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January

- 1 Frost this morning—cleared off and turned warmer afterwards. Hilda and I went to Bellevue to Col. Botts's funeral. I went down again after dinner to get Billy shod. Took letter to Patty. Tom N. worked, he made up walnut tree that was down and cleared off trash and cleaned up the hill turned out by the new fence, pulled up old posts &c.
- 2 Tom worked ½ day, quit to go to finish ricking wood he cut at Mr. Clore's. Charlie worked ½ day after dinner—stripped tobacco, ran cattle out of bottom field &c. Hilda and I went to Burlington after dinner. I went to see Mr. Winston about Moreland business. Paid Mr. Ben K. Sleet my taxes—see receipt and a/c book, they were 49.30. Mr. Sleet paid me 6.68 more on the cattle I sold him Oct. 17th, 1879 so the three steers brought me 142.30. Dined at Mr. Winston's. Went to Mrs. Dill's and stayed all night. It rained so hard they said we could n't get home. John Moreland began to grub on the hill.
- 3 Bright and warm, like spring. We took breakfast with Mrs. Dills. Mr. Dills got the paper about the bounty fund (the transfer of \$1000. worth of bank stock from Aquilla Baker to papa) from Mr. R. C. Green—wrote me a copy of it which he witnessed and gave the original back to Mr. Green to be shown in court. Stopped at the sawmill to see about lumber. Charlie worked—stripped tobacco—drove cattle out of bottom and fixed fence—put the 5 sows and 30 little pigs out of the sheep cellar—at night drove the wagon to Bellevue and I went after Sally and Miss Campbell who came on the boat. I got letter from Patty and note from Miss C. Louis Le Fevre came to see about renting a house.
- 4 Sunday—poured down rain all day. Stayed home and tried to rest.
- 5 Rained all day. Sudy Arnold and some of the young people were coming here to have what they call a surprise party but it rained so none came but two youths whom I did not know—Blythe and Bradford. Charlie worked—fixed place to keep pigs in—stripped tobacco, fed &c. Aunt Nancy was so poorly she stayed in bed today.
- 6 Tolerable clear—the young people whom Sudy Arnold and Laura Huey invited came as a surprise party. Laura and Kate Corbin and her child stayed all night. I went to Bellevue and to see Tom Nettles who has left me and gone back to work for Mr. Clore—got letter from buddy. Charlie worked—stopped long enough to help dig a grave for Jesse Moore's child but says Mr. Coons helped him strip tobacco, enough to make up for that. Charlie went to mill and got my meal. I rode round to hunt lambs but found none. It was warm as spring and very wet.
- 7 Laura and Kate Corbin went home after breakfast. Aunt Nancy came to the kitchen again. Charlie worked fixing watergap and getting cattle out of stalk field, stripping tobacco &c. After dinner he rubbed and resalted my hams and packed them down to sugar cure. I hired John Coons to work for me for a month at 10., he is to set in soon. I rode round to look at sheep. It is still damp and warm.
- 8 Rained last night and thundered then and today. Rained hard most of the day—the creek was up over the bottom in places. I went to Mr. Rice's to tell him about his hogs rooting my pasture. Charlie worked stripping tobacco.
- 9 Found a lamb, the first of the season, a Southdown buck. After dinner the boys and I tried to drive the sheep up but could n't do it, and they caught the ewe put her and the lamb in the sheep cellar. Charlie stripped tobacco. John Coons set in to work—got here before dinner. He helped strip tobacco. Sally walked to Bellevue. It rained again today.

- 10 Wonderful to say it was clear today. Charlie and John Coons worked—hailed the rest of good tobacco and put in wine house and lugs in cabin, hauled and cut some wood. Had to have a lot of spare ribs and pate and feet thrown to the hogs as they spoiled in consequence of the warm wet weather. Walked round to see sheep and up to show Mr. Hunt about some more grubbing. Sent black Henry .
- 11 Sunday. Cloudy and warm, but did n't rain till night. Sally went church with Hilda. I stayed home. Ernest came and spent the day. He walked round to look at the grubbing—had n't time to ride to look after lambs. This evening the stove in Miss Campbell's room fell down with fire in it.
- 12 Snowing hard and very disagreeable. Sent letter to BBG by John Moreland. Went with Charlie and John the first thing to drive the ewes up and put them in cellar. Found a young ewe with Southdown twins. The boys sorted potatoes—it snowed all day.
- 13 Colder—13° below 0. Charlie did n't work. John fed, cut a little wood, hauled fodder for cattle &c. I was poorly all day. Miss Amy went to Bellevue. I sent letter to Patty. Moderated—went up above freezing during the day. Letter came from Cousin Rebecca for buddy.
- 14 16° above 0 this morning—turned warmer and thawed afterwards. Charlie and John worked. Charlie finished sorting potatoes then fixed sled—hauled a dray of wood &c. John helped and hauled fodder for cattle. One of the old ewes had Cotswold twins. I was poorly still.
- 15 Warmer thawing and muddy. Boys rung the sows noses and turned all 5 of them and the 30 pigs in the lot by the kitchen—also rung the noses of some in the pasture. Annabel says the black sow in the pasture has pigs. The boys sawed and hauled some wood. John Coons and Charlie worked. I found a young ewe with a Southdown lamb and an old ewe with twins and one with a single lamb. Opened the gate and let the sheep run out till evening. Sally was poorly today, stayed in bed most of the time.
- 16 Found three ewes with single Cotswold lambs—also one C. lamb dead. Charlie and John worked—fixed fence by watergap and sawed and split wood in new ground—hauled two loads. They found 2 little pigs in the other pasture and brought them down and put them with these sows. It was warm today and part of the day was bright. I went up to show Mr. Hunt about some more grubbing.
- 17 Found a Cotswold ewe with one living and one dead lamb. Raining of course. Charlie and John hauled a load of wood and went after the sheep before dinner. After they were put up in the evening I found Cotswold twins and one single lamb. The boys started to get wood after dinner, but it rained again, and they blacked stove and put it up cut a little wood &c. I went to Bellevue, took letters to the 3 banks in Washington & G'town asking for dividends—also letter to Sue. Sudy Arnold came and stayed all night.
- 18 Sunday. Found Cotswold twins in sheep cellar. Turned all sheep out but those with lambs, and left them out. Sally went to S. School and to Mr. Brady's and to church in evening. Sudy dined with us. A lovely bright warm day like spring.
- 19 Found 2 Southdown lambs, and the old black ewe with twins, and one ewe had twins, one of which was dead and another ewe had twins afterwards—found one lamb dead of those born before today. Could n't find a mammy for one of the S. lambs and put it with the ewe whose twin died. Charlie and John worked sawing wood in the tobacco ground. Ras. Rice came out to look at my tobacco—offered me 9 and 4 for it. It was very warm today—sprinkled rain at night. I drove the sheep up and put them in the sheep cellar.
- 20 Cloudy with occasional sprinkles and turned raw and unpleasant. Found long tailed ewe with Cotswold twins and two single lambs. Charlie and John began to work—hauled corn that

had been lying shucked so long. At ½ past 10 they quit work and went to Mr. Jenkin's. Charlie promised to work out John's time. All the others went away. Miss Amy brought me letters from buddy and Sarah.

- 21 Found a pair of Cotswold twins and a single lamb—this evening found another pair of C. twins and a merino ewe's lamb. Turned most of the sheep out today and did n't get them up till after dark. The other weak twin died today or was found dead this morning and a single lamb dead. Charlie and John worked sawing and hauling wood. Polly was very sick tonight. I showed Mr. Hunt some other grubbing—went up twice to see John Moreland's grubbing. Got letter from Patty. It was warm and spring-like—to-night it rained and thundered and lightnined (sic). Miss Amy gave me a knife.
- 22 Found 3 new single lambs this morning—this evening twins, and 2 single. One lamb died today. Polly better today. It sprinkled a little and tried to snow a little today. Charlie and John cleaned stable and hauled two loads manure, helped Mr. Hunt roll some logs off his grubbing and sawed wood. Miss Amy went to Bellevue. I got letters from the 3 Banks at Washington and G-town with drafts for 66,28 and 6. total 100. also letter from Julia.
- 23 Found during today 4 new Southdown and 3 Cotswold lambs—1 lamb died. The old ewes were kept up all day, it being cloudy and unpleasant and looking like snow. Charlie and John sawed and hauled wood. I went up to see the grubbing. Anabel went home. Buddy came this evening after dinner, in a buggy from Cincinnati.
- 24 Found a single Southdown and a pair of twin S. In the evening another pair S. Found one C. lamb dead. John buried 6 making 10 in all I have had buried. A pretty bright mild day. Charlie worked ½ day—hauled wood for himself in the morning and for me after dinner. John worked in the morning went to Bellevue afterwards. I got letter from Sue. Walked round with buddy to show him the grubbing &c.
- 25 Sunday. Lovely bright warm day. Found 4 new Cotswold lambs and a pair of Southdown twins. This evening Charlie found a pair of Cotswold twins and a Southdown lamb. Sally went to church with Miss Amy. Ernest came down this evening.
- 26 Lovely day—more like May than Jan. The churning was done out of doors and made best butter we have had for some time. I had 58 yearling lambs turned into the other pasture and the 5 bucks put into the hog lot. There were 2 single C. lambs and a pair of twins. Buddy and John went to Dr. Grant's and dined. Charlie and John worked.
- 27 Perfectly beautiful day, warm as spring. Buddy left for Cinti. on his way home. Found pair Cotswold twins and 1 single lamb. Charlie hauled fodder and wood this morning and waited on buddy. John worked—after dinner they sawed wood and John broke the cross cut saw handle. I went to Bellevue and to George Murdock's to ask about knife. Old Mr. Moreland came to enquire about renting the house and barn on the place he now occupies.
- 28 Perfectly beautiful day—like spring. There were C. twins and S. twins and two single lambs. I went to see Nancy Loudon and she came to work for me this evening. Sally and Miss Amy went to Bellevue. I sent letter to Julia, got one from BBG. Charlie and John worked trimming hedge on pike. I went to show Mr. Hunt about more grubbing and to see John M's grubbing.
- 29 Unpleasant day—colder and raw and chilly. This evening found C. twins and 1 single lamb. Charlie and John finished hedge on pike and began on garden hedge.
- 30 Cloudy dull day—towards evening rained. Charlie and John worked on the garden hedge. This evening found 1 C. lamb.
- 31 Clear and rather cold—a bright but raw day. No lambs today—the ewes have struck, apparently. Charlie and John finished cutting the garden hedge. Sally went to Bellevue with Miss Amy. I got letter from Patty.

February

- 1 Sunday. Clear and colder. Sally went to S.S. and to Mr. Arnold's. Ernest dined with us. Merino ewe had 1 lamb. The Southdown twins born today belong to the ewe with the slit ear. This evening a S. lamb was found. I saw George today and asked him about tobacco. Heard that the smoke house where Mr. Moreland lives was burnt Friday night. Two boys living on Mr. Brady's place came here. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda. The little ring I have worn since April 1861 broke in two this evening and fell off my finger.
- 2 Cold only 20° above 0 at sunrise. Found 1 S. lamb, afterwards 1 more C. and twins. Hilda went over the river to take the omnibus for Cin. Miss Amy took her to Bellevue. Charlie did n't work today. John split stove wood and took care of stock. Dick Loudon came to see about renting or hiring. I rode up to see the Roberts boy that broke his leg—saw Mr. Walton as I came home. Black Anne brought me 1.00 of the money I lent Henry Jan. 10th. Snowing at bedtime.
- 3 Deep snow, at least several inches. Found one new S. lamb. Had the horses, colts and young sheep driven into the barn lot. Charlie made a rack for the yearling sheep in the cob house and we drove them in there. Not so cold at noon as it was last night. Had the old ewes and lambs kept up and fed. In the evening found a new S. lamb, probably twins. Charlie and John worked—hailed drags of wood after dinner and while John chopped a hickory into drags Charlie took us to Bellevue in sled. I sent letter to Patty. Dick Loudon came again to see about hiring.
- 4 Colder—16° above 0 this morning at 7. I found a dead S. lamb apparently a twin, also the ugly old S. ewe had C. twins. She only owned one, so I brought the other to the kitchen. About breakfast there was a fine S. lamb and about noon a C. Charlie and John worked—hailed some drags of beech and hickory and after dinner John took Jane to be shod and Charlie hung up meat &c. I went to Mr. Clore's to ask about hands, wages, &c. Tonight Miss Amy and Sally went with a party in a sleigh to meeting at Ashby's fork.
- 5 Only 1 C. lamb today that I know of. Charlie did n't work—hailed wood for himself and John helped him ½ day for which C. is to work in return. Got letter from Patty. Ernest came down and took Miss Amy and Sally sleigh riding and dined with us. Hilda came home with Mr. Brady.
- 6 Found twins C. this morning then there were C. twins and 1 lamb and S. 1 lamb. Charlie and John hauled drags and wood. Dick Loudon came over and engaged to work for me a year from the first of March on the following terms. I am to give him 20.00 a month wet and dry owing 6 months beginning April 1st—the rest of the year he is to work for me at the rate of .75 a day and find himself and to lose the time during weather too bad to work in. I am to furnish him a home and garden rent free and wood and a team to haul it and to break his garden, horse to go to mill &c. It is scarcely worthwhile to set down this bargain because he is so unreliable, but he says he will come. Zekey Rice came and wanted me to hire him. I told him it would not suit me—then his mother and father came over and talked so that I reluctantly agreed to hire him for one month—he to board at home and I to pay him 14. What a simpleton I am. Miss Amy got letter from Annie Wallingford with tin type of herself and Patty. I got letter from Cousin Eugenia with pictures of Mattie. Began to smoke meat.
- 7 Went to see Mrs. Rice—explained to her that it would n't be convenient for me to take Zekey, and we agreeably agreed that he is not to come. Found on going to the sheep two new S. lambs—one of a bell ewe, one a very bob-tailed ewe, also a little poor C. lamb whose mammy would n't own him—brought it to the kitchen and it died—put her into the hospital and put the twin lamb I had at the kitchen (Bessie) with her. Towards noon found a fine C. lamb. Charlie and John worked—hailed drags and wood and sawed a little. We went to

Bellevue—took letters—one to Patty, one to Mattie Dinsmoor with 5.00, one to Mr. Gordon inclosing the letter from Cousin Eugenia that came yesterday. Got one from Julia. A lamb died suddenly today.

- 8 Sunday. Cold—16° above 0—soon moderated and thawed. Sally went to S.S. and then to Mr. Brady's with Hilda, he came for them. Turned the sheep out for the first time since the snow. Found a long-tailed ewe almost given out, with a very fine C. ewe lamb, which she was too far gone to mother. Put them in the hospital &c. Sudy A. came.
- 9 Bright pleasant day. Found the bob-tailed black ewe with C. twins and a S. lamb. At noon found 1 C. lamb and twins S. and another pair twins S. at night. Charlie and John worked sawing tree. I went up to see Mr. Hunt about grubbing and showed him some more to do. Zekey Rice with a persistence worthy of a better came over at sunrise to set in to work—but I told him what I said to his mother, and he asked me to wait a week till he could see if he could find amore suitable place, which I gladly consented to do—hoping I would n't have to take him at all. Sent by Hilda letter to Miss Annie Wallingford with 2.00 in it. Killed snake today with snow on ground.
- 10 Found 1 S. and 1 C. lamb—also found the buck lamb of the pair twins born last night with a broken leg. About noon found C. twins. Charlie and John worked—shucked corn till dinner, then split and hauled wood. I went to George Walton's to enquire about sheep—did n't see him. Sally walked to Bellevue with Miss Amy. Bright pleasant day. Annabel came and we settled up in full.
- 11 No new lambs that I could find today. The ewe that had C. twins abut noon yesterday was in such an unfortunate condition that I had from humanity to have her killed. The S. lamb with a broken leg died. I brought the dead ewe's twins, and a S. lamb which its mother would not own, to the kitchen. John went away after he fed and buried 5 lambs and stayed all day. Charlie went to Mr. Jenkins and worked after dinner—killed, skinned and buried the ewe—drove up sheep, fed &c. Mrs. Brady Coons came to see me. Dr. Grant came and went with me to look at the Moreland place. Dick Loudon came for me to show him some grubbing in the sand field. It rained and blew hard this evening.
- 12 Found 1 C. and 1 S. lamb. Charlie and John worked, shucked corn in ground Charlie grubbed and hauled part of a load—after dinner put rings in sows nose, buried two pigs or rather shoats, one that died and one that had to be killed because it had a tumor, mended front gate that Dr. Piatt's horse broke &c. Tom Nettles came and I hired him at .40 a day till the 1st of March and then at 13. a month till Oct. 1st, he to take turns with the Sunday work. He may come and may not but I thought I might as well hire him.
- 13 Settled with John Coons and paid him off in full all I owed him in presence of Nancy Loudon, see a/c book. He had worked 2 ½ days over his month. Charlie did n't work today. Tom went to Bellevue this morning. I got note from Mrs. Fisk with letters and Matty's pictures that I sent Mr. Gordon, and little note from Mr. Edwin Stearns. Rained all day. Tom fed, sorted corn &c. Two lambs were dead this morning. One S. born.
- 14 Three years ago poor Louly died. Unpleasant, raw, sunless day. Charlie and Tom N. worked shucking corn—hauled some corn and fodder—attended to stock &c. Found a new C. and also a S. lamb. This evening the boys found a fine young lamb that they say is a C. dead. Tom buried 3 making 18 in all so far. Miss Amy went to Bellevue twice. I sent note to Mrs. Fisk and to Mr. Stearns.
- 15 Sunday. All but me went to church. Sally dined at the Arnold's. Ernest came here after dinner, brought me little model of movable fence. Fine day, bright and moderating. Found young ewe with bell had S. twins. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.

- 16 Perfectly beautiful day, just like spring. Charlie and Tom shucked shock corn. Dick Loudon grubbed in the hollow in sand field. Mr. Hunt trimmed vines in garden. I told him in presence of Miss Amy that I wanted him to hurry and find a place and that he must move by the 1st of March. Lily Arnold came over.
- 17 Went to Bellevue—sent letter and postals to Sarah—got letter from Patty tonight. Found a S. lamb dead. Warm and very windy day. River high, over the banks. Charlie did n't work today—he made plant beds for himself. Tom took Clara to Mr. Garnett's—ploughed in sand field. Dick grubbed there. Mr. Hunt trimmed grape vines. Sent Sue three prs. stockings that Lily brought over.
- 18 Rained hard, Charlie did n't work—he came in and we set down the work up to this time. Found a S. lamb dead, afterwards another S. dead. Tom worked—hauled fodder, cleaned stables, set up ashes, drove the wagon to Bellevue &c. It cleared up this evening.
- 19 Much colder—ground frozen hard. Charlie and Tom worked—hauled fodder and shucked corn and hauled it. Dick Loudon grubbed in sand field. Mr. Walton came and stayed to dine. He wished to ask about Mr. Hunt. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda. I got letters from Patty, Julia and Sue—the last with one for Sally Gray. Ernest came down on his way to _____'s wedding reception.
- 20 Ground frozen hard this morning. Charlie and Tom tried breaking stalks, but said the bottom was not frozen hard enough. They then hauled fodder and shucked and hauled corn. I sold the sheep skin to huckster for .75. Hilda and I went to Bellevue to Mr. Cap. Ryle's funeral, and then to see Mrs. Clore. I put in P.O. Sue's letter to Sally Gray—got letters from Annie Wallingford and Mattie D. Mr. Walton stopped a few moments in the evening and so did Mr. Jim Rogers to tell about tobacco. This morning found dead the largest lamb I ever had to die since I have been sheep raising. It was fat and the boys cut it open to see what killed it—could find nothing unusual except a piece of wool in its stomach.
- 21 Bright pretty day. Charlie and Tom shucked corn and hauled it and fodder. Charlie for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour helped Dr. Grant and Mr. Hunt measure the ground the latter grubbed. We could n't calculate it afterwards. Dick grubbed in sand field. Mr. Hunt trimmed vines part of a day.
- 22 Sunday. Stayed home. Sally went to S.S. Mr. J. S. Huey, Belle Huey and Cordy came to dine. Mr. Brady came afterwards and took Hilda to church in Burlington. Bright pretty day.
- 23 A beautiful spring like day. Tom ploughed in sand field. Charlie worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day—he trimmed hedge with Dick L. till noon—then burnt his plant beds. After dinner Dick made me a plant bed over in the big pasture. John M. said he finished grubbing his piece. I rode up there. Tom sowed some timothy and clover on the piece of wheat in front of the house. Miss Amy calculated the piece of ground Mr. Hunt grubbed and using some of Dr's figures she made it $\frac{7}{10}$ of an acre. Tom found the little black-faced S. lamb dead. There was a new C. lamb and tonight we found a new S. lamb among the young sheep in the other pasture. Had the hogs turned out of that pasture.
- 24 Bright pretty day—I went to R. S. in skiff with Jack Philip—went to the Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the 3 drafts from Washington received Jan 22nd and got \$100. Stopped at Corbin's and pd 11. I had borrowed—bought of Wm. Clore, R. S. a jumping shovel-plough for \$6.50. Came home in skiff with Jim Burns brought Aunt Eliza with me. After I came home went up to see another S. lamb that a yearling ewe had and it was dead—probably born so. Charlie worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day, he and Dick trimmed hedge. Charlie quit to sow his plant beds, I think. Tom ploughed and raked weeds on sand field. Dick grubbed sprouts there after dinner. I got letter from Patty.
- 25 Warm and blowing hard till after noon. Charlie and Tom hauled fodder till dinner. Dick and I burnt brush piles on the ground he grubbed in sand field—after Charlie got his dinner he

and Dick started to trim hedge but it rained so they had to quit—then they washed the 5 sows with carbolic soap, sorted potatoes &c. Tom took Billy to Bellevue to get him shod behind. Miss Amy and Sally went to Bellevue. I got letter from Mr. B. A. Wallingford/ Annie's father/ and some White Burley tobacco seed he sent me as a present, returning the 2.00 I sent for him to buy it. Rained hard.

- 26 Perfectly lovely day, warm and spring-like. Sent Tom down with wagon to get it fixed and bring home plough. Mr. James Rogers came to see about my tobacco—got a sample of it to take up with his. Tom ploughed probably after he got his dinner. Charlie and Dick trimmed hedge today. Miss Amy and I went to Dr. Grant's.
- 27 Mr. Hunt came down and we settled in full to date—see page 253 a/c book. Charlie and Dick Loudon cut hedge—finished that over towards Mr. Arnold's pasture, and cut on that below pond. Tom ploughed in sand field—after supper went to Bellevue in the wagon for Miss Blanche Campbell, who did n't come, we got home towards 10—mean to allow him for extra time. Ernest stopped here on his way to Cov. It rained this evening, but not hard. I paid Dick L. up in full for all the work he has done to date. Went to Mr. Arnold's this evening for butter.
- 28 Rained but not very hard—the boys Charlie and Tom, sheered mule, cleaned stable &c. and then bulked down all my tobacco. It took them all day. Ernest came at night and stayed all night on his way home from Cov.
- 29 Sunday—cold raw disagreeable day. I stayed home. Sally went to church with Hilda. Ernest came after dinner. I got letter from buddy with draft for \$100. for Sally and Miss Amy.

March

- 1 Mr. Hunt moved to Mr. Walton's place near Mr. Will Walton's. I let Tom haul a load for him—he got back at noon. After dinner he hauled some wood, some hay—fodder, and went after colts. Charlie and Dick worked—finished trimming the hedge below the pond, then cut stove wood &c. After dinner they fixed road up to cherry hill—Charlie quit to help haul hay. It was a bright day but cool, ground frozen this morning.
- 2 Bright, lovely spring-like day. Charlie moved on cherry hill into the house Mr. Hunt left. Dick Loudon and Tom began to grub beyond the garden—then went to sowing plant beds. They sowed all the seed I got from Mr. Wallingford and what I had of my own raising—the latter in a little bed by itself. Dick also sowed some lettuce in one of the plant beds. Tom told me this morning that he would n't work for me for 13.00. Aunt Nancy was sick today.
- 3 Tom Nettles came in and I paid him off in full, see a/c book. Charlie only worked ½ day—sorting potatoes mostly. There was a thunder and rain storm today. The oak tree just inside of the barn lot was struck—the creeks were over the banks. I went to Mr. Jim Rogers's to see about tobacco. Got letter from Patty and one from Mr. Wallingford with 3 envelopes of tobacco seed.
- 4 Mr. Jim Rogers came to see about getting the tobacco loaded—he sent John William Huton to bulk it down—the latter worked ½ day. Charlie and Tom Nettles helped too—after they got the wagon loaded. Harry Botts came out and bought it for \$10. all round so Mr. R. went home instead of going to Cov. with it. Charlie and Tom hauled some fodder &c. Dick Loudon moved. I got John Moreland's wagon and horses for him to move with—they finished before dinner. Made a verbal agreement with Tom Nettles today with Miss Amy Campbell as witness. I engaged to keep him to work for 8 months beginning at March 1st at \$15. a month and board him. I am to keep back 2. a month till the end of the 8 months and if he quits before the 8 months are out, I am to pay him for what time he has worked at the rate of 13. a month. It poured down rain with thunder and lightning. Some of the young people came

out and had a singing. Mrs. Gaines stopped in out of the storm. Sent letter to Patty. Nancy went home.

- 5 Tom hauled the tobacco down to Mr. Sutton's and Harry Botts received it. Mr. J. Rogers saw it weighed—it weighed 2416 lbs. which at 10. came to \$241.60. I owed Sutton 12.45 which was deducted out of it and Harry paid me the balance, \$229.15. I then went to Corbin's and settled up in full to date, got his account receipted for 59.05—went to Will Grant's and paid his bill for blacksmith's work, 4.00. Left with Mike Corbin to take care of for me 140. After I came back paid Miss Amy Campbell 40. and she gave me her receipt for the whole amount pd. her to date, \$105. Sally went to Mrs. Lillard's to a children's party with Cordy Arnold. Charlie worked—sprouted potatoes, opened potato hole and sprouted some of those. Tom helped. Nancy Loudon went home this morning. Mrs. Carrie Rice and Ida came out.
- 6 Sally came home. My birthday—Sally and Miss Amy went to Bellevue. I got letter from Patty. Charlie and Tom worked. C. sorted and sprouted potatoes out of the pile and helped Tom haul fodder. Tom sowed some clover on the wheat & timothy and on the piece of orchard grass by the slough and rolled that—then sowed some on that new piece of clover in sand field and began to roll that. After dinner he helped C. finish potatoes and hauled fodder.
- 7 Sunday—rained hard last night and this morning. Sally went with Hilda to S.S. Cordy came to dinner. Ernest came this evening. Sally brought in the first wild flowers I have seen this spring.
- 8 Cloudy and colder—disagreeable day. Charlie worked ½ day—grubbed beyond garden. Tom Nettles and John Moreland worked breaking Posey—had John's horse too—they hauled fodder after dinner. Nancy came back and I settled with her—see a/c book. I went to see if I could get Lizzie Deck—could n't do it. A young man named Acra came to see about renting a house. Sent by Hilda a letter to Mr. Wallingford.
- 9 Turned pleasant again. Tom was the only one who worked for me. He cut wood &c. till noon—afterwards hauled manure on the garden, drove Posey. I went to Mr. Slayback's and to Mr. Acra's and to the Moreland place—found Jim M. had moved. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.
- 10 Cold raw disagreeable day. Tom rolled clover in sand field and the pieces beyond the creek. Charlie and John Coons cut hedge on the line next Mr. Walton's. Found 2 S. lambs among the yearlings and brought them up to sheep cellar.
- 11 Found young ewe with twin S. lambs. Sent Tom to put a chain and lock on the house Jim Moreland moved out of. He took corn to mill at the same time, which he shelled this morning. He hauled manure on garden afterwards. Charlie and John Coons finished cutting hedge and C. began to grub the piece Mr. Hunt once grubbed for the crop and John C. to grub an old fence row next. I went to see Brody Slayback, she would n't come. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Hilda went to Mr. Brady's to a singing.
- 12 Very bad day—cold snowed and blew hard. Charlie worked near ½ day—helped ring pig's noses. Tom hauled fodder, Charlie helping. C. did work after dinner. He said John grubbed till about 10. Tom—fodder &c. Most of the sheep came up at night.
- 13 The heifer Jenny Herron had a fine bull calf named . It was cold but moderated, and snow melted. Tom fed, fixed saw &c. till noon then Charlie helped him saw wood, ring pigs noses &c. Charlie worked ½ day. Mr. Brady dined here.
- 14 Sunday. Found old ewe with twin C. lambs. Disagreeable cold day—stayed home. Ernest came late.
- 15 Cold unpleasant day. Went to Mr. Burns's and to Bellevue. Tom fed &c. and cut down a tree and began to work it up. John Coons grubbed in the strip on the hill, and after dinner helped

Tom saw. Charlie grubbed in the piece Mr. Hunt grubbed for the crop. Emmy Hunt came today. Snowed at night.

- 16 Emma Hunt came down this morning and set in to work at .75 a week. It rained this morning and there was sleet on cherry hill. Charlie grubbed up there. John Coons set in to work a month at .50 a day and board. He and Tom made a pen for the boar and put him in it, and turned the 5 sows in the pear orchard pasture then sawed wood in the new ground. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sarah, stopped to pay Sudy for butter—Lily came over with me.
- 17 Cool but brighter. Tom & John C. sawed wood in new ground. Charlie says he worked ½ day cleaning up clover ground. I rode round to salt sheep—found black-faced ewe with twins, one dead and another lamb with yearling. Mr. Jim Terrill stopped, going by.
- 18 Bright windy day. Charlie worked on the ground he grubbed sprouts out of, and the clover piece next—burnt piles of trash. Tom and John sawed wood. Sally went to Bellevue with Miss Amy. Hilda went to Mr. Jim Botts's to a singing. Ernest stopped as he went by to the party. Got paper from Sue.
- 19 Windy and raw. Tom and John hauled fodder and wood till noon—after that Tom tried to burn brush piles but had to give it up. John helped Charlie a while and then he and Tom sawed oak log. Charlie worked for himself—this morning he grubbed some for me to return John's help—then after dinner he broke up on the point in clover next the piece Mr. Hunt grubbed for the crop—which he is preparing for potatoes. Turned Jenny H. and her calf out this morning.
- 20 Tom and John C. did n't work—went to Aurora. Charlie worked for himself—finished ploughing and harrowing the potato ground on the hill. Sally went to school exhibition on Woolper and to party at Mrs. Lillard's. Ernest and Tom Grant came to supper and spent the evening. Lily came over.
- 21 Sunday—bright pleasant day. Sally stayed home with me. Miss Amy went for butter. Ernest took dinner with us. Mr. Brady came to take Hilda to church. Old man living at Bob Brady's came to see about renting.
- 22 Bright and windy. Dick Loudon worked ½ day helping John Moreland split rails on new ground and the rest of the day burning brush for me—all the day's work is for me. John M. burned his brush piles and got fire out in the woods and Dick had to help him about an hour. Tom and John C. hauled fodder and then Tom ploughed and prepared a piece in the garden for potatoes and John cut and planted some. Tom then ploughed some in sand field. Charlie planted potatoes up on cherry hill—laid off ground and covered with plough.
- 23 Went to see Mr. Bob Brady about the old man who wanted to rent—he is a foreigner, called 'Uncle Jote'. I don't know his name. On Bob's recommendation I agreed with Miss Amy Campbell as witness to rent him the house Mrs. Loudon and Jim L. and latest Jim Moreland, lived in. He is to pay .50 a week for rent, due at the end of every week—not to keep any stock nor geese, not to have any dances nor gatherings, not to leave fences down or gates open, not to burn any rails or stakes or timber that would make them—is to use deadened or down wood or such as I shall tell him to use. Is to have ½ acre of ground for garden with the house. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty today. Charlie worked for himself—finished putting in potatoes—had horses to harrow with after he got done planting. Tom Nettles ploughed in sand field. Dick L. and John Coons burnt brush piles where Mr. Hunt grubbed. It was so windy the fire got in the woods two or three times. Sent letter to Patty by Hilda.
- 24 The old Frenchman, Uncle Jote, moved down to the house in the big pasture. Tom Nettles moved him in my wagon, and it took ½ day. The old man came for the key and paid me .50 for his first week's rent, is to pay for Tom's moving him. Tom ploughed after dinner and took

- the wagon down after supper—we went for Miss Blanche Campbell who came on the boat. I got a letter from Patty. Dick and John C. burnt brush in hollows in orchard and in the strip next the woods. Charlie worked for himself breaking his garden and harrowing. At 2 P.M. he went over to put shingles on the roof of the house the old man moved into but said there were not shingles enough to finish it, so he had to quit. I got garden seeds from Sarah.
- 25 Charlie finished shingling the house the Frenchman lives in—got back at 10 a.m. and then worked for himself in his garden. Dick dug and sowed a plant bed in the hollow on cherry hill. About noon it snowed hard and was very wet. Then Dick helped catch shoats and afterwards grubbed beyond the garden. Tom and John C. hauled wood and fodder. Mr. Hayes the huckster came and I sold him the lame pig for 3.00 and three others for 4.75. Ernest came, brought plough .
- 26 Cloudy chilly day—rained slightly part of the time and hard at night. Dick ploughed clover sod below Charlie's garden and also attended to hog. I found another pig dead. Charlie did n't work. Black Henry sent me .75 towards the balance due me. John and Tom hauled fodder, tinkered about stable, buried pigs, lambs &c. He found 6 new lambs among the yearlings.
- 27 Rained most of the time and very windy. No one worked but Tom Nettles. He tinkered round the stable and took me to Bellevue in wagon to get oats, grass seed &c. I stopped at Mr. Corbins on the way home to try the organ. I got 10.00 of the money I left with Mike Corbin Mar. 5th and paid it to Harry Botts to go on the grass seed, which I pd. for in full and brought home receipt. Got letter from Sue. Ernest came at night.
- 28 Sunday. Rained. All went to church but me – I found sick pig and tried to doctor it. Got photograph from Patty of herself and Annie W. and 2 of buddy. The young people came here to sing—after dinner—too numerous to mention. It cleared off this evening but was a strange looking Easter Sunday—cloudy, raining & dull. My darling big baby's picture brightened the day for me. Got letter from Julia.
- 29 Charlie grubbed on hill and fixed fence next spring by Mr. Arnold's. Dick helped John M. till noon making up rails on his new ground—then grubbed next garden. Tom and John C. hauled hay, fodder, greased little pigs, then John helped Charlie and Tom haul wood. I went with Miss Blanche and Miss Amy to Dr. Grant's and dined. Frank wrote a letter for me about the plough and I took it to Bellevue and went to see Jack about shipping it. Miss Amy stayed all night at Dr. Grant's and Miss Blanche got on the boat there. Windy day but bright.
- 30 Charlie grubbed on hill. Dick, Tom and John greased 47 hogs this morning. After dinner Dick ploughed and harrowed on cherry hill below Charlie's garden, John sowed orchard grass and clover, and Tom rolled. John M. planted potatoes in the piece beyond the garden. I let him have 3 bushels of seed potatoes. Bright pretty day.
- 31 Tom and John C. hauled roots, rails, stakes &c. till noon then Tom ploughed in oats and John grubbed next garden. Charlie grubbed on hill. Dick did n't work. Sally and Emma went to Bellevue. Sally got letter from her papa. Hilda went to Burlington and dined with Mrs. Dills. Miss Amy and I went to Rock Spring to see Mr. Moreland. Lightning rod man came again.

April

- 1 Pleasant warm day. Tom and John worked—sowing oats, and timothy and clover, and ploughing and harrowing—they put in the piece back of wheat next Mr. Arnold's and little piece next Sam Eggleston's. I went to Bellevue. Charlie grubbed up on hill. Dick was sick—worked ½ hour rolling a piece of clover and timothy by the spring next Mr. Arnold's.
- 2 Looked like rain—cloudy all day and windy this evening. Dick burnt the plant bed in the big pasture then later planted it. He began to pile one near the graveyard. John sowed orchard

grass seed after he finished ploughing—he sowed the piece near Charlie’s old house and a little piece near the slough. Dick harrowed it all, and John rolled. Tom N. ploughed on cherry hill between pear trees and grapes. Charlie grubbed on hill. I got Easter card and note from Cousin Tom Flandrau. The old hay shed fell down tonight.

- 3 Warm and raining. Tom tinkered around stable and barn—greased harness &c. Dick and John C. moved sheep racks and manure in sheep cellar. After dinner it cleared and was warm and all three shucked corn over next the grass I sowed. Charlie did n’t work. I went to see Lily Arnold and pd. her 4.00 for Sue. Sent letter to Patty.
- 4 Sunday. Perfectly beautiful spring morning. Stayed home all day. Mr. B. came to see Hilda. Ernest came.
- 5 Lovely warm day—grass growing fast and trees coming out. Tom took the wagon down to get plough that I sent up to Cin. to get a new share. Also had hillside sharpened. After Tom came home, he ploughed in garden. John split wood and then ploughed on cherry hill till dinner—after that he hauled manure on garden and trash out, hauled a load of rails from branch and a load of wood from the sand knoll. Dick finished making plant bed near graveyard which I burnt, he raked and cleaned up in garden &c. Charlie grubbed on hill. Sally got letter from Patty. Got 5.00 from Mr. Corbin.
- 6 Colder and an unpleasant day. Charlie says he finished grubbing the strip next the pieces Mr. Hunt grubbed. Dick worked for himself—hauled wood off the piece I am putting in oats. Tom N. and John C. hauled the fodder off the knoll and the piece next and some rails to the fence next Mr. Arnold’s—then they sowed the rest of the oats on the knoll and ploughed it with double shovels—then began to shovel the piece Jim Nelson grubbed.
- 7 Went over the river to the omnibus and went to Cin. via Aurora. Stopped at Mr. Corbin’s and got from Mike the \$125. that was left of the money I left in his care Mar. 5th. When I got to Cin. I got Mr. Foster to cash the draft for \$100. that I got from buddy Feb. 29th. After going round shopping, went out home with Mr. Foster. This is the account of the work John C. gave me when I got home, as follows—Dick made a big plant bed below graveyard and cut stalks in bottom. Tom Nettles went over the river with me and when he came back set out some cabbage plants and ploughed watermelon ground. John C. finished shoveling up the ground for clover and timothy, then harrowed and sowed it, afterwards grubbed. Charlie grubbed vines in the new vineyard to the left as you go up cherry hill. Quite cold.
- 8 I woke up at Julia’s sick and was sick all day and evening—did n’t go in town at all. Had white frost. Gave Mr. Foster \$140. to keep for me to pay for a spring wagon. Mrs. Resor and several of the family came to see me in the evening. Work—John C. grubbed till noon—then ploughed. Dick cut stalks and grubbed—Charlie did n’t work—hauled wood for himself. Tom was sick.
- 9 Still very poorly—stayed with Julia till after dinner—then she took me around shopping. Mr. Foster went with us to Bruce and ordered the spring wagon and they took me to the boat. Got home late—after p.m. John and Dick came down for me. John grubbed all day. Dick fixed roller and rolled clover and timothy till noon—then ploughed on cherry hill next pear trees and vines. Charlie grubbed ½ day in vines. Found letter from Patty when I got home.
- 10 Still felt poorly—Ernest and Col Tom rode in on their way past and Ernest came and spent the evening. Hilda and Sally went to church and Sally went home with Belle Huey. Mr. Brady came for Hilda twice. Tom N. still sick. Dick hauled rails and made a fence round big plant bed in the big pasture—hauled rails out of bottom and then harrowed and laid off watermelon patch. John C. raked stalks in lower bottom and burnt some, then planted onions, onion sets and spinach and radishes in garden. It was so cold and windy that when I

went to salt the sheep in big pasture I suffered with my hands. Found a young ewe with S. lamb.

- 11 Sister Belle's birthday, Lord love her precious soul. My little darling came home today—seemed cold and not quite well. Ernest came a little while in the evening. I was rather poorly myself still.
- 12 There was ice this morning and yesterday and it felt cold, but it was clear. I saw tobacco plants up not injured by frost. Dick broke up the piece Mr. Hunt grubbed in the woods with jumping shovel—then hauled off poles, hauled a little hay to stable &c. Charlie and John sowed some old logs and rolled them into gully in hollow below pear trees—then put grape vines in wash in road—after dinner they sawed 24 locust posts for Mr. John Clore—11 ft. long—got them out of sand field. Mr. Clore paid for them—they came to 9.00. They then cut wood &c. Tom still sick. Sally poorly all day.
- 13 Windy day and warmer. Dick & Charlie went to hunt Posey and brought her home. Then Dick got Mr. Arnold's treble tree and broke up the bottom on this side in the sand field between the two ditches. Charlie and John Coons burnt brush on the strip Charlie grubbed—then I went up and John burnt brush in the hollow next potatoes and other piles. Sally still poorly.
- 14 Much warmer and very windy. Dick broke up in the same place and when he finished there began just across the creek. Charlie helped him the rest of the evening. Before dinner Charlie worked in the garden—planted lettuce, beans, peas, beets. After dinner it was too windy to plant seeds and he helped John burn trash—they burnt out the hollow by old fish pond—and the dry trash along the edge of sand field—the stalks in bottom &c. Before dinner John burnt up trash in piece of bottom next Mr. Rice's and cleared out papa's old road up the bank into sand field. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda. Sally poorly but better. I got letter from buddy with draft for \$100. for Sally.
- 15 Went to see Mr. Jim Rogers on Dick Loudon's account about a cow. Mr. R. said Dick might have it for 40.00 on 6 months time with 8 percent int. and I said if Dick would agree to let me keep out 7.00 a month of his wages for 6 months I would at the end of that time pay Mr. Rogers the 40. with int. Dick agreed with Miss Amy Campbell as witness, to let me keep out the 7.00 a month. This is all for Dick's benefit, and nothing but bother to me. I got a letter from buddy telling me of offer for the children's land in Mo. and one from Julia. Tom Nettles said he was able to work today and as it was raining I set him to taking down the meat and looking over it. Dick Loudon worked raking up manure in the sheep cellar—after dinner he and Tom hauled manure on poor points in clover. Charlie did n't work—he went to Rising Sun. John C. began to work but quit, said he felt sick. We had a lovely warm rain this morning and everything begins to look pretty. I went to Bellevue.
- 16 Rained hard last night and this morning. Watergap fences washed away. Dick and Tom hauled rails and fixed them up and hauled some manure out of sheep cellar. John Coons did n't work, poorly. Charlie worked ½ day. After dinner all hands Dick, Tom and Charlie got the sheep that are in the big pasture and trimmed their feet, and cut off the tails of the ewe lambs. I counted of Cotswold lambs, 40 ewes and 41 bucks, of Southdown lambs 21 ewes and 36 bucks including the 2 yearlings' lambs that I turned in. Then the ewe and the buck we raised on the bottle besides. The old ewes are of such a mixed breed that I may have made mistakes in the lambs – calling some Cotswolds that are Southdowns and vice versa. Mr. Hoffman came to see about buying wool. Turned cool.
- 17 John Coons being still poorly came in to settle up. He had worked 24 days of his month and I settled with him for that and for the days when he worked at .75 and stayed with Charlie and paid him in full to date see a/c book. Mr. Gaines came to see about buying wool. Mr.

Conner came out and I sold him the Kelly cow, Jane, for \$32.50 just what I paid Mrs. Kelly for her. He offered me .36 for my wool and 3.50 for what lambs would be ready for June, 3.00 for the rest—did n't take it. Paid Miss Amy for buddy 20. and sent by her a letter to buddy with her receipt for 125.00 paid her for him since she has been teaching Sally. Tom Nettles hauled rails out of woods, Charlie helped him some and helped Dick make rails out of the oak log the boys rolled on Charlie's own ground. Dick sowed orchard grass on the point Mr. Hunt grubbed and brushed it in. It was warm and pleasant.

- 18 Sunday. Sally went to S. School with Mr. Brady who was here to see Hilda. Ernest came in the evening. Sally went to Mr. Arnold's. It was a real summer day, hot. Dick drove his cow over from Mr. Rogers's and put her on pasture. Tom says he saw a new lamb in the big pasture.
- 19 Poured down rain this morning. Sent Tom and John with the horses to be shod, after dinner they worked fixing up the barn stalls to put the horses in. The wind blew down the big beech tree beyond the little gate by the graveyard. Charlie worked ½ day on this tree, Dick finished making the rails and helped work the tree, this morning while it rained he scraped up the manure in the sheep cellar.
- 20 Lovely day. Mr. B. F. Garnett came by and I sold him one of my Lillard bucks for 8.00 he to take him after I have him sheared. Mr. Jackson's boy came to see me about the he sowed. Dr. Grant came by and I went home with him and got the surveyor's chain. In the morning I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. Took one to Julia. John C. grubbed before dinner and went to Mrs. Corbin's for chickens. After dinner he helped Tom who hauled rails. Dick and Charlie sawed on tree.
- 21 Mr. Conner came and got Jane the Kelly cow. A bright lovely day. The apple and cherry trees loaded with blossoms and the air heavenly. Dick and John made up a little rail cut and sawed and chopped wood. Tom hauled rails and Charlie broke up his corn ground next to my tobacco ground. I turned Molly's calf, Amy, in the other pasture tonight to wean. Ernest came this evening.
- 22 Turned Pink's twins, Nip and Tuck, into the other pasture to wean. Jote's son says (all a story) the red heifer Lucy has a calf that it was seen yesterday. A lovely day. Tom and Dick worked up on cherry hill next Mr. Walton's line, grubbing, ploughing, sowing, raking, harrowing &c.—putting in grass on bare spots and on fence row. John Coons grubbed beyond garden. Charlie broke his corn ground. Found dead lamb among yearlings. Sudy Arnold came. Got letter from Patty. Sent one to Sue by Hilda. Fruit trees on hill in full bloom this week—look beautiful.
- 23 John Moreland and I measured the land he grubbed—it came to 82560 sq. ft. or 2 acres—4560 sq. ft. I called it 2 acres thinking we ought to make a little allowance as from the shape of the piece it was difficult to get one side measured exactly—he said he was satisfied. We had a settlement—he had drawn 20. cash and owed me 6. for rent of house and stable previous to Mar. 1st. I owed him 24.00 for the grubbing and 1.75 for work of self and horse—so I threw in the .25 and we are square to date. I rode Posey today for the first time and so did Miss Amy. John Coons grubbed beyond garden, cleaned wood and trash off Charlie's corn ground, ran chain to measure ground &c. I went to Bellevue. Tom N. harrowed for grass seed and ploughed hollows on cherry hill. Dick cut briars and grubbed and sowed seed. Charlie ploughed his corn ground.
- 24 Looked so much like rain this morning that we were at a loss to know what work to begin. Dick ploughed and harrowed the potatoes in the garden and laid off corn ground which John planted in sweet corn. Then they hauled manure and made hills for muskmelons. Tom helped—before that he was mending sheep rack. Charlie ploughed his corn ground till near

noon then looked over and hung up meat. Tom and John worked ½ day—went to election. There was a hard rain and the creek was so high the boys would n't go for the cow. Gave Aunt Nancy 10. to pay for expenses &c.

- 25 Sunday. A tremendous rain—creek all over the bottoms like a lake and fences washed out. Ernest came to dinner. Mr. Brady came. Aunt Nancy started for Oxford. Hilda went to Bellevue on her way to Jacksonville. Tom took them down in the wagon. Sally's duck is hatching.
- 26 John Moreland came up to remind me of an omission in our settlement—he worked 2 half days Mar. 22, 29, splitting rails—and got 1 gal. vinegar from me—so I paid him the difference, .45 see a/c book. Dick sick—did n't work. John grubbed and piled trash next to the garden till noon, then helped Charlie fix fence between pasture and clover, which had blown down. The first thing this morning Charlie and John fixed watergap in big pasture up by tobacco pen and laid up fence on Middle Creek. Tom hauled rails and stakes and poles out of piece next garden, I went to Nancy Loudon's and got her to work—she came about noon. Cool windy day—turned so cool at dark that we covered up my big tobacco bed near graveyard and ____ of the one in the hollow. Took Sally's duck off with 11 little ones.
- 27 Cloudy and cool most of the day. A little frost in some places. Dick still sick. Charlie finished fixing fence and grubbed in garden and next to garden. Tom hauled some rails and some chip manure to the watermelon hills. John helped him. Tom found the wagon skein was broken. I went to Rock Spring as the Moreland place ought to be called. Mr. Corbin came here on his way from Cinti.—brought me a note from Hilda. I had lettuce transplanted in garden. Emma set it out.
- 28 Cloudy and cool. Dick planted watermelons and muskmelons—made hills for the watermelons—planted okra and Lima beans. I also had salsify planted and garden hoed. I went to Frank Grant's branch store and left the bill for the wagon—got of him with Tom Grant and direction about the skein. Charlie ploughed the strip Mr. Hunt grubbed to the right hand as you go up the hill. Tom and John hauled rails off it and off the hill.
- 29 Raining. Dick cleaned out the old cabin, and shelled a sack of corn. Tom finished mending hay rack, while John shoveled manure—then it quit raining and all three hauled manure. I sent by Miss Amy a letter to buddy and Patty and one to Hilda—got one from Hilda. It was so cool and damp we sat by a fire all day when in the house. Dick's cow had a b. calf.
- 30 Chilly day—feels like snow. Dick worked ½ day—covered all my plant beds but one and grubbed a little. John Coons grubbed on fence row next old Searcy place. Charlie ploughed for himself. Tom went over the river with Miss Amy who went to Cin. I sent by her a note to Mr. Foster asking him to send material for wool sacks. Tom hauled a load of rails to where John grubbed and a load of lumber from saw mill—poplar lumber. I rode to Frank Grant's branch store—sent word by Mr. Schram about wagon skein. Went to see Amanda Foster (Mrs. Smith) and came by George Walton's to ask him about line fence—did n't see him.

May

- 1 Got box from Mr. Graham, of candy. Frost this morning. Charlie ploughed his corn ground & potatoes. Dick covered the plant bed on the hill and grubbed—John helped him. After dinner Mr. Ryle came and handled the colt, Ned, and two calves. Tom hauled rails, and the rest of the lumber from the mill, and later took the wagon down to Bellevue. Mr. Acra came and bought 2 bus. millet seed for which he paid me 2.60. John Dumont came up to get some things for Aunt Eliza. George Walton came to tell me about his fence. I went to Mr. Will Walton's to see about getting my logs hauled to the sawmill, stopped to see George about

- getting his oxen. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and from Mary Cochrane. John Moreland began to plant corn. Ernest Grant came in the evening. Sally went to Mr. Arnold's.
- 2 Sunday. Went with Sally to S. School to see the present the school made to Mr. J. S. Huey—a silver watch and gold chain. Also Hilda sent him gold eye planes. Bright cool day. Cordy and Flora came over. Nancy went away. Gave Mr. Brady my vote for Mike ----- &c.
 - 3 Sent Tom to hunt Beck and May—he got back about 9—ploughed till dinner. Dick and John cut down and sawed and chopped up trees in sand field till noon. After dinner John helped Tom drag and haul them out and Dick grubbed. Charlie had the horses finished breaking his corn ground and I believe harrowed. I went to Mr. Clore's and to Bellevue—took a letter to Patty and one from Sally to Hilda.
 - 4 Warm day and looked a little like rain. Sent Tom and John off early with team to haul saw logs from Rock Spring to the mill. They only hauled one—it took all day. George sent 2 yoke of oxen and he and the other Waltons helped. Dick put lime &c. on the plant beds and grubbed and finished the piece of ploughing in sand field and began to harrow. Charlie finished harrowing his corn ground and went to Mr. Jonas Clore's after yellow seed corn. I went to Dr. Grant's to see about drill and to Bellevue. Got letters from Pat, Hilda, Julia and Miss Amy.
 - 5 Sent Tom to Dr. Grant's for drill—when he got it home it was no account and he tinkered at it till noon. Then he gave it up and went to Mr. Bott's and got one—got to drilling about ½ past 3. Charlie shelled seed corn, then hauled a load of manure on sand field and laid off for Tom to drill. John piled and burnt trash and grubs in locust grove. Dick harrowed sand field till noon—then began to rebreak the ground he ploughed before the rain, in the lower bottom. Tom took us down in the wagon at night meet Miss Amy who came on the boat. She brought the wool socks Mr. Foster sent me. Began to plant corn.
 - 6 Sent John up the first thing to look after Beck—found her with a fine mare colt which I named Alma. I went up to see it—it is a pretty colt—a bright sorrel, large, and frisky. I went to Bellevue and to Rising Sun with Jack [Philip]—went to see Aunt Eliza and engaged her to come up Saturday—paid her taxes—city taxes 1.29. State and Co also 2.33. It was as hot as July on the river. Dick ploughed in bottom. Charlie laid off for me till he quit for dinner—then laid off in his own corn ground. Tom drilled in my sand field till after dinner a while—then drilled for Charlie. John grubbed and cleaned up in the hollow above fish pond. Planted tomatoes.
 - 7 Bright warm day. I worked in garden till about noon, had John Coons working there—he afterwards burned trash and grubbed in hollow. I planted tomatoes, beets, radishes, Valentine beans and peas. Dick worked in bottom—harrowed and helped lay off. Charlie laid off his own corn ground till 4 ½ p.m. and Tom drilled for him. Then Charlie helped Dick lay off. Tom ploughed potatoes in garden after he quit drilling. Mr. Jackson came and I paid him for sawing the lumber Tom hauled the 30th April, \$6.60. Sent by Miss Amy letter to Hilda.
 - 8 Very warm and dry. Tom did n't work. Dick worked ½ day. Charlie and John worked—they finished planting the piece between the ditches in the lower bottom and then shelled some seed corn. Sally found a fine large ewe lamb dead in the pasture. I went to Bellevue for Aunt Eliza and brought her out. Ernest came out and Miss Amy went home with him. Dick turned Pink in Mr. A.'s pasture.
 - 9 Sunday. Sally and I went to church. Very hot and dusty. Ernest brought Miss Amy home. There was a hard rain about from 4 to 5. Mrs. Lizzie Gaines and two children came in to escape the storm.
 - 10 Set out a few cabbage plants. Dick went to see about fence beyond the big pasture which blew down—he then weeded plant beds the other side of the pike—and took off the brush.

Sent Aunt Sally 3.00. We got the little pigs up—22 of them. Tom and John did n't work—went squirrel hunting. Charlie did n't work for me. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Clore's. Got postal from Patty and sent her letter. It was still warm. Corn that was planted the 5th is coming up.

- 11 Dick turned Louly into Mr. Arnold's pasture, probably too late. All 4 hands worked—caught the 22 little pigs and put them in the pen and before dinner they were all out again. Charlie and John dragged and piled poles and trash off the pint Dick grubbed in the new ground then Charlie went and pulled some wool off one of my finest yearlings that died from maggots. George Walton told me in the evening there was another dead. Charlie who had made benches for shearing and then grubbed some in hollow, helped drive the yearlings up and was found 2 nearly dead with maggots. I got Tom to shear the hinder portions of them and treated them for the disease. They were literally being eaten up alive and will probably all get well. I went to Dr. Grant's to engage hands to shear tomorrow. Dick weeded plant beds and after dinner began to plough the sand hill next garden. John drove the horses. Tom hauled poles stakes &c. out of the same and plough from on hill and went to Bellevue with wagon to take the land plough to the shop. After he sheared the sick ewes, he drove the wagon down and I went for Sue. She and Mrs. Henderson of Jamestown came down on boat. I got letters from Hilda and Aunt Nancy. Went to see the Arnold girls who are sick.
- 12 Began to shear sheep—sheared the yearlings first—found plenty of very bad ewes of maggots among them—some were not at all affected. I saturated the bad places with turpentine and fish oil. Ennis Nixon, Mr. Moyer, Dick, Tom and John Coons sheared. Charlie tied up wool and John Lacy helped catch and hold sheep. The boys got up the old sheep after dinner.
- 13 My dear papa's and mamma's wedding day. Lord love their souls. Went on with shearing. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Moyer came back. Tom and John sheared. Dick began to but took sick before noon and quit. Charlie and John Lacy worked. They finished and sacked the wool, according to the boys there were 188 fleeces. It was cool. Ernest and Col. Tom came in the evening.
- 14 Charlie ploughed his potatoes today. Dick did n't work. Tom and John caught the 22 pigs again and put them in the pen. Then Tom broke up in the lower creek bottom beyond the creek. John Coons caught some yearlings for me to doctor—then turned them in big pasture. Then he worked musk melons, ploughed sweet corn and potatoes and harrowed some in garden and laid off for corn.
- 15 Dick lined plant beds. Tom ploughed in bottom and John harrowed—and then all three planted corn. They did n't quite finish the pieces the other side of the creek. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Willie Dinsmore. We went to Mr. Arnold's to see the girls. Ernest was here twice.
- 16 Sunday. All stayed home, except we took ride to Rock Spring in the evening. Cordy came over and Flora. A lovely bright day.
- 17 For two weeks from this time I did n't write in my book—being away and occupied with company & business. Miss Amy kept a memo of the work for this week which I copy. Tom took us over the river in wagon and Sue, Mrs. Henderson and I went to Cinti. Tom after dinner ploughed in lower bottom. Dick and John planted corn till 9 A.M. then Dick split middles in sand field and John grubbed in hollow till noon. Afterwards Dick and John broke up new ground in locust grove. I went out to Julia's. Went to Grand to see Willy Dinsmore and his wife.
- 18 Dick and John ploughed in new ground in morning. Tom finished harrowing in bottom and began on new ground till noon. Afterwards all three planted corn in bottom—then Dick split

middles. Tom went after Mr. Rogers's harrow and tried it. John burned some brush. Went in with Mr. Foster to meet Patty who came from St. Paul with Mrs. Knox. Stopped at Sally Gray's to see them and went out to Julia's. Went to Musical Festival at night. Pat went with Dick Smith. Got Mr. Foster to cash buddy's draft for \$100. that came April 14th.

- 19 Dick and Tom plowed corn in sand field and then watermelons. John replanted corn in sand field all day. Went to Festival as usual.
- 20 Dick and John broke up in locust grove and Tom harrowed till 5 p.m. when it rained—then all three split wood. I went in town shopping—and twice to Festival.
- 21 Rained all day. John only went to mill—did n't work. Tom worked ½ day, fixed kitchen step &c. after dinner went hunting. Dick did n't work. I went to matinee with Mrs. Resor and then again in evening. In the morning went with Julia to Mrs. Resor's, Fanny's, Kate's and Charlie's.
- 22 John did n't work. Tom worked ½ day. Went hunting in morning—afterwards made little pond in barn lot and split wood. Dick worked ½ day weeding beds. Tom came to Bellevue with wagon for us. Sue, Patty and I came home on boat. Found letter from Mary Cochrane.
- 23 Sunday. All tired out and sleepy, after dinner Willy and Cousin Frank came. Tom and John both went down for them. Charlie worked for himself all last week.
- 24 Dick and John fixed fence and turned hogs on clover. John then finished grubbing and burnt trash in hollow. Tom harrowed millet ground and took Mr. R's harrow home—then harrowed for Dick to sow millet. Tom went for spring wagon.
- 25 Hogs got out of the clover. Dick and John fixed fence and got them in again—then John made hills in tobacco ground in locust grove and Dick ploughed corn. Tom ploughed too—broke plough, took it to Bellevue and waited for Aunt Nancy who came on boat. I got letter from buddy—about Patty.
- 26 Tom drove us to Aurora in the new spring wagon. It came from Bruce's Cin., cost \$135. Willy, Cousin Frank and Patty went with us—we missed the train and they had to go on baggage train. Patty went with them. I did n't get home till sundown. Dick ploughed in sand field. John worked in garden and watermelons and made tobacco hills.
- 27 Dick ploughed corn, potatoes and melons in garden—then corn. Tom and John broke up hollow by old pond and part of the new ground in sand field. Tom went for Patty. Walter Resor came.
- 28 Dick began to plough corn in bottom but quit to make tobacco hills. Tom harrowed and laid off in locust grove and John made hills—afterwards they broke up a little ground.
- 29 Rained this morning. Dick looked over meat. Tom and John cleaned out barn. After dinner they all three set out tobacco. Th. Jote helped from ¼ past 3 p.m. Patty, Miss Amy and I worked hard helping set the tobacco—finished all that was ready in locust grove. At dark and afterwards a fine rain.
- 30 Sunday. Sue went away. We took her and Aunt Eliza over the river. Sue went on the omnibus to Aurora on her way home. Found my heifer Lucy with a b. calf. Tom and John C. sawed a tree that was on John's tobacco ground and then helped John Moreland roll logs on the ground he grubbed, after that they set out my cabbage and sweet potato plants. Dick set out some tobacco plants and then weeded the beds and helped set out plants. Dick Smith and Mr. Howe came and stayed to dinner. It rained at night a little.

June

- 1 Charlie worked ½ day—getting logs off the ground he grubbed. John M. helped him. It rained hard after dinner. Tom put up the frame of the new grindstone. Found Ellen the

Sullivan heifer with a fine b. calf. Tom and Charlie milked the heifers. John Coons went to the show in Aurora. Dick was sick.

- 2 Sally got letter from Hilda. John Coons worked ½ day—replanted corn in bottom. Charlie worked ½ day for me—helped Tom N. finish breaking up in the new ground in sand field, and then worked a little in garden. After dinner he began to break his new ground on hill for millet. Dick was sick. Amy helped stone large gals. cherries. Patty worked all the morning—cleaned lamps.
- 3 Tom began to plough—breaking up for millet—got sick and John finished it—then he hauled poles off Charlie's new ground which C. broke today. Dick replanted corn in the bottom till noon—then ploughed it with Beck. Dick attended to the two young calves this morning. Katy A. came over.
- 4 Dick cut clover in sand field till noon then harrowed and laid off for tobacco in sand field. John helped Charlie, that is he rolled logs and poles off C.'s new ground, then ploughed corn. Tom sick. Patty went down to sit up with Kate Corbin's sick baby.
- 5 Sent Dick up to plough harrow and lay off for Uncle Jote the tobacco ground he is to put in on shares—after dinner he and John hauled 2 loads clover hay. John before noon finished the corn and ploughed in garden. It looked like rain most of the day and was warm. Tom still sick.
- 6 Sunday—stayed home. Ernest came to dinner.
- 7 Patty went to Cin. on her way to visit Annie Wallingford at Maysville. Walter [Resor] went away too. Tom drove the wagon and we went over the river to the omnibus. Afterwards Tom drove me to Frank Grant's branch store where I left word with Tom Grant about a dropper for my machine. Dr. Grant came this morning and got some millet. Sent Tom to Bellevue with Posey and Jane but he could not get them shod. Dick cut stove wood and chopped weeds in corn in sand field before dinner and John ploughed in sand field. After dinner they took down lightening rod, hauled a load of hay—then Dick ploughed and John hauled stakes off the piece that was ploughed for millet. Patty took to mail a letter I wrote to her father.
- 8 Tom cut clover on cherry hill with machine. Dick ploughed in sand field. John took double shovel to Bellevue, afterwards hoed garden. Miss Robinson came. I went to Bellevue. Took postal to Mary C. in answer to one I got. Charlie had his corn ground ploughed.
- 9 Dick, Tom and John put clover hay on cherry hill in ____s. Then it rained and they put up the scattered hay in barn. Then they all 3 grubbed tobacco plants and set out ground. I got letter from Sue. Bud Roberts worked ½ day setting tobacco. Boys killed a polecat in the cellar.
- 10 From this time till the 16th I neglected my diary—being too tired and sleepy at night to write—will have to make it up the best way I can. Dick, Tom and John finished setting out tobacco. Then Dick ploughed on the piece for tobacco by big barn, he worked ½ day and quit to go to his wheat harvest. Tom and John ploughed watermelons and after dinner Tom finished breaking and laying off the barn piece. I got letter from Patty and Cousin Frank. I rode to Petersburg to see about getting machine—and to see the Rogers's about getting my wheat. A fearfully hot day.
- 11 Went to Aurora to see about machine. Hot as blazes. Went to Solon Rice's. While I was away Dick worked ½ day in hay. Theodore Jote worked from 9 a.m. and Tom and John worked too. Tom says he cut clover. They had Uncle Jote over after dinner and between them all got up part of a stack of clover.
- 12 I stayed home and the boys worked putting up hay. Dick, Tom, John C. and Uncle Jote worked—they partly put up another stack. Got letter from Sue.

- 13 Sunday. Tom, John and Dick went up and topped off the stack that was not quite finished. Dick said $\frac{1}{4}$ of a day was right. Ernest came. It rained hard in the evening. Snowdrop had a b. calf, mostly red.
- 14 Tom and John set out tobacco in the barn lot. I helped because Dick had to go and attend to his harvest. In the evening I went to Bellevue and got cradle &c. and made preparations to cut wheat because Solon Rice came and said he could n't. Mr. Jackson came to tell me about lumber. Borrowed of Mr. Corbin \$25. Pd. see 25th inst.
- 15 Tom, John and Bud began to cut wheat, cut a little piece in front of the house. After dinner they cut the hill above hedge. John Moreland worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Charlie and Th. Jote began to work for me at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11. Th. Jote helped the boys till dinner and then helped Charlie haul poles off new ground. Told John C. I would pay him 15. for one month. Hilda came on boat. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Cool delightful harvest weather.
- 16 Boys finished up the little hill wheat and began on big hill field. Tom, John, John M., Bud and Uncle Jote worked. Dick worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. I sent him down for Hilda's trunk, a cradle &c. Hilda came home. She brought me a letter from BBG. Charlie and Th. finished up the hauling by 11 a.m. Then Charlie began to break his new ground and Th. continued to work for me all day—cut briars &c. Little Mabel Corbin died this morning.
- 17 Tom, John, John M., Uncle Jote, Dick and Th. worked in wheat. Dick was tight and lost some time and Th. was sick and only worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Bud worked all day too. We all walked to Bellevue to Mabel Corbin's funeral. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda. Still cool.
- 18 Dick, Tom, John C., John M., Bud Roberts and Uncle Jote worked all day cutting wheat in big field. Mr. Lacy shocked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Charlie finished breaking up the ground John M. grubbed.
- 19 Dick, Uncle Jote, bud and John C. worked till $\frac{1}{2}$ of 11 in wheat field—they finished shocking wheat was cut, some being too green I left. Tom fixed over the hay stacks on hill. All hands wanted holiday this evening. Mr. B. K. Sleet came and I sold him 40 buck lambs, 30 for 3.50 and 10 for 3.00—he is to get them next week.
- 20 Sunday. Stayed home—Miss Amy went to Dr. Grant's to spend the day. The rest went to S. School. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda. Ernest came for Miss Amy.
- 21 Tom ploughed the tobacco beyond the garden—then in bottom corn. Dick finished ploughing watermelons then finished in sand field and ploughed in bottom. John, Bud Roberts and Uncle Jote hoed tobacco all day. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Julia.
- 22 Miss R. began to sew for me. Mr. Conner came and selected 37 lambs out of the flock—gave me 3.50 for the 30 and 3. for the 7, gave me a cheque on First Nat'l. Bank of Cov. for \$126. Dick and Tom helped with the sheep—while John, Bud and Uncle Jote worked cutting wheat, then all cut wheat—finished at 4. p.m. and then all hoed tobacco except Uncle Jote who mended harness. I went to Bellevue with Hilda and to see Mrs. Anderson who is sick. Got shovels for Clore plough.
- 23 Dick broke up and harrowed the piece in the garden—afterwards he ploughed corn. John and Bud planted the sweet corn and hoed tobacco. Tom cut clover. Mrs. Garnett and Mr. Brady and Lily A. came. I went and sat up with old Mrs. Anderson.
- 24 The boys finished topping the everlasting stack that has been such a bother—then Tom cut clover and the other boys hoed tobacco till noon and Dick ploughed corn. After dinner Dick, John and Bud hauled and shocked hay, got in 3 loads off cherry hill. Tom cut hay till supper time and ground his machine knife. Mr. B. F. Garnett came and got two of my Lillard bucks, one for Mr. Huey.
- 25 Did n't write in this till the 28th but will try and get things right. Dick and Tom ploughed corn. John and Bud hoed tobacco. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty—sent one to BBG. Got Mr. Kite to cash the draft Mr. Conner gave me for 126. Paid Mr. Kite his bill of 18.34 and

pd. Mr. Corbin the 25. I borrowed the 14th. Mr. Garnett was in the store and pd. me 8.00 for the buck he bought. Tom took me down in the spring wagon to meet Patty who came from Maysville. Rained at night. Sally finish[ed] school with Miss Amy. The boys reset tobacco—drove hogs back into hog lot. About 4.15 they went and set out plants for John M. Sent Tom to Bellevue for Mr. J. J. Parker who came from Minnesota, St. Paul. Aunt Eliza came. Wagon skein came.

- 27 Sunday. Bud came in and I paid him off in full to date, 8.90. It rained some. Ernest came and Mr. Brady. Aunt Nancy sick.
- 28 Sprinkled this morning. Rained hard after sundown. Set all hands, Tom, Dick, John and Bud to working in watermelons—they did n't finish them. After dinner Tom and Dick hauled 2 loads of hay and John raked some—Bud kept on at watermelons. Tom Baker came out and took the census.
- 29 Settled up with Miss Amy Campbell and paid her 59.50 and got receipt to send to brother Charlie. John and Tom drove out stray horses—then Tom went to get Polly and the mule shod and bring out the wagon—which at last has the skein put in—he did n't get back till 3 p.m. then got ready and took Mr. J. J. Parker to Lawrenceburg to take the train. Patty and Miss Amy went to L. and got caught in a rain coming home, did n't get back till after 8. Lily came over and I took her home. Sent John after scythe I lent Mr. Botts. Dick shelled corn and then they thinned corn in the bottom. I got letter from Julia and postal from Cousin Mary C.
- 30 It is thirteen years ago since Sister Belle died, Lord love her precious soul. It rained before breakfast, then cleared off cool. Dick and John drove up the sow and pigs and barrows that were out. Then the boys, Dick, John and Bud finished the watermelons and thinned corn. Tom cleaned spring wagon and hauled the lumber from the mill and hoed in garden. I went to Bellevue with Hilda. Got letter from BBG.

July

- 1 Rained almost all the time. Started with Miss Amy to go to the omnibus but it rained so hard we had to come back. The hands did n't get anything done scarcely. John C. and Bud pretended to hoe a little and mow a few weeds. Dick and Tom cut a hickory tree for tobacco sticks but rain drove them in. Mr. Rogers came to look at hogs. Tom Nettles took me down in the wagon to meet Cousin Mary Cochrane who came on the boat. Dick sowed millet before the rain.
- 2 Mr. Rogers came this morning and attended to my sow pigs. Dick helped him—afterwards mowed weeds till noon. Tom took Miss Amy and the children over the river and Miss Amy went home. John mowed weeds around corn till noon. Afterwards Dick, Tom and John reset fence on the line next Mr. Walton's line by Searcy branch.
- 3 Mr. Corbin put a cow on pasture. Dick, Tom and John worked on the fence, finished grubbing and resetting it. Tom and John quit at noon and went away. Dick hauled some rails and put riders on the fence, then put some sows in the other pasture—looked over the earliest tobacco, and put up the sheaves of wheat that were down—some of these were sprouting.
- 4 Sunday. Tom Nettles drove the spring wagon and Mary and I went to Dr. Grant's. Then he drove us to church where there was a S.S. celebration. Mrs. Spooner and her son came to dine. Ernest came too and stayed till night.
- 5 Tom ploughed tobacco and the rest, Dick, John C. and Bud hoed it. I went for Betty Rice and she came after dinner. I took down letters to the 3 Washington Banks. Rained sometimes during the day.

- 6 Went over the river to put Mary C. in the omnibus on her way to Cin. Went to Rising Sun. While I was gone Aunt Eliza went home with Phoebe's husband. Dick, John and Bud hoed tobacco till after dinner—then hauled in wheat. Tom went to Bellevue for Jane Irwin who came on the boat. I got note from Spalding and letter from Amy Campbell. Patty got Belle Eggleston to work. I found one of my Hoosier Merino ewes with her leg broken and had her killed.
- 7 All hands Tom, Dick, John C. and Bud worked in wheat—hauling it to stable. After dinner Uncle Jote helped. I went to Mr. Rice's and borrowed his haybed. It was hot again. I had 3 of the youngest calves turned into the pasture with their mothers.
- 8 Hot dry day. Dick, Tom, John C., Bud and Uncle Jote all worked getting in the wheat—finished it and put planks on the leaky roof of the cob house. Frank Grant came today and offered me .85 for wheat, did n't take it. Tom went down for Bally [Spalding Graham] who came on the boat. I got letter from BBG. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.
- 9 Sent Dick to fix the fence and turn the hogs and shoats into the wheat field and as usual before he turned his back, they were out over everything. John Coons cut and bound oats, and mowed in the apple trees afterwards. Bud hoed tobacco till noon, then helped with oats and hay. Dick only worked ½ day—went to see about his wheat. Harry Botts came to offer to buy my wheat. Tom cut timothy till it was time for him to take the wagon down to get it mended and bring out company. Mr. Arch Irwin came. I got note from BBG. Very hot day.
- 10 Set Dick to fixing fence for wheat field and pasture to keep hogs in—then he helped with hay till two—when he quit work. Tom N., John and Bud worked in hay. Charlie helped 1 hr. and 40 minutes which I am to return. They got a stack up—after dinner Tom and John finished it off and took the rest of the evening. Got letter from Bank of Washington with draft for \$33.
- 11 Sunday. Hot as pepper. After dinner we all went to Mr. Brady's and to Rock Spring.
- 12 Set Tom to cutting timothy on cherry hill—he finished by noon. Set John to cutting oats but stopped him to mow under apple trees. Dick ploughed tobacco in barn lot and garden till noon. Then all 3, Dick, Tom and John put up a stack of timothy. I sent buddy a letter with the receipt for \$59.50 that Miss Amy gave me June. 29th.
- 13 Sent Tom, Dick and John up to finish topping off the stack—they hauled what hay was left to the barn. Tom then with John's help ground machine blade and John planted some beans and late corn in the garden. After dinner Tom and John hauled a load of oats and cut more oats. Dick ploughed in garden in late corn, then hoed tobacco in sand field. Bud hoed tobacco in sand field all day. Got letter from Sue and letter from Bank with drafts for 28. and 7. Mr. Arch Irwin went away. Very hot, 102° in shade at Bellevue.
- 14 I went to Rising Sun—got my 3 drafts cashed at bank, \$68 in all. Left with Mr. Perkins, Cas. 13.65 for Miss Robinson. Paid Heyne's bill of 8.95. The boys, Dick, Tom, John and Bud wormed and hoed tobacco—they finished hoeing the piece in the new ground in sand field. Very hot.
- 15 Very hot again. Rained between 10 & 11. Dick worked ½ day—went to mill after dinner. The other boys Tom, John and Bud wormed tobacco and cut weeds a little—did n't get much done. Mr. Brady came.
- 16 Cooler—beautiful day—hands wormed and hoed tobacco—Dick, Bud and Tom worked—John ½ day—he was sick. Tom went down for Mr. Hemmingray who came on the boat. I sent letter to Sue. Went to see Maria Hull who is very low.
- 17 John Coons came in and we settled up and I pd. him in full to date—was owing him 11.93 and paid him 12.00. He went away. Dick, Bud hoed tobacco in the morning and Tom broke up the little piece in the bottom by the bridge. After dinner Dick wormed tobacco the rest of

the day. Tom and Bud hauled in what few oats were there and took holiday the rest of the evening. Bud came in and we settled up and I pd. him 5.60 and he got me to pay him the .70 for John Moreland so I pd. him 6.30. Late in the evening I engaged him to work for a month at 13.

- 18 Sunday. Lovely day, bright and cooler. Mr. Graham came after breakfast. Ernest and Mr. Brady came.
- 19 A date that makes me heart sick yet though the horror of it is 29 years old. We had a good shower about noon. Tom harrowed and sowed millet in the little piece he ploughed Sat. Then he cut with the machine weeds on the piece of grass over by Charlie's old house till noon—then he helped the rest, Dick, John and Bud worm the early tobacco. Belle Eggleston quit today. John Coons and Bud Roberts set in to work a month each at 13. Mr. Hemmingray went away. Saw Mr. House and sold him apples.
- 20 We all went to Rising Sun. Aunt Eliza said that Phoebe's America died Monday morning (19th) at between 12 and 1. She was buried this morning. We went to the cemetery with Mr. Graham to see the Brown monuments. My hands, Tom, Dick, John and Bud finished worming tobacco and then cut weeds in other pasture. Lovely day, bright and cool.
- 21 Tom Nettles cut weeds with machine on the meadow by Charlie's old house and then iron weeds by the creek. John C. and Bud mowed weeds in the garden and by fence row. Dick ploughed tobacco in barn lot and sand field and garden then broke up turnips ground in garden and ploughed late corn. Mr. Graham went away. Sudy A. came over. Almost too cool.
- 22 Went over in wagon to take the girls to the omnibus, Tom drove. Jane Irwin, Bessie McIntosh and Lou Pearce went away. Before they left Dan Hemmingray and Mr. Jim Whiteman came. I went on to Rising Sun and got Aunt Eliza to come home with me. Went to Talbott's mill and got 50 sacks, stopped at Bellevue and hired hands to thresh next day. Did n't write in this for a week so may not remember all the boys did. They worked in tobacco, Dick, John and Bud and I believe Tom helped after he got back—no, Tom W. and John C. made a bin for wheat in wine house.
- 23 Began to thresh wheat. Mr. White and Geo. Murdock brought the machine. Charlie, John Moreland and Uncle Jote helped and Dick, Tom, John C. and Bud worked besides. I hired Mr. Parsons, Mr. Wiesickle, Pete Deck and little John Smith. They threshed all day—kept getting out of order breaking down &c. Mr. Whitman and Mr. Hemmingray went away this morning. Ernest came down in the evening and Patty went with him on the boat to visit his brother Ed and wife and Mrs. Tom Graves.
- 24 Threshers finished up by 10 a.m. They called it 321 bushels which at 5 cents a bushel came to 16.05. I did not pay Mr. White. The boys finished hauling wheat to the bin—and none of them worked after dinner. John C. came in and asked me to let him off his engagement to work a month which I did and paid him off in full to date, 2.75. Sent the 50 sacks to Talbott by him. Went to Bellevue late and paid the hands I hired from there.
- 25 Sunday. Went to see Maria Hall twice—have been there so often I don't remember. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.
- 26 I got letter from Miss Amy. Tom cut second growth of clover up on cherry hill. Dick and Bud worked in tobacco.
- 27 Tom drove wagon down early for Patty and Ernest who came home on the boat. I went to meet them—got letters from Cousin Mary C. and BBG. The other boys, Dick, and Bud worked in tobacco till Tom got home, then all hauled and raked hay on cherry hill—they got down 2 full loads and 1 part of a load—it rained hard for a while in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson came in out of the rain. Alice Walker and Ress Beasley came.

- 28 Mr. House came and began to pick summer apples. Dr. Jimmy told me Mrs. McKenzie died last night. Mr. Moody's house was burned early this morning. Went to Maria Hall's twice. Got letter from Sue. Mr. W. Howe of Aurora came to see Patty. The children got ripe watermelons today. Dick and Tom sawed timber for tobacco sticks and blocked it out. Bud worked in tobacco and after dinner mowed weeds over by Charlie's old house.
- 29 Hilda and I and Sudy A. went to Burlington to Mrs. McKenzie's funeral. Tom drove the wagon. He went to Bellevue for load of empty barrels first and when he came home sowed turnip seed &c. Bud and Dick were told to work up sugar tree that blew down into stove wood.
- 30 Sent Patty over the river to the omnibus. Tom drove the wagon. Afterwards he hauled apples for Mr. House, 30 barrels. Mr. House paid me 15. for them and left Dick and Bud worked on tree then began to worm largest tobacco, and Dick then helped Tom pull melons. Mr. Walton and George came to look at hogs. Mrs. Garnett came and spent the day. Miss Frances Botts came. I went to Miss Polly Botts's, to Dr. Grant's and to see Maria Hall.
- 31 Ernest came down and took us to the Hancock barbeque—it was horrid and I was only too thankful to get home again. Tom went with watermelons—only had between 50 and sixty to sell—he brought me 9.22 which was what he made clear of expenses he said. Dick worked ½ day—ploughed tobacco in barn lot &c. Bud did n't work.

August

- 1 Sunday—stayed home—got note and book from Miss Amy. Sally went to Mr. Arnold's and Cordy came home with her and stayed. There was a shower.
- 2 Tom N. went to Burlington with spring wagon—had to go to Hebron to sell his melons—only sold 36—got 4.92 clear of expenses. I went round to look at tobacco. After sundown there was a heavy rain. Mr. Brady was here from dinner till bedtime—poor Hilda. Bud worked in tobacco in the morning while Dick went to Bellevue to get wagon—then they hauled the load of hay that was left on the hill. It was election and they only worked ½ day. Marion Noble came here to get the Moreland house Jim moved out of. He said he would work for .60 a day from Sep. 1st to April 1st and from April 1st till Sep. again for .75 I to furnish him the little cabin and a garden—he also agreed with Dick as witness to our agreement to move out at two days notice if I did n't like his work or him. It seems scarcely worth while to set this down as I don't expect him to go there.
- 3 Rained this morning again and probably all night—a soaking glorious rain. Sent letters to Miss Amy and to Patty—got letter from Patty, from Mr. House about apples and postal from May. Bud shelled some corn and did a little something this morning. Tom and Dick went away—after dinner they all worked in big tobacco and John C. too—I am going to pay him .50 a day while he works for me—he to lose the bad weather. We went to see Jesse Moreland who is low.
- 4 Sent postal to Patty and letter from Sally A. The boys all worked in tobacco, Dick, Tom, John and Bud. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Allan came over to look at hogs. We (Hilda and I) went to see Maria Hall. John M. brought Jesse to his house.
- 5 Dick worked in tobacco and helped pull melons. Tom hauled wood till noon, then fixed up wagon pulled melons & loaded. John C. mowed weeds on cherry hill till noon then he and Bud cut hedge up there. Bud worked in tobacco in morning. Dr. Grant and wife and Mrs. Longmore spent the day here. I got letter from Sue. Lent Mr. Th. Roberts tobacco screw.
- 6 Tom Nettles took load of melons to Burlington—got 11.84 clear of expenses including .30 for getting a shoe on mule. Dick worked part ½ of a day—in tobacco. Tom worked helping Charlie cut and saw a tree for sticks, after dinner. John C. and Bud worked on the road. Mr.

Clint Gaines came to see about buying sheep. Jesse Moreland died today about 5 p.m. I was there when he died. Charlie worked ½ day for me.

- 7 Dick and Bud worked ½ day hoeing tobacco. Charlie worked for me—hauling stick timber and made sticks. Tom and John did n't work, went to Aurora and Lawrenceburg for John Moreland. I went to Bellevue to ask about selling grapes &c. Mr. Corbin gave me 5.00 that old Mr. Harvey Aikin left there for me for pasture he got in 1877.
- 8 Sunday. Jesse Moreland was buried today in Bellevue cemetery. I did n't go. Went in the evening to Mr. Walton's place to see Mr. Hunt. Mr. Brady and Ernest and Sudy A. came. Watermelons I think 4.92.
- 9 Old Uncle Jote came over and we had a settlement in full to date and I paid him 8.15. Found out his name is Grainger. Did n't write for two or three days in this. Patty and Miss Amy came on the boat. Dick Loudon and John worked in tobacco and cut weeds.
- 10 Sister Belle's wedding day. Ernest came this evening. Had all the hogs up and sorted them, put all but 8 sows and pigs belonging to them, in the hog lot, and began to fatten them—Dick, Tom, Bud and John all helped—afterwards Tom cut weeds on orchard grass with machine and the rest cut and grubbed weeds—Dick and Tom I believe helped dig a little grave for Dick's sister's baby.
- 11 Tom did n't work, was gone all day getting a coffin for Maria Hall. John gone all day digging grave. Dick and Bud grubbed poke and cut weeds. I went to funeral. Sent by Tom note to P. Lavell and Co. about grapes. Mr. House came.
- 12 Sent Tom down to haul barrels for Mr. House—brought out new side-hill plough I got from Mr. Kite. Mr. House went away after dinner. He got some apples for which he paid me 5.00. Tom took a load of melons to Mr. Blythe in Burlington. Dick helped pull and load melons and he and Bud and John worked in large tobacco. Miss Amy and I rode to George Walton's and to Rock Spring. George came to look at my sows. Mr. Brady came. Patty, Sally, Amy and Spalding went to Dr. Grant's after dinner. Patty got letter from Sally G. Charlie said give him credit making sticks.
- 13 Mr. Sleet came down and bought 42 lambs, 3 of which belonged to the former lot he bought at 3.00—and for the 39 he pd. 2.25 a head, all came to 96.75. He also bought 74 sheep mostly the old Hoosier ewes for 2.00 and gave me a cheque for 296.75. After that we found some more old sheep and I sold him 3 more for which he paid me 7.00 cash. Also sold one old one to Dick for 2.00 and at last one was left with the flock. I had the sheep that were left counted and found only 49 yearlings and 44 two year olds—don't know what has become of some of them. I had turned into the pasture on the mill road 59 ewe lambs. There were 18 lambs left too small to sell. I had one saved to kill tomorrow for Patty's company and turned the 17 into the pasture with the ewes. Turned the Graves Cotswold buck and the Southdown buck into the pasture with the ewes. Patty and Miss Amy and the children went to R. Sun. Dick and Bud worked in largest tobacco and John helped them some—and he helped Tom who hauled a load of Mr. House's apples to Bellevue—got very little done. I walked all round to look at tobacco. Charlie was making tobacco sticks. Did n't write in this till 18th.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday—Lord bless her life and soul. I gave her for a present Beck's colt, Alma, she to claim it after the Fair. She says she will change her name. Aunt Eliza came with Jack. This evening Tom took the wagon down for company. Bessie McIntosh, Lou Pearce, Holton Pearce and Jordon Thomas came on the boat. Mr. Smith and Mr. Howe by land. Tom Nettles took a load of melons to Burlington—paid .90 for having mule shod and .36 toll and brought back 8.05 clear. He then hauled 2 barrels of vinegar to Bellevue and afterwards took down spring wagon. John Coons did n't work—went to Rising Sun. Bud

- worked ½ day in tobacco—wanted to settle and quit, so I settled with him and paid him in full to date, 8.25. Dick worked in tobacco till I set him to racking off vinegar—after that he killed lamb. Charlie told me to credit him for 2 days work this week making sticks.
- 15 Sunday. Mr. Smith and Mr. Howe went away before dinner. Ernest came and Mr. Brady. Melons for 1.75.
 - 16 Took the girls Lou and Amy C and Bessie and the 2 young men over to the omnibus, found it too full and took them on to Aurora. Dick drove—worked in tobacco afterwards. John C. worked in tobacco in garden. Tom N. did n't work, went to Aurora. Went to bank in Aurora—got Mr. Sleet's cheque for \$296.75 cashed—stopped at Mr. Corbin's on my way home and paid bill of \$153.
 - 17 My beloved mother has been dead 21 years—spent I trust where there is fullness of joy forever more. Tom got up Beck and her colt and haltered the colt and began to lead it—afterwards pulled melons. Mr. Jonas Clore's sons came and bought the last of the Lillard bucks—paid me 7.50 for him. Dick and John worked in tobacco in sand field. I went to Mr. L___ to see Mr. Griffith about building tobacco shed—he advised me not to. I got letters from Lavell & Co., Mr. Pearce and Julia. There was a good shower about noon—while we were bathing in the creek.
 - 18 Dick and John worked in tobacco. Tom sold his load of melons to Jack Philip for 5.50. Pulled another load and took to Burlington got 4.05 clear. Blythe and Davis gave me the bal. on what they bought 4.66 total 14.21. I went to Bellevue—sold my grapes to Mr. Corbin for 1.25 a stand. Went to Mr. Kite and pd. him 13.00 for side hill plough. Patty and Sally went to Mr. Arnold's to call on Miss Hugely—we all went to Bellevue to see Tom and Dolly and John Loudon was baptized. Very hot today. Got postal from Mr. House about grapes.
 - 19 Man came and bought melons for 4.05. Dick worked in tobacco. John C. mowed weeds in grapes on hill—quit early to be baptized. Tom attended to leading colt, tinkered around stable, pulled some melons and I believe worked a little in tobacco. George Walton came—did n't take sows. Tried to rain today but only sprinkled. Sent Emmy to tell Mr. Hunt to come and pick grapes. Ernest Grant came. Sent note to Jenny Anderson.
 - 20 Mr. Hunt came down to pick grapes. Sent Tom N. to Bellevue for stands he brought. Dick finished going over the tobacco and he and John C. went to pick grapes for Mr. H. to pack—they did n't get much done. It rained after the hands' dinner a hard rain. R. H. Ingram came. Sold Mr. Tanner a few watermelons .65. Canned peaches.
 - 21 Set Dick and John to work on tobacco but they quit because it was wet and did n't work. Tom tinkered around about ½ day and went away. Watermelons .54. Sudy A. and Miss Hugely came. Pd. Mr. Jackson's boy 5.40.
 - 22 Sunday—melons .85. Mr. Brady stayed all day. Ernest came and Patty went with him to Mrs. Frank Garnett's.
 - 23 Went to Bellevue. Harry Botts came to see tobacco. Tom N. began to break up the big hill side for wheat. Mr. Hunt came down and packed grapes. Dick and John helped him. Mr. D. Saywell came to look at sows. Intensely hot.
 - 24 Ninety years ago today my beloved papa was born. Lord love his soul and grant him peace. Children getting ready to leave today. Sent Tom to Lawrenceburg with trunks. He went to Bellevue for stands this morning and attended to colt &c. and worked some in early tobacco. Uncle Jote worked in it too. Mr. Hunt came down and packed grapes. Dick and John helped. Cordy came over today. Ernest came late. Intensely hot still, for this time of the year.
 - 25 We went to Lawrenceburg with the children and they started on the cars for Minn. Patty and Ernest went together and the rest of us in the wagon. Tom drove. After we got back he

hauled grapes 2 loads 12 and 15 stands = 27 in all. John Coons picked grapes and took Ernest's horse home. Dick picked grapes and helped load. Uncle Jote worked in tobacco. Very hot and sultry. Went with Hilda to see Bob Brady's wife who is sick. John sold melons .25. Got letter from BBG.

- 26 Hot and sultry again. Sent Tom out to the Hardshell Ass. with melons, he paid .30 for mending halter &c and brought back clear of all expenses 8.79. John C. did n't work, went with Tom. Dick pulled melons and then worked in largest tobacco. I went to Bellevue to send Aunt Eliza home—to see Tom Baker and Mrs. Bob Brady, and to lost section to get extra hands. Mr. B. came.
- 27 Very hot again. All hands, Dick, Tom, John and John Loudon worked in tobacco. Tom sold melons .25. I bought the calf of Sam Eggleston's cow from Dick Loudon and paid him 11.00. Kate Corbin, Eva Botts, Miss Hugely and Sudy and Lily Arnold came over this evening.
- 28 Very hot again. Dick, Tom, John C. and John Loudon worked in tobacco—after dinner we had a shower and all quit work. Tom tinkered about the stable. Ernest and Horace came to see us.
- 29 Sunday. Stayed at home all day—very hot. Got postal from Patty, dated St. Paul. Mr. Brady was here.
- 30 Tom went to Burlington, took the mule and Beck and the colt and got them shod, was gone all day. Dick and John C. worked in the tobacco. At ¼ to 3 p.m. it began to rain—rained very hard for a short time. Dick and John C. began to fix tiers for tobacco in the barn. I went to Bellevue took letter to Belle Raymond. Hired John at 13.00 for one month to begin Sep. 1st.
- 31 Uncle Jote came and we settled up in full including house rent to last Wed. and I pd. him 3.00. Hilda went to the Fair with Mr. Brady. Dick and John C. worked in tobacco in sand field and garden. Tom helped and attended to colt &c. and fixed spring wagon. Very hot still.

September

- 1 Went to the Fair at Florence with Hilda and Spalding—met Amy Campbell and Ernest there. John drove—set in to work one month at 13.00. Dick did n't work—went to show. Tom stayed home and attended to colt, mule &c. and probably worked a little in tobacco.
- 2 Sent John Coons with team and he moved Marion Noble to the cabin on the Rock Spring place, where Jim Moreland lived last winter. After he came home he worked a little in tobacco and in barn & crib during rain. Dick did too. Tom N. attended to the colt and started about 3 p.m. for the Fair grounds with the mule and Beck and the colt. I went to Bellevue—paid Robert Holmes for repairing wagon, 21.00 and got receipt. Got letter from my little darling—telling of their safe arrival at their father's. Mr. White came and I paid him 18.00 of which sixteen for threshing wheat and two for hauling logs. Sold the last of the melons to Henry Hull and Douglas Rice for 2.00. Rained off and on this evening.
- 3 Went to the Fair with Hilda, Miss Amy, Ernest and Spalding—did n't get home till after dark. Ernest stayed all night. My mule, John, took the red ribbon (2nd premium) as a 3 year old. Alma did n't take any premium—though the prettiest thing in the ring. Tom got home in the night bringing Alma, Beck and the mule. Dick and John worked in tobacco. Gave Ernest 10.00 for Mr. Jenkins.
- 4 Tom came in and I counted up the expenses—deducting them from the premium (5.00) there was left 1.50 of which I took .75. Tom did n't work—went away. Dick and John each worked ½ day, making tobacco sticks—it rained in the morning. I went to Bellevue got letters from Patty and Sally. John Moreland came in and we had a settlement and I paid him 1.72 in full, and owe him no more. Went to Rock Spring to see Marion about work on that place. Gave Ernest 2.25 to pay for colt's bridle. Mr. Brady came to see Hilda.

- 5 Sunday. Raining 'off and on', Mr. Brady, Mike Corbin and wife, and Ernest came.
- 6 Set Dick and John to get the sheep up—found fifteen lambs—one had maggots so badly I had to have it killed—had the 14 put in the cow lot. Counted the old sheep carefully and found 98—2 bucks and 96 ewes. A week or so ago found a buck lamb dead in the pasture. Set Dick, Tom and John to work in the early tobacco and began to cut it. After dinner Tom worked till after 4 helping Mr. Lacy saw a tree to make tobacco sticks. I went after Marion Noble found him grubbing at the R. Spring place, said he began after dinner—he came down and helped in tobacco. It sprinkled occasionally during the day and rained after 5. Mrs. Garnett came over.
- 7 Cool and cloudy. Dick, Tom, John, Marion and Douglas R. worked in early tobacco—suckering, worming, and cutting. Late Tom and John drove down the 14 lambs to be shipped. Miss Amy Campbell went to Dr. Grants to take the boat for home. Spalding went to bring her horse back. Mr. Brady and the Corbin girls came.
- 8 Very cool, felt like frost all day and I had fire in the evening. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. Finished cutting the earliest tobacco and began to worm sucker in the garden. Borrowed 500 tobacco sticks of Mrs. Rice. Went to see Mr. Moreland about sticks. Dick, Tom, John and Marion worked—and Douglas Rice.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday, Lord love her soul and fill it with supremest bliss. Cold this morning and raining a slow drizzle. Dick, Tom, John & Marion worked—made sticks—sawed 2 cuts for sticks, piled hay &c. in barn—after dinner worked in tobacco. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally sent one.
- 10 My sister Susie's birthday—but she never grows old—bless her sweet soul. A beautiful day and warmer. Dick, John and Marion worked. Tom did n't—he went to the Aurora Fair. The boys worked at sticks while it was wet and then in tobacco. John helped Mr. Lacy saw a while after dinner and then he and Dick cut down saplings for poles in the woods, and a large ash tree for sticks. Had all the cattle turned back into the big pasture.
- 11 Dick and John sawed up the ash tree and ___lled the cuts. John worked ½ day, Dick all day. Marion worked in tobacco. Tom did n't come back. Charlie began to haul his tobacco down. Mr. Brady came. I got letters from Sally, BBG and Amy. Clear and warmer.
- 12 Sunday. Bright lovely day—stayed at home. Mr. Graham came from Aurora. Hilda's everlasting Mr. Brady came.
- 13 Dick, Tom and John hauled the tobacco that was cut and put it in barn—only got a portion of it in. Marion wormed and suckered in sand field and cut a little by the barn. Mr. Rice came to look at sows and pigs. I went to Bellevue—got paper from buddy.
- 14 Mr. Graham and Spalding went to Aurora on their way home. Tom drove wagon. After he got back he hauled one load of tobacco and some rails and poles. Dick and Marion made sticks till noon, John cut tobacco—took wagon to Bellevue to get bolt mended and hauled 18 scantling—then helped haul tobacco. Dick cut tobacco—they finished cutting the piece at the barn. They fixed tiers in barn, and Marion helped haul. Several persons said there was frost along the branches last night.
- 15 Bright lovely day but cool, Marion says there was frost at Rock Springs last night. Dick made tobacco sticks and cut tobacco in the garden—finished that. Tom, John and Marion hauled and hung till noon, then Dick and John fixed scantling in barn roof and hung some tobacco and then hauled a load of stick timber, while Marion cut tobacco. Mr. Brady came and brought the mail. I got letters from Patty, Sally, Sue, Julia and Messrs. Wilderson, Sleet & Co. with cheque for 29.85 for the sale of the 14 lambs shipped the 7th. Mr. House came on his way home to ask about apples. Mr. Berkshire came to buy lambs.

- 16 Beautiful bright day, and warmer—Dick made sticks all day in the woods. Tom, John and Marion finished hauling the early tobacco—then made a large scaffold in barn lot. Mr. Brady came as usual.
- 17 Another bright lovely day—warmer. Dick and John made tobacco sticks till noon, then cut tobacco. Marion cut all day—they finished that by the fish pond and began on that next Mr. Rice's. I gathered most of my tobacco seed. Tom hauled all day—stick timber sticks, rails and poles to barn. Turned Molly out of Mr. Arnold's pasture today. Went to Bellevue. Got Mr. Corbin to cash the cheque for 29.85 that I got from Mr. Sleet for the lambs. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. The Corbin girls came for grapes. Mr. Brady came of course.
- 18 Tom Nettles did n't work—said he had to see about his hogs. Marion and John both worked ½ day—hauled in the tobacco that was cut in the garden and put it on scaffold. John Coons came in and we settled up to today inclusive, and I paid him off in full 5.50. He had worked 18 days in Aug. and 14 ½ in Sep. so far—and had drawn 10.75 before today. Uncle Jote came and said Charlie wanted me to pay him what he owed him 5.15 and that he wished me to take out the rent that was due, from our last settlement up to Sep. 15th, three weeks which came to 1.50. I did so and paid him 3.65. Dick worked all day—made sticks till noon and cut tobacco. Found one of my 57 ewe lambs dead—had apparently been dead several days. Sam brought home the calf I bought of Dick _____.
- 19 Sunday. Stayed at home. Ernest came and Mr. B. of course. Very warm.
- 20 Dick made sticks till noon and Tom, John and Marion hauled and scaffolded the tobacco from the side hill above fish pond. After dinner Dick and Marion cut tobacco in sand field and John and Tom made a scaffold and hung it. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally—sent one to Patty and S. John Bachelor came to buy grapes. Charlie is cutting tobacco on the ground John M. grubbed. Alice Walker came.
- 21 John Bachelor left with Hilda 3.50 for 7 bushels grapes he got. Dick made sticks this morning. Tom cut and hauled forks and poles for scaffolds, and John and Marion cut corn. Tom worked ½ day—said he was poorly. The rest finished the tobacco cutting and finding it too green to scaffold they worked fixing the tiers in the barn roof, missing sticks &c. I got letter from Patty and one from Amy with a cheque for 10.00 for the vinegar her brother-in-law got.
- 22 Poor old Dick, my good dog, died last night, just outside the yard. Had him buried right under the barberry bush outside the paling. Mr. Scott Rice brought a man named Small from back of Aurora to see the orchard on cherry hill and I sold it all to him with the exception of the strip to the left of the house as you go up the hill by the cherry trees. He is to give me \$250.00 when he gets the apples—and I am to board him while he gathers them. He buys the fruit on the tree and the ground and I have nothing to do with gathering, hauling, or anything. Mr. Norris Brashear was the witness to our trade. He said he would begin picking Monday. Told John Moreland he could have 4 shoats for 10. cash. Mr. Rice paid me 1.00 for a bushel of seed wheat Rob got lately. Tom Nettles did n't work—went to Aurora for medicine. Marion cut corn till noon—strung leaves afterwards. Dick and John made a tier in the sheep shed and worked at the roof tier in the barn—raising tobacco &c.—later all three gathered some corn for hogs. Mr. Conner came to see about hogs but I did n't see him. The Misses Bruce came to see Hilda.
- 23 John Moreland brought me the 10. for the shoats. I also wrote a little agreement about the wheat ground—am going to let him have the piece this side of the run in the big field on the pike—he to give me half the wheat, to do all the work and pay for the threshing—I to furnish seed and half the hands at threshing. Tom did n't work. Marion did n't either—both poorly. Dick and John worked in barn making tiers and raising tobacco and late they hauled

some corn to hogs. I got letters from Sally, Spalding and BBG. Mr. Brady and Alice Walker were here. I pd. Douglas Rice 2.50 for 2 ½ days work in tobacco—see 6th of this month. Jim Moreland spoke to me about getting cabin for Joe Horton.

- 24 Only Dick and John worked—the first thing they helped catch 3 of John Moreland’s shoats—then cut corn till after ten—then hauled and put on tiers all the big scaffold of tobacco—that from the barn lot and garden and lastly hauled some corn to hogs. Mrs. Garnett and Flora came.
- 25 Dick and John worked—they put in the barn all the scaffold of tobacco from the hill side by the fish pond, and put up on the scaffold the rest that was cut next Mr. Rice’s and hauled corn to hogs. Black Henry cut corn for me—he did n’t begin till about 9. Mr. Brady came and Katy Arnold. I got letter from Patty. Went to Bellevue late. The boys caught the other shoat for John M.
- 26 Sunday. Went to church to hear Mr. Felix preach. Ernest came and dined. Mr. Brady came as usual to see Hilda. In the evening it rained hard for a while. Dick did Tom’s Sunday work.
- 27 John and Marion cut corn till noon. Dick got ready to haul and the boys helped him gather a load of corn for the hogs before they began to cut corn—Dick then tried the big hillside beyond the run, but it was too hard to plough and he quit. They hauled in the last of the tobacco after dinner—that which was in the sand field next Mr. Rice’s. Got letter from Sally and sent her one. Went to Bellevue with Hilda.
- 28 Rained last night but not very much. Dick, John and Marion all worked and Black Henry cut corn. The others first shucked a load of corn for the hogs and then all cut corn. Mr. Lacy came and I paid him 1.71 the balance due on the tobacco sticks he made. I had paid him 1.50 and he made 1425 in all he says. Mr. House came but I did n’t see him. Mr. Small came to say he would come tomorrow to pick apples. I went to see George Walton about getting seed wheat. Went to Bellevue before dinner and to church at night. Got letter from Aunt Sally. Mr. Brady brought me 8.00 from Mr. S. S. Huey for the buck he bought last spring. Got letter from Julia.
- 29 Tom Nettles went to work again. I sent him to Mr. Isaac Walton for seed wheat, he got 18 bushels and did n’t get home till after noon. Dick, John and Marion finished cutting up the corn Charlie raised by ½ past 11 got ready for ploughing. After dinner John cut corn in the bottom next barn and Dick began to sow wheat, and he and Tom and Marion shoveled it in. The apple man Mr. Small, and Mr. Norris Brashear, came this evening and began to pick apples. I sent a letter to Aunt Sally with a dollar. Mr. Brady was here, of course, and dined here. Cool and breezy today.
- 30 Frost this morning and very foggy. Sent Dick to help Mr. Rogers thresh in place of John W. Horton who stacked straw for me. Tom, John C. and Marion worked—first hauled a load of corn to hogs—then they put in wheat. After dinner John cut stalks. Mr. Rice came to engage 6 barrels of apples. Mr. Brady came of course. Hilda went to church at night. I got letters from Patty and Sally and papers from Amy Campbell.

October

- 1 Lovely bright day and warmer. Dick worked till noon for Mr. Rogers. After dinner he sowed and ploughed in wheat. John, Marion and Black Henry worked. They gathered a load of corn for hogs first, then John cut stalks and the rest ploughed in wheat. Tom Nettles did n’t work, was so poorly he could n’t. Mr. Rice came to ask me about Charlie’s tobacco. Mr. Brady came to escort Hilda. Girl came to see me about cooking for me—she lives at the old Searcy place. Mr. Rice set his boy to picking apples in the orchard across the road. I sent by Hilda 18.00 to pay Mr. Joe Walton for the seed wheat Tom got.

- 2 The boys shucked corn and John C. hauled two loads to the hogs—then Dick and Marion ploughed in wheat—did n't get it done. I went to Bellevue in wagon for 2 bus. timothy that I sent to R.S. The constable Mr. O. Rogers told me he had attached Charlie's tobacco. Went to see Nancy Jane Temget and engaged her to come and work for me. Polly got her eye hurt on a hook. Went to Bellevue in the morning. Got letter from Mr. Morrison.
- 3 Sunday. Lovely bright day. Went to church in the evening. Gave Mr. Brady 1.50 to pay Mr. Riddle for the Boone Co. Recorder. Rained a little during the night.
- 4 Hilda and I dined at Mrs. Rice's to meet their kin from Illinois. Mr. Rice paid me 24.00 for two sows and pigs and wanted me to keep them and feed them a little while at his expense. Dick, Marion and John worked. Dick harrowed and John sowed grass seed, Marion tied up shocks and grubbed round stumps. This morning Nancy Jane Temget set in to work for me. I went to church at night. Gave Mr. Brady a letter to Patty to put in P.O.
- 5 Heavy fog and cold this morning. Mr. Hunt came down and picked he said, 10 barrels of Rome Beauties at .50 a barrel on the tree—to pay me in a day or two. I went to Bellevue—sent to Aurora by Jack Philip for 500 bricks—and to R. S. by his father for pair breast chains. Mr. Small told me he had 96 barrels of apples hauled off cherry hill today. I got letters from Patty, Sally and Belle Raymond. Dick, John and Marion worked. Dick and John first made the tier in the wine house for Charlie's tobacco—then I let John work for Charlie to return the help he gave me putting up hay one day. Dick finished harrowing the tobacco ground in grass. John and Marion ground machine knife and then grubbed round stumps in wheat ground. Dick cut both pieces of millet. Tom Nettles came and said his eye was too bad to work now, and I paid him \$20.00.
- 6 John Coons worked for Charlie—helping him dig his potatoes, Charlie to return the work. Dick lost time driving up Polly for me to wash her eye—then he shucked corn till noon. After dinner he hauled the corn to the hogs and then began to roll wheat. Marion had to go to Burlington—came to work at 2 P.M. He grubbed round stumps in wheat. Went to Bellevue—took French book to send to Sally. Mr. Brady came of course.
- 7 I went to Rising Sun—took letter to Amy C. Spent the best part of the day running round to see black women trying to find a place to put Aunt Sally, without success. Got letter from Patty and Sally. Marion did n't work—went to Burlington. John helped Charlie dig potatoes. Dick rolled wheat.
- 8 The boys shucked a load of corn then John raked millet on hill and while Dick & Marion hauled it he raked the little piece by Dick's house, then they all hauled that. After dinner Dick rolled wheat while John & Marion sawed up logs that were on wheat and finished cutting stalks. I went to church at night. Mr. Small gave me \$50. on the apples. Billy John's hand hauled out bricks for cistern.
- 9 John cut stove wood and Dick and Marion cut fodder in garden—then they hauled corn to hogs. John only worked ½ day. Dick and Marion cut weeds and ploughed up spots and corners and sowed them in wheat ground and sawed up logs. Charlie divided his potatoes and my share was one wagon load which he hauled down. R.E. came but I did not get to see him. Went to church at night. Bill Lacy came to see about renting.
- 10 Sunday. Dick Loudon came in and we had a full settlement and I paid him off to date 39.48, and advanced him 2.12 to make 41.60 which he said he owed Mr. Rogers for cow. I paid Dick Loudon the 41.60 in presence of John Coons as witness. His time at 20. a month is now out and after this I am to pay him .75 a day till March 1st, see page for Feb. 6th. Went to church twice and baptizing.
- 11 Hilda started for Cov. with Mr. Brady. Tom Nettles came and I went over the books to see how much I owe him. I went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Clore about selling him my hogs—

took letter to Pat and Sally. Went up to see old Mr. Moreland about his moving out of the house he lives in—and to see Bob Brady about the house Marion lives in. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's today and got my share of the dried pears. Dick, John and Marion worked—they shucked corn for hogs—then John fixed a pen for the millet left on hill and they all ground knife and got machine ready to cut millet and Dick said it was n't worth anything at noon. Marion and John sawed up and split logs on wheat till noon. After dinner they went to Charlie's potato patch and John burnt weeds and between them they sowed and shoveled in wheat. Mr. Small went away. Hot and dry but cloudy most of the day. I told Marion he could after this work at Rock Spring till I needed him again down here.

- 12 Emma Hunt and I settled and she went home. She had been working for me since March 16th, 30 weeks which at .75 a week came to 22.50. She had already drawn 10.35 and I paid her the balance 12.50 in presence of Nancy Jane Temget witness. Tom Nettles also came to settle, and to buy Jane. I was owing him for work (see a/c book page 240) 14.65 and had to pay him 1.00 for John Coons besides. I agreed to let him have Jane for 25.00, twenty down, and five next March, so I pd. him .65 and he paid me 5.00 and took the mare. Dick and John finished up putting in wheat on Charlie's potato patch, and hauled a load off the other wheat of the logs they sawed. After dinner they shucked and hauled a load of corn to hogs and hauled the rest of the logs and some wood. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Mr. Morrison—got one from Patty, a note from Amy.
- 13 Dick and John hauled hay all day from the timothy stack on cherry hill.
- 14 Mr. Rice's boy hauled away 5 bls. apples, he said 4 were Rome Beauty and 1 pippin. I went to see Mr. Nolan who is sick and to Bellevue—got letter from Sally and wedding cards from Miss Tilly Rawlings sent with Hilda's. Mr. Brady brought Hilda back. Dick and John hauled one load of hay—finishing the stack and then hauled wood.
- 15 Went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Nolan's. Marion came down to grind his hoe and I told him to help the boys shuck while I was gone. They shucked 2 loads for hogs. About 11 it rained gently. After dinner Dick and John packed hay in stable loft and said they cleaned stable and fixed up mangers. It rained off and on during the evening, and at night we had a fine rain.
- 16 Mr. Small and Mr. Brashear went away. I sent Charlie and a team to haul apples for Mr. Small, Charlie said to give him credit for ½ day's work yesterday gathering apples &c. for Mr. Small. I went to Bellevue—mailed letter to Cousin William. Marion came down and we settled our account and I pd. him off in full to date. Dick and John worked. It rained this morning and they picked up tobacco leaves in barn—after dinner picked apples on cherry hill. Went to Bellevue again and took letter to Sarah.
- 17 Sunday. Turned colder today—wind blew and it was very disagreeable. Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's and dined. Ernest rode home with us. They said a little snow fell while we were there.
- 18 Dick worked on road. John and Charlie gathered corn and picked apples—Canada Reds. I rode up to Rock Spring. Marion was grubbing. Sent by Mr. Brady to R.S. a little box to Cousin Wm. and a note to Mrs. Sarah Grant. Mr. Small told me to charge Charlie with .25 and paid me 2.25—the balance of the pay for the team.
- 19 Snowed hard this morning and was very disagreeable and cold—it turned to rain afterwards. John and Charlie started to pick apples but quit—then hauled wood and after dinner sorted potatoes. Marion said he worked till 11 a.m. and it was so cold and wet he stopped. John Moreland hauled a load of corn to my hogs—the first of his corn I have got. He also says he took 10 bus. himself and was going to haul Mr. Hunt ten. He says Black Henry began to dig his cistern today. Dick did n't work for me—worked some on the road.

20 Heavy mist this morning but cleared off bright and pleasant. John M. brought 4 ears of his big corn and we shelled and weighed it—the corn weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. and the 4 cobs 1 ½ lb. Found that Will Grant, Mr. Snyder and others were quarrying rock out of the bank on my side the line—went to see George about it and

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26 some during the day. John made tobacco sticks—stripped a little tobacco and chopped some wood. Dick helped Charlie with the corn—they said they got 2 loads. Hilda came home at night and Mr. B. was here, brought her back. Sent letter to BBG.

27 John Coons dug up the tiling to the kitchen cistern and dug a trench to put in other tiling—then I told him to grub around stumps in wheat. Dick helped Charlie shuck corn—said they hauled 3 loads. Mr. B. came and spent the day. I went to R. Sun. Engaged a room for Aunt Sally with Susan Steel and paid her 1.00 for a month. Came back late and it rained. Mr. Gordon came.

28 Dull cloudy day. John did n't work. Dick helped Charlie—they hauled 3 loads. Mr. Hogan came down to see about cistern. Mr. Brady came, brought me letter from Sally. Mrs. Corbin and Permia came.

29 Warm and cloudy. Dick helped Charlie haul shuck corn—hauled 3 loads, John cut wood, grubbed round stumps—shucked a little and drove my two three year old steers, Charlie and Hart, up to Mr. W. Walton's with Bob Brady's cattle he is going to sell. Mrs. Garnett and Katy came over. Got note from Miss Robinson.

30 Rained almost all day. Sent John over to take Mr. Gordon to the omnibus—then he carried coal, cut wood, stripped tobacco &c. Dick helped Charlie shuck shock corn—says they got 2 loads making 15 so far. Mr. Hogan came and told me he had finished the cistern at John Moreland's. Mr. B. came brought me a letter from Patty.

31 Sunday. Lovely day like spring—stayed home and tried to rest. Ernest came for a few moments. Mr. B. came of course.

November

1 Bob Brady came and paid me 100.00 which was what the two steers came to minus expenses. Mr. Sleet bought them at 3¼ and they weighed in town 2700 lbs. Dick and John helped finish shucking Charlie's corn—they say there were 16 and over 1 ½ loads in all. Dick brought the mowing machine down after dinner while John shelled some corn and then they cut wood on the hill. I went to Bellevue—sent letter to Sue and Patty.

2 Presidential election—none of the hands worked for me. John Coons came back this evening and said he got into a fuss and had to leave, so I settled up with him and pd. him off in full to date. He had worked 35 days since our last settlement Sep. 18th which comes to 17.00. Deducting what he had drawn leaves him a balance of 11.50 which I paid him in presence of I. Hill. Old Mr. Moreland moved from the Rock Spring place today. I went up to look at the house, and at the ploughing they had done for me. Billy and Bob who ploughed said they worked 4 days with both teams. Marion worked ½ day today. Young man named Elvington came today and I pd. him 2.50 for tuning the piano. Mr. Henderson (John) stopped to see about getting cow to keep. Mr. Brady came of course.

3 Dick and Charlie worked—they hauled loads corn out of the piece this side of the ditch in the garden the osage orange balls—hauled lumber doors &c. from John Moreland's &c. Uncle Jote came over and told me before Charlie to credit him for 2.55 on his rent, that Charlie owed him, which I now do—on the rent due from Sep. 15th. I went to Bellevue, sent

Sally St. Nicholas and paper. Hilda and I went to Mrs. Rice's this evening. I sold to Dick Loudon 2 barrels of cider at 3.00 apiece and to Th. Le Fevre the other barrel and he paid me the 3.00.

- 4 Rained almost all day. Dick was the only one who worked—he cleaned stable, ploughs, mowing machine &c., and helped a little about the house. The young people of the neighbourhood came and had a dance. Sudy stayed all night. I got letter from Sally and one from Sarah telling me that McKinley died last April. Loulie's Loulie too.
- 5 This morning the constable Mr. Rogers and Mr. Jim Rogers, Mr. Boone Rogers and Mr. Arnold came and appraised Charlie's portion of the tobacco—later Mr. Owen Rogers came by and told me that the tobacco was in my hands, and to go ahead and have it stripped. Dr. and Mrs. Grant came down after dinner. Mr. Brady came twice—brought me letter from Julia. Mrs. A. Walton came by and I rode up with her to ask Mr. Walton about the Rock Spring place. Dick worked—hauled a load of corn that he shucked to the hogs—then hauled some stove wood. Cloudy and drizzling part of the day. Sent by Mrs. Amanda Walton 4.00 to Mr. Hogan for work on John Moreland's cistern Oct. 30th.
- 6 Pouring down rain. Mr. Jim Conner came and I sold him my hogs big and little with the exception of what I want for meat and a few shoats I engaged, for 4 cts. To be weighed in Bellevue. Dick cut stove wood &c. I went to Bellevue.
- 7 Sunday—bright pleasant day again. Went to leave word for Mr. Rice about his sows and pigs. Mr. B. came. Ernest came this evening.
- 8 Lovely bright morning. Mr. Jim Conner came and sorted out the hogs—he drove down I believe, 62 head, as near as I can come to it, big and little. I left out Mr. Rice's 2 sows and pigs (he came to see about it) and 10 hogs for myself which I aimed to get of the 2nd size and there was left a lot of pigs, I don't know how many. Of those Mr. Conner drove down I sent one shoat weighing 90 lbs to Betty Rice and let Mr. R. Holmes have one weighing 85 lbs. Those Mr. Conner kept weighed 13275 lbs. and at 4 cents came to \$531.00 for which he gave me a cheque on First Nat'l Bank of Cov. Signed Wilkerson Sleet & Co. Sudy Arnold came over. I sent a letter to cousin Tom Flandrau. Dick Loudon worked—hauled and cut wood and helped with hogs. I started to go to Mr. Rector's but it was too late—met Mr. Gaines—he made me an offer from Mr. Barret of .30 on the wool.
- 9 Frank Grant came and I told him to sell my wheat for me—to do the best he could. Mr. Rice came for his pigs and sows—could n't get them. George Walton came and staked off the line for the fence next his father's on cherry hill. He stayed to dinner—brought me a letter from Amy. Mr. Brady spent the day—I went to see Mr. Rector—did n't see him. John Bachelor's boy came to get apples, or rather to engage them. No hand worked for me today. Dick began to pick apples for himself—then quit and got wood. Charlie went to Burlington. I told Mr. Gaines I would n't take the offer on wool.
- 10 Rained hard last night, with thunder and lightning. Mr. Rice came again and I believe finally got his sows and pigs. Mr. Rector came to see me about the Rock Spring place and I rode over it with him. We talked it over and I offered it to him at \$2500 if he could make the payments to suit me. He would n't give 2000 he said, so that ended the talk. Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Clore, Sudy and Lily came. Dick Loudon worked today, cut stove wood—went to Bellevue with wagon for tile 2 lbs. salt &c. hauled rails up and put up the fence next Mr. Rice's line on mill road, hauled rails &c. in barn lot. Charlie Rockwell came in and I went over his account—he owed me so much that he gave me back the order I gave him on Mr. S. C. Foster for \$49.62 and I credited him with it page 221 a/c book. Mrs. Garnett paid me .50 for apples. I sent postal to Mr. Harrison Small about apples.

- 11 Dick and Charlie worked—they caught my pigs, 24 of them, rung their noses, marked them and trimmed some, 11 barrows, the rest they said were sow pigs. Then they drove up the sheep—counted them—96 ewes—caught the 2 bucks, put bells on them and turned them in the other pasture. Drove the 58 lambs into the big pasture with the ewes—found 5 of George Walton's sheep with the lambs—went and told him about it and he came after them. Mr. Brady dined here—brought me a letter from Patty. The boys hauled some corn to the hogs. I went to Bellevue to see about tile. Mr. Bachelor came and got 18 bus. apples for which he paid 2.70.
- 12 Colder and bright. Dick and Charlie worked—buried potatoes and sorted and began to bury pippins in garden. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty, Julia, and Amy. Found the tile all wrong. Frank Grant came and I sold him my wheat at .93 to be delivered at the river. Also arranged with him to insure the house and big barn for one year.
- 13 Snowing fast this morning, but quit. Not cold. Marion came down and got 13 ½ bushels small potatoes, at .25 a bus. Dick worked ½ day—the only one who did. He finished burying apples and cut wood. Charlie took to Bellevue for me letter to Mr. Gordon asking him to send tile, and letter to Sally. Made a bargain with Charlie Rockwell about grubbing. Let him grub from the road up cherry hill towards the left, to a line from the end of the wheat where a log is sawed off, in a line up to the orchard grass—at the rate of 10.00 an acre. He is to do the grubbing just as I directed to leave the large timber and such of the small trees and designated to cut forks, rails, riders, stakes, or whatever the grubs and what snags he has to chop will make—to pile and burn trash, to trim off hanging limbs, roll logs &c. and put the ground in order for the plough and if anyone helps him to see that the work is done as I directed. Mr. B. came.
- 14 Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dills came and spent the day. Mr. B. came too. I got note from Julia. Ernest came at night.
- 15 Much colder—rode to Bellevue before breakfast to see about sacks. Mr. Rice came and left 10.00 with me to take my pay for feeding his sows. I went to Rock Spring after dinner to see about Marion's work—he said he worked this morning ½ day. Dick worked—I sent him to help Mr. Henderson raise his barn. Charlie worked ½ day. Hauled some corn to hogs, cut wood, got barrels out of crib, sorted 2 barrels apples &c. Cold and disagreeable. Nancy Temget went home yesterday evening and did n't come back today. Mr. B. dined here.
- 16 Nancy Jane Temget came and settled and I paid her off in full 4.00. Dick, Charlie and Marion worked, delivering wheat—hauled 6 loads amounting to 19165 lbs. = 319 5/12 bus. Frank Grant left before the last load so I did n't see him but he sent note. It was warmer and quite pleasant. Got note from Ernest and letter from Cousin Tom Flandrau. Boys hauled tile Mr. Gordon sent.
- 17 Slight snow on the ground and snowed occasionally during the day—cold, 25° above 0, and disagreeable. Dick and Charlie worked—I sent Dick to haul Marion's potatoes and move him to the house old Mr. Moreland moved out of. Charlie found barrels and hauled some wood and I told them to put hogs in cow lot. Man from over the river came to see about renting. Mr. Rice came to leave word about Mr. Small. I took 4.00 out of the ten he left for the sows' keeping and told him I would leave to him to pay me for the pigs' keep but he did n't pay anything for it. Mr. Morrison came and brought Mr. W. W. Grant's bill for 10.15 blacksmith work. I paid and he receipted. Went to Bellevue later in John Moreland's wagon. Mr. Corbin settled with him for 8 loads of corn which made 231 bus. 20 lbs. He sold it at .35. Got two notes from Julia about the wool. Mr. B. here of course.
- 18 Cold and snow on the ground several inches deep. Had hogs killed, 8 for me and 2 for Dick, which I sold him at 11.00 apiece on foot. Dick, John M. Billy Parsons, Bob M. Marion and

Black Henry helped. They got the hogs all hung up about 10 o'clock. It turned bitter cold afterwards. Mr. Lloyd insurance man came with a message from Frank Grant and I gave him a note to Frank. Mr. B. came. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Sarah and Patty. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Thermometer 2° below 0 at bedtime.

- 19 Very cold night 8° below 0 at sunrise. Dick and John Moreland worked—hauling hay and fodder to sheep and cattle, cut up some meat but it was frozen so hard they could n't get much done. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Small came and told me before I. Hill that he would place to my credit in Rising Sun Bank 204. being the amount due me on the orchard he bought. Black Henry helped try up lard. It moderated during the day—was 18° above 0 at one time. Mr. Corbin spoke to me with regard to a Mr. Gaines wanting to buy the place and I told him terms &c.
- 20 I did n't write in this till the night of the 23rd so may not get everything put down. Mr. Small came over and I told him I wanted to send a barrel of vinegar to Sarah, care Patton and Benedict N.Y., and also agreed to fill one of his barrels for six dollars. I told him to take a dollar for the expense of sending Sarah's barrel and that would leave due me 209. Charlie worked part of the day—helped feed and got the vinegar ready to send off. Dick worked for me. After dinner he hauled the two barrels of vinegar to Mr. Small's boat, and two barrels apples to Mrs. Garnett—then hauled out flooring to put in the largest room in the house he lives in. Black Henry finished up the lard. John Moreland worked ½ day cutting up and salting meat. Ernest Grant came by and brought me a note from Frank containing 259.20 for the wheat and his statement. He reserved 32.50 to pay Mr. Lloyd in case he got a policy of insurance on the house—says there were 313.40 bus. wheat after deducting for bags, which at .93 came to 291.70.
- 21 Sunday. Stayed home. Ernest and Sudy Arnold and Mr. Brady dined here. Bitter cold all day.
- 22 Dick worked for himself—helping to put floor down I think. Black Henry worked at sausage meat &c. Charlie told me to credit him for 2/3 of a day. He went to row me down to Rising Sun. It was bitter cold—5° above 0 at ½ past 7 I believe. Got letters from Amy, Aunt Sally and note from man named Smith about renting. I paid Susan Steel 1.00 for Aunt Sally's room till Dec. 27th. Paid her bills, got things &c. for her and Aunt Eliza. Went to Bank and Mr. Perkins paid me \$209.00 for Mr. W. Harrison Small and took a receipt for it. I paid bills at Heyn's and Davis's. Pd. Marion Noble 10.00 in advance that he might buy clothes &c. Came to Bellevue. Paid Corbin's bill, \$53.17, paid Kite's bill \$35.56. Went to Robert Holmes and pd. his a/c in full 2.10. I also paid Hilda (I. Hill) 100. which she sent me as a loan, masked, in the note Mr. Corbin brought me from her—see April 27th when she had started for Jacksonville. I did not set it down as I did n't intend to use it, but it afterwards became convenient to do so. Walked to R. S. and it was very cold on the river.
- 23 Dick worked for himself, at floor. Charlie worked—hauling wood, fodder and hauled wool down to have shipped. The wool weighed at Corbin's 1035 lbs. including 5 sacks. I walked to Bellevue to arrange about wool. Bitter cold, at 0 this morning at ½ past 7. Got letter from Sally. Went to Mrs. Garnett's new house. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Mr. Brady and Sudy Arnold came. Sent note to Messrs. Stearns & Foster and postal to Steamboat clerk with wool. Charlie hauled out 8 bus. coal from Mr. Clore's.
- 24 Moderating—20° above 0 at ½ past 7. Dick worked—hauling fodder, hay &c. and cut a little wood—then took Patty and John to be shod. Charlie helped him feed. It snowed almost all day. I went to Burlington. Went to Mr. Winston's office—paid him \$75.00, his fee in the case of getting Rock Spring place from Richard Moreland, and got his receipt. He paid my taxes for me and brought the receipt to me \$74.30. I will put these receipts in my tin box. I dined

- at Mrs. Dill's. Mr. Brady was here when I got home. Mr. D. M. Snyder came to see about getting frozen apples. Sent by Dick postal to Mr. Smith.
- 25 Snowing most of the day—27° above 0. Dick worked—hailed load of wood for himself—Charlie helped him feed. I had Clara put up in a stall and the two bucks put in the little back pasture. Mr. Dave Snyder came and got apples. Mr. Brady spent the day here—took us to hear Mr. Felix lecture. I sent letter to Sarah and got note from Patty.
 - 26 Snowing hard in the morning but quit afterwards. Dick worked—hailed fodder for Marion. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Garnett's.
 - 27 Mr. Corbin came out and bought my mule, John—is to pay me 75. cash and give his note for 100. due in a year without interest. I hired Ben Corbin to take me to Aurora in a sleigh. Stopped at the store and Mr. Corbin paid me the 75. and gave me his note for the 100. I went to Cin. on the train—went to Mr. Foster's office—he was gone—on a trip south. Dick found Clara with a heifer calf—named this calf Fanny Gibbon. I gave Mr. Edwin Stearns the note Mr. Corbin gave me for safe keeping—also gave him the cheque for \$531. from Wilkerson, Sleet & Co.—see Nov. 8th. Went shopping and then to Julia's and glad to get there. Cold but sloppy and horrible in Cin. Went to Mrs. Resor's and spent the evening.
 - 28 Sunday. At Julia's—horrible day, cold, rainy, and foggy. Went to see Kate Whelpley—who was sick.
 - 29 Went in town with Julia—and shopping. Got from Mr. Stearns a draft on N. York for \$100. Bought my ticket for St. Paul. Sent letter to Patty. Amy Campbell came in to see me—went to the boat with me. I came down—Dick brought me out home.
 - 30 Dick worked—feeding &c.—after dinner he hauled wood for himself. Sent Marion down to get Beck shod. Mr. B. here.

December

- 1 Rained last night. This morning moved out the lower tier of tobacco under sheep shed. Charlie, Dick and Marion worked. Mr. Marion McMullen came to look at tobacco. After dinner, Marion cleaned out the sheep cellar, gutters &c. while Dick went to Bellevue to get wagon fixed and horse shod and went to Dr. Grant's with note. After dinner Charlie began to strip tobacco. After dark Dick took Aunt Nancy down to put her on the boat for Oxford. I gave her 10.00. Mr. B here of course.
- 2 Will try to finish this out from memory. Hilda left today by way of Aurora for Jacksonville, Ill. I sent Dick up with the trunks to Aurora, he sent mine on the boat to Lawrenceburg. I left my a/c book for Marion and 15.00 for him with Mr. Brady. Went to Dr. Grant's and stayed all night. Tom Nettles paid me the 5.00 due on Jane, see Oct. 12th.
- 3 Dr. Grant took me to Petersburg. I left my tin box containing deeds &c. with Frank Grant. Got on the N___s—to Lawrenceburg and then to the Junction—got on the cars for St. Paul.
- 4 Arrived at St. Paul after a safe and stupid trip entirely alone. Came to buddy's and found the children well. It is my little heaven's birthday. She is 14. Did not keep any diary during this month. Got letters from BBG, little Julia Flandrau, Julia, Aunt Nancy, Ernest, Hilda.