

January

- 1 Moderating—28 above 0 in the morning—snowing sometimes during the day and cloudy. Tom worked. Charlie told me to credit him with ½ day because Tom hauled some drags for him. Tom also hauled drags for me. I went to see after my sheep cattle. Jim Love came to see me about renting the house Jim Loudon now occupies. Sudy Arnold and Cordy came over. Patty went home with Sudy. 20° above at bedtime.
- 2 Only 8° above 0 at 7 a.m. and went down to 5° by 9 a.m. Clear bright morning. 3° above 0 at 2 p.m., 8° below 0 at 10 p.m. So cold Charlie did n't work. Tom took Raymond mare to have her shod—cut a little firewood. I sent letters to the 3 banks in Washington & Georgetown and one to Aunt Sally. Got New Year's card from Julia.
- 3 Thermometer 16 degrees below 0 at sunrise this morning—clear day 6° below 0 before 10 p.m. Sudy came over and she and Patty and Hilda walked to Bellevue. Charlie did n't work. Tom set the saw—fed and cut a little wood. Ernest came and dined but went home.
- 4 Still cold, 14° below—at 8 a.m.—at 9 p.m., 9° below 0. Clear and bright. Tom tried to haul a little wood but broke an iron on the sled. I went to Bellevue when he went to get it mended and stayed for mail. Got letter from Sarah and ___ Resor's invitation to her wedding. The river is frozen over at Bellevue. Charlie worked some after dinner—1/2 day I believe—fixing a pen for the old sow, feeding &c.
- 5 Sunday. 18° below—when I looked. Charlie says it was 20° before that—bitter cold but bright. At 11 p.m. it was 2° above 0. Stayed home. Ernest came and dined. I gave him a postal for Sarah to be left for Mr. Corbin to take to Cin. Mr. Corbin sent his boys out for my sled and their horses ran off with it and broke it.
- 6 Bright again—8° above 0 at ½ past 7 a.m. 14° above 0 at 5 p.m. Tom and Charlie worked—sawing and splitting wood.
- 7 Colder this morning—2° above 0 in the morning. Went up to 29° afterwards—snowing in the evening at dusk. Hilda and I walked to Bellevue and came out in a sled with the Bradys. Tom went down to get the sled—did n't get much done—got home late and fixed the sled a little and then some straw out of the ice house. Charlie did n't work. Ernest came for Patty and she went up and skated on the river and dined at Dr. Grant's and Ernest brought her back. The river is frozen over and I heard Mr. Vardiman was moving over on the ice.
- 8 Snowing hard this morning and deep snow on the ground—stopped afterwards—weather moderating—28° above 0. I went to see the boys get out ice—then to Bellevue—got letter from Joe Humphreys and one from Julia with newspaper account of Bloom Wetherill's wedding. Charlie worked getting out ice. Tom too. I went fox hunting with the men who came through the pasture—they caught the fox and the hounds killed it. Then I went to Burlington in the sled for Sarah—but she did n't come. Sent letter to buddy.
- 9 Colder—14° above 0 at 8 a.m. and snowing hard. Charlie and Tom worked hauling ice—that had been taken out—then some corn from the big crib and some manure out of the stable to the garden. Turned colder in the evening. Ernest came and stayed all night. Tom went for mail. I got letter from Sarah and letters from Cus. Bk. Of Washington with draft for \$33, from Cus. Farmers & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. with draft for \$28 and 2 drafts from U. S. Treasurer for \$3 & \$9 for int. on my corporation stock. Sat up sewing for Pat. 6° below 0 at midnight. There was a new lamb but I think it was born yesterday by its looks—it also has dark spots on it.

- 10 Colder, 16° below 0 at 6 a.m. Patty started after breakfast with Ernest to Aurora to take the cars. Let her have 6.00 of her papa's money. Tom and Charlie went rabbit hunting—said it was too cold to work. I miss my big baby so much. Sent letters to Julia & Sarah.
- 11 15° above 0 and snowing hard. Tom went hunting till noon. Hilda went to church—afterwards we all went in a sleigh to Dr. Grant's to hear about Patty. We brought Miss Lou home with us.
- 12 Sunday. We went to church in sled. Ernest and Tom Grant came and dined with us. Sally went home with Cordy and I went after her in the evening. Weather ____.
- 13 Dr. Grant came down for Miss Lou and took her home. Charlie went to Bellevue and brought out mail. I got letter from Chas. Natl. Met. Bk. Washington with draft for 7.00. Found black ewe with twin lambs. Tom went hunting this morning. He and Charlie both worked ½ day sawing wood in the new ground.
- 14 Went to Bellevue with letter for Sue. The river broke up last night and was running full of ice. I went up to Mrs. Roberts's after Tom to help with the ice—he came down towards evening. Charlie worked getting out ice. Jim Moreland helped after dinner. Tom Nettles helped getting out ice till noon then hauled. He had to quit to haul 2 barrels of water for the sheep—one ewe is sick—looked very badly. Ernest came down this evening with his new basket sleigh and took Sally and me a ride. Got bill from Mr. W. B. Green—mean to see about it.
- 15 28° above 0 and snowed hard this morning—then quit. Thermometer went up to 3°. Charlie, Tom Nettles and Tom Roberts worked—they got out ice and Tom N. hauled—finished getting it out by noon—then hauled in straw—water to sheep and sawed some wood at the woodpile. Charlie also put up the eaves troughs the cow put out of place. I rode round to see ice—had sick ewe brought up to carriage house. Went to Bellevue—got letter and postal from Patty and paper from Cousin Tom Flandrau. It rained this evening—a cold, slow rain.
- 16 Misting rain this morning. Tom hauled some of the rails from where Mr. Murdock had the fattening hogs. After dinner he hauled some drags of wood for Mr. House—he also hauled some fodder for the cattle. Charlie did n't work. I rode round and to Mr. Hunt's—it was sloppy and wet all day—but froze at night.
- 17 Colder, 12° above 0 about 7 a.m. Went up to 32° towards noon and began to sleet and rain. Mr. Clore (Jonas) came out and bought the locust posts, 14 ft. long, paid me 3.00 and agreed to take them before the snow goes off. Tom went to mill at ____ [Petersburg?]-took 2 sacks corn. Charlie did n't work—took corn for himself.
- 18 Went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty & to the 3 banks at Washington. The sun came out bright and there was thaw on roofs. Tom Nettles hauled drags out of the wheat field—the tops of the locust trees Mr. Clore bought and some others. Charlie did n't work for me—he had the horses to drag wood for himself after dinner. The roads are a glare of ice since the rain and the snow still remains. Tom hauled up a barrel of apples from the barn and I found them frozen and ruined. Tom cut some wood in the new ground.
- 19 Sunday. Colder—only 8° above 0 at 8 a.m. I stayed at home. Katy and Cordy came over in the evening.
- 20 A month to-day since my sheep have been put up and they have never been let out since. The snow fell a month ago to-night and has been on the ground all that time. Tom hauled a little fodder to the cattle and then took Patty to Bellevue to have a shoe put on and to get harness mended—stayed almost all day. Sally and I went to see Sudy Arnold. 16° above 0 at ½ past 7 a.m.
- 21 Milder during the day—began to thaw towards noon. Tom patched up harness a little and hauled some fodder and a little wood. I spent most of the day in a crusade against mice. Got

letter from Patty saying her father was in Cinti, the 18th Julia said in a letter I got from her. Jim Loudon came over to ask for Mr. Hunt's house.

- 22 Took Sally to school for the first time since the cold weather—went on to Dr. Grant's and then started to Mr. Green's but heard he was at Bellevue. Went down after dinner and paid Mr. Green—stopped at Mrs. Corbin's a few moments. Took letter to BBG. Tom fussed around a little as usual and hauled manure out to the garden. Mr. Murdock started to gathering corn again and Charlie is helping him. Had the old sheep turned out for the first time since the snow. Hilda and May continued the mouse crusade.
- 23 Found the old sheep dead. Sent that aggravating Sullivan heifer, Kate, to Mr. Rogers's again. Tom and Jim L. spent part of the day digging polecats out, so I did n't get much done. I rode round to see them gathering corn. Mr. Murdock finished in the new ground and all that field. I let him have 20 bushels of my corn to pay for what he said my cattle destroyed in the little field in the other pasture.
- 24 Went to Bellevue to-day—when I took Sally to school. Rode up in the new ground and on cherry hill. Met Mr. Hunt and he asked me to let him have the grapes another year—so I said he could, but told him I expected after that to have them grubbed up. Tom did n't do much—went up and cut some hickory drags—buried the sheep—threw some of the litter back in the sheep pens &c. There was a new lamb to-day. Mr. Murdock started to haul his manure off to-day and I went to see Mr. Arnold about it. Cordy came home from school with Sally.
- 25 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Patty. Met Mr. Green and asked him about Mr. Murdock's hauling off manure. Went to new ground to show Jim L. about trees for stove wood. Mr. Smith the Ass[essor]. came. White sheep had twins. Tom hauled wood.
- 26 Sunday. Went to church with Sally. Got letter from Patty. Charlie Rockwell came in to see how we stood in the account so I looked it over and found that I now owe him 16.49 for all his work and on this I paid him 10.00 see a/c. Found new lamb—and a sick ewe.
- 27 Found the sick ewe dead. Paid Charlie Rockwell 10.00 being more than what was due to him on at a/c of work, but he wanted to go away, and agreed to make it up when he came back. He left for parts mysterious to hunt a place to do better. Hilda, Sally and I went in wagon to Rising Sun—with Tom to drive. Sally had a bad tooth out, it hurt dreadfully—it was a 6 years tooth. Tom got drunk, and altogether we had a disagreeable time—it was warm as spring and mud bottomless. I got cashed at the Rising Sun Bank the drafts from Washington, which came 9th and 13th.
- 28 Sent Molly to Mr. Rogers's. Found twin lambs. Tom buried the sheep and attended to stock—ran the pigs off the wheat and fixed holes in the fence. Hilda went to Mr. Brady's with the Arnold girls &c. After dark it rained. Told Tom to wean Molly's calf. Put Hetty up in a stall to fatten.
- 29 Disagreeable wet day—raining a little off and on, and misting. Found a ewe lamb dead in the pen—counted in all to-night 13 lambs. Tom spent what time he had to-day putting in a loft in the smoke house, and fixing it so the rats can't eat the meat. Dolly went for mail. I got 2 letters from Patty and a letter from Julia. Sally was poorly last night—had fever all night. She was better to-day and she said Hilda went and took dinner at the Arnold's. Had a barrel of pippins opened to-night and found them not frozen.
- 30 This morning found a new lamb and also a pair of twins, the latter so weak they could n't stand up all day and the ewe looks poorly. After the sheep were turned out I found another new lamb and late this evening Tom found one I think is also new. Found another nice ewe lamb dead in the pen and after sundown found what I think is my oldest lamb, over a month old, dead from a kick on the head. Tom took the meat out and hung it up. Louis came up to

see about coming to work. I had the two calves Joseph and Tom turned out in the other pasture.

- 31 Charlie got back this morning—said he would work for me till fall for 18. a month. I agreed to let Mr. Murdock haul the rest of the manure behind his stable on condition of his giving me his share in the stalk field above the hedge. Found the twins of yesterday dead, also another fine lamb dead out in the pasture. Found a new pair of twins in the sheep pen. Counted in all 16 lambs to-day. Turned Posey, John & May in the little pasture to-day. Tom set up feed trough and hauled some hay to rack—hung up jowls and attended to stock.

February

- 1 Charlie set in to work at 18. a month. Went to Bellevue with wagon for barrels &c. and then made a barrel of cider out of frozen apples. Tom did n't work, except feed &c.—he went to Bellevue. I sent by Hilda a letter to Patty. Got letters from buddy and Julia and little note from Sue. Had a bad cold and was poorly all day.
- 2 Sunday. Had cattle turned in stalk field—2 new lambs to-day and I counted in all 19. Cordy came to dine and Lily to stay a few minutes. Still poorly with cold.
- 3 Cold—ground frozen hard as it was yesterday. Tom broke stalks in the big bottom field—after dinner he hauled drags of hickory. Charlie made cider – Found fine new lamb which soon died – seemed chilled. Mr. Murdock moved his family to-day to Mr. Sutton's place. John Coons worked ½ day draining out ditch he cut last year. Kate Corbin spent the day here. Lily Arnold came over.
- 4 Cold this morning—ground frozen hard and such a keen wind I would n't turn the old sheep out. Found a pair of twins. Tom was sick and could n't work. John Coons broke the stalks in the bottom and beyond the creek in the field where the wheat is—quit at ½ past 10 and went to ditching—just below the old tenant house. Charlie did feeding &c. and made cider. Sally went to school the first time for a week.
- 5 Rained last night and part of the day. Chilly and disagreeable. Tom and Charlie both sick and could n't work. John Coons fed with my help. I did n't see any lambs that looked like new ones—kept sheep up. Had cattle turned out of stalk field. Went to Bellevue late—sent Pat postal and Sue stockings and mittens. Poorly all day and Sally not very well.
- 6 Half sick all day—Hilda too. Found a pair of twin lambs one of which was dead, also another nice lamb dead, making 9 in all that have died so far as I know. Charlie sick—did n't work. Tom sick, did n't work. John Coons fed &c. for his board as it was too bad to ditch. Got mail, letter from Patty and magazine from Sue.
- 7 Bright cold morning, 25° ab. 0 when I came down—had cattle turned in stalk field again. Turned sheep out, counted lambs best I could and made out 26. Tom and Charlie still sick—Hilda sick in bed—still poorly myself. Man named Saunders came to for organs. Peter Zimmerman came out and bought my cider—what I expect to let Dr. have. He paid me 5.00 on it. Rode after sheep this evening; found new pair twins and 1 lamb, the largest new one yet.
- 8 Another bright cold day. Four new lambs that I know of, counted 34 in all. Charlie worked making cider. Tom still poorly, but helped with feeding and took me to Bellevue in wagon. John Coons ditched in bottom. Hilda still sick. Sally and I went to Mrs. Corbin's a few moments.
- 9 Sunday. Bright day—I went to church. Did n't help with the sheep, as usual Tom said he found 2 lambs dead, one of them the very large one—and new twins. Ernest came after dinner—also R.E. who only stayed till church time.

- 10 Sally went to school. May S. went home visiting. Dr. Grant came to call. Mrs. Clore, Florence and Sudy came after dinner. Tom worked to-day—attended to stock as usual, cleaned stable and went to Bellevue with wagon to take 6 barrels of cider for Peter Zimmerman. Peter agreed to bring the barrels all back and paid me \$20.00—promising to send the other 5.00 to-morrow. I gave Dr. Grant 15.00 to pay Mr. Jenkins for Polly's colt by Almont, asked him to get me a receipt. No lambs to-day that I know of—one poor little thing that I brought to the kitchen it looked so starved. Charlie worked. Jim Loudon came to the kitchen and said he did n't intend to work to pay his rent—and plenty of other mean talk. Mr. Hunt worked part of the day in the garden grape vines. John Coons ditched.
- 11 Rained last night and off and on to-day. Set Charlie to shelling and sorting corn in big crib. Tom helped after he got other work done—they also hauled some hay and oats to the stable. It was so wet John did n't work. Mrs. Rice came over. I went to Mr. Arnold's and got him to write me a notice for Jim Loudon to leave, which he offered to take him. Peter Zimmerman sent me by a man named E. Smith the other 5.00 for the cider—the man wanted to rent the place for his brother. Found 3 lambs that I thought were new ones this morning. Got letters from Patty and Julia, and a pocket handkerchief from Julia.
- 12 Found the lamb in the kitchen dead and another nice ewe lamb dead making 13 that have died. A snowy disagreeable day—kept the ewes and lambs up. This evening found a new pair of twins. John Coons ditched not quite half a day in the lower bottom after he finished above. Charlie sorted corn &c. Tom did some little mending up of things. I went to Bellevue—took letter for Patty with 5.00 in it being half of her Christmas money I borrowed. Mr. Arnold gave Jim Loudon his notice to quit.
- 13 Disagreeable snowy morning—kept all the sheep up—found 3 lambs I thought were new ones. Put Clara up in stall. Tom went to milk and hauled some spoiled oats to poor point. John Coons put in about ½ day ditching. Charlie cut stalks ½ day. Lily came over in the evening.
- 14 Rather a discouraging St. Valentine's day—only 5° above 0 at 7 a.m. Two years to-day since poor Louly died. Found a new lamb—turned young sheep out. Charlie cut stalks till he finished on the wheat and then helped Tom haul manure from Mr. Murdock's stable. Did n't get much done it was so cold. I went to Bellevue for mail.
- 15 Colder still—4° above 0 at 7 a.m. Found a dead lamb and living twins—took one twin and gave it to the ewe that lost her lamb. Afterwards there was another lamb, and then another one. Charlie did n't work, neither did Tom. Tom came in this morning and we had a settlement and I now owe him 15.70 for work to date. Fanny and Permelia Corbin came this evening and little Susy Rice this morning.
- 16 Sunda—moderating—25° above 0 at 7 a.m. Found twins this morning. Turned all sheep out except 3. Stayed home. Towards evening it snowed hard.
- 17 Not so cold, and snowing hard. Clara had a fine bull calf this morning. Found 2 pairs of twins and 2 single lambs all new. Snowed hard all day especially towards night. Tom fed &c. and then quit and went to Bellevue. Charlie did n't work—he and John went over the river. I got letters from Patty and Sue.
- 18 Found 2 single lambs this morning and this evening at feeding time 2 pairs of twins. Charlie did n't work. Tom only fed, set saw &c. Only 6° above 0 this morning but moderated. I went to Bellevue; got letters from Patty and Aunt Nancy. Jim Moreland came to try and get the house Jim Loudon is in for himself instead of Jim Love since all their plans are changed.
- 19 Not so cold, 23° above 0 at 7 a.m. I think—snowed sometime during the day. This morning found 1 dead lamb newborn and 2 pairs twins and put it with the dead lambs' mammy to make her adopt it. At noon found another pair of twins. At night one of the new lambs died.

It snowed fast towards night. The boys say Jim Loudon moved to-day over to Dick's. Tom hauled 2 loads corn up to the little crib and he and John sawed a little wood. Charlie did n't work. I got letter from BBG. Mr. Duncanson of the Clk. of Circuit Court came with a bill for clerk's fees in getting judgment against R. Moreland.

- 20 Rather milder—25° above 0 at 7 a.m. 1 pair twins this morning; old black-faced ewe—1 pair this evening. Tom attended to stock and cut some wood. Charlie did n't work. Sent John to Bellevue with letter to Patty and one to Aunt Nancy with 1.00. Sudy and Katy came and spent the day. I signed a scholar to Katy's school paper.
- 21 Mr. George Murdock came this evening to settle our account. He brought his a/c up to 42.05 and I brought mine down to 31.75 which left a balance due him of 10.30. I paid him the .30 and told him I would get the other for him. I paid John Coons for what work he had done and told him I would give up the ditching for the present, so he went away. Jim Love came down about the house that Jim Loudon left. A black woman who cooked for Mr. Kirtley came hunting a place to work. Now for the lambs. The little one I tried to make the ewe adopt was dead—the spiteful thing killed it I suppose. Found a pr. twins this morning and I believe 3 single ones and a pair of twins this evening. Got paper from Mary C. with notice of her sister Lucy's marriage Feb. 6th. Have lost 17 lambs in all so far as I know. Tom attended to stock—afterwards he went to Bellevue on his own account. Charlie did n't work.
- 22 A cold rain till after noon. Then cleared up. Jim Moreland came to see about the house—says Jim Love agreed to let him have the house and told me to charge him rent from the time Jim Loudon left, the 19th. Charlie did n't work. Tom worked till noon and hired Charlie to do his feeding milking &c. because he wanted to go away. Got 2 letters from Patty and one from Julia. Found the ewe that had twins the evening of 20th dead this morning—took what I thought were her twins and put them with a ewe that had a dead born lamb to try and make her adopt them. Tom buried the sheep and some lambs. Found two new lambs to-day.
- 23 Sunday. A March-like day, cold wind but snow melting. Went to church. Ernest came in the evening. No new lambs that I could see—2 dead ones making 20 in all so far. Took one of the twin lambs to kitchen. Mike Corbin and his wife and Permelia came after dinner. Turned out young sheep.
- 24 Found 2 new lambs and twins and one old ewe down to die apparently. Warmer this morning—feels a little like spring. Had all the sheep turned out except those with new lambs. Tom and I tried to count the lambs—made out 85 in all to the best of my knowledge. Sent Tom to drive Mr. Rector's hogs out. Charlie Rockwell moved down under the hill—did n't work to-day. This evening when we drove the sheep up found a pair of twins and 2 single lambs. Sprinkled towards dark. Turned cattle and colts out of stalk field.
- 25 Looked like rain and sprinkled off and on. Kept the old sheep up—found a lamb that the shoats had killed and 2 dead in the sheep pen. Charlie worked hauling rails, manure and fixing a pen for pigs. Tom helped. Lily Arnold spent the day here. I went to Bellevue, took a letter to Julia.
- 26 Cold—25° above 0 at 7 and fell to 21 with a cold wind blowing. Had the young sheep's noses tarred, and cattle turned back into stalk field. Charlie hauled straw and finished—hauled up a load of corn and some hay and put up most of the pigs.
- 27 Colder—only 10° above 0 at 6 a.m. Rather a bright day. Found one dead lamb in the pen and one we had in the kitchen. Tom and Charlie both worked—put rings in the hogs' and pigs' noses. Then hauled some hay to the colts, some oats to the stable a load of barrels to the wine house and sawed & split wood. I went to Bellevue, took letter to Mr. Foster, got a letter from Aunt Nancy. To-day had the sheep and lambs turned into the barn lot. Louis Le

Fevre came to tell me that his plans were changed and he would not want the house he engaged so I hired him to work till the 1st Nov. at 13.00 a month, he to take turns doing the Sunday work.

- 28 Not so cold—20° above 0 this morning. Moderated soon and turned out a bright lovely winter day. Charlie broke stalks next Mr. Arnold's till noon. Tom attended to stock—then went over to new ground and made sapling rails. After dinner he and Charlie worked together at it. May Sullivan went home on a visit and Mrs. Lacy came to cook. Mrs. Polly Grant and Mrs. Rice came to spend the day. I went to see Dick Loudon who is no better.

March

- 1 A lovely spring-like day. Had young sheep turned out for good and old sheep in barn lot the same as yesterday. Charlie worked in the new ground cutting saplings and working them up. Tom helped after doing his feeding &c. and burying the ewe that died and a lot of lambs with her. I rode round most of the day—told Mr. Hunt to grub a fence row. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and one from Mr. Seth C. Foster with check for \$150.
- 2 Sunday. Rained before day and all day. Stayed home—had cattle turned out of stalk field. This evening found 2 new lambs. Louis came up this evening to begin work.
- 3 Louis set in to work to-day—he and Charlie and Tom worked in the new ground cutting & sawing and splitting saplings and stove wood. Sudy Arnold spent the day. Raw, disagreeable day. One new lamb this morning.
- 4 Found 2 new lambs—went to Rising Sun and did n't see the sheep at night. Cloudy all day and rained on the river. Spent hours bothering with Uncle Jilson's affairs with his renter—he sent for me. Sent Aunt Nancy letter with postal order for 5.00. Charlie and Tom worked in the new ground making rails & stove wood. Louis went to R.S. with me. I went to the bank and got the check Mr. Foster sent me (see Mar. 1st) cashed. Got 2 letters from Patty and one from buddy. Sent letter to Lizzie Dinsmore.
- 5 A lovely bright day—just like spring—2 dead lambs—1 new one. The boys, all 3 worked making rails on the 5 point in the other pasture and fixing the line fences up there. After dinner I went to Burlington—paid my taxes to Mr. B. K. Sleet in presence of Mr. Calvert and brought home receipt. Did n't see Mr. Winston—told Mr. Calvert to tell him to close the mortgage on Mr. Richard Moreland's land—came home by Mr. Moreland's and notified him. Sally set a hen to-day. She went to Mr. Arnold's and stayed all night. May Sullivan came back this evening. Patty came down on the boat and Mr. Snyder brought her out—she has chickenpox and a cold.
- 6 The children made me a birthday cake and were very good and sweet. It rained part of the day and was mild and spring-like. Tom took the crosscut saw to the shop—got new axes. Drove hogs out of bottom field and told Mr. Rector about them. Then I sent him to chop in new ground. Charlie and Louis hauled some corn up and manure on garden. While it rained cleared out trash in barn and lock some and put apple barrels away—cleaned cider mill &c. I went to Bellevue paid my a/c. at Corbin's and to Mr. Snyder's. Got letter from Julia.
- 7 Charlie and Louis began to haul manure—it rained and they quit about 9. Charlie then went away but worked after dinner in the new ground with Louis sawing. While it rained Tom and Louis fixed brier scythes—then chopped wood. I went to Dr. Grant's—stopped at Mr. Jim Rogers's on my way home. One nice large lamb died—two new ones. It was like spring after the rain.
- 8 A real spring day. Turned all the old sheep and new lambs out in the big pasture—one ewe had twins. I did n't ride round in the evening to see. Tom took Mr. Bott's's cart home and went to mill for cow feed. Then hauled stove wood out of new ground where Louis & Charlie

worked all day. Sent by Patty to Mike Corbin 10.00 to pay Geo. Murdock—Ernest Grant came. Sudy and Flora came.

- 9 Lovely warm Sunday. Stayed at home—rode up to help feed sheep. Ernest came and stayed to dinner.
- 10 Warmer still—looked like rain part of the day and sprinkled occasionally. Charlie and Louis made and burnt plant beds and sawed wood. Tom fed sheep &c.—and helped the other boys—then hauled stove wood. I went to George Walton's and other places hunting tobacco seed—got some from black Jake. Went to see Mr. Hunt's grubbing—says he was two days at it—showed him some more to do. One lamb died and the children saw another new one.
- 11 Charlie and Louis planted tobacco seed in the plant beds—then they sawed wood. After Tom fed sheep &c. he hauled rails from new ground till towards evening he took us to Bellevue in wagon. I got letter from Sue. Brought home side-hill plough. The Corbin girls came out. I went to see Jim M. about horse and Dick L. about plough.
- 12 Patty went back to school. We got up before 3 a.m. and Tom drove out in the wagon to Burlington. Patty went to Cov. with Mr. Dills I got back a few minutes after 8. Charlie and Louis split wood in new ground. Tom went to try the ground above Charlie's old cabin but found it too wet, then went and broke the strip between the wheat and clover and harrowed it—sowed clover on the poor points near there and harrowed it in—then hauled up a load of corn—he also hauled a locust pole out of bottom. I rode round all day, went to see Mr. Hunt grub—and on errands.
- 13 Bright day—but I had headache and was poorly all day. Sent for Mr. Arnold's niece and set Charlie to ploughing with double shovel on the point next the clover in the big bottom field. Set Louis to raking stalks—he raked all day. Tom sowed clover on the strip he ploughed yesterday—then went to Bellevue with wagon. I bought a double shovel from Mr. Holmes. After dinner Tom ploughed with Billy. They ploughed the hill side in the lower bottom field. I burnt stalks and walked myself almost worn out, as Billy's back is sore.
- 14 Sent Tom to sow clover early but he had to quit it was so windy—then he went to breaking up in the field above the hedge—ploughed all day—and used Mr. A's mare. Louis raked stalks all day. Charlie burned stalks and grubbed sprouts. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Mr. Foster about grass seed &c. It was a cold raw windy day and I had headache and felt poorly.
- 15 Tom put Billy in wagon and hauled wood till noon. After that ploughed on top of sand field above hedge. Charlie fed sheep and helped Tom and grubbed, after dinner he ploughed in the same field. Louis ploughed in the morning; only worked ½ day. In the evening Tom took wagon to Bellevue for grass seed &c. that Mr. Foster sent down. He took a barrel of apples to send by Mr. Corbin to Jane Irwin. It was cold raw windy day. Thermometer only 24° above 0 at 6 a.m. Got letter from Aunt Nancy.
- 16 Sunday. Not quite so cold, 26° above 0 at 6 a.m. Rather bright before noon. Afterwards a heavy snow storm. Tom and I went after the old sheep and lambs and drove them up and put them in the sheep cellar. It was very cold and a blinding snow—then I went to Mr. Arnold's for Sally. Got letter from buddy with draft for \$50.00 for Sally and a note from Patty saying she got back safely.
- 17 Still cold, 26° above 0—but moderated afterwards. Charlie did n't work—neither did Louis, who was away. Tom fed and greased some harness and did some other little things.
- 18 Still colder—8° above 0 at 6 a.m. Charlie sorted potatoes till noon then split stove wood at wood pile. Tom hauled hay to young sheep—oats to colts and to stable—corn from lower crib and wood from new ground. Louis helped him and Charlie both. I went to Bellevue and

got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for 50.00 from buddy that came Sunday. I took down letters to buddy and Patty. 19 E.D.

- 19 Found yellow legged ewe with a lamb—looks as if it had been born last evening—this is the last one due. Not as cold 24° above 0 at 6. Tom hauled wood with 3 horses out of new ground. Charlie and Louis sawed and split wood. I went up to see Mr. Hunt's grubbing in hollow by pear trees. Cordy and Louly Carver came to see Sally.
- 20 Moderating—rained a cold slow rain towards evening. Tom hauled manure from Mr. Hunt's cow stable till noon—then helped Louis and Charlie who sawed and split wood in the new ground. I sent Louis for mail—got letter from Julia. I went to Mr. Arnold's. Had sheep and lambs turned out during the day in barn lot.
- 21 Charlie and Louis sawed in the new ground. Tom hauled fodder and turnips and straw for cattle and for stalls till noon—then split wood in new ground. I rode around there—it was a damp chilly evening.
- 22 Poured rain last night and thundered. Creek all over the bottom carrying away fences &c. Charlie began to work but had to quit—came in to see how the account stood—let what he did to-day go on Mar. 7th to make out the day and he has worked 17 days this month so far. I turned Louly's and Pink's calf in the other pasture to wean. Found another dead lamb—30 I think that makes. Got letter from Aunt Sally. Boys all went to Rising Sun.
- 23 Sunday—stayed home, walked around with Sally—she set two hens out on turkey eggs. I found turkey nest—she found the first wild flower we have seen this spring. Had sheep turned out in pasture again—as well as I could count, there are 94 lambs. Got letter from Mr. Foster with bill for clover seeds &c. and paper from Julia with obituary notice.
- 24 Took Sally to school to Katy Arnold. Went on to Bellevue. Rode around most of the day and walked too. Went to salt sheep and look at lambs—and through the bottoms. Charlie split wood and helped Mr. Roberts who came to attend to the shoats. Louis did n't work. I sent by him money and a shoulder to Aunt Sally. I took to Bellevue a letter to Patty with 2.00 in it that I sent for her pictures. Went for Sally in the evening. Tom tried to plough but it was too wet, so he hauled wood off the new ground. Hilda and I went to Mrs. Marshall's funeral—got mail—letter from Julia. Charlie helped Jim Moreland saw timber for rails, and then split wood. Louis and Tom grubbed in the clover field. It was a pleasant mild day.
- 26 Rained a little early this morning and rained hard off and on all day. Charlie and Louis tried to saw wood but had to quit on account of rain and forked up manure in the sheep cellar. Tom went to Mr. Murdock's to get fork &c.—had Jane's shoes reset. After dinner he hauled out manure 5 loads. Sally stayed home. I got letter from Patty.
- 27 Did n't rain for a wonder. Tom hauled manure till noon—then ploughed on top of sand hill. Charlie and Louis sawed logs in new ground. I went to George Walton's to see about getting oxen. I sold my little cow Hetty to Mr. Jim Conner for 25.00 and he paid me. Ernest came to-night for a few moments.
- 28 Warm day. Charlie and Louis sawed in new ground. Tom hauled a load of corn then manure from sheep cellar till noon—then hauled out of new ground. I walked till I was worn out nearly—went to Mrs. Loudon's—went to see Mr. Hunt's grubbing—rode to Bellevue—got letter from Mr. Winston about Moreland business. Mr. Conner sent for the cow to-day. Tom Nettles came in to-night to see how we stood in our accounts. I went back to the last settlement see Feb. 15 and found that I was owing him 24.30. I paid him 20.00 in presence of Miss Hill and Sally which leaves me owing him now 4.30. Found a young lamb dead in the pasture and another live one—they were probably twins.

- 29 Tom went to Rising Sun. Charlie and Louis hauled manure from sheep cellar. I rode and walked round nearly all day—went with Sally to take Cordy's shoes home. It rained towards evening and poured down at night.
- 30 Sunday—stayed home. Got letter from Patty. Raw disagreeable cloudy day. Sudy and Lily came over after their dinner.
- 31 Louis came in and wanted to settle and leave—so I paid him off—see a/c book page 229. Tom went to Rising Sun to hunt his missing bundle and took the day. Charlie hauled manure till noon—then set out turnips, split wood &c. I went to Bellevue twice; took Sally and had her picture taken and my own too.

April

- 1 Set Charlie to harrowing and Tom to sowing clover—they finished the pieces beyond the creek—then Charlie ploughed the little piece next Mr. Arnold's woods. Tom tried to shovel the hillside below the woods, but it was too wet. I sent him to Bellevue for double tree &c. Got letter from Lucy and Sally A. and magazine from Sue.
- 2 Cool and windy day—30° at 6 a.m. Tom and Charlie got up the old sheep and lambs and cut the tails off the ewe lambs and trimmed the hoofs off the sheep. I counted 38 buck lambs and 59 ewe lambs. There was one young lamb among them only a day or two old apparently. After they turned the sheep out, they ploughed a piece in the garden and spread manure. May went home to-day on a visit. John Coons worked to-day cleaning out the ditches he dug before and finishing one he began. Mr. Hunt grubbed some on the end of the field where Charlie used to live.
- 3 Cold, bleak windy day—28° at 6 a.m. May came back. Tom ploughed in garden and near Charlie's old house—it was so cold he had to quit. Charlie split wood in new ground. John Coons ditched below the old pond. I walked round most of the day—went to Bellevue in the evening—got letters from Patty and 1 from Julia. Mrs. Rice came over to-day.
- 4 Cold again—28° at 6 a.m.—went up to 39°. Sent letter to Patty with 5.00 for Sally's stockings.
Got cheque from Washington for 3.00 interest on corporation stock. Charlie worked ½ day—after noon he ploughed in oats. Tom hauled 2 loads of pieces of rails and ploughed over by the spring till noon—then he sowed oats on the hillside next the other pasture. John Coons ditched till noon and cut down some locust trees by the ditch—after dinner he ploughed in oats. Mrs. Rice had a party to which she invited me—did n't go. I walked round to-day till I was nearly worn out.
- 5 Tom, Charlie and John Coons all worked on the hillside next the other pasture putting in oats and clover. Charlie put them in with a brush drag. After dinner Tom sowed the few oats left on the hillside next Mr. Rogers's—it was too windy to sow clover so he broke up over there. John ploughed with the double shovel and Charlie made and burnt a plant bed. Mr. Hunt grubbed by the little branch near where they ploughed. Aggie and Ollie Rice came over. It was a bright, pretty day—not so cold after the sun came up.
- 6 Sunday. A bright lovely day. We all went to church. Cordy came over.
- 7 Rained last night and till about noon. Tom Nettles came back from his brother-in-law's and wanted to settle and quit, so I paid him off in full to date; 6.80, see a/c book. John Coons worked ½ day in the manure cellar—went to his father's after dinner. I engaged him to work one month at 12.00 a month. Charlie hauled wood for himself after it quit raining. I went to Bellevue with Hilda – put in office letter to Patty with 1.00 in that I sent for her pictures and note to Miss Robinson. I made soap before dinner.

- 8 Tom Nettles was back before breakfast to set in to work again. He sowed clover the first thing—then fixed wash in pike—and hauled after dinner some rails or poles to creek. Charlie & John hauled manure till noon—then Charlie fixed fences down by creek—he also sowed another plant bed. John and Tom took the potatoes out of the holes and sorted them. In the evening we all went to church in the wagon.
- 9 Warm day. I took down dining room stove. John ditched all day in bottom. Charlie and Tom hauled manure till noon in garden—then Tom hauled a few poles and rock and Charlie fixed watergap on mill road and then spread manure &c. in garden. Tom dragged the clover he sowed yesterday—then took me to Bellevue in wagon for Patty who came on the boat. He hauled down 3 barrels of potatoes and brought back 5 bus. Early Rose for seed. I went to Bellevue in the morning to take Hilda to church and see about potatoes. I had 5 young heifers and the 3 colts turned into the other pasture and Polly into the lot.
- 10 Chilly day—drizzling sometimes and rained a slow, cold rain at night. Tom and Charlie cut potatoes then ploughed another strip in garden, hauled manure on some land off and planted potatoes—did n't quite finish. John grubbed some above the hedge and in the big clover field, then helped the others. I rode up to cherry hill and all around. Mr. Hunt worked some in the garden with grapes and reset horseradish. Mrs. Nancy Arnold and Sudy came after dinner.
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday—Lord love her soul forever more. Both the children home. The boys all finished the potatoes then John ditched. Tom ploughed over the sand hill, Charlie grubbed in new ground. I rode round to look at rail timber. Mr. Rice came over to see about renting field. I went to church at night in wagon. Sudy and some girls came over to see Patty.
- 12 My big sow had 13 pigs, so the boys said. Charlie made turkey nests, then went and put in the grass seed with a brush on little point next slough then burnt stalks and grubbed in new ground. Tom sowed the grass seed then raked stalks and ploughed. John ditched. Ernest Grant came and later George Foster. The children went to get their pictures taken. I got postal from Mr. Winston.
- 13 Easter Sunday – The children and I stayed home – a pretty day. Ernest came and Tom Grant and Maggie Kirtley and dined here – Sudy came over.
- 14 Tom Roberts set in to working at 13.00 a month. One of my young sows was found with 6 nice pigs. Tom found 2 of the old sow's pigs dead and she went off with only 10 so I believe she only had 12. Got letter from buddy. Ernest came—Patty went to see Sudy who came home with her. George Foster came from his grandmother's—he went there yesterday. Tom R. and Charlie sawed and grubbed bed in new ground. Tom Nettles ploughed near there. John Coons finished ditching—took out an old watergap and grubbed. I sewed on a dress of Patty's nearly all day.
- 15 Heard that old Louly was down in the pasture and Charlie got her home—dying of old age it seems. Tom took Patty and George in wagon to Aurora and then went to Mr. Corbin's. Charlie and Tom R. sawed in new ground and split some cuts and John grubbed. It rained and after we got Louly to the lot I stayed at the house—had to fix a polonaise.
- 16 Wednesday. Charlie helped Jim Moreland ½ day and then worked in sheep cellar. John and Tom Nettles hauled manure and Tom R. grubbed in new ground—after dinner it rained hard and they worked in sheep cellar. Tom Nettles took Billy and went to Dr. Grant's for spring wagon. I took Hilda to church—and went to school after Sally. There was a cold chilly rain. Jim Moreland says he put his cow in pasture. Got note from Uncle Jilson.
- 17 Polly had a fine horse colt—sorrel with a white spot in its forehead—named it Ned. Ernest came down and I went with him beyond Florence to Mr. Milton Graves's and bought a buck

said to be 2 years old and a thoroughbred Cotswold—but I have my doubts. Tom went with Dr. Grant's spring wagon and brought his 3 sheep with mine—then he went to Dr. Grant's and came back same evening. On my way up Ernest paid Mr. Conner 3.00 for the N. Ky. Ag. Society. I gave Ernest 10.00 to pay Mr. Graves for the buck I got. We stopped at Mr. A. G. Winston's coming home and I told Mr. W. to bid the value of the debt when Richard Moreland's land was sold. Hilda and Sally went to meeting at night with the Arnold's. I got letter from Patty and one written for Aunt Nancy. Charlie did n't work—went to R. Sun. Tom and John Coons made rails out of poplar trees. Told Mr. Brady about posts. Tom Nettles hauled wood in the morning and after dinner manure. John grubbed in new ground till dinner then helped Tom haul manure. Charlie helped Jim M. with rail timber part of day—grubbed and cleaned in new ground and sawed some old logs. Tom helped him in new ground. I rode round hunting a cook—went to Bellevue twice. Saw George about . Sally stayed home.

- 19 Set John Coons to ditching in Charlie's garden—he quit to do some work in my garden, harrowed. Tom Nettles ploughed in garden ½ day—hurt his eye and quit work and went to Bellevue. I got note from Miss R. Charlie worked a little in the morning for me, then quit and ploughed his garden &c. Tom R. grubbed & cleaned in new ground—late he put out some onion sets and went with me to drive my cattle out of Mr. Rice's pasture. Mr. Hunt began to trim apple trees. I went to Mr. Loudon's.
- 20 Sunday—bright pretty day. First turkeys hatched, 8. Tom drove the wagon and we went to church and baptizing—3 girls were baptized in the river. We went to night meeting too. Miss Robinson came. Belle Huey and Cordy came from church and spent the day. May Sullivan went home and I settled with her and paid her off in full to date.
- 21 I cooked breakfast for hands then Mrs. Loudon came and set in to cook for me for the present. R. E. came and stayed a little while. Miss Robinson began to sew. Charlie broke up in bottom between the roads—worked Mr. Arnold's mare. Tom laid off garden beds and finished breaking up in garden—then ploughed Mr. Hunt's old garden. Tom Roberts worked in garden planting peas, beans, beets &c till noon then sprouted the old hedge stumps round Mr. Hunt's old garden. John worked at it all day. Got notice of removal from BBG—Moreland land sold by Sheriff.
- 22 Sent Arnold mare home the first thing. Sent Charlie after George Walton's oxen—they, he and Tom Roberts and John Coons went to work in new ground. The oxen seem good for nothing and the yoke worse still—the bows broke and John lost time going to George to hunt another pair—could n't get them. I went to Mr. Gill Rice's and got a pair in the rough—had them dressed at shop—got home by noon. The boys worked the oxen the rest of the day in new ground. Tom Nettles and Jim Moreland broke the mule colt—John hauled a little wood—drove it in wagon till noon, and ploughed in the bottom afterwards. My cattle some of them got into black Henry's wheat and were turned into the road and generally went on a tear. Mrs. Vardiman and Alice Walker came out. Sally stayed at home. I sent postal to Patty. Mr. Hunt trimmed trees. Lovely warm day.
- 23 Warm bright day. Charlie, Tom Roberts and John worked hauling and piling logs in the new ground with George Walton's oxen. Tom Nettles went to Bellevue to get grass, get saw sharpened &c. then he ploughed Mr. Hunt's old garden. Mr. Hunt piled and burnt hedge sprouts, stalks &c. and worked in orchard. Jim M. ploughed the mule colt and Jane—finished the piece behind basket shop and then ploughed by Charlie's old house. I walked till I was tired out. Sally did n't go to school. Mrs. Garnett and Lilly spent the day. Mr. Brady gave me order on Joe Leland for 2.50 which I paid towards engineering pike.

- 24 Another lovely warm day—Charlie, Tom Roberts and John worked in new ground—they finished hauling with oxen and John took them home. Tom Nettles sowed clover and orchard grass in Mr. Hunt's old garden and along by Charlie's old house. Mr. Hunt harrowed and then I told him to work on orchard. Hilda and I went to Bellevue in wagon with Tom N. I got a chilled plough on trial at Corbin's and we got part of the new rag carpet. Jim Moreland ploughed by the graveyard on the poor point by the mill road—he ploughed Puss, Mr. A's mare.
- 25 Set Charlie and Tom R. to work in the garden—put in sweet corn, spinach, peas, beans, radishes and set out some lettuce. Then they made out posts and I sent by Tom Nettles 30 locust posts to the toll-gate for Mr. Brady. Tom brought back the rest of the carpet. Charlie and Tom R. sawed down the split locust tree in the yard and worked it up—they then trimmed some rose bushes for me. Jim Moreland worked ½ day ploughing. John Coons ploughed this morning—after dinner helped Tom N. haul up oats—then finished ditch in Charlie's garden—took trash out of grape rows and yard. Tom Nettles ploughed with the new plough—he and the others ploughed in the bottom where the little poor point is. They used Mr. Arnold's mare.
- 26 Another warm day—looked something like rain. Tom Nettles ploughed and finished poor point next mill road and bottom next and ploughed across the creek. Jim Moreland worked to-day—he and John C. hauled manure to the poor point and then Jim harrowed and John sowed it in clover—then they sowed and harrowed clover in the poor points in big clover field. Tom R. and Charlie cleaned out watergaps and stopped up pig holes and then burnt trash and logs in new ground. Mr. Hunt worked trimming apple trees. I went up there to see the bugs that are eating vine buds.
- 27 Sunday. Stayed home—tired out, lonely and discouraged. Sally went to S. School, church and home with Cordy. Boys got Bob home.
- 28 Went to Bellevue—Osent letters to Aunt Nancy with one dollar. Sold old Louly to black Henry for 3.00. Sent sweet corn seed to buddy. Tom Nettles ploughed in bottom—worked Mr. A's mare. Charlie had wagon on cherry hill all day hauling apple brush off of the clover and putting it in hollows. Tom R. and John helped. Mr. Hunt cut briars and trimmed apple trees. I got postal from Mr. Hays about apple trees. Sally did n't go to school. Miss R. began to sew on carpet after dinner. Ernest came down this evening. Mrs. Loudon worked to-day, but quit and went home this evening.
- 29 Lovely, bright day. Charlie brushed in the orchard grass that was sowed the other day—then went to cherry hill and hauled off trash out of clover on the oats field. John raked stalks and trash in clover. Tom ploughed in bottom. Tom R. piled logs on heaps and helped Charlie with trash. Mr. Hunt helped too and trimmed. Mr. G___ came up. I went to Jim Nettles, Dick Loudon's and Mrs. Loudon's. Nancy and Dolly came to work for me. Worked Mr. A's mare.
- 30 Tom Nettles ploughed in the bottom—worked all day there. John Coons ploughed after dinner—worked Polly for the first time since she had her colt in wagon and plough. Charlie hauled trash off of clover on cherry hill. John and Tom R. helped him—then they hauled up some oats. After dinner Tom R. and Charlie sawed tree top in two and fixed fence next clover in the other pasture. Then they went to the lower bottom and sawed off some posts for fence—burned trash &c. I cut out two wrappers.

May

- 1 Bright day but chilly. Tom N. and John ploughed in the bottom. Tom R. and Charlie worked in new ground sowing. Mrs. Burns came and stayed all night. Mrs. Clore came out to get some

dogwood bark. I got letter from Patty and Cousin Mary Goodrich. Sent letter to Patty by Caroline Coons.

- 2 Took Sally to school and went on to Bellevue—sent okra seed to buddy and postal to Mr. Hays about apple trees. Mr. Corbin got a locust gate post here. Tom Nettles and John ploughed in the lower bottom field. Tom R. and Charlie grubbed the old creek bed in bottom till noon—worked in new ground after dinner. Mrs. Lacy cleaned out and whitewashed the boys room. Mrs. Burns went home this evening. Cold, and frost this morning. Sudy came. Ernest came. Warmer and cloudy most of the day. Tom Nettles and John did n't work—went to Rising Sun. Charlie worked ½ day ploughing in lower bottom field across the creek. Tom Roberts ploughed over below there and after dinner hauled oats up. I got letter from Patty.
- 4 Sunday. Sally went to S. School with Hilda. I stayed home all day. There was a fine shower last night which was much needed.
- 5 Set Tom N. and John Coons to ploughing in the bottom below the barn. Charlie and Tom R. worked in the garden the first thing and then pulled and piled elder grubs and dock roots after the ploughs. I had early cabbages, tomato plants, butter beans, 2 kinds pole beans, lettuce and okra planted. The stove was taken down in my room to-day and the carpet taken up and turned and put down. Sally did n't go to school—said her eye was weak.
- 6 Tom Nettles and John finished their plowing in the bottom between the ditches—then Tom N. and Tom R. and Charlie went over to the old creek bed and they all got out a tree that was in the mud and hauled it up near the line fence. Tom and Charlie had piled elder sprouts and dock before that. John Coons hauled out this trash till dinner. After dinner Tom N. and Tom R. ploughed the old creek bed and afterwards Tom N. began to harrow on sand hill. Charlie and John hauled out trash till I got ready to go to Bellevue then Charlie drove the wagon and the other boys piled rock. I got a single shovel plough at grange store—went to Mr. Jim Rogers's and got 2 bus. seed corn. I got postal from Mr. A. G. Winston about farm that Moreland had. It was a cool day, chilly at night. Sally did n't go to school. Lily Arnold was here a few minutes.
- 7 Charlie did n't work—went to Rising S. Tom Nettles harrowed to-day, sand hill and beyond. John Coons and Tom R. shoveled up the sand hill before the harrow till nearly noon—then John laid off and Tom planted corn. I went to Bellevue. Took up dining room carpet.
- 8 Began to plant corn. Charlie laid off. The Toms, John Coons and John Loudon planted—they finished the sand hill and down to the slough. Tom R. went after a plough and then Tom R. helped Charlie lay off in the bottom. Jim Moreland worked ½ day harrowing in bottom. Mr. Hays came to-day to see about apple trees.
- 9 Warmer and still very dry. Jim Moreland worked to-day harrowing—Charlie worked, laying off and going for seed corn. Tom R. and John Loudon planted corn. Mr. Lacy and Dub planted corn ½ day. Tom Nettles worked ½ day laying off. John Coons's month was out last night—he worked ½ day planting corn and quit, and left. I settled up with him in full, see book. Charlie got 2 bushels seed corn from Mr. Jim Rogers. Betty and Mrs. J. W. Rice and the children and Ida came after dinner. Little yellow turkey hatched 17. Tom Nettles has worked exactly a month since he set in last, including to-day.
- 10 Planting corn in the bottom part in the big piece between the two ditches and the little piece below and began on the one where clover was sowed. Charlie and Tom Nettles laid off. Jim Moreland harrowed. Tom R. and John Loudon planted. Mr. Lacy worked ½ day and Dub all day. Sent letter to Mr. Foster for 50.00.
- 11 Sunday—hot as summer and dry and dusty. We went to church and baptizing in the river. Maggie Marshall baptized. Dr. Ulrey came after dinner.

- 12 Charlie did n't work. Joan had a boy baby this morning. Jim Moreland laid off and helped plant corn till noon then harrowed in the old brick yard. Tom Nettles harrowed a little while. Tom R. planted corn—then both t___ed up the old hay bed and went to Mr. Jim Botts's for hay—got 2 loads. Tom N. took one load to Bellevue and had it weighed. Said Mr. Botts said I might take the two loads for a ton. John Loudon worked. Planted corn, burnt willow trash and grubbed in the new ground Charlie cleared. Dub Lacy helped to-day. I went up beyond Jim Moreland's house and got vine to put in hanging basket. Very hot to-day, clouds flying.
- 13 My beloved parents' wedding day—fifty years ago. Bright and hot. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Mr. Foster with check for 50.00 cashed at grange store. Sent letter to Patty. Mr. Hunt was trimming the little back orchard yesterday and finished to-day and began on the orchard beyond the creek. I made a start at sheep shearing to-day—had the young sheep marked with a punch hole in the right ear (Mr. Nixon tore one through). Ennis Nixon worked all day. Henry Hall sheared after 10 o'clock. Jim Moreland ½ day. Tom N. sheared and Charlie caught sheep and tied up wool. A man named E. Barrat came and I sold him my wool for 17 cents all round, to be weighed and delivered at Bellevue. I set Tom Roberts to ploughing the land Charlie grubbed, and John Loudon to grubbing sprouts there and in new ground. Don't know that they did anything for I had no time to go and see. Ernest stopped in passing. Sudy Arnold came in passing too. This evening it clouded up and there was a little sprinkle.
- 14 Continued to shear sheep. Ennis Nixon and Henry Hall and Jim Moreland worked. They and Tom Nettles sheared and Charlie caught sheep and tied wool. Finished up all but the new buck. Tom Roberts ploughed in the same place again. Turned a last May's lamb in with the sheep—making in all 47.
- 15 Tom sheared the new buck the first thing, fleece weighing 9 lbs. Charlie helped by holding it. Jim Moreland harrowed in garden and then he laid off first melons and he and Charlie hauled manure for melon hills. Charlie stuck pens. Tom Nettles worked in garden. I planted some watermelons. I got letter from Patty. Tom R. ploughed in ground Charlie cleared. It was very hot and there was a shower about 3 p.m. Turned the 4 bucks into the little pasture.
- 16 Took my wool down to the grange store where Mr. John W. Gaines as agent for Ennis Barrat received and weighed it—it weighed 776 lbs. which at 17 cts. came to \$131.92. Mr. Gaines gave me a cheque for the amount on the Lawrenceburg bank. I went twice to Bellevue, first to get the wool racks and take down ___ping shovel plough, which was brought back the second trip. Charlie went for the plough this morning and went to Bellevue twice, besides helping to pack the wool and then laid off corn ground I believe. Tom R. finished ploughing the piece he was at—then helped pack wool and worked in garden. Tom Nettles helped with wool and worked in garden—they made musk melon hills and planted them and watermelons and hoed potatoes &c. Jim Moreland worked ½ day harrowing. I stopped at Mr. Arnold's place a few minutes to pay Sudy for use of mare ploughing.
- 17 Charlie laid off rest of the piece he began yesterday—the ground he grubbed and it was planted. Jim Moreland harrowed it—sowed the little scrap above in orchard grass and then helped plant. Dick Loudon worked most of the day. Dub Lacy ½ day. Tom R. helped plant a little while and quit to help plough. Charlie went to Mr. Rogers's and got 2 bushels seed corn. Tom Nettles began to plough the new ground—had to go to Bellevue to get shovel straightened. Miss Robinson went home. J. W. Rice and his wife came out to get ferns.
- 18 Sunday. Lovely day but still very dry. Sally went to S. School. I went to see May Sullivan about coming to work—stopped to see old Mrs. Foster. Mr. ____ came this evening to get something for the baby who was scalded.

- 19 Got pamphlet from buddy with a sketch of his life—and letter from Aunt Nancy. Tom Nettles went to shop the first thing—then he and Tom R. ploughed till noon—then Mr. Love took the plough and I sent for Mr. Pressor's plough by Tom N. He helped a little planting corn after he came home. Tom R. ploughed potatoes and helped lay off for corn. Charlie laid off all day with Mr. Arnold's mare. Jim Moreland harrowed all day in big bottom beyond creek next to clover. John Loudon worked to-day, bugging potatoes till noon, then planting corn in little brick kiln and beyond the creek. Dick Loudon helped ½ day and Dub Lacy ½ day. It clouded up and looked like rain but none came. The cattle got into black Henry's wheat and Tom R. fixed fence. Mr. Hunt worked in orchard beyond the creek. I rode to see him work.
- 20 Hot and dry. The Toms broke up new ground. Jim Moreland harrowed creek bottom around clover point. Charlie laid off—used Mr. Arnold's mare. Dick and John Loudon worked—planted corn in the morning—grubbed in new ground after dinner. Dub Lacy worked ½ day planting corn. I set out more tomatoes last night and this morning. Dr. Grant came down this evening. Sent postal to Patty.
- 21 Still dry but not so hot. The Toms ploughed in new ground—broke hillside plough. Jim Moreland hauled rails and wood off new ground till noon—then helped plant corn. Charlie laid off in big bottom nearly all day—worked Mr. Arnold's mare. Dick and John Loudon worked planting corn. I got letter from BBG. The new matting came and Hilda put it down in the passage upstairs.
- 22 Cold this morning, as if hail had fallen near and dryer than ever. Turned the young cattle into the big pasture again, except Lucy who was missing. Went to Bellevue with Sally and afterwards to school with her. Met Mr. Brady at Corbin's who paid me the 7.50 he owed me for the posts—see April 25th. I went to Mr. Rogers's and paid Mrs. Laura Rogers 2.00 for the seed corn. Toms cleaned ground and ploughed in new ground. Tom N. took cutter to get it sharpened. Mr. Hunt worked grubbing and clearing up new ground. Charlie and Jim M. finished planting corn in the big bottom before noon. Jim only worked ½ day. Charlie then hauled rails and wood off new ground and helped burn logs &c.
- 23 Cool and dry—feels like frost. Mr. Hunt worked cleaning in the new ground till noon—went to work in orchard afterwards. Toms finished ploughing in new ground all but hollow that was too hard. Charlie hauled rails, wood, &c. off. After dinner the 3 hands went up to fix fences round oats field—hauled load of rails. After 4 p.m. went to new ground. Tom Nettles harrowed and Charlie and Tom R. hauled and burnt. I put fire in stumps and piled roots on them to burn—killed copperhead on my way home to dinner. I worked in garden this morning—replanted corn and Lima beans, beets.
- 24 I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and buddy. Tom N. raked stubbles and burned them and then harrowed till noon—did n't work but ½ day, but he found the heifer in Mr. W's pasture. Charlie worked ½ day hauling wood off new ground. Tom R. helped him and then replanted corn the rest of the day. I rode round to see Mr. Hunt trimming apple trees and to salt sheep cattle &c. Cloudy and looked like rain all day but still hot and dry.
- 25 Sunday. Sally went to S. School with Hilda. I went to Dr. Grant's and spent the day. Ernest took me driving and over the river. Clouded up and rained over towards Petersburg and Aurora—and a sprinkle here.
- 26 Had a fine rain last night towards morning, and rained hard this morning too—ground very wet. Sent Charlie to Mr. Jenkins's with Polly and the Raymond mare but the trip was of no use he said. Tom Roberts worked ½ day, setting out late and early cabbages, and peppers and replanting okra and a few tomatoes. Charlie left the Raymond mare at Mr. J's. stable. Tom Nettles did n't work—went hunting.

- 27 Mr. Jenkins brought the Raymond mare home this morning and left word she was bred to-day. Charlie after dinner took Polly down & had shoes put on before—and took Mr. Pressor's plough home—said he would let his work to-day go on yesterday's to make out that day. The Toms ploughed in the new ground with the chilled plough and hauled some wood off. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty and to Messrs. Wm Glenn & Co. Mike Corbin cashed the cheque I got from Mr. Gaines for \$131.92, see May 16th and I paid his bill, see a/c book. Sprinkled some this morning but cleared off after dinner.
- 28 Set the Toms to ploughing corn on sand hill and Charlie to replanting. Tom R. had to go to the lost section for the lent plough and got a late start. Jim Moreland harrowed ½ day in new ground. Dr. Grant came down. I sent by him for piece for hill-side plough. I went to Mr. D. G. Rice's to see about plough.
- 29 Sent Charlie up to Dr. Grant's the first thing to get his bull—after he brought it down he replanted corn. Tom Nettles went with me to put brush on some places in Mr. Rice's fence and to turn Louly Jr. out of the big pasture—had my milk cows turned in. Then Tom N. ploughed the corn and potatoes in garden—and began in the bottom below the barn between the ditches. After dinner I went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Harvey Aikin about pasture money and to Mr. Flick's.
- 30 Not a hand worked for me to-day. My house hands and Charlie went to show in Aurora. I worked hard bugging potatoes—hoeing—riding round to look at corn, clover &c. and salting things. Mr. Harvey Aikin pd. me 2.50. Mr. Flick came out to-night and paid me \$25.00 which I credited on his note.
- 31 Tom N. and Tom R. ploughed corn—in bottom below barn and next the poor point. I had put in clover and back of the old house too. Charlie replanted—Mr. Hunt worked on orchard. Doll and Nance went to Rising S. and Mrs. Loudon cooked dinner in their place. I went to Bellevue—paid Will Botts 7.00 in presence of Mike Corbin for his uncle, Mr. James Botts, for the hay Tom got the 12th. Got letter from Patty.

June

- 1 Sunday. Charlie came in to see how we stand in our accounts and I settled with him up to date and find he owes me 7.72, see a/c book. There was a shower last night and just before that the Bellevue band gave us a scrap of a serenade. Sally went to S. School with Hilda. I stayed home. Got letter from Julia.
- 2 Rained hard last night and this morning Charlie did n't work—went to Rising Sun. Sent Toms with wagon to Bellevue. Tom R. went to Mr. Rogers's and got 1 ½ bus. corn for seed. Tom N. took the side-hill plough down and had it repaired. After they got home they bugged potatoes till dinner. Then they tried to plough in creek bottom but I told them to quit, it was so wet, and Tom broke up the piece beyond the garden. Tom R. grubbed out old stumps and grubs. Alice Walker came out and took dinner. Damp and cold this evening. I am writing by a little fire.
- 3 Cloudy and cool all day—felt like frost at night. Tom N. harrowed and laid off for tobacco, in the new ground. Tom R. broke up the ground below the road by the big poplar, part of it. Charlie and Mr. Hunt replanted corn in the bottoms. Sally and I went to a festival in the church in Bellevue. I only stayed long enough to eat some strawberries. May Sullivan was down—said she could n't come to work.
- 4 Sent Charlie with Polly and the Raymond mare to Mr. Jenkins's. As far as Polly is concerned, the trip was useless. After he came back he replanted corn in bottom as did Mr. Hunt. The Toms ploughed corn—in the bottom below the ford and some in the old brick yard. I went to see Katy Arnold this evening and paid her for Sally's school, 3.00—also gave her for Sudy,

.90 to pay for working Puss. Cool lovely day. I went up to see May Loudon to ask her to work for me, found her sick.

- 5 Bright breezy day. The Toms ploughed corn in the bottom, next the clover mostly. Charlie finished breaking up the piece below the poplar tree and then harrowed part of it and laid off corn ground—he ploughed Mr. Arnold's mare Puss. Mr. Hunt replanted corn till noon—then he and John Loudon and Dub Lacy planted corn on the ridge beyond the graveyard. John & Dub worked ½ day. I went to see Dick L. about _____. Charlie, Mr. Hunt and John Loudon finished planting what was laid off in the woods—then went to the big bottom, below Mr. Rice's ditch and replanted. Charlie quit to go to Col. Botts's for corn, got 2 loads, 42 bus. in all, which at .40 comes to 16.80. John L. only worked ½ day. Tom N. harrowed corn in big bottom while Tom R. took off clods. I rode to Col. Botts's this morning to see about getting the corn and went about all day—found an old sheep dead in the pasture. Looked like rain and then turned cool.
- 7 Cool and clear to-day. Toms harrowed in the bottom next Mr. Rice's upper place—they worked ½ day, quit to go to a picnic. Mr. Hunt replanted there then worked a little in garden and planted and replanted corn in the piece by the big poplar in the ground Charlie grubbed. Charlie harrowed and laid off the former and then helped plant and replant. A bed-spring man came. I worked some in garden—hoed muskmelons &c. and rode to salt sheep and cattle. Katy A. came.
- 8 Sunday. Cool bright lovely day. The Toms helped get my colts out of Mr. Arnold's pasture. Sally went to S. School. Cordy came over. Ernest came for a few moments in the evening.
- 9 Bright and hot—clouds rolling most of the day with distant thunder—after dark began to rain. Sent Charlie early to take Dr. Grant's bull home. After he got back he helped Mr. Hunt replant the corn in the ground he grubbed. After dinner he finished breaking up the piece next garden—harrowed and laid off. Mr. Hunt worked in garden—made ridges for sweet potatoes and hoed watermelons. The Toms ploughed in garden till half past ten—ploughed potatoes, corn, cabbages, tomatoes, melons, okra &c. I suckered and thinned sweet corn. Tom N. helped a little and I worked watermelon hills, okra &c. and planted some more muskmelons and had to get breakfast for hands this morning besides all the other work.
- 10 Did n't write this to-day but will try and remember as well as possible. There was a shower last night and I started hands to setting out tobacco but it was n't wet enough and they soon quit. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty. After they quit the tobacco setting, Charlie and Mr. Hunt planted the piece of sweet corn next garden then worked in garden &c. till noon. Toms ploughed the corn next new ground. After dinner Charlie broke up in the little piece of bottom next Mr. Rice's. Mr. Hunt and Tom R. helped him till it rained, then Mr. Hunt went home. After the shower was over, Charlie got the potato plants I sent for by Mr. Arnold and he and Tom R. set them out. Tom N. took Hilda, Sally and me in wagon to Burlington. We went to Mrs. Dill's and left Hilda there to take the omnibus for Cov. on her way to Bourbon. It rained just as we got to Burlington, a hard shower, but we came home afterwards.
- 11 Set all hands to setting out tobacco but it was too dry again and they quit at 9.15. I then sent Mr. Hunt to help Dick Loudon who promised to give me a plant bed. I also went to Mrs. Loudon's for John to help Dick on my account. The two Toms worked ploughing corn on sand hill till noon and Charlie broke up in bottom. After dinner thinking it would rain I set Charlie to finish harrowing tobacco ground and then set Tom N. to laying off. Tom N. finished laying it off and then ploughed corn as did Tom R. Charlie took me to Bellevue in wagon. I took down the cutter bar of mower and had it fixed and also the newest double

shovel plough which Tom R. broke to-day and a trunk to send Patty, sent her key by mail. After 9 p.m. we had a fine thunderstorm and plenty of rain.

- 12 Rain not so heavy and ground not so wet as I expected. Set Charlie, Mr. Hunt, the Toms and Dub Lacy to setting out tobacco, out of Dick's plant bed first, even helped myself—worked at this till noon and the ground was drying so fast they quit then. Charlie only worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day—worked in his garden. Mr. Hunt pulled clods off corn in the big bottom piece where Tom Nettles finished harrowing the corn. Mr. Hunt then worked in garden and Tom N. ploughed on sand hill and went to Bellevue to get plough. Tom R. pulled out elders in the bottom piece Charlie broke till he got done ploughing in his garden—then ploughed on sand hill and finished it—this is its 2nd ploughing. Sally did n't go to school—went with me late to see Mr. Boone Rogers about cutting wheat. Mr. Benny Calvert came to see about buying things, produce &c. I rode to the gate at Mr. Arnold's to see about mare. Hot and cloudy most of the day—cleared off and turned cool at night. Mr. Hunt planted cucumbers, squashes and beans.
- 13 Sent Charlie to Mr. Jenkins's with Polly and Raymond mare—the latter is supposed to be going to have a colt—the former I shall quit sending as it does no good—so farewell Almont. Sent Tom N. to take Mr. A's harrow home—then both Toms ploughed in the bottom below the ford between the ditches. After dinner all 3 ploughed. Charlie and Toms and finished the two pieces below the clover and the little brick yard bottom and came up next the long ditch in the little piece. Mr. Hunt mowed dock and hoed burdock in the little pasture and towards sundown set out sweet potato plants from Mr. Jenkins's. Mrs. Loudon came to get the pay for John's helping Dick set tobacco and I gave her an order on Mr. Corbin for .75. Cloudy this afternoon and looked a little more like rain, cleared off and turned quite cool at night.
- 14 The 3 boys, Charlie and the Toms took a task in ploughing and I said they might quit when they finished it which they did about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3. They ploughed the big piece below the barn and the other pieces above that on this side of the creek. Mr. Hunt cut weeds and elders on the creek banks—worked till 5. I let him and Charlie have the wether on condition they would pay me as much as I get a head for the old sheep I sell. After riding round to salt cattle &c. Sally and I went to Bellevue—got postal from Patty & found her trunk had been sent down. Got paper with obituary notice of Cousin Jane (Mrs. Hawley) who died May 20th—one of the best women on earth gone to her reward.
- 15 Sunday—a lovely day—cloudy and breezy and with an air like paradise. Sally went to church with the Arnolds and stayed to dinner there. I stayed home lonely and stupid. Ernest came for a little while. Towards evening Sally and I rode to Mr. Moreland's to get strawberries but they were gone.
- 16 My little heaven was christened 12 years ago to-day, only it was Sunday then. A lovely cloudy breezy day, cool and sweet. Sally and I went to R. Sun—took Tom N. to row. I put in the R. Sun P.O. a letter to Mr. Foster asking him to send me a cheque for 50.00. I ordered a new hay bed from a man named Allan Drake to be \$10. Took Sally to dentist but he said she did n't need anything done to her teeth. After we got home Tom N. took the hay rake down and had it put in order. Charlie and Tom R. ploughed corn in bottom across the creek by the clover. Mr. Hunt cut weeds and elders along the creek. Dr. Grant got here just as we got home—he said John E. Walton wanted to buy me out and I sent word I wanted to sell.
- 17 Jim Moreland worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day—he cut weeds and then ploughed—he and Charlie and Tom R. all ploughed in the big bottom piece next clover and finished that and ploughed a little below the barn before noon. After dinner Tom Roberts broke up and harrowed on the little piece next Mr. Rice's and Charlie pulled and piled elders. Tom N. tinkered at the mowing machine and went to the shop before noon—cut clover afterwards in the hill in big bottom

field. Mr. Hunt cut weeds and elders and mowed clover on steep bluff. I walked up to Solon Rice's field to see about getting wheat cut—man was n't there. A cool breezy day—right cold to-night.

- 18 This was n't written till the day after date but I well try to set things down correctly. Sent Tom to Rising Sun for hay bed and coupling pole which last he got on his own judgment which was sensible. He got back by dinner—afterwards cut clover. Charlie & Jim M. got up the mule and Jim ploughed him. They planted the corn in the little piece next Mr. Rice's and all 3, Charlie, Jim and Tom R. ploughed in the sand hill. Mr. Hunt mowed clover on steep hillsides. Towards evening we went down for Patty who came home on the boat having quit school for good. Lord love my lamb of the golden fleece and make her a success in every way. She brought me two lovely china plates of her own painting. Cold nights and very dry.
- 19 This morning as we sat at breakfast Mr. John E. Walton came in and spent the day—he talked at length and finally made me an offer for the place. Said he would give 50.00 an acre for 370 acres (I to except the graveyard and one acre inclosing it) and would pay of the 18,500, 6500 down – the balance in two equal payments in one and 2 years. He is to come and look further and see about interest on the deferred payments. I am to take time to write to buddy before deciding on his offer. Patty and Sally cleaned the little back room and put the old red carpet down. Sudy and Cordy and Flora were over. I got letters from Mr. Foster with check for 50. and one from Sue. I could not see about hands at all to-day. Tom, Charlie, Mr. Hunt and Zebe Garland worked all day. Jim M. ½ day. Some ploughed and raked and hauled in hay. Still cold and dry.
- 20 Charlie worked ½ day—hauled clover hay after dinner from the poor points in the fields on the creek. Tom Nettles cut clover in oats patch on the hill by the timothy, till noon. Tom R. finished ploughing the piece of new ground Charlie cleared. Mr. Hunt cut bushes and clover and worked in garden. After dinner they moved the piano into the other room and then all went to working in hay. Tom N. raked. Charlie hauled and Tom R. and Mr. Hunt pitched hay. After Tom N. quit raking, he ploughed some in the lower bottom, between the ditches. I got postal from Hilda.
- 21 Did n't write this till Monday—so may forget something. Charlie ploughed in garden till noon. Mr. Hunt worked watermelon hill I think. His cow had a calf and he had to attend to her. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Aunt Nancy and sent postal to her. Tom Roberts ploughed in bottom below ford till noon. Tom N. began to plough and quit and cut clover. After dinner he raked it and helped haul some down from up on cherry hill. Charlie, Mr. Hunt and Tom R. all helped at it and towards evening the Toms cradled a pack in the wheat. When I went to Bellevue I sent by Jack Philips the check Mr. Foster sent me to be cashed at the Rising Sun bank, and Jack paid Drake's bill of 10.75 for hay bed and coupling pole and brought me a receipt. I took down a letter to buddy telling him of Mr. Walton's offer to buy. Towards night a carriage load of Patty's friends came from Cov. and Cinti. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Price and Mr. Hemmingray, Miss Campbell, Miss Matthews and Miss Foos.
- 22 Sunday. Stayed home and waited on the company. Ernest came and spent the day. Towards evening the company went home. R. E. came—only stayed a little while. Hot and threatened rain.
- 23 Sally sick last night. Cut my wheat—Mr. McMullen's machine cut it. Charlie, Tom R., Mr. Hunt, Jim Moreland and old Mr. Lacy helped. Tom Nettles cut clover on cherry hill. Late I went down to Mr. Corbin's, paid Mr. McMullen 5.25. Lent Dick Loudon 10.00 he engaging to pay me back in two weeks. Took down letter to Aunt Nancy. Hot sultry day and many clouds.

- 24 Tom Roberts helped Jim Moreland cut some wheat—worked till noon. Tom Nettles cut and raked clover all day on cherry hill. Mr. Hunt and Charlie repaired the road the first thing and then they hauled hay. Tom R. helped them after dinner—when they got done Tom R. bound up the wheat he cut with cradle before he went to help Jim and Charlie and Mr. Hunt replanted and chopped weeds in the new ground. I went to Col. Botts's and paid him for the corn I got June 6th.
- 25 Another hot dry day. Charlie, Tom R. and Mr. Hunt chopped out and replanted the rest of the new ground corn—then went on cherry hill and hauled a hay bed load of apple brush from under the trees Mr. H. trimmed and a load of hay down. After dinner they hauled hay out of the big field. Tom cut with the machine and raked all day. Found 2 young sows with 10 & 8 pigs.
- 26 Had Kelly cow's calf weaned. Charlie went to Bellevue but got back in time for $\frac{3}{4}$ day's work or more. Mr. Hunt came down to work and he and Tom R. hauled poles and fixed the fence below the ford where the cattle broke in this morning and ate corn—the pastures being almost burnt up again. When Charlie got back he and Mr. Hunt and Tom R. hauled hay all day out of the big field. Tom N. cut and raked hay all day. The clouds hung low and thick and there was a fine promise of rain but none came.
- 27 At 5 a.m. it sprinkled and we had showers off and on during the day. The Toms unloaded hay, cleaned out spring and round stable till 11—then set out some tobacco replanting—after dinner they and Charlie set out tobacco—replanted and set out some fresh rows. I rode after hogs that got in the corn. The blessed rain has n't come down enough yet but every drop has done good so far.
- 28 Good showers this morning. I had some sows and pigs driven in the yard—four young sows now have pigs—one 10, one 9, one 8 and one 1. About 8 o'clock Charlie, Toms and Mr. Hunt went to setting out tobacco, finished replanting and then set out the rest of the ground by 11. Then the 3 boys thinned melon vines &c. in the garden. I went to Bellevue and got letter from Mr. Foster with check for 40. Got it cashed at Corbin's and paid my account at grange store 28.21—got receipt. After dinner Toms both went to Rising Sun. Charlie and Mr. Hunt thinned corn above hedge till the rain stopped them. Charlie said they worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. Hilda came home from Bourbon. Tom brought me word Uncle Jilson was very sick. Rained hard.
- 29 Sunday. Cloudy and cool. I went to Dick Loudon's early and found that someone had pulled the plants out of the plant bed I bought from him. Went to Rising Sun to see Uncle Jilson—found him dying and he died while I sat by him. Poor old man—I wish him a blessed rest. Got Mr. Whitlock to go and attend to him—bought clothes, ordered coffin &c. and came home. Found Ernest Grant here. Tom Nettles went to his brother's and got some tobacco plants for me.
- 30 Twelve years to-day since sister Belle closed her sweet eyes on this world. 'Love's not Time's fool', thank God.
- Poor old Uncle Jilson was buried in the graveyard to-day about noon. His grave is the 3rd from the lower corner towards and down the river. Aunt Eliza, Ellen, Aunt Sally, Phoebe, Milly and a lot of the others came over, also the negro preacher and some of their friends. Charlie and Mr. Hunt dug the grave which took them till noon to finish. After that they thinned corn in the sand field and set out tobacco. Toms set out tobacco in the morning—then Tom Nettles stopped to take a spring wagon down to the ferry to meet Uncle Jilson's coffin in the hearse and to bring it out home. After dinner he took wagon down and brought out Hilda's trunk—then helped them all set out tobacco in the piece Mr. Slayback had once in tobacco. Henry Hunt helped some. It was warm and cloudy and looked like rain but there

was no rain. I got a letter from buddy advising me to sell out to Mr. Walton—also one from Aunt Nancy.

July

- 1 Bright warm day—Mr. Hunt thinned corn in morning and helped with hay after dinner. Jim Moreland worked ½ day, after dinner ploughed in sand hill with mule. The Toms and Charlie got Posey up and tried to lead her by way of beginning to break her—she is the most stubborn thing I ever saw. Charlie then ploughed sweet corn next road and began in the other corn till noon. I sent the Toms up to help Douglas Rice who had let his father's mare foal into the ditch—they worked there till noon. After dinner Tom N. raked and cut hay. Charlie, Mr. Hunt and Tom handled hay. It was a hot clear day. Mr. Sleet and Mr. Conner came and like a fool I sold them my 38 lambs for 100.
- 2 Went to Bellevue this morning thinking it was Rising Sun mail day. Sent Aunt Nancy 5.00 in a registered letter. Sent also letters to the 3 banks in Washington asking for my dividend. Charlie thinned corn till I got home, then ploughed till noon—after that hauled hay. Tom R. ploughed till noon then helped with hay. Mr. Hunt thinned corn and after dinner helped with hay. Tom N. cut hay after dinner raked—then ground machine blade and cut a little more. Jim M. ploughed all day in sand hill.
- 3 Ernest's birthday—he is 23. Came down for Patty and took her home with him to spend the day. Tom N. ploughed till we got back from Bellevue, then raked hay—when he finished cut grass in yard. Charlie ploughed in bottom below ford till dew was well off—then hauled hay. Tom R. ploughed on hill and Mr. Hunt thinned corn—then both helped with hay—when they got it done they hauled locust posts out of the yard. Jim M. ploughed all day, got into new ground. Hot but breezy. I went to Bellevue this evening. Sent by Doll this morning letter to Julia.
- 4 No hands worked—hot day with showers and hard rain at night. Cattle got into the bottom corn below the ford and went on to Mr. Rice's pasture. I had to go and turn them out. Got letter from sister Belle's namesake, Belle D. Mitchell, telling me she is to be married the 22nd to Mr. Robert M. White of Mexico.
- 5 Set Charlie and Tom R. to patching up the fence at the watergap and along there—Tom N. reset tobacco. I went over and got some plants of Dick. Mr. Arnold paid me the 10. Dick borrowed June 23. After Charlie finished the fence he staked part of the tomatoes. The others reset tobacco and then they hoed in garden. Mr. Hunt helped part of ½ a day and Dub Lacy dropped plants part of the afternoon. Miss Wilkinson came on the boat in the evening. I got letter from Sue either to-day or Sunday.
- 6 Sunday—stayed home—got a check from US Treasurer for 3.00 int. on corporation stock, and letter from Aunt Nancy.
- 7 The 3 boys, Charlie & Toms, fixed the fence above the big clover field and I had my hogs turned in. After dinner they ploughed corn all 3 of them, in the bottom field below the ford. An excessively hot day and threatening rain. Poor Hilda laid up with toothache and swollen face. I went to Bellevue—took note to BBG. At night Aunt Nancy came from Oxford.
- 8 Charlie and Toms started to plough in the little brickyard bottom, finished that and then it rained. Tom Nettles worked cleaning and nailing up in stable and Tom R. went to Bellevue with wagon for Aunt Nancy's trunk. After dinner they all ploughed over by the clover and later Charlie worked a little in garden. Sally went to Bellevue with Miss W. I got letters from the 3 banks at Washington and one from Julia. It was oppressively hot and looked like rain.

- 9 The 3 boys ploughed in bottom by the clover till rain drove them in—then they put up hay in barn and cleaned it up—after dinner the Toms thinned corn—and Charlie went to mill—said he would work $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Mr. Graham came from Aurora. Hot as pepper.
- 10 Got up early and went to river with Miss Wilkinson and saw her on the boat. Tom N. took the wagon down—the others, Tom R. and Charlie thinned corn till I got back—then Charlie and Tom N. hauled wheat and stacked till rain stopped them—then they all thinned corn. I got invitation to Belle Mitchell's wedding. Terribly hot.
- 11 All the boys thinned corn till noon then Tom N. and Charlie hauled and stacked wheat and Tom R. ploughed corn I believe.
- 12 Charlie and Tom R. ploughed in bottom by barn till noon—each worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day and then went to Bellevue. Tom N. helped me with meat till about 10 and then ploughed. After dinner he covered some wheat and went to Bellevue. They were all crazy to see the horse thief who is a prisoner and was shot by John Coons. Mr. Graham cashed draft for 33.
- 13 Sunday. Stayed home—hot as pepper. Katy and Lily came in the evening.
- 14 Mr. Graham went away. Dr. Grant came in the evening. Sudy Arnold came over to stay several days. John Loudon began to work. I engaged him for this week—he and Charlie hauled wheat till noon and Mr. Coons stacked it. Charlie worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day—went to Bellevue. John Loudon hoed tobacco after dinner. Mr. Hunt all day. Tom R. was n't here. Tom Nettles was sick all day. I went to Mr. Rogers's to see about threshing.
- 15 Went to Rising Sun with Katy Arnold—got at bank 3 drafts cashed amounting to 39.00. The reason I got Mr. G. to cash the other one Sat. was that Mr. Holmes sent word he wanted his bill paid and I sent Patty down to pay it. I went to Judge Stewart's with Aunt Eliza and Ellen to see about Uncle Jilson's property—found it all belongs to Aunt E. Told Judge S. to have it all properly settled according to law. Frank Grant and Dr. came after dinner and I sold my wheat to Frank for .93 to be delivered at the river. Charlie ploughed $\frac{1}{2}$ day—went to Bellevue. John L. hoed tobacco till noon. Mr. Hunt _____ all day. The Toms ploughed—after dinner John helped them plough—they finished in bottom and then came up to work melons. It was intensely hot. I went to Mr. Rice's to see about threshing. Nancy Loudon came back.
- 16 I went to engage Mr. McMullen to thresh, and then to tell John Moreland I had engaged him. Just before noon Mr. Mc. came and set up the machine and he and his hands ate dinner. The boys finished working the melon vines and hauled in part of a load of wheat, and then some ploughed corn by the new ground and some hoed tobacco. Mr. Hunt hoed tobacco. Charlie, John L. and the Toms worked. I had to have Bob killed because he had fits so badly that I was afraid he would go mad. I washed peppers and salted hams, went to Bellevue, got note from BBG. Took letter to Julia with 5.00 in it.
- 17 Sent for sacks and found none had come. Set all hands to threshing and put wheat in barrels. Mr. McMullen made it out 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. but I am to have it weighed. Charlie, 2 Toms, John Loudon, Jim Moreland and Mr. Hunt worked and Dick Loudon and Eggleston boy helped. I am to return the work. They got done just before 12 o'clock. After dinner I set Jim and John and Mr. Hunt to hoeing tobacco. Charlie and the Toms hauled wheat to the barn and put it away—then ploughed I believe but I did n't go to see them work. Aunt Eliza came up to help while Patty's company are here. I went to Bellevue and took letter to Belle D. Mitchell with 10. in it.
- 18 Sent Tom N. up to Dr Grant's for his spring wagon—when he came back he helped Mr. Conner with the lambs. Messrs. Conner & Sleet came for the buck lambs. I found there were 40 of them—sold Mr. Conner 39 and kept one to kill. Tom R. and Charlie sacked the wheat after Charlie got the sacks—they finished after dinner and Tom Nettles and Charlie went to

river with it. Tom R. went to get medicine—said he would help with sacks and make out $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. I went down on the second load—the wheat came to 125 bus. 8 lbs. I left it with Mr. Philip to ship. Jim Moreland hoed tobacco and John Loudon & I believe Mr. Hunt. Tom Nettles made 2 trips to the river with spring wagon after company and trunks—me to allow him extra for the time. Miss Annie Wallingford, Miss Lulu Pearce, Miss Bessie McIntosh, Mary Foster and Jane Irwin & Arch Irwin and Mr. Dan Hemmingway came down for a visit. Sudy went home.

- 19 Sad day whose memory does not fade. Sent Toms to help Dick Loudon thresh—they stayed till 10 o'clock waiting and then came home, ploughed some on the hill. Tom N. worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Tom R. ploughed in the late corn in the bottom. In the morning Charlie killed the lamb—he and Jim M. and John L. separated the ewe lambs from the old ewes and put them in the back pasture, there were 59. We had a tedious time getting them driven in, did n't get done till 10. Jim M. and John L. worked only $\frac{1}{2}$ day they hoed tobacco till noon.
- 20 Sunday—very hot and clouded up as if it might rain—most of the young people went to church. Frank Grant came and paid me for the wheat, 125 bus., at .93 came to \$116.25 which he paid me. R.E. came and only made a call. Mr. Corbin came out with barrel of things I had sent to Julia for. I got note from Mr. Foster about them.
- 21 Sent Tom Nettles down with wagon to take Mr. Irwin and Mr. Hemmingway to the boat—when he came back he cut the timothy in the little patch—raked and helped unload it. Charlie took Clara to Mr. Rogers's and then hoed tobacco. I think Tom R. ploughed in the morning and afterwards helped load hay—then all 3 hoed in tobacco as did Mr. Hunt. I went to Bellevue. Found check from Mr. Sleet for \$110. for the 39 lambs they took. Got Mr. Corbin to cash it and paid his bill—then paid orders at grange and Sutton's and bill at W.W. Grant's—see a/c book. I sent letters to 3 banks and to L. & S. Humphreys.
- 22 Sent Toms to help Dick Loudon thresh. Tom Nettles quit at noon—said he is sick or rather too poorly to work. Charlie went after the cow the second time as he could n't find her last night. Mr. Hunt worked in tobacco till noon—the hands finished hoeing it out. John Loudon says he and Jim M. worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day—Charlie worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. It rained some, showers that did n't amount much. The girls went riding and Jane Irwin fell off and hurt her head quite badly.
- 23 Tom Nettles wanted to settle and quit so I settled with him and paid him off in full to date, see a/c book. Charlie and Jim Moreland wormed tobacco and then thinned corn. Tom R. chopped stove wood and then thinned corn. I sent letter to Mrs. Brown.
- 24 Charlie and Tom R. thinned corn in bottom next clover point that failed—very hot day. Nancy and Doll left—went to John Loudon's wedding. I went to Bellevue and got Eva Deck to come out.
- 25 Very hot and cloudy—made out to rain a little at night. Tom R. sick—could n't work. Charlie went to Rising Sun. Did n't work but milked &c. this morning. Jim Moreland worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day—after dinner ploughed in bottom next Mr. Rice's and the clover. I had 4 bucks turned in yard and the young ewes turned in with the lambs on account of water having given out in their pasture. Charlie brought me a girl named Alice Mitchell from Rising Sun, to work. Sudy Arnold came over. I took Eva Deck home.
- 26 From this day on until Aug 5., from company, overwork and various reasons I neglected my daybook and am puzzled to get it straight, but will do the best I can. Charlie was the only hand I had working—he cut wood and I forget what else, and went down in the evening for Edmund Miller and John Morrison.
- 27 Sunday. Most of the young people went to church.
- 28 Charlie ploughed tobacco. Tom R. wormed tobacco. Tom Nettles took Ed. Miller and Mr. Morrison over the river to get the omnibus—the girls went for the fun and came back.

Towards evening Mr. Miller, Mr. Dick Smith and Mr. Howe of Aurora came and late at night Tom Nettles took them to the ferry—mean to allow Tom extra time for this trip. Tom N. cut oats after he got back from his morning trip.

- 29 Charlie did n't work, went to R. Sun. Tom R. ploughed. Tom Nettles hauled oats. Jim Moreland helped him and then piled brush while Tom N. cut timothy. Mr. Dick Smith and Mr. Miller came down—a Miss Smith brought them in her carriage from Aurora—afterwards Mr. Howe came down on horseback and stayed all night. Ernest came, and Sudy Arnold, and Bob Clore—it rained a little shower in the evening.
- 30 The hands cut stove wood and then all thinned and chopped corn till noon. Then Tom R. ploughed and Charlie piled brush and Tom N. cut hay till it was time for the company to go to Sudy Arnold's to supper. The Howe boy went away before breakfast.
- 31 Charlie piled brush all day. I got up very early and took two wagon loads of company and baggage to the river to go on the boat. Hilda went up with them to Cin. Mary Foster, Annie Wallingford, Jane Irwin, Bessie McIntosh and Lou Pearce, with Mr. Ed. Miller and Dick Smith, all went, boat did n't come till almost 7. Toms both went with the wagons—when we came back Tom R. went to ploughing. Tom N. changed the wagon and we went to Rising Sun. I took Aunt Eliza home and took Alice Mitchell back—found the latter was so bad I left her, glad to get rid of her. Took my wheat to Talbott's—it weighed 21 bus. 50 lbs. Went to bank and got Patty's cheque her father sent her cashed and brought her the money. Went round and paid my bills see a/c book and went to see Judge Stewart about Aunt Eliza's business. While waiting for the boat, got letter from Mrs. Brown which I sent on to Sue. The children went for Sudy Arnold and brought her home with them. Tom N. cut some timothy after we got back I believe.

August

- 1 Charlie piled brush and hauled hay. Tom R. the same. Tom N. cut hay till noon and Jim M. wormed tobacco till noon. After dinner they began to bail hay and started a stack but Jim was sent for so they gave it up and hauled hay down. I went up to see Nancy Loudon and late in the evening she came back work for me. I went down for Hilda who came back from Cin. I got letter from Sarah—the saddest I ever got from her.
- 2 Charlie hauled hay ½ day—Toms helped and worked about ¾ day—they unloaded and hauled one load after dinner. Mr. Conner went along and I stopped and asked him about sheep. I believe Mr. Hunt worked most of the week—but could not go about enough to see—being always busy with the company. Mrs. Garnett came this evening with two of her great-grandchildren. Sudy went home. I got letter from Belle Mitchell (Mrs. White) saying she got the 10. I sent her. It has been as hot as Africa this week and almost every day clouded up and looked like a storm. Paid Marion McMullen for three ...
- 3 Sunday. Patty went with Ernest Grant to Bullitsburg and to Mr. Kirtley's (J.A.'s) to visit Maggie. Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Tom Stevenson came down and spent the day (they are from Cin.) They went away before Pat came home. Hotter than usual and more like storm than ever, but no rain.
- 4 Election day. Tom N. went to Burlington. Tom R. and Charlie wormed tobacco, late they drove up the old sheep. Sudy came again. Mr. Brady came—to see about getting gravel for pike.
- 5 Boys all wormed tobacco till noon after they got done what follows. Got up early and sent Tom Nettles with wagon to take Patty to the boat to go to Cin. Sudy, Sally and Hilda went to the river. I got letters from Sue, BBG, Annie W. and Jane Irwin. Charlie and Tom R. drove the old sheep up. Mr. Conner came and selected out the oldest sheep. I turned 79 back in the

pasture and put the 3 Lillard bucks in with them. Turned the Graves bucks in with the young sheep in the clover pasture. Turned the 14 oldest ewes and two young things in the pasture next oats patch. Mr. Conner advised me to keep them as sheep are so low. After dinner the boys started to the tobacco patch to hoe but a wind and thunderstorm with heavy rain came up and they had to quit. Trees were blown down and broken off and corn blown down and it was so wet I could not go about much to see the damage. The rain is a godsend as without it the corn would have failed.

- 6 Spalding came this morning, by way of Aurora. Charlie did n't work—it rained so the other hands did n't get much done—they sharpened some tools &c.—after dinner they all went to hoe tobacco but the rain drove them back. Sent Tom N. to Bellevue to take mail—got postal card from Sally H. rode to the other end of the place, found fences and corn blown down in places. Sent letter to Patty.
- 7 Set the boys to worming tobacco. Charlie and Tom R. worked at it all day I believe except when it rained after dinner—there was a shower or so. Tom N. did n't work after dinner—went away. I rode to see Jim Moreland who was pulling mulleins in the big pasture. Went to Bellevue after dinner—got note from Edmond Miller. Sent word to Mr. Walton by George.
- 8 Tom Nettles deadened saplings & trees in the pasture on the mill road till noon—then came in as usual to settle and quit—so I looked over our account and found I owed him 4.63 so I paid him 4.65 see a/c book. Charlie and Tom R. hauled manure and stopped pig holes round the other pasture and turned hogs in to eat oats. I rode up to see about mulleins after dinner—the children said he worked ½ day. It has been quite cool to-day. Jim Moreland's colt was on pasture.
- 9 Turned hogs back again into their lot and put the old sheep selected to sell in with them. Turned the other sheep, the young ewes and ewe lambs into the pasture on the mill road—found the Cotswold buck still so poorly and good-for-nothing that I put him in the barn lot alone—took Charlie Rockwell in spring wagon, sent to Mr. Will Conner's and bought a South Down buck and put him in the pasture. The buck is two years old—marked 583 – H. C. McD. and is said to be one of Mr. McDowell's flock from the interior. I am to pay Jim Conner for him. Tom ploughed and hoed tobacco. Charlie went down in wagon and the rest of us went for Patty who did n't come. The Arnold children were here.
- 10 Sunday—sister Belle's wedding day. Sent letters to P. Lavelle & Co. for grape stands. Sally sick this morning with colic pains—a case of watermelon probably. I had to stay home from church—in the afternoon went to church with Hilda. Got letter from C. F. Wegelin & Co. about grapes, and note from Patsy. Thermometer 50° this morning and 70° this evening.
- 11 Sent Charlie to take Clara to Mr. D. G. Rice's and he went for her in the evening. He made a pen to put the little shoats in that were bothering the corn—then brought down the mowing machine from cherry hill. Tom R. brought the rake down and picked some pears—wormed tobacco. Mrs. Baker came this evening. I went to Bellevue to see about stands, 40 came. Still cool.
- 12 Sent Charlie down for the stands. Tom went with him—afterwards Tom wormed tobacco. Charlie made two trips and brought out all the stands—then wormed too. In the evening he went down and hauled 13 stands of grapes which I sent to P. Lavelle and Co. Cin. Mr. Walton and George came and took supper.
- 13 Mr. Walton and George came after breakfast and stayed the rest of the day. Mr. W. talked about buying but would n't consent to paying interest on the deferred payments so we came to no conclusion. Charlie and Tom worked in the tobacco. Charlie took the wagon down for Patty who came home. About bedtime Cousin Frank Goodrich came.

- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Patty is 18 to-day. Ernest came down and took dinner—after dinner it rained hard for awhile and later it poured. I packed Pat's trunk &c. Tom & Charlie worked. Charlie went to Rising Sun and got 3 sacks of flour from Talbott's—after his dinner he went to Bellevue and hauled out the sacks.
- 15 Set Charlie and Tom to breaking up the big clover field on the pike. Charlie went down and borrowed Mr. Corbin's plough. They ploughed till noon and started again after dinner but it rained so hard they had to quit. I got up early this morning and went down in the wagon to take Cousin Frank and Patty to the boat on their way to Jamestown to visit Sue. Charlie drove the wagon. This evening Mr. Will Whiteman came down on horseback from Cin. to see Patsy—had to bear his disappointment like a Spartan. It poured down to-day so that the creek came over its banks in low places. Credit Charlie ½ day.
- 16 Charlie did n't work—went away. Tom cut stove wood &c. It rained hard last night. Mr. Whiteman went away before dinner. Got letter from P. Lavelle & Co. Jim M. put colt in pasture.
- 17 Sunday. 20 years ago to-day my beloved mother died—an instant of a blest eternity—but so long to me. After dinner Hilda and I went to see old Mrs. Foster, who is thought to be dying. Sally and Bally went to Mr. Arnold's to a meeting of the Sunday School. R. E. came for a little while.
- 18 Cool to-day. Set Charlie and Tom R. to breaking up in the clover sod. Charlie could n't get along with Becky and went after Jim M. and the mule—after Jim began to plough, Charlie went to worming tobacco. John Loudon worked in tobacco. Mr. Hunt after 7 o'clock worked mowing weeds among grapes and picking pears.
- 19 Jim M. worked ½ day ploughing. Tom R. ploughed. Charlie worked in tobacco till noon, then ploughed and hauled stands to Bellevue—got back after dark. I left 13 stands pears and 3 stands grapes to be shipped, sent a letter to P. Lavelle & Co. Got letter from BBG. John Loudon worked in tobacco—helped pick pears. Mr. Hunt picked and packed pears and grapes. There was only ½ stand of grapes from off the hill—the other 2 ½ came out of the garden. Sent postal to Patty.
- 20 Sent Charlie down to Mr. D. G. Rice's with the Kelly cow Jane. He then wormed tobacco. Tom R. and Tom N. ploughed in clover sod. Hilda and I went to Mr. Bruce's. Mr. Bruce was buried to-day. Mr. Hunt chopped burdocks in the pasture on the mill road and mowed weeds in garden. I got letter from Lizzie Mitchell Hodges. Nance went to a dance.
- 21 Hot again. Toms ploughed this morning. Charlie fixed fence round hog pasture and finished worming tobacco. After dinner Charlie and Tom R. hauled rock off clover and put in ____ in ____ down sand hill. Tom N. went to Bellevue—with ploughs and had them sharpened. Mr. Hunt worked to-day mowing fence row round hog lot and iron weeds in big pasture. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and Frank G. and bill of Patty's. Wrote to Patty in office and sent her the bill. Went to Col Botts's and Will Moody's to see about buying corn, then went for Nance and brought her back.
- 22 Tom Nettles and Tom R. hauled rocks off and put them in gully till I set Tom to grubbing—then C. hauled alone. Mr. Hunt mowed iron weeds. Ernest and Nony Cooper came in the evening.
- 23 Started Tom Nettles to ploughing and Tom R. and Mr. Hunt to grubbing rock. At ½ past 9 it began to rain so they had to quit work—rained off and on all day. Toms went to Bellevue after dinner. Charlie did n't work.
- 24 Sunday. Papa's birthday. Sent Tom R. and Charlie to take the youngest Sullivan heifer Ellen away—they went to Mr. D. G. Rice's but his nuisance had gotten out, so they took her to Mr.

Garnett's. Mean to allow them for their time as they were gone ½ day at least. Poured down rain most of the day. Sally and Hilda went to S.S. and came home in the rain.

- 25 Poured down rain last night and part of the day. Charlie worked ½ day—went to Mr. Moody's and got he says 21 bus. corn for which I am to pay .40. After that he and Tom R. went to Mr. J. W. Rice's and got a _____ shoat less than a year old, about 10 mos. they said—a boar, for which I am to send a barrow in exchange. Tom R. fixed the fence along the clover field and got some hogs out of the corn—he also brought the Sullivan heifer home. Tom N. only worked ½ day—picking pears and gathering melons. Nancy came home this evening.
- 26 Tom Nettles went to Burlington with load of watermelons which he sold for 4.78 he says—paid toll and brought me 4.41. After dinner he broke up in clover field. Tom R. ploughed all day. Charlie took to J. W. Rice the barrow I sent him in exchange for his boar then he went to work in tobacco worming &c. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. I sent postal to Patty. Went to Mr. Clore's and engaged 32 bus. Fultz wheat at .91.
- 27 Charlie worked ½ day—went to Mrs. Coons's—after dinner took some posts out by the old road and then wormed tobacco. Toms ploughed—began in clover but it was so wet they came and broke up the piece across the road that was in timothy. I went to Bellevue.
- 28 The Toms ploughed in the clover sod. Charlie worked in tobacco. Mr. Hunt yesterday mowed fence rows and by paling and potato patch. To-day he finished in garden and mowed fence rows on pike. Sudy and Lily came over. I pd. Sudy 2.00 for sewing for Patty. Katy and Mike came this evening and brought the baby.
- 29 The Toms ploughed in clover field. Charlie ran hogs out of corn and worked in tobacco. Mr. Hunt mowed out fence rows. Mrs. Baloly [?] brought me a note from Mr. Foster. I went to Bellevue—sent postal to Patty.
- 30 Toms ploughed in clover field. Charlie and Jim Moreland worked in tobacco. Charlie ran hogs this morning. Mr. Hunt worked ½ day, grubbing this evening in clover field. I got letter from buddy.
- 31 Sunday—hot day. Sally went to S.S. After dinner Hilda and I went to see old Mrs. Foster who was apparently dying.

September

- 1 Cloudy and cool—looked like rain towards night and sprinkled a little. Charlie chased hogs till about 10 then worked in tobacco. The Toms finished breaking up in clover field and then went over and began to plough by Charlie's old house. At noon they quit by my directions and Tom R. helped Charlie in tobacco. Tom N. ploughed the piece this side of the one they began this morning. Mr. Hunt grubbed and mowed weeds ½ day. Hilda and I went to Bellevue. I sent postal to Patty, and sent by Mr. Corbin to P. Lavell to send me the grape money. Mr. House and his daughters came for a little while.
- 2 Rained last night. Toms hauled manure on the piece of grass I had broke in front of the house. Charlie did n't work, except that after dinner he helped the boys attend to a horse &c. It rained part of the time after dinner and at night rained hard. I got letter from Patty. Dolly Botts stopped here. I talked to George Walton about selling to his father.
- 3 Rained all night so far as I know and rained hard this morning and off and on all day. Tom N. and Charlie did n't work. Tom R. split wood and picked some pears. I got letter from Julia.
- 4 Charlie and Tom R. worked in the tobacco. I stayed home all day and canned pears. The boys varied their work with driving out hogs, as usual.

- 5 Charlie and Tom R. worked in the tobacco. I went to Bellevue and Mr. Corbin paid me the money Lavell & Co sent for the grapes and pears, 70.58. I left with Mike Corbin 8.40 to pay Mr. Wm. Moody for the 21 bus. corn I got Aug. 25.
- 6 Mr. Hunt came down this morning and I pd. him in presence of Nancy Loudon his share of the grape money, 25.45. Tom R. did n't work—went away. John Loudon and Charlie worked in tobacco. I put up quince all day.
- 7 Sunday. Rained in the morning. Sally went to S. S. with Hilda. Cordy came. After dinner I went to Dr. Grant's.
- 8 Charlie, Tom R. and John L. worked in tobacco. Cool, lovely day but like fall. I worked making jelly most of the time.
- 9 My beloved mamma's birthday. Charlie and Tom R. worked in tobacco. John Loudon ½ day. Very cool weather. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Mrs. Brown which I sent to Sue in one I wrote. Got letter from Patty too.
- 10 My darling sister Susy's birthday—cool and bright, but seemed sad all day. Took Hilda to Mr. Brady's to go to the association. Tom R. and Charlie hauled rocks on sled off the clover field till noon—then worked in tobacco. I got letter from Patty.
- 11 Charlie and Tom hauled rock. I went to Bellevue in the evening to see about boat—met Ernest coming here but he turned back—took letter to Julia.
- 12 Charlie and Tom hauled rock till it rained so they had to quit—they then cleaned stable &c. In the evening they went down with wagon and I went to meet Sue who came with her children on the boat. Heard old Mrs. Foster was dead. Hilda came home. Nancy Loudon left.
- 13 Sent Charlie down to get seed wheat from Mr. Mike Clore—he got 2074 lb. = 34 bus. 35 lb. at .91. I got letter from buddy and one from BBG. Tom R. did n't work—he went to R. Sun. Charlie worked in tobacco after dinner and went down with wagon for Patty. She and Mr. Graham came on the boat—did n't get home till about 10. Sudy and Katy came and Harry Botts.
- 14 Sunday—we went to church in wagon. Mrs. Holmes was baptized. Ernest and Nony Cooper came after dinner. We had fires morning and evening. Tom R. drove the wagon for us to go to church and after dinner went to R. S. and brought Aunt Eliza up.
- 15 Charlie and Tom R. hauled rock off wheat ground till noon then Jim M. worked ½ day sowing wheat and going to Mr. Clore's for harrow and Tom R. harrowed and Charlie worked in tobacco.
- 16 Willy Tew 3 years old to-day. Sent Charlie to hunt black Henry who came to help put in wheat—he began to sow but finding the ground not in good order he quit and went to harrowing. Tom R. harrowed all day. Charlie worked in tobacco. Mr. House came down and I sold him my N.Y. pippins and Ryan Reds for .50 a barrel on the tree. A German from over the river came to see about apples. This evening Mr. Graham and Bally went to Aurora on their way home.
- 17 Charlie worked in tobacco. Jim Moreland sowed wheat ½ day on the piece beyond the run. Black Henry worked ½ day laying off and harrowing in. Tom R. harrowed all day. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Miss N. Went to see about getting Louis to work a few days. Mr. Clore gave me some advice about putting in wheat. Mr. House came last night and picked apples to-day.
- 18 Tom harrowed all day on wheat ground. Jim M. worked ½ day—sowed wheat after dinner—used his colt to lay off with. Charlie worked in tobacco in the morning and harrowed in wheat this evening. I found Bob Brady's young 'animal' in my pasture. Got letter from Julia F.

- 19 Charlie worked in tobacco—so did John Loudon, after 8 a.m. Tom R. and a black boy, Joe, harrowed wheat ground and harrowed wheat in, worked all day. Jim M. sowed wheat ½ day. Mr. House picked apples. I sold him all my Genetans this side of the hollow going up to Mr. Arnold's pasture for .50 a barrel on the tree. I to do the hauling, he to pay the toll—they are to be gathered next month—there are a few other trees among the Genetans which he is to take at the same rate. Mr. Jim Conner came and got my 16 sheep I picked out. I agreed to let him have them for 20. He is to pay his brother Mr. Will Conner for the buck I bought Aug. 9th and then to pay me the balance. I got letter from buddy about Cousin Tom D. Weaned Polly's colt, Ned.
- 20 Jim Moreland worked ½ day, finished sowing wheat by ½ past 11. Black Joe harrowed ½ day and Tom R. too—they finished putting in the clover field. Charlie worked in tobacco till noon—then hauled apples to Bellevue for Mr. House. John Loudon worked in tobacco. Mr. House came in and we settled and he went away. He got 33 barrels which at .50 came to 16.50 with what he allowed for hauling and expenses came to 18.75. He took 23 of my barrels which he is to allow me for. Jane and Arch Irwin, and Lou Pearce and Dan Hemmingray came down.
- 21 Sunday. A lovely day. I went to Mr. Walton's to see him, hearing he was down, to ask him about buying the place. Ernest Grant came down after dinner. The young visitors went away. Patty went with them to go home with Jane.
- 22 Warm day. Charlie, Tom R. and John L. cut tobacco. I pd. Mr. Clore 31.50 for the seed wheat I bought of him. Charlie took wagon down for Patty who came home bringing Bessie McIntosh, Miss Molly Deshler and Mr. Evans.
- 23 As warm as August. Charlie, Tom R. and John L. worked in tobacco. Charlie hung some in sheep shed after dinner. Tom Nettles went to Solon Rice's after roller, did n't get it—then mended my roller—after dinner he hauled tobacco. Mr. Hunt fixed road that had washed, then helped with tobacco. Dr. and Mrs. Grant came down after dinner. I got letters from Belle R. and Spalding. I paid Dr. Grant 2.50 for Frank for the plough point he got for me.
- 24 Raining slightly this morning but soon cleared off. Charlie took the wagon with Patty and the young people and they went over the river to meet the omnibus. Mr. Evans and Bessie McIntosh went to Cincinnati. Charlie cut stove wood &c. till noon—hung tobacco afterwards. Tom R. cut tobacco. Tom N. rolled wheat in the morning—my wheat beyond the run has come up. After dinner Tom N. hauled tobacco. Mr. Hunt worked ½ day helping with tobacco. I sent little notes to Mr. Brown and Sally Gray. Ernest came and spent the evening.
- 25 Charlie, Tom R., Tom N. and Mr. Hunt all worked to-day in tobacco—finished cutting. Tom N. rolled wheat a little in the morning. We had the first frost of the season to-day. I got letter from Sally Humphreys.
- 26 Light frost again this morning but lovely bright day. Sent Tom N. over the river with wagon to take Patty and Miss Deshler to the omnibus on their way to Cinti. He came back and hauled one load of tobacco before dinner and then hauled afterwards. Charlie and Tom R. worked and so did Mr. Hunt in tobacco and digging potatoes. Sally went to Bellevue. Cordy and Aggy Rice came over. I got letter from Sally Gray.
- 27 Charlie did n't work, went to Rising Sun. Aunt Eliza went down and came back with him. Aunt Sally came too. Mr. Hunt dug potatoes. Toms hauled in and hung the last of the tobacco—then Tom N. harrowed the wheat piece in front of the house and he and Tom R. together got the ground ready and Tom N. sowed the wheat—after that he sowed the timothy Charlie bought—did n't quite finish because the seed gave out. Then they went down with the wagon for Patty who came and Sally Gray with her—also Miss Deshler, Mr. Hemmingray and Mr. Holton Pearce. Warm again.

- 28 Sunday. Stayed home as usual. Ernest came and took dinner with us. Charlie and Tom R. went to Cin. to the Exposition.
- 29 Sent Tom to Rising Sun for flour. Mr. Hemmingray and Mr. Pearce went with him to take the omnibus. Tom did n't get back till about 3—then he finished sowing the timothy and rolling the piece in front of the house. Mr. Hunt dug potatoes.
- 30 Tom N. shucked corn on the sand hill. Mr. Hunt finished digging potatoes. I went to Mr. D. G. Rice's—he said he wanted to buy a log house. Still hot and dry. Patty and Miss D. went to Dr. Grant's.

October

- 1 Charlie and Tom R. set to work again, Charlie making cider on the shares. Tom N., Tom R. and Mr. Hunt shocked corn. The Toms shucked a little and after dinner hauled in 2—they also topped corn in the bottom below the barns. Ernest and Nony Cooper came down in the evening.
- 2 Toms and Mr. Hunt cut corn on sand hill. Mr. Hunt only worked ½ day. Charlie still tinkering at his cider business—after dinner the Toms cut corn in the ground Charlie grubbed. After supper I got Tom N. to go after spring wagon—mean to allow him for time. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda—she then went with me to Bellevue.
- 3 Tom N. started for Aurora with Patty, Sue, Hilda, Sally Gray and Miss Deshler—did n't get back till after ½ past 2. Went to take the wagon home. Tom R. and Mr. Hunt shucked corn. Charlie still fussing with cider. It sprinkled for a minute or so to-day.
- 4 Still hot and dry. Tom N. ploughed on sand hill. Tom R. cut stalks in the morning and cut grape vines & tied some shocks after dinner. Bill Heisel helped him after dinner. Mr. Hunt worked ½ day cutting stalks. Charlie did n't work for me. Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally went away. Charlie wanted to go to Bellevue so took them down in wagon. Bob Brady proposed to rent a Moreland house of me.
- 5 Sunday. Dry and hot. I walked about most of the morning. Cordy came before dinner. After dark Ernest and Katy came.
- 6 Still dry and hot. Tom N. went to Bellevue for ploughshare and ploughed on sand hill till time to go for the boat. Jim Moreland only worked ½ day, shocking corn. Charlie, Tom R. and Bill Heisel cut and shocked corn and tied up shocks. Mr. Hunt cut corn and chopped stalks. Tom did n't get back till near 11—mean to allow him extra for the time. Patty, Sue and Hilda came home.
- 7 Tom N. ploughed on sand hill till the rain which came about ½ past 2. Then he took Polly and Beck to be shod. Mr. Hunt chopped stalks till the rain. Charlie cut corn till then—the others, Tom R. and Bill did too—then Bill split wood and Tom fixed pigpen &c. Jim Moreland worked ½ day cutting corn. I got letters from Julia Foster and Mary. Ernest Grant came this evening. John F. Moreland came to see about renting and I let him have, or rather agreed to let him have, 3 acres for tobacco and 15 for corn. We made a little contract, which is in my a/c book. Pink had twin calves one heifer and the other bull.
- 8 Tom R. went up and helped bring the cow and calves down. He cut corn and after dinner ploughed between the shocks in sand hill. Charlie worked ½ day cutting corn. Bill cut corn, Tom N. went to Bellevue for barrels Peter Zimmerman sent home—only got 5. After dinner he ploughed. After supper he took me down in wagon to wait for the boat. Miss Amy Campbell came from Cinti. to teach Sally. We did n't get home till 11—mean to allow Tom for the extra time. Got letter from buddy. Sprinkled a little this morning.
- 9 Tom N. took Sue and children and nurse and me to Aurora—they went to Cin. on the train. Tom went to Bellevue after he got back and then began to sow wheat on sand hill. I stopped

to see Col. Botts who is very sick, on my way home. I got a box with a lovely cut glass epergne from Dan Hemingray. Charlie cut corn in the morning and harrowed wheat ground afterwards. Tom R. ploughed in morning and cut corn. Bill and Mr. Hunt cut corn all day. Patty went to a festival in Petersburg with Ernest.

- 10 This morning Jim Moreland came to see if we could arrange about renting to him. I went to look at the ground to be grubbed and with Charlie Rockwell as witness, made the following verbal agreement. I am to let him have the house on cherry hill where Mr. Hunt lives, and a garden spot, rent free, from March 1st, 1880 to March 1st, 1881 and to pasture his horse free and his cow if he has one. He is to use his horse in the crop and I am only to furnish a horse for the breaking up of the ground and hauling in the crop—he is to grub and put in order for ploughing the ground we looked at, being that beginning at Mr. Walton's line fence and my old fence beyond the clover in the orchard, being the top of the ridge beyond the orchard grass piece to the amount of 4 acres at the rate of \$12 an acre—he is to put it in tobacco and give me half ready for market or half the money as I prefer and I am to furnish horse room and sticks. If I want him to work at times when he is not busy in his crop, he is to work at the rate of .75 a day and feed himself. I am to let him have 10 acres of corn ground and he is to use his horse as above in the tobacco crop and to give me half the corn delivered in the crib. Charlie did n't work—Tom N. sowed wheat and rolled it afterwards. Tom Roberts harrowed ½ day. Billy tied up tops and cut corn—harrowed after dinner. Mr. Hunt cut corn. I told him and Mrs. H. that I had rented to Jim M. Ernest came for Patty and took her to his father's.
- 11 Tom N. and Tom R. hauled rails down and fixed the fence by the watergap. Tom N. quit about 9 and went away as I did not need him any more at present. Tom R. rolled wheat and he and Billy tied up corn shocks and I believe Billy cut some. After dinner Maggie Kirtley and Tom Grant came and spent the evening. Then Ernest and Sudy came and they left late. Mr. Hemingray came.
- 12 Sunday. This weather is unnaturally hot—like July. I am told the Ther. was 100° in the shade in Bellevue yesterday and it was 98° they say to-day on our gallery—no rain, and everything parched. Dr. Grant and Mr. Hunt from Ind. came and dined.
- 13 Mr. Hunt came down and we settled in full to date, see a/c book. Miss Campbell made a beginning in teaching Sally. Charlie rolled wheat till the roller spindle broke, then mended it and finished rolling. About ½ past 2 or near it there was a shower—that only lasted a little while. Tom Roberts cut stove wood and stayed round till noon while Bill cut corn—then both cut and hauled to the hogs corn from the little bottom. At night Mr. Graham came on the boat.
- 14 Tom and Billy hauled rails & fixed fence by watergap, then cut corn. Charlie had sore throat, but took wagon down to Bellevue with barrel of cider I sold Philip—he took out .35 I owed for fish and .25 for shipping and sent 3.40, the balance on the cider and he is to return the barrel. I got letter from buddy, Julia, Mr. Graham and Mr. Gray. It is still hot and dry. Ernest came this evening.
- 15 Tom R. and Billy worked. Mr. Hemingray went away this evening. Still hot and dry.
- 16 Warm and hazy—towards dark sprinkled. Patty and I went to old Mrs. Foster's place to see Julia who came down to-day. After we got back Patty went to Bellevue—brought me the 8.00 left by Mr. Jim Conner as the balance he owed me on the sheep I sold him Sep. 19th. Mr. Sleet came by and I sold him my 3 steers for 3 ½ c. he promising to pay me more if he sells them well enough to afford it. Got letter from Sue Tew. Ernest came down to tell Patty goodbye. This evening after Patty got back from Bellevue I sent Charlie up to Mr. Brady's—he did n't get back till dark.

- 17 Patty left home for her papa's this morning just before 7 under the care of Mr. Graham who is going to St. Paul to make buddy a visit. Lord love and keep my big baby. I went to Mr. Wm. Walton's soon after to have my 3 steers, Goo-goo, Rom and Reme, weighted and delivered to Mr. B. K. Sleet. They ran so much they only weighed 3837 lbs. Mr. Sleet gave me a check on the Northern Bk. Cos for \$135.62 and said he would give me all the rest he could get for them except 1.00 a head. Charlie got up at 4 a.m. to go after wagon so I promised to give him extra pay—he got back a little after 12 and this evening he and Tom R. and Billy hauled brush from under the apple trees on cherry hill—the boys drove the steer this morning. Nancy went home this evening. It has been cloudy off and on all day but did n't rain.
- 18 Nancy Loudon came back and I settled with her for 11 ½ weeks—see a/c book. Miss Campbell and I went to Burlington to the S. School Convention—dined at Mrs. Tousey's and went to see Mrs. Dills. Charlie, Tom and Billy hauled apple brush till noon. Charlie only worked ½ day—the other two cut corn next Mr. Rice's home place. It suddenly turned cool to-day without raining.
- 19 Sunday—really cold—had fire all day—it was cloudy but there was no rain. Sally went to S. School. I stayed home—got letter from Sally Gray—Sudy and Katy A. came over this evening to see Miss Campbell.
- 20 R.E. came and stayed a little while. Hilda and I went to Rising Sun. I got the check draft Mr. Sleet gave me for 135.62 cashed at the bank. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy hauled brush from orchard and hauled some corn for hogs.
- 21 Sprinkling a little early this morning and cloudy. I went to see Sebe Garland who is sick. Tom Nettles and I settled up for all work to date. I was owing him 13.25 for work and paid him .50 for a bull tongue he bought so I paid him 13.75 see a/c book. Got postal from Patty.
- 22 Sprinkled some this morning. Toms cleaned stable cut wood &c. and after dinner hauled corn out of bottom. Charlie did n't work. The boys got the mule up and hauled with him. Mr. Hunt grubbed on the fence row next Mr. Walton's. I went to Bellevue this morning and paid my bill at Corbin's and several others see a/c book. Saw George Walton and asked him about line fence. Got letter from BBG.
- 23 Got postal from Patty. Charlie, Tom and Billy worked hauling rails and trash from the hedge row. Mr. Hunt grubbed. I burned piles of trash. It was much cooler to-day. The meeting at Bellevue began to-night.
- 24 Hard frost this morning. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy worked hauling brush and trash and burning it on the hill. Mr. Hunt worked grubbing. I sent letter to Patty. We went to night meeting.
- 25 Hard frost again this morning. Charlie did n't work. Billy and Tom hauled brush in the morning and then hauled corn. I went to Bellevue.
- 26 Sunday. We all went to church. Lovely, warm weather. Miss Robinson came.
- 27 Tom and Charlie both gone away. Billy worked—cut wood &c. We went to church in the evening. Mr. Gordon came down to visit. Mr. House came down to see about his apples.
- 28 Tom and Charlie worked—hauled barrels for Mr. House and got corn. Mr. Flourney Grant and his wife came and took dinner. I got letters from Patty and Cousin Nina. We all went to church. Mr. House began to pick Genetan apples. Charlie and Tom helped Mr. Roberts attend to the calves and pigs.
- 29 Still dry and hot for the season. Tom and Charlie hauled apples, barrels and corn. Mr. House had apples picked.
- 30 Sent Tom R. to take Mr. Gordon on the river to the omnibus—he got back by dinner—then shucked corn. Charlie put a bed in the wagon and hauled apples for Mr. House and corn. Mr. House took us down to the night meeting.

- 31 Charlie, Tom R., Jim Moreland and Billy worked shucking & hauling corn—they got in 4 loads they said. I went to see Sebe Garland who is still low. We all went to church in big wagon.

November

- 1 Cold 20° above 0 just before sunrise—hard frost last night. Got the 4 Cotswold bucks out and put them in the pasture on the mill road—put the 46 young ewes, the 59 lambs and the Southdown buck, in the big pasture with the 79 old ewes. Tom R. did n't work, went to R.S. Charlie and Billy worked ½ day, Billy cut stove wood. Billy came in and we settled up our old a/c of 1875 and this presents, including the dollar I pd. Hilda that he borrowed when he left in 1875. He has worked 21 days this time, and has had orders for 1.50 so the balance due him was 1.60 which I paid and we are now settled in full to date. Miss Campbell went with the Arnolds to Bullitsburg to see little Jimmy Kirtley ordained. Sent Charlie and Bill to Mr. D. G. Rice's with that everlasting Clara cow.
- 2 Sunday. Much colder. Ernest Grant came and dined with us. Miss Amy got a letter from Patty. I went to church to-night and it turned so cold my hands almost froze coming home.
- 3 Set Charlie, Tom and Billy to sorting potatoes—they put them in the cellar and buried some—put away ploughs &c. Went to Bellevue. Cold but not quite so cold.
- 4 Last night a hard freeze—thermometer only 16° above 0 this morning. Set Charlie, Tom and Billy to gathering apples. Mr. Hunt helped part of a day from about 9. Jim M. worked ½ day. Sent Charlie to look for the roan calf that Mr. Roberts handled a week ago to-day, and found it dead—had been dead some days he supposed. Still cold and dry as ever. Got bill from Dr. Miller for medical attendance on Uncle Jilson.
- 5 Bobby Rice came to tell about fences. Girls came to see Miss Campbell. Warmer. The boys picked apples till noon. Mr. Hunt worked ½ day helping. Jim M. worked too—after they got done picking they hauled and shucked corn. Charlie buried calf. The apples were frozen and many turned soft. Towards night it sprinkled.
- 6 This morning Tom, Billy and Jim M. began to gather corn—it rained after 8 a.m. and they had to quit—after that the boys did n't get much done—chopped a little wood &c. Charlie did n't work—said he was going to Lawrenceburg. The rain only wet the surface of the ground—under small clods it was dry—it was a cold little rain but cleared off warmer and looked like spring. I got letter from Sarah. Sally got one from Patty.
- 7 Warm as spring to-day. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy and Jim M. worked gathering corn. Charlie fixed up the big crib after dinner. I went to Bellevue with Sally and Miss C. Got letter from Julia. Sent one to buddy and Patty. Put in the circular from U. S. Treasurer about my corporation stock.
- 8 Jim Moreland worked ½ day—in the morning, Charlie worked ½ day in the evening they and the others gathered corn. Tom and Billy worked all day. It was so warm it was almost oppressive. I got letter from BBG.
- 9 Sunday. Rained early this morning—good showers, that moistened the ground considerably. There was a baptism at the river to-day—Hilda and Sally went to it, there were 12 they say. Ernest and Tom Grant came this evening.
- 10 Cloudy and warm. Charlie worked ½ day—hauled corn this evening. Tom R. sorted corn in the crib in the morning and helped Charlie shuck after dinner. Mr. House came to-day and began to pack apples.
- 11 Charlie hauled apples all day for Mr. House. Tom began to sort corn and quit to strip tobacco. I went after Jim M. to come and help but did n't find him—found that a large hole was burned in the roof about 3 weeks ago. It showered to-day and was warm. Mr. House finished up his apples and we had a settlement—he got 56 barrels of apples which at .50

- came to 28. He paid 5.75 for the 23 barrels he got of me, and 5.00 for expenses, total 38.75 which he paid me. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Lizzie Mitchell Hodges.
- 12 Found Molly with a heifer calf, named it Amy. Last night it was cloudy and warm and the wind blew so it kept me awake part of the night. Mr. House and little boy went home. Charlie, Tom & Billy began to strip tobacco but it was so out of case they quit and went to shucking corn and hauling it. Ernest stopped here just before dinner. I went to Bellevue—to the grange store and paid Jesse Kelly what I owed him 16.25.
 - 13 Ernest came here this morning and I sent by him letters to Lou Pearce and Jane Irwin. I got letter from Sue. Jim M., Charlie, Tom R. and Billy shucked corn in the bottom below the barn, between the ditches—they say they hauled 5 ½ loads, over a half if anything. Sebe Garland came last night to stay with Tom awhile for a change. Sat up all night but did n't see any meteors. Still warm and cloudy—sprinkled after dinner.
 - 14 Dr. Grant and Miss Lou came and dined with us. Dr. showed the boys how to raise the sunk post in the shed and the corner of the roof of the cob house—it poured down rain. Tom R., Charlie and Billy shucked corn in the bottom below the stable till I stopped Charlie and Tom to fix the post. When it rained Billy quit shucking. After dinner they all stripped tobacco in the stalls. Sent letter to Sarah.
 - 15 It rained hard last night. Charlie, Tom and Billy all stripped tobacco in the cow stalls. Sally went to see Cordy. I got letter from Cousin Eugenia. Nancy went home this morning.
 - 16 Sunday. A lovely bright spring-like day. My wheat that was sown in Sep. is coming up nicely since the rain. Cordy and Belle Huey came to dinner and Susy Rice. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.
 - 17 Charlie, Tom R. and Billy began to gather corn, got one load in and a little more when it began to rain. Charlie then fixed broken mangers in the stable and the other boys picked over apples. Miss Amy and I rode in the rain to Bellevue. I sent Patty a letter containing the sleeves of her mamma's Houston set; and a letter to Mr. Gordon with the date he wanted to put on a tombstone for Aunt Mary. Sent letter to Sue.
 - 18 R. E. came and dined. Cloudy this morning but cleared off rather cold. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy shucked corn in the bottom by the old log houses. About half past 4 Charlie quit and went to mill. I went to Bellevue, got letter from buddy with draft for \$50 and he sent back my papers about corporation stock &c. Also got letter from Jane Irwin.
 - 19 Heavy white frost this morning; quite cold but a bright day. Jim Moreland, Charlie, Tom R. and Billy shucked corn. Tom says they got five loads and 1/2. Ernest was here a little while. I bought a pair of white ducks for Sally. I went up to Mrs. Lacy's to tell Doll to come and work.
 - 20 Slight snow and cold. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy hauled manure from sheep cellar to sand field—don't suppose they did much because I could n't oversee them. R.E. came and stayed to dinner. I got letter from Patty.
 - 21 Charlie, Jim M., Tom R. and Billy all shucked corn only got in 4 loads they say.
 - 22 Jim M. shucked corn ½ day. Tom R., Billy and Charlie shucked till noon, then they cut wood and Charlie blacked stove and put it up upstairs &c. After sundown Charlie drove the wagon to Bellevue and Miss Amy and I went down to wait for the boat. Mr. Charlie Campbell and Miss Foes came on the boat.
 - 23 Sunday. Stayed home and worked nearly all day. Sudy Arnold came.
 - 24 Sent Charlie down for coal but it had n't come so he came back and hauled a load of corn before dinner. After dinner he hauled two loads of coal from Mr. Corbin's boat. Tom R. and Billy shucked corn in bottom next Mr. Rice's house. Tom waited some time and cut wood, I thinking Mr. Campbell was going. To-day Annabelle Coons began to work for me. Dr. Grant stopped by to tell me about having logs hauled to mill &c. Late I went to Mr. Corbin's and

got the draft for \$50. from buddy cashed (it came the 18th). I gave Miss Amy Campbell \$25. of it as her salary for the first month teaching Sally with Sally as witness and the other 25. to her for Sally to buy things for Sally in Cincinnati.

- 25 A day like spring, warm and bright. Charlie drove the wagon and Miss Foos, Mr. Campbell, Miss Amy and Sally went over and took the omnibus for Aurora on their way to Cinti. He brought a load of coal with him as he came home, then after dinner hauled corn. Jim M., Tom R., and Billy shucked corn. I went to the saw mill to see Mr. Will Walton about the logs—came home by Mr. Moreland's and saw him.
- 26 Lovely warm day. Jim Moreland and Tom R. hauled chip manure to sand field. Charlie and Billy went up to the Moreland place and cut a poplar tree, sawed it into 4 logs. I went to the mill and engaged Mr. White to haul them and told Mr. Jackson about sawing it. Rode up to leave a message with Mrs. Wm. Walton—stopped a few moments at Mr. Brady's to see Mrs. Garnett who dined here to-day. Mr. Corbin came out this evening and sold him my old sow and 2 barrows at 3.00. Got letters from Sue and Lou Pearce. Sent Charlie down with the wagon to meet Sally and Miss Campbell who came home from Cincinnati. Bessie McIntosh came with them—they did n't get here till 10 and I must allow Charlie extra time.
- 27 Thanksgiving day. Ernest came down to dine with us—he went after the evening mail. I got letter from Patty and a bill for her from Miss Scully, or rather a note about a bill. I got a draft from U.S. Treasurer for \$200.46 being my Washington Corporation stock. Miss Robinson went down in the wagon to Bellevue on her way home. Charlie went down for coal, got one load. Billy and Tom mowed off and burnt the trash on the bottom piece by Charlie's garden and after Charlie got home Tom ploughed that piece. Charlie and Billy started to haul a little chip manure but Charlie had to quit to go and drive Mr. Rice's hogs out of the pasture. Then it rained and they cleaned out the stable.
- 28 Rained hard last night and this morning and to-day. Before dinner Tom R. drove the 3 hogs to Mr. Corbin's. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy all stripped tobacco. We went down to Bellevue and I got the weights of the coal, 150 bus. 30 lb in the 4 loads.
- 29 Colder this morning—the boys stripped some tobacco that had been bulked down. I sent Tom to Bellevue. Mr. Corbin and Mr. Jonas Clore came out and had a ridiculous fuss about something Mike said about Mr. Clore's making an offer on my hogs. John Moreland moved into the basket shop. Charlie worked some time putting window sashes and glass in &c. After dinner he shucked out some fodder with the other boys. I tried all day to get to Burlington but could n't. Went to Mr. Arnold's to ask about sending a notice to Mr. Hunt to leave by the first of March—wrote notice and gave it to Jim Moreland to send. Cordy came over to stay all night with Sally.
- 30 Sunday. Ernest came and brought me my box from Aurora with the dress Sue sent me. I stayed home. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.

December

- 1 Lovely bright day. I went to Rising Sun—got my treasury check for 200.46 that came the 27th cashed at the bank. Left with Mr. Perkins the cashier, 12.00 for Miss Robinson of which 4.50 are for my work and the rest for Sally's. Went to see Dr. Williams & pd. his bill for waiting on Uncle Jilson, 18.00. Went to see Judge Stewart and pd. him 5.00 for settling up Uncle Jilson's estate. Went to the court house and the city office and pd. Jilson's taxes up to last spring amounting to -----. Charlie drove the wagon. I took Bessie McIntosh over with me and put her in the omnibus for Aurora. Went to the mill for flour. Charlie and I did n't get home till after sundown. Billy and Tom R. shucked shock corn on the wheat.

- 2 Got the Southdown buck up the first thing, and put him with the Cotswolds. Charlie went after him, then he hauled corn and Billy, Tom R. and he shucked fodder on the wheat. I started for Burlington but had to come back. Mr. Billy Walton came and told me about having lumber sawed. Sally and the rest went to Bellevue. I sent a letter to Patty with note and postal from her dress-maker—also sent her her black embroidered stockings. It was warm and spring-like to-day.
- 3 Rained. Charlie worked ½ day—stripped tobacco after dinner. The other boys shelled corn and picked up tobacco sticks &c. and after dinner stripped tobacco.
- 4 My little heaven's birthday, 13 years old. I sent Sue a letter—got a note from her and one from Bessie McIntosh and a letter from my big baby. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy worked or pretended to—hung some tobacco in the wine house and stripped some.
- 5 Just like spring this morning. The boys, Charlie, Tom R. and Billy stripped tobacco till noon and after dinner said it went out of case and they went to shucking corn. Ernest and Tom Grant came down to hunt—took dinner with us.
- 6 Rained last night and in the morning Charlie, Tom R. and Billy stripped tobacco. Got letter from brother Charlie enclosing his account as guardian for Patty and Sally, and a draft for 100.00 for Sally for Miss Campbell, and a letter from BBG.
- 7 Sunday—lovely bright day, like spring. We all went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day.
- 8 Charlie, Tom R. and Billy shucked corn. They finished the shocks on the wheat and shucked some beyond hauled loads. Charlie had to stop to fix the fence as the cows got on the wheat. This morning Sally and I signed the paper buddy sent us (his settlement of guardianship of the children) and wrote him a letter and took them down to the P.O. this evening. Stopped at Mr. Arnold's to ask him about hogs.
- 9 Tom R., Charlie and Billy shucked shock corn—back of the wheat. After dinner Charlie drove the wagon to Bellevue, and we went down. I took letter to BBG, got box of oranges he sent me. Sally got letter from Patty. Mr. Howe came from Aurora to see Patty—he had to stay all night it rained so.
- 10 Poured down this morning. Mr. Howe went away. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy stripped tobacco. Yesterday I showed Mr. Hunt where to grub a piece of ground—told him I would pay him at the rate of 10. an acre.
- 11 Charlie worked ½ day, hauled wood. Tom R. and Billy worked—after they cut tobacco they shucked corn. I went to show Mr. Hunt about his grubbing—after dinner went to leave word with George Walton about my saw. Sally and the rest went to Bellevue. I sent Mr. Howe's mitten to him by mail. Charlie Rockwell came in and we had a settlement up to to-night. He has since our last settlement Aug. 2nd. worked 86 ¼ days—amounting to 59.72 what I had on my book against him came to 41.52, balance 18.20. Of this I paid him 5.20 leaving now due him 13.00. Billy Heisel also came in and we had a settlement up to to-night. Since our last settlement Nov. 1st he has worked 32 days which at the absurdly high rate I am paying him comes to 16.00 of this I had already pd. 3.50 leaving 12.50 – of that I now paid him 10. leaving me owing him 2.50. I got letters from Sue, Julia and from Mr. A White telling me that the tombstone Mr. Gordon ordered for Aunt Mary's grave will be down to-morrow.
- 12 Cold, disagreeable day. Charlie & Billy did n't work, went to Aurora. Tom R. hauled some corn that was shucked, cut wood &c. I sent him down with the wagon for Mr. White's man Mr. Burke who came down and brought the tombstone.
- 13 Charlie and Billy came back so tight that I paid Billy off in full 2.50. Charlie lost out the footstone last night and he and Mr. Burke went to look for it, found it. Tom worked helping to set the tombstone then he cleaned horses stable &c. went to mill and cut stove wood and

- fed. Annabel went to her mother's. I got letter from Patty. In the evening Laura and Belle Huey and Cordy came to stay all night.
- 14 Sunday. Rained all day a cold unpleasant rain. Mr. Brady and Sudy Arnold came to dine—they all went away in the evening. Annabel came back at night.
 - 15 Charlie put up places to hang tobacco in the wine house and he and Tom R. hauled and hung the good tobacco that was stripped also hung lugs in the barn. After dinner Charlie and Tom chopped up a top of tree that was blown off in the barn yard. I went to Mr. Arnold's to ask about hauling logs. Went to Bellevue—sent Sue's mittens to her. It was cold and disagreeable to-day.
 - 16 Boys hauled wood then sawed up and piled locust poles—cut forks, mended paling tops of roof, fixed up for killing &c. Tom R. and Charlie worked. I went to Bellevue took letter to Patty—got paper from Cousin Tom Flandrau. It turned much warmer.
 - 17 Mild, 2° above freezing at 5 a.m. The boys, Charlie, Tom R. and Billy shucked corn out of the shocks. I walked up to see Mr. Hunt grubbing and to John Moreland's to see about the partition in the house.
 - 18 Colder, 24° above 0 at 5 a.m. Had hogs killed. Charlie, Jim Moreland, Tom R. and Billy worked. They killed 11 and then cleaned out smoke house, cut wood &c. I rode up to Mrs. Loudon's late. Turned warmer towards evening.
 - 19 Charlie and Jim Moreland cut up and hauled meat &c. Billy and Tom R. shucked shock corn. Mrs. Loudon helped with the lard &c. Warmer and misting at night. Gave Miss Campbell in Sally's presence \$40. on her salary and to use for Sally.
 - 20 Sent Charlie with wagon to take Miss Amy and Sally over the river to the omnibus on their way to Cin. He then went on to R.S. to take some meat to Aunt Eliza and Aunt Sally. He stripped some tobacco after he came home. Billy and Tom R. stripped tobacco and cut wood. Mrs. Loudon worked with sausage meat & lard. Ernest came and took dinner—he drove me to Bellevue—afterwards I had to go down again for some fine salt. It was very disagreeable and rained a fine rain most of the day. I sat up late working with sausage meat.
 - 21 Sunday. Seven years ago my beloved father died. It seems to me it might have been seventeen. Lord love his precious soul and grant him bliss. A dreary day, cold and raw with a slow rain. I feel as lonesome as if I had outlived everything and miss my darling babies all the time. Hilda went to S.S. and Mr. Brady came to see her.
 - 22 Last night there was a rain with heavy thunder and lightning—this morning the pastures looked green and the blue birds flew like spring, it turned cooler afterwards. I had 5 brood sows turned out of the mill road pasture into the barn lot—they are going to have pigs. Charlie, Tom R. and Billy stripped tobacco. I sent Tom to Bellevue towards sundown with two buckets of sausage meat for Mr. Corbin to take to Cin. for Julia and Sue. After sundown Charlie and Billy took my 5 fat hogs down to Bob Brady who sent me word by John Moreland he would give me 4.00 for them. Charlie said they weighed 1530 lbs. I went to Bellevue, took a letter for Patty with 5.00 in it. Got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for \$100 that buddy sent, that came the 5th. I also took Patty's blue silk comforter for Mr. Corbin to send her by Ex. Paid bills at Will Grant's and grange. Lily Arnold came this evening.
 - 23 Thermometer at freezing at 6 a.m. but very disagreeable—misting and raw. The boys cut and sawed some wood—then moved sheep racks. Charlie set a door by the sheep shed and he and Billy hauled rails and began to run a fence up the hill by the barn shed. Hilda went to Bellevue and brought the mail. I got letter from Patty and one from Miss Amy with postscript from my little heaven. Rained very hard at night. Tom Roberts came in and we had a settlement in full to date see page 227 account book. I paid him off in full all I owed

him and as I could n't make the change overpaid him 1.78 which he is to leave at Corbin's for me.

- 24 Charlie brought wood this morning that Tom wanted me to take the 1.78 out of what I owed Billy as Billy owed him, to which the latter agreed. It poured last night—the creek was over the banks and watergaps washed away. Charlie worked—began at 8. Billy worked ½ day. Charlie finished the little piece of fence from the other end of sheep cellar, hung some tobacco went round to look at watergaps &c. Billy helped—did n't get much done. Rained almost all day. Bob Brady came and paid me for the five hogs he bought, 61.20. He told me Jim Moreland had backed out of the contract he made with me Oct. 10th and was going to rent of him. I went to Jim's but did n't see him. Bill Lacy came to see me about renting. I had my sows put up in sheep cellar. Christmas Eve seems sad and strange. I spend it for the first time without one member of my family. Seven years ago this evening my beloved papa was buried—that was a white Christmas bitter cold, this time is a green one soaking wet—how long it seems since then.
- 25 Christmas—turned cold this morning and tried to snow a little. I walked to Bellevue to a funeral—that of Mrs. Brown. Went for mail—got letter from Patty—sent letter to Julia by Charlie. Got presents by mail for Sally and myself and box of things from Patty. It kept getting colder all the time, was 10° above 0 at 11 p.m.
- 26 One of the 5 sows put up had 7 little pigs this morning. Still bitter cold—10° above 0 at 7 a.m. Billy worked for me to-day taking care of stock and cutting wood. Yesterday he turned all the cattle and horses into the barn lot. Ernest came down and dined with us to-day.
- 27 Another of the sows had 6 pigs. Charlie worked ½ day helping Billy get wood. It was much milder. Billy went away after dinner with Annabel to a dance. I went over to Mrs. Rice's in the evening to see Aggy.
- 28 Sunday—sent letter by Hilda to Mary C. got letter from Julia. One of the 7 little pigs was dead. Charlie fed and milked this morning. It was mild and thawing and cloudy most of the day. In the evening Billy drove the wagon and we went down to church. Aggy Rice was married to Mr. George Spacy after church. Mr. Hardiman performed the ceremony.
- 29 Jim Moreland moved I am told. Found another sow with pigs. Sold my largest Sullivan heifer, Kate, to Mr. Jas. Conner for \$30. Charlie and Billy worked—hauling rails and rock and laying up fence from this end of the barn shed. Also hauled some logs from near barn cistern. I went up to Mr. Hunt's to see his grubbing. It was warm and misty and towards evening rained.
- 30 Found the larger young black sow with 8 pigs. The smaller one after had 6 pigs. Charlie worked ½ day, finished fence. Billy helped and cut wood afterwards. Hilda and I went to Bellevue—to Betty's to tell Aggy goodbye. I got letter from Sally and postal from Miss Campbell.
- 31 Billy wanted to go to Cin. with Charlie so I paid him off in full—deducting the 1.78 that Tom R. sent me word to take out of what Billy owed him—see account book. I got Louis Le Fevre to go to the home Jim Moreland moved from (John says he moved Monday) and put a fastening on the door and also fix the watergap by Mr. Rice's tobacco pen. It rained part of to-day. I went to Mr. Arnold's to ask him about the Moreland business. Yesterday evening I left word for Tom Nettles to come out and see me, he came to-day and I hired him till the 1st of March at 10. a month. He set in after dinner—fixed up the old cob houses, put a fastening on the sheep shed door &c. I got letter from Sue. Heard that old Col. Dick Botts died last night.