr. Blythe threw out, 38 in all – counted the old sheep and found 84 as there is one little ewe lamb, a late one, with them. After dinner Joe and Flave mended paling fence in the lot and Joe cut weeds and I told Flave to cut thorn bushes. Sent Til and Kitty to be shod. Dick began to break up for wheat.
- 25 Didn't write in this till the 28<sup>th</sup>. Sally and I went to Burlington and went with Hilda and Mr. B. to North Bend to spend the day with the Kirtley and Cropper family. It was a lovely day – cool and clear. Joe worked fixing the fence between me and Mr. Walton on cherry hill – getting out the hogs then cut weeds. Got letter from Patty.
- 26 Went to Bellevue for Patty who didn't come on the little boat. Patty came at night on the mail boat from St. Paul. Ernest & Lily came. Joe and Jake worked moving the fence at the end of the wheat field. +Ot Scott came and said he would like to get some money on the breaking of the colts and I paid him 10.00.
- 27 It showered some to-day. Charlie Burns came out to see about fixing up the house. Dick moved out of for a tobacco house. Joe and Jake worked at the same fence.
- 28 +Siegra+ Charlie Burns came out and he and Joe and Jake worked at fixing the tobacco house by Dick's – tore out the inside - made tiers &c. Cool in the evening like fall.
- 29 Charlie, Joe and Jake worked again all day at the tobacco house – got it done except hanging some doors. Jake said he had worked 5 days this week and as he got 1 gal.

vinegar .30 I pd. him the balance 3.45. Not quite so cool to-day. I went to Bellevue twice. Pearl and Jenny Botts called here yesterday.

30 Sunday – Rained early but cleared off and was a pretty day – but cool.

31 +Mr. Fred Utz came and I sold him my 2 steers that are 2 year olds past for 3.25 – 2.00 that is 3 ¼ cents a pound less 2.00 to be weighed in Bellevue the first of next week when he is to send for them. Sent letter to Mr. Graham. Joe and Jake worked at the fence they moved and hauling lumber that came out of the house that was turned into a tobacco barn. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. It was bright and turned warmer.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Mr. Jim Terrill came by and I gave him the \$30. I owed his father Cap. Geo. Terrill for two colts i.e. for the horse, and he said he would give the money to him. Joe and Jake worked they hauled poles to the tobacco barn and put them up and cut from the thicket and hauled some.
- 2 Jake worked ½ day. Joe worked – he cut grass in the yard and Jake helped him haul out posts &c. and they hauled some posts and began to set them on the end of the wire fence. I got letter from Sue. + Mr. Terrill came and brought me his father's receipt for the 30. Didn't write in this till the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the three weeks are a mingled mess – from which I will try to disentangle some few threads.
- 3 Can't remember.
- 4 I was making wine and Julia helped me and I worked till after dark. Made a keg of Ives Seedling, 1 lb. sugar to 1 gal. juice. It rained. Patty, Sally and Isabella walked to Bellevue and got in the rain a little.
- 5 Saturday. Sally had a sore throat and didn't get up – was sick all day.
- 6 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came. We sent for Dr. Furnish by them. He came down at night and said Sally had scarlet fever – of the mild form but she was quite sick.
- 7 +Joe took the two steers I sold to Mr. Utz to Bellevue and had them weighed 2120 lb. Patty went to Aurora and telegraphed Frank about Sally and also to Sue and Uncle Ben to prevent their coming. Isabella not well – bowels disturbed.
- 8 Sent for Dr. Furnish for Isabella who has flux.
- 9 Wed. Frank got here in the morning. It was Association at Florence.
- 10 Frank went to Aurora to telegraph for Tilden. Sally was worse and the Dr. was sent for again. Isabella very sick.
- 11 Hilda came down with Dr. Furnish and spent the day and Mr.B. came at night and they stayed all night to go to church meeting. Joe cut weeds on timothy meadow one day this week.
- 12 Sally better – Isabella still very sick.
- 13 Sunday – Tilden got here at night. Dr. Furnish pronounced Isabella rather better.
- 14 Frank went away East. It had been very cool at nights – even cold though without any frost and it turned very hot. Joe cut wood.
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- 16 +Mr. Fred Utz came and got the two steers 2120 lbs. at 3.25 came to 68.90 – 2.00 to 66.90. He gave me check on Far. & Tra. Bk. for the rest.
- 17 Ernest and Lily came – we saw them in the yard.
- 18 Isabella was carried down stairs.

- 19 Joe worked 5 ½ days – cut wood Monday. He worked 4 half days – 2 days for Dick in tobacco. Jake cut corn 2 half days – in the piece across the pike. There were 82 shocks in all. Sue came from Erlanger. Frank came back in the afternoon. Mr. Kelly came to offer to buy apples. Jake cut briers three days including his corn cutting.
- 20 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came. +Dr. Furnish paid his last visit.
- 21 Til went away in the evening to St. Louis via Aurora. Joe and Jake picked apples for Patty and Joe barreled them. Jake was cutting briers. Very hot.
- 22 Ernest and Lily came to call. Joe cut weeds and did odd things. Jake was cutting briers on cherry hill.
- 23 Still very hot. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Patty, Sally, Frank, Isabella and Julia all went away – via Aurora for Cin. and St. Paul. Joe and Jake went up with the wagon and trunks. Jake to bring back the buggy. They got home after 8.
- 24 Mr. John E. Walton came – asked me about buying some land next him and Mr. Jim Rogers. +Mr. Cy Kelly came by and I sold to him my apples on the tree of the following varieties – Canada Red, Rome Beauty, Smith Cider and Baldwin – at .35 a barrel, I to reserve what I want for my niece or myself. He to gather them soon, the Canada Reds first. Mr. Riggs was on the wagon and heard the trade. Very hot still and dry as powder. I went to Bellevue.
- 25 Hot as pepper. Went to Rising Sun. Went to Bank and let Mr. Perkins have Mr. Utz's check for 66.90 (see 16<sup>th</sup>) and got a check on Cin, for Sally Foster for 25. and the rest in cash. Brought Ellen who is poorly home. Got 10 scantlings at Whitlock's and sent Joe down to McVile for them. Got letter from Patty from Chicago. Joe cut weeds in the morning.
- 26 Jake came and said he had worked 5 ½ days this week. Joe worked for himself. Hot and dry.
- 27 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. came to call. +Earthquake Sat. night after 11.
- 28 Turned the mild cows in the big pasture and the lambs into the pasture back of the house on account of drouth (sic). Joe got a little wood and helped put up the scantlings in the big barn. Got letters from Patty and Sally and wed. cards.
- 29 Sent letters to Patty and Sally by Isaac to Bellevue. Afterward he went to Rising Sun. Rained last night for a wonder – and turned cool. Mr. Kelly was gathering apples. Joe worked fixing road on cherry hill. Louisville paper noticed the earthquake Sat. night at 11 past. Sue and I drove to Ernest's – all gone. All my milk cows foundered on apples today in the big pasture. Had them turned back into the other this morning. Jake worked this evening cutting briers.
- 30 Dick finished cutting and housing tobacco and began to sow wheat. Joe cut and hauled wood. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Sally. Cool and clear. Took letter to Julia to P.O. with check for Sally Foster.

## OCTOBER

- 1 + Took Ellen to Burlington to see Dr. Furnish – went to see Hilda. Turned warm again. Went to Bellevue – got letter from Enid. Sent Sally's overshoes by mail this morning. Joe helped Dick put in wheat to-day. Also used my team. Took letter to Belle Raymond this evening.
- 2 Went to Bellevue – got letter from Julia and invitation to Sally Foster's wedding. Hot and dry. + Mr. Corbin came out and got 8 locust posts 3, 16 ft., 2, 13 ft. and 3, 10 ft. I

went up to see Mr. Kelly about apples. + Engaged of Albert Kelly 8 peach trees at .15  
2 Wonderful 2 Mountain Rose 2. Joe and Dick helped Mr. Parsons set his mill instead  
of putting in wheat.

- 3 Settlement with Joe West. Joe worked ½ day helping Dick put in wheat. We had a settlement, the first since Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1890. Joe had worked since then by his own count including the time while I was gone from Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>. of which I had no account 222 ½ days which at .75 came to 166.88. To this I added 7.50 for extra work and 1.20 for fodder I had bought of Joe total 175.58. He had received cash 46.81 orders 53.91 sundries including corn 20.93 total 121.65. This left Joe a bal. due of 53.93. I paid him 2.93 and now owe him \$51. Jake came in and said he had worked 5 ½ days last week and 5 this. I owed him 3.38 and paid him 3.36. Went to Bellevue and took to mail Julia's invitation to Mary Cochran – letter to Enid and letters and paper to Mrs. Lamborn. Got letter from Julia.
- 4 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. We had a right good rain and it turned cooler.
- 5 Sue went to Bellevue. I got letter from Patty. We went to Burlington and to Hilda's where we dined and stayed all night. I got Mr. B. to put in the P. O. a letter to Enid. Joe cut corn and after dinner shucked out the shocks that were down.
- 6 + Sue started for Erlanger on her way home and I came home. Cool bright day – have fire this evening. + Paid Joe West in the kitchen in presence of Aunt Nancy Ellen and Aunt Eliza \$51. and said we were now settled up to last Sat. + Ellen came in this evening for a settlement – we have not had one since just before Christmas. I find that Ellen owes me \$10.15 I had advanced so much when she got sick. She paid me Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Joe cut corn this morning and picked some apples across the creek afterwards. Flave dug potatoes for me ½ day. Dick said he finished putting in wheat in the field above the pike.
- 7 Didn't write in this till the 8. Ellen went away. I took her to McVile. Took letter to Patty and got things from Sally for Aunts N. & E. Joe cut corn all day – on the piece that was in timothy next Mr. Rice's. Jake was cutting briers and bushes. It was cloudy most of the day.
- 8 Fog this morning very heavy – heard that out on the hills they had frost. Joe and Jake cut fodder this morning and after dinner Joe picked apples and Jake dug potatoes. I had the piano moved onto the dining room. Dick and his boys cut corn yesterday and to-day by the shock. Had fire last evening and this. Went to Bellevue – got letters from Sally Gray and Sally Foster.
- 9 Took letters to Julia and Sally Gray. Went to Rising Sun. Mr. Williams told Ellen her pension had been allowed. Took cider mill baskets to McVile. Got note from Julia. It was cloudy and cool felt rather like snow on the river. Joe cut fodder. Jake cut till noon and then said he would cut briers. Met Mr. John McConnell who asked me about fence posts. Joe said he buried an old ewe that was dead in the hollow.
- 10 Sent by Isaac a letter to Sally. Jake Anderson said he worked 4 ½ days this week. I pd. him 2.25. Joe didn't work for me. Dick cut corn this morning. A lovely, bright day. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Sally, Sue and Belle Raymond. Stopped at Betty's.
- 11 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Lovely bright day. Mr. B. says they had frost in Burlington the last three mornings but I can't find the least thing frost bit here.

- 12 Another bright lovely day. Went to Bellevue – took letters to Sally, Sue with box. and to T\_D. Went to see Alice P. and baby. + Went to Aurora to take the children's boxes – sent them as freight and got receipt. Joe cut corn then fixed spring wagon and drove it. Jake cut corn in the garden in the morning.
- 13 White frost this morning and right chilly. Mr. Corbin came out to get posts in place of some he got that were bad. I went to Bellevue – got letters from Patty, Julia, and Mr. Graham. Joe and Jake cut corn till noon, then dug potatoes and gathered them up and put them in the cellar. They said they measured 20 bushels.
- 14 Began to rain a little this morning but quit. Sprinkled a little late towards evening with a beautiful double rainbow. Joe made a jar of kraut – then I had the two new barrels filled with vinegar. It was warmer.
- 15 Cleared and turned colder – 48 degrees at 7 a.m. I saw ice that I could break and lift out – a thin skin in a bucket at the cistern. Went to Aurora – shipped 3 barrels of apples to Sally and one cask vinegar to Cousin Rebecca and one to Patty inclosing the freight bills of the boxes sent the 12<sup>th</sup>. It was cold and disagreeable going up – cloudy most of the day. Went to McVile late and got the baskets to the cider mill. Gave Mr. Burns's daughter 4.00 to pay Clore's bill he sent and .25 to pay her father. Didn't write in this again till the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 16 Went to Cin. Isaac drove me in the buggy to Erlanger where I took the 2.40 train – went to Julia Foster's in Clifton. Think I put in P.O. Burlington letters to Patty and Sally with bills of lading inclosed.
- 17 Went in town to do some little shopping. Joe said Cherry's heifer had a calf – it is a red heifer calf.
- 18 Sunday – Went to church with Julia. It rained some in Clifton – a hard shower. They said it hailed here this morning and only rained a little.
- 19 Monday – Think it was to-day I went to Rookwood Pottery with Miss Louise Hartshorne and Miss Mabel Kitteridge of N. York and Mr. Roelker.
- 20 + Sally Foster and Charles Sedgwick Eaton were married in Calvary Church, Clifton by Rev. De Forest about 5 P.M. or half past. I went with the family – there were 8 bridesmaids, Julia Foster, May Eaton, Miss Annie Harrison, Fanny Resor, Miss May Brown, Miss Mabel Ketteredge, Miss Louise Hartshorne and Miss Mary Mason. Mr. Keyes was best man and there were ushers, 8 I think. A big wedding reception afterwards.
- 21 Got letter from Patty. Beautiful day almost like summer. Went to see Sally Gray. Joe said he didn't work went to Mr. Terrill's sale.
- 22 Bright but colder. I left Cin. on the 11 o'clock train – came to Florence and from there to Burlington where I went to Mr. Brady's and got his buggy and came home. Joe said he worked on the road.
- 23 Sent Isaac back with Mr. Brady's buggy and to bring Bill's yoke from Mr. Acra. I think Joe hauled apples. Cold morning – hard frost.
- 24 + Jake came and said he had worked 5 days this week cutting briers and gathering apples and 4 ½ the week before cutting corn & briers. I was owing him before that 1.13 and it all came to 8.26. He wanted an order on Corbin's for 2.70 for C. Vandercraft, which C. Vandercraft's wife came and got – so I paid him .06 and gave him (Jake) an order on Huey for 5.50 in full to date. Joe worked ½ day painting

- barrels and found another ewe dead. Got letter from Sally – sent letter to Julia and papers to children.
- 25 Sunday – Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. A lovely warm bright day. Ernest and Lily stopped by.
  - 26 Joe, Jake and Flave worked getting apples. Jake cut briers part of the time under the trees. Joe helped Dick shuck some corn, a load this morning. Charlie Burns came out to see about some work. Mary Ann Loudon picked up some apples for some she got. Lovely weather but the drouth continues.
  - 27 Hilda and Mr. B. came down and went on to Bellevue. I sent by them letter to Sue and they brought me one from her. Joe and Flave worked making cider. Joe went to see about Mr. Arnold's fence. Turned colder in the evening.
  - 28 Cold 26 degrees above 0 at sunup. Joe and Flave made cider. Hilda and Mr. B. came down again about noon and went on to Bellevue. Sent letter to Sue by them.
  - 29 Warmer and bright. Sent by Isaac a letter to Sally. Joe and Flave made cider and after noon Joe got out some vinegar barrels and painted them. Jess worked ½ day helping.
  - 30 Another warm day – sun rose red and large. Joe, Flave and Jess made cider. Flave said he had worked 5 days this week which at .65 comes to 3.25. I gave him an order on Huey for 3.50 and he owes me .25. Got a letter from Cousin Rebecca of 27<sup>th</sup> saying her barrel of vinegar got there the day before – shipped the 15<sup>th</sup>. Also got copies of T\_D. Got letter from Julia.
  - 31 Jake Anderson came and said he had worked 5 ½ days this week mostly cutting briers on cherry hill. I gave him an order on Huey for 3.00. No one worked for me. It looked like rain nearly all day – was cloudy hazy and a warm wind blew hard – at night cleared off and turned cooler. The drouth is very serious – the grass hasn't grown for some time springs, branches and cisterns are going dry and the wheat is very much injured for want of rain. The wind has blown off many of the leaves.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday – Sunny pretty day though cooler. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 2 Colder and not pleasant. Sent by Lou letter to Cousin Rebecca. Went to Bellevue and on to Rising Sun. Got letters from Sally and Sue. + Took to Ellen Graves the papers that came in Gov. envelope for her to my care by Sat.'s mail. They were relative to her pension and contained check for 107.33. Went with Ellen to Mr. Williams's and witnessed her signature – went to Bank with her. She left 70. in bank and took the rest – she paid me my \$10 I had advanced see Oct. 6. + Met Mr. Cy Kelly and he paid me for the apples. Said he got 76 ½ barrels in all – 67 out of the cherry hill orchard and 7 ½ across the pike. At .35 a bl. they came to 26.80 which he paid me in full. Joe helped Dick shuck corn said they gathered 2 ½ loads.
- 3 Colder, 25 degrees at sunup. After noon it was more disagreeable and some specks of snow fell. + Joe hauled coal 25 bus. 1<sup>st</sup> load 42 b. 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Charlie Burns came by this evening and worked putting on locks in the house fixing doors at Joe's &c. Sent Isaac to Burlington with Kitty to have her foot trimmed and shod. Ernest and Lily came and dined and I went with them to Mr. Arnold's to see wheat cleaning machine. Paid Ernest 2.00 for a 6<sup>th</sup> interest in it. Found another old ewe dead. Joe said he hauled in all 137 bus. coal.

- 4 Not quite so cold 27 degrees at sunrise. Sent by Joe letter to Patty and T\_D. Joe hauled 2 loads of coal 80 bus. before noon and 2 after. Found young heifer probably Louly's calf, with a heifer calf, red with white under her and white spots in face and feet. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by on their way from church. Gave Mr. B. .50 to pay Mr. Acra for girth and .30 for the blacksmith. + Gave Dick an order on Corbin to-day for 100 bus. coal.
- 5 Charlie Burns came out to work. Joe hauled the last load of coal for me – he got 336 ½ bus. coal at .12 it comes to 40.38. Warmer to-day and last night there was a little sprinkle that could be seen on the dust this morning. Sent by Joe letter to Sue. Got letter from Patty. Joe hauled ½ day for himself 2 loads of coal 80 bus. came to 9.00.
- 6 Charlie didn't come. Joe waited for him and did several little things. I sold Doll Walton 200 bus. corn at .40 at the crib. Joe fixed up scythe for Mr. Fred who began to cut briars over in old Grainger's tobacco patch after dinner – he also cleaned out springs in pasture and made a little cider. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dark. A lovely spring like day – still very dry. + Jake Anderson said he had worked 5 days this week and I gave him an order on Huey for 1.50 and he gets a bushel of bread corn .50.
- 7 Charlie Burns came out and worked – painted in my room. Joe didn't work was sick. Warm day – cloudy and flashes of lightning very faint, at night. Went to night meeting to hear Mr. Vardiman preach.
- 8 Sunday – A little shower this morning but cleared off and was warm and bright. Went to church and stopped to see Alice Corbin Snyder's sick baby. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me and went home.
- 9 Charlie Burns came and painted in the house. Joe didn't work. Mr. John E. Walton dined here. It sprinkled occasionally and at night rained. Jake worked on briars & shucking corn.
- 10 Rained most of the day – hard part of the time. I went to the funeral of Alice Corbin Snyder's baby. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Charlie didn't come. Joe stripped t. ½ day for D.
- 11 Clear till after sundown when it rained a little. Hilda and Mr. B. came on their way from church. Charlie Burns worked and Joe helped him – they put doors on the tobacco barn and hung one on the big barn – fixed crib and put support under the sleeper where Dick puts corn in tobacco barn. Mr. Walton came this morning. + Jake Anderson
- 12 Rather cloudy and cool. Charlie B. worked and Joe helped him. He fixed Joe's grate – barn threshold and made a work bench and began to make eaves troughs. Dick hauled corn – put 1 load in barn and one in crib. Isaac and I cleaned out crib. Hilda and Mr. B. came down – stayed all night and I went to church with them at night.
- 13 Got note from Sue. + Mr. Fred came and said he had worked in all 4 days and I gave him order on Corbin for 3.00. Charlie B. and Joe worked – he put in the post that fell out in the sheep cellar and prized up the beam above it fixed some eave troughs and began to fix around barn cistern. Dick put one more load in the crib.
- 14 + Jake Anderson came and we straightened up our account. I owed him 3.63 not counting the 11<sup>th</sup> when he stripped tobacco for Dick most of the day and shucked a little corn. I gave him an order on Huey for 2.00. Joe worked ½ day helping Charlie with sheep racks &c. – Charlie painted in the house after dinner. I went to Bellevue



- this evening – took letter to Patty got one from her. Hilda and Mr. B. are still staying with me. It was 29 degrees above 0 at sunrise, bright day.
- 15 Sunday – Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Huey Mike and Kate Corbin and Eva and Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Then they went home. There was a total eclipse of the moon.
  - 16 Raining most of the day. Charlie came and he and Joe worked finishing altering sheep racks and fixing barn door plastering and repairing wine cellar door. I went to Bellevue to the baptizing, saw 9 baptized. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Got note from buddy with card from Trust Co. St. Paul
  - 17 Turned cold and very disagreeable a cold wind and little snow flying at times. Charlie came out and finished tinkering up things for the present at stable, Joe's house &c. He said he had worked 9 days and it came to 11.25. I had paid him 8 since he set in to work and paid him 3.25 in full. Joe worked helping Charlie and took up my crape myrtles &c. Got letter from Julia saying Pauline was very low. Also got letter from real estate man J. W. Hughes. Sent by Isaac this evening letters to Sue and Sarah and paper to Patty. Didn't write in this again till 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 18 Coldest morning yet. I think it was 16 degrees at sunup. Joe helped Dick shuck corn. + Ot Scott and Orin Phipps brought my Fanny colt and Amy's Harriet back and drove them in spring wagon to Bellevue and I went. I paid them \$20. and settled in full. I got letter from Sally and one from Julia saying Pauline died the 17<sup>th</sup>. Got ready and went to Erlanger. Isaac drove me to the crossroads where I caught the omnibus. Stopped at Hilda's going up. Went to Cin. and to Julia's.
  - 19 Thursday – Sent postals to Sally and Sue. Pauline Foster was buried about 2 at least the funeral services began. She was buried in Spring Grove and I went. The weather moderated. Joe said he helped Dick shuck corn.
  - 20 Got up early and left Cin. on the 7.00 train. Came from Erlanger in the omnibus – dined at Hilda's and came home – put in P.O. at Burlington postal to Patty. Found Susie Rice here. Much warmer.
  - 21 Rained in the night and this morning. Sent Isaac back with Mr. Brady's buggy. Sent by him paper to Patty and letter to Sally. Got mail from Bellevue – letter from Patty 2 from Sue and paper from buddy. Kept on raining most of the time. Old Billy horse got his yoke off and hurt himself jumping so they couldn't get him up. Joe worked for Dick ½ day stripping tobacco.
  - 22 Sunday. Old Billy horse is dead. It rained almost all day, and is raining again at night.
  - 23 Wind blowing hard this morning raining, hailing, and snowing. It snowed hard for hours but the snow was wet. + Mr. Conner came and got 20 turkeys that weighed 205 lbs. He paid 7 cents a pound and gave me \$14.40. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco this morning and move it from sheep cellar afterwards. I moved my canned fruit to the cellar.
  - 24 Milder, 33 degrees at sunup, snow melting nearly all gone at night. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco again to-day. I sent letters to Julia and Sue by Dora. Went to Bellevue and McVille. Left Patty's bundle at John Burns's. Got letters from Julia and Sue. + Mr. Flick said he got 60 bushels apples and paid me \$6.00.
  - 25 Still mild – a pretty bright day. Joe worked shucking my shock corn opposite the yard.
  - 26 Thanksgiving day – after dinner Hilda, Mr. B and Josie Scott came and stayed all night. We went to see Katy Rice married to Mr. Hammond of Kansas by Mr. Utz. It

was mild. Joe shucked corn opposite the yard. I got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Mrs. Brown and book from buddy about Indian War. – also T-D.

- 27 Cloudy and windy – rained some and raining at night. Hilda and the rest went home before dinner. I had the cider barrels moved into the cellar after dinner. Dick and his boys helped – then Joe helped him strip tobacco. Joe said he shucked corn for me in the morning.
- 28 Jake Anderson came and I settled up with him – paid him for the work of the 11<sup>th</sup> (see 14<sup>th</sup>) and gave him an order on Huey for 2.38 in full. No one worked for me. Cloudy most of the day – not very cold. Got letter from buddy and copies of T-D.
- 29 Sunday – 20 degrees at sunup. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Ellen came up with Isaac.
- 30 Ellen and the black children went home. I sent by Bessie letter and T-D to Patty. Joe cut and hauled me some wood. Dick was gathering corn. I didn't write in this till Wed. 16 degrees at sunup.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Milder – 28 degrees at sun-up and bright beautiful day for Dec. Went to Ernest's and spent the day Katy A. went with me. Got letter from Julia. Isaac took Daisy down to be shod. Joe helped Dick gather corn.
- 2 Still milder, cloudy day 42 degrees at sun-up. Joe helped Dick gather corn and used my team after dinner. Isaac took the buggy to McVille to be mended. I got letters from Patty in Chicago, Sally, Sarah and Julia. They put 2 loads in the back part of corn crib to-day.
- 3 Very mild – sprinkled some after dinner and at night rained. Aunt Eliza was sent for as Dave is worse – I took her to McVille on her way home. Didn't have time to settle with her – paid her \$10. + Sent by school children letters to buddy and to Sue. Got from John Burns's daughter the receipt from Am. Ex. Doll Walton's hands began to haul the corn I sold him hauled 4 loads – two in large and two in smaller wagon. Joe and my team helped Dick shuck corn.
- 4 43 degrees at sun-up. Doll Walton's hand hauled his loads in the big wagon. It turned colder and there were showers off and on during the day. Joe with my team helped Dick shuck corn. My darling Sally's birthday, Lord love her.
- 5 Didn't write in this till the 7<sup>th</sup>. Went to Bellevue and McVille. Sent letter to Aunt Eliza with order on Oscar Jones for groceries, and letter to Julia.
- 6 Sunday – Cloudy day and rained occasionally. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with me. Mr. Fred came and told me about a young calf. Found my Patsy cow with a right young heifer calf red. Isaac and I brought it home – named calf Nancy Magruder.
- 7 Joe worked for himself this morning – helped Dick shuck corn afterwards. Sent Isaac down to get the weight of the corn from Mike Corbin. The big wagon weighed net 35 bus, the small wagon net 22 ½ bus.
- 8 Rather colder. Went to McVille and got the package Sally sent me. Sent this morning letter to Aunt Susan. Took letter to T\_D. Joe helped Dick shuck his corn.
- 9 Beautiful mild bright day. + Doll Walton came and gave me a check on the Burlington Bk. for \$80. for the corn – 12 ½ bus. are still due him on the 200 bus. I sold him but he paid for all and is to send for the rest. + I went to Albert Kelly's and got 10 fruit trees 8 peach and 2 pears – paid him 2.20 for them. Joe helped Dick shuck his corn again. I got letters from Patty, Sally, and Sue. + The peaches I got are

marked. Wonderful 3 Mountain Rose 2 Lemon Tree 2 Golden Drop 1 and Seckel Pear 1 Bartlett Pear 1.

- 10 A perfectly lovely day for December. Mild, bright and spring-like. + Doll Walton sent Roland and got the 12 ½ bus. corn coming to him. I set out the peach and pear trees with Isaac's help. Joe was shucking Dick's corn again and they got it done – finished over by Mr. Rogers's. Orin Phipps came and got Fanny to ride again.
- 11 Another beautiful day. I wrapped my peach trees and other fruit trees. Dick worked ½ day helping Joe who shucked corn in front of the yard.
- 12 No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Colder to-day 26 degrees at sun-up.
- 13 Sunday – Milder. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home.
- 14 Very mild cloudy day. Went to Ernest's but they were gone. Got letter from Julia. Joe shucked corn across pike.
- 15 Warm – rained some last night and a misty rain this morning. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco.
- 16 Bright spring-like day – turned colder towards night. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco. I went to Burlington got the check John J. Walton gave me (see 9<sup>th</sup>) cashed. Let Hilda have 50. of it to pay part on what she lent me. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Sally. Sent letter to Sally this morning.
- 17 Colder 25 degrees at sun-up but bright Joe gathered corn for me and helped with the lambs that I got up to doctor for the scab.
- 18 Colder – bright day. I sent Patty a letter with inclosure by Bessie. Went to Bellevue took letter to Julia. Joe hauled fodder this morning and cleaned up in sheep cellar after.
- 19 Colder 17 degrees at sun-up. No one worked for me.
- 20 Sunday – Not so cold 45 degrees the warmest part of the day. Went to Anne's to see if I could hear of any cook.
- 21 This day 19 years ago my dear father died, Lord love his soul. It was much warmer. I sent a letter to Patty with inclosure. Hilda and Mr. B. came on an errand. No one worked for me. Joe and Dick killed their hogs.
- 22 Bright warm day. Joe hauled fodder for me after dinner. It rained at night.
- 23 Joe said he helped Dick in tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Rained and harder at night.
- 24 Rainy and misty again. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. No one worked for me. I got letter from Patty and T-D. Nineteen years ago papa was buried and I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25 Christmas Day – Like spring more than winter – a green Christmas if ever there was one in Ky. Yesterday and to-day I saw honey bees flying round and the birds sang. Stayed at home all day. My young cow Cherry's calf got into the old straw stack last night and was hurt in some way – can't get up. Joe and his visitor tried to pull her up with ropes – all in vain.
- 26 Turned colder – no one worked for me. Got letters from Julia Foster saying her mother died on Christmas morning – a pretty sweet old lady gone. Got package from Julia. Got letter from Sally and book from Patty. Hilda and Mr. B. were here to dinner. Sent by them letter to Patty and T-D.

- 27 Sunday – Isaac came home and said Phoebe’s Dave died last Saturday. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped on their way home. I sent by them letters to Julia and Belle R. Went to see Mrs. Rice.
- 28 Found one of the ewe lambs I got of Doll Walton dead. Had all the ewe lambs dipped and put in the sheep cellar. Mild morning but turned windy and disagreeable. Dick Loudon worked ½ day helping move the cow in the yard. Flave worked all day with cow and dipping lambs. Jesses helped ½ day with lambs. Joe worked to-day.
- 29 Rained last night and to-day. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco. After dinner it quit raining. I went to McVille and Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore – she and Mr. C. both sick.
- 30 Joe and Flave worked for me – they hauled fodder and shucked corn and hauled the cow up with blocks. Dick and his hands helped. This was a mild bright day with the most magnificent western sky after sundown.
- 31 Joe shucked corn and put all this in the barn. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined.