

## 1883

### January

- 1 Only Bill worked for me—he hauled manure stalks &c. out of sheep shed and cleaned it up. It snowed nearly all day—was not cold. Mr. Selmes took Amy to Aurora on her way home. I got letters from Sue and Spalding.
  - 2 Only Bill worked for me to-day—he hauled manure. John B. took Allan to Wm. Grant's and had him shod.
  - 3 Bill worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for me hauling ash stove wood. Got letters from Cousin Mary G. and BBG.
  - 4 Patty and Mr. Selmes went to Cin. via Aurora. Spalding came on the boat at night. No one worked for me. It was a dreary day—sleeting all day. Storer came and got team to haul wood. Harry Botts came to see about buying Storer's tobacco. Came back and told me he had bought his at 10, 8, and 5 and would take my part at the same.
  - 5 Bill worked for me—also Jim Love with his team—hauled tobacco to Bellevue—it was so late had to leave Jim Love's wagon down there. Patty and Mr. Selmes got home. A disagreeable misty cold day. Storer went with tobacco—he told Harry Botts to put the 75. he was owing me on my check.
  - 6 Went down with Bill and Mr. Storer's brother Bob and finished delivering the tobacco to Harry Botts. The weights were  
bright leaf 1135 lbs.  
bright lugs 432 lbs  
red leaf 556 lbs.  
trash 474 lbs.  
total 2597 lbs.  
  
1567 lbs. leaf and lugs at 10 156.70  
556 lbs. red at 8 44.48  
474 lbs. trash at 5 23.70  
\$224.88  
  
my half 112.44  
what Storer owed me 75.  
total \$187.44
- Harry Botts gave me a check for the amount which I gave Mr. Corbin to collect and told him to credit it on my bill. Bally went to Aurora. Bill worked to-day for me.
- 7 Sunday. Patty, Sally, Mr. Selmes and Spalding went on the little boat on their way to N. York. Bill drove the wagon with the trunks and us.
  - 8 Tom Nettles came out and we settled. Since our last settlement Oct. 11 he had worked allowing for some extra time  $33\frac{1}{2}$  days and that with some little I owed him came to 25.63 – he had received since our last settlement \$26.00 – he let me have some wood he sawed and we squared up—are now settled in full to date, and as he quit some time since that ends the business. Sent by John B. 3 letters to the banks in Washington. Bill stripped tobacco. Went to Bellevue and to Mr. Jim Rogers's. Got letter from Julia.
  - 9 Tom came and moved his things away—he said he had forgotten some Sunday work he did so I settled for that and pd. him 1.25 in full. Bill stripped tobacco. Colder to-day 26° above 0 at sunrise but bright beautiful day.

- 10 Sent letter to Noah West and also one to Patty inclosing letter. Bill Lacy worked—he finished stripping my tobacco—then fixed up sheep cellar—hailed fodder to cattle—drove cattle from the back pasture &c. It snowed very hard part of the day. Bill and John drove up the sheep for the first time this year.
- 11 Took the 3 bucks away from the ewes—Pink. Bill worked, he fed sheep hauled fodder to cattle—hailed drags wood &c. Mr. Brady brought mail—letter from Nat'l Bk. Wash. with draught for 7.00—also one from Amy C.
- 12 Ernest came this evening. Bill Lacy came in and we had a settlement up to the last of 1882. Since our last settlement Aug. 23 he has worked up to Dec. 31 68 days and  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  which at .75 came to 51.44. He has drawn \$30. which added to the .75 due me on our last settlement leaves him a balance of 20.69 which I paid him. We forgot the taxes 5.13. which I paid for him Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> so I told him I would charge that to him and let it go on the work of this month, and gave him the receipts. Bill fed this morning but did n't work to-day. Turned some weaned calves into the stalk field beyond the creek.
- 13 Miserable day—snowing raining blowing and all that is disagreeable. No one worked for me—the black boys had to haul fodder for the cattle. Had to turn the calves back with the rest. Sent by John letters to Patty inclosing 3—and to Sally and Amy C. Got letter from Mr. Selmes saying they got to N. York Monday night.
- 14 Sunday. Colder—15° above 0 at 8 a.m. Ernest came to call and brought old Mrs. Garnett in a sleigh.
- 15 Storer came and said I owed him for 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  days work—he had got vinegar to the amt. of .52 so I pd. him the balance in full 1.36 and gave him his receipt for the 40. I had let him have to buy a cow last May. Sent John B. down with May to have her shoes taken off. He also went for mail. I got letters from the children and one from Bank of Washington with draft for \$198. and one from Farmers & Mech's Nat'l. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28. Dick and Bill worked—hailed fodder and drags and wood. I went to Mrs. Rice's. Found lamb dead.
- 16 Killed 5 hogs the same I bought of Dick Loudon—see April 28th. Dick, Bill, John M. and Bob Moreland worked—they finished about 1. Dick and Bill worked the rest of the day. Jenny Herron had a b. calf, a weakly one, that was chilled and had to be held up to suck. Found my first live lamb of the season to-day, a buck. It was rather cold this morning and turned warmer and thawed.
- 17 Raining. Bill and Dick cut up the meat worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for me. Bill worked after dinner helping Dick bulk his tobacco. Dick to return it. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia. Noah West and his brother Joe came to see about getting Tom's house.
- 18 Clear, pretty day. Bill worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for me and  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Dick—the latter to return it. Bill hauled fodder—put my tobacco in wine house on sticks &c. then helped Dick bulk his. Mr. B. of course.
- 19 Mr. Frank Walton came to look at tobacco—his offers were so low we would n't sell. Bill hauled fodder and then helped Dick bulk his tobacco. It was a misty dull day—but not very cold.
- 20 Rained hard all day—Bill sorted apples. I went to Bellevue and pd. Mr. Corbin's bill of \$176.70 and he gave me the balance due on the check I gave him for \$187.44 (see Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) of 10.74 and pd. me 2.50 besides for some locust timber he got. Got postal from Patsy—letter from Sue with Willie's picture and note from Dr. in Rising Sun with bill for Aunt Eliza.
- 21 Sunday. Turned bitter cold last night only 6° above 0 at 8 a.m.
- 22 Colder—only 2° at sunrise and a slight skim of snow last night. Found a pair of twin lambs. Bill Lacy hauled fodder and fed in the morning only—am to pay him for the time as it is too cold to work.

- 23 Cold but milder, 14° above 0 at sunrise. A fine buck lamb this morning. Bill only hauled fodder and fed. I sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from buddy with draft for \$75. in it to replace what I let Sally have when she was home. Got letter from Patty from Washington and one from Sally. Hilda and I went to the funeral of old Mr. Harvey Aikin.
- 24 Moderating—16° above 0 at sunrise and up to 43° at 1:30 p.m. Went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Corbin's. Paid Fanny C. 3.50 for Patty. Went to see sick woman. Bill fed. I sent by Lewis Beatty letter to brother Charlie acknowledging draft—also Aunt Eliza's and Aunt Sally's things.
- 25 Snowing this morning. Bill fed and Dick hauled the last load of corn out of bottom he had. Dick said the wagon bed held 18 bus. and ½ was his so I took the load and am to pay him for 6 bushels. Mr. D. M. Snyder and Mr. G. A. Armstrong Jr. of Shelbyville Ky. the state agent of the continental Jus. Co. N. York came and I took \$2000 insurance on the house in that Co. for 5 years—and paid Mr. Snyder \$13.00. Am to pay 12. the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. every year for the 5 years—or my heirs. Storer came and got team to haul wood. Bill found twin lambs dead, 1 lamb living.
- 26 Cold this morning but moderated and sprinkled. Bill fed and he and Dick helped a little with lambs and hauled fodder. Found 2 new lambs—and 1 twin died.
- 27 Found twins and 1 lamb this morning. This evening twins and 1 separate lamb—6 I think today. Bill hauled fodder and helped feed. It rained all day. Mr. Brady brought mail. I got letter from Patty and bills for her. Patty said Mr. Selmes left for Mandan the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 28 Sunday. Counted 12 lambs this morning—at night found Southdown ewe with fine large ewe lamb dead, and new lamb. Ernest Grant came this evening. I went to Mr. Arnold's—paid Lily 2.00 and Katy 1.00 for work they did for children and Lily for knitting for me. Mr. Brady of course. Did n't begin to write in this again till Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and have probably forgotten and got things mixed up but will do the best to set them down right.
- 29 Got up early and went by way of Erlanger to Cin. John Beatty drove me up to Mr. Brady's and I went to the station with him as he was going out on business and offered to take me. Got to Cin about 11. Went to Mr. Foster's and then out home with Julia. Gave Mr. Foster my drafts from Washington and the one from buddy (see Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.) amounting in all to \$308. and he let me have \$50. and brought me out a draft on N.Y. for \$100. to send Patty. I paid a bill of 19.50 for Patty at a dress-makers. Went at night to hear Patti in Traviata.
- 30 Went with Julia to Mary's to see the baby—took lunch there. Mailed to Patty the draft for \$100. Went to see the opera of L'Africanise.
- 31 Went to see Albani in Sonnambula at the matinee and Mierywinski in Wm. Tell at night.

## February

- 1 Paid bill for Patty at Van Loo's of 10.00. Went to hear Patti in Semi-ramide.
- 2 Went to Dr. Taylor I think and got my teeth filled—paid him 12.00. Went to hear Albani in The Flying Dutchman.
- 3 Went to matinee to hear Patti in Don Giovanni and at night to hear Albani in Lohengrin. It rained hard at night. They say Cherry had a b. calf this night, which was found dead in the morning—probably killed by exposure to the rain & cold. They say Bill and Dick worked 1 ½ day this week cutting and hauling wood. I sent letters to the children while at Julia's.
- 4 Sunday—stayed with Julia.
- 5 Went in with Julia. Mr. Foster told me my ticket had cost 24.50 which left a balance of .83 on my old account. There was left of the 308 after taking out the 100. and the 50., a balance of 158 and Mr. F. paid me 158.83 and I have no longer any money in his hands. This is for

the children in case anything should happen to me. I came down on the boat at night. Found plenty of letters and Insurance Policy on house.

- 6 Poured down rain. Mr. Walton came to see me about buying Rock Spring. I found a squad of young lambs had come during my absence—there are over 70 now. Bill helps feed most of the time and did while I was away. Monday night I found letters from the children and one from Sarah.
- 7 Went to Bellevue to church to see the marriage of Willis Grant and Miss Chrisler. Found one dead lamb and one living one this week. Mr. Walton came again to see about buying Rock Spring.
- 8 Went to Mr. Joe Lillard's. Dick Loudon hauled me 21 bus. corn which I bought.
- 9 Bill did n't come at all to-day. I went to Rock spring with Mr. Walton and went over the land. When I got home Mr. Terrill was here and Dick and I sold him Dick's crop for 9 and 4 ½ and I sold him my crop for 8 and 4. The tax man came but left on account of my being so occupied.
- 10 Bill worked ½ day—cutting trees that were in the way of the Searcy branch in the pasture and helped put straw in stalls. It snowed and sleeted hard this evening.
- 11 Sunday—went to see the river—there is a tremendous flood.
- 12 Bill, Dick, John Moreland with his team and Bob with Jim Love's team started to haul Dick's tobacco to Mr. Geo. Terrill's. They had to go round by Burlington on account of backwater. I started but came back on hearing this.
- 13 Went to Mr. Terrill's via Burlington—dined there and went on to Petersburg to see the river and Lawrenceburgh which is entirely under water. The river is now higher than in the famous flood of 1832 and still rising—was when we came home and rained all night I believe. Mr. Terrill gave me the weights of Dick's tobacco. There were 2231 lbs. trash and 3822 lbs. leaf—total 6053 lbs. The 2231 lbs. trash at 4 ½ came to \$100.39—and the 3822 lbs. at 9 to \$348.98 total \$444.37. Mr. Terrill gave me a check for that amount on the Lawrenceburgh bank. I let Dick have 5. to pay expenses and pd. 1.08 toll for the wagons. It rained hard almost all night.
- 14 Ben Corbin brought me out a lot of refugees from Lawrenceburgh—6 in all, the families of Mrs. Higs and Mrs. Burrows. Hilda went down and got the mail—buddy's photograph came. It rained. No one worked for me. Found a young Southdown lamb—probably born yesterday. Storer came and I pd. him 5.00 for premium on tobacco crop.
- 15 Warm as summer—sprinkling in the morning and then cleared. I went to Bellevue to see the river—it is back to the hills on the other side—rose 17 in. last night. Sent by Laura Blythe to Burlington a letter to Patty. Miss Barrett came and stayed to dinner. Harry Botts came to look at tobacco. Dick Loudon bulked down my tobacco—worked part of a day—only John B. helped him. Sent by Mr. Brady 1.50 to pay N. J. Foster sub. for Boone Co. Recorder.
- 16 Found Lucy with a heifer calf—named it Linny Higs. A ewe had twins with dark legs, one buck, one ewe. Went to the river—it was falling and the wind blew so it was very rough. I was told it was over two feet higher than in 1832. Dick worked ½ day for me sorting apples. Bill helped a little about feeding but did n't work.
- 17 Though warm as spring yesterday it rained last night and turned colder this morning. Went to the river—it had fallen 3 ft. Dick worked ½ day—hauled fodder and went to Bellevue for flour and salt. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Isdel came out with Fanny Corbin. Ernest came—I gave him 2.00 to give his brother Frank for my sub. to Country Gentleman. Got letter from Patty dated NY 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 18 Sunday. Colder 20° above 0 at sunrise. Found one dead lamb and one new one.

- 19 Set Dick and Bill hauling timothy hay from the stack on cherry hill—they hauled 3 small loads and one of fodder to cattle. John M. said his father sent away his cow that I was feeding. Found one new lamb and 1 pr. of new twins—fed the sheep timothy hay tonight. Went to Bellevue. All the Lawrenceburgh refugees went away on the Queen. Got letters from Sally, Sarah H. and Julia—also letter for Patty from Mr. Selmes. Bright day and milder. Mr. B. here.
- 20 Hilda and I went to Lawrenceburgh on the Queen to visit Mrs. Barrett and see the sights in the overflowed town. I went to the bank with her and Miss Emma Barrett and got cashed the check Mr. G. W. Terrill gave me for \$444.37 (see 13<sup>th</sup>)—and brought the money home. Dick and Bill worked while I was gone—hauled hay and fodder and got up sheep. It was a bright sunny day and windy too.
- 21 Bill, Dick and John M. worked—finished hauling hay and hauled two loads of fodder. It was a bright breezy day. John M. told me he had gotten a place at Mr. Owen Gaines's and was to move soon. I went to Bellevue and paid my a/c at the grange store—\$30.26 and got it receipted. Also paid Mr. Kite 9.00 for bricks bought of W.W. Grant, as Mr. Grant was not in his shop, Hilda saw me pay it. Got letter from Patty from NY dated 14<sup>th</sup> also letter for her from Mr. Selmes. Settlement with R. Loudon.
- 22 Had a settlement with Dick Loudon the first since Jan 22, 1882. His work including Simpson's came to 110 days which at .75 comes to 82.50. I bought 31 bus. corn of him at .45 which comes to 13.95. Some toll I owed him, a quarter due him on the old settlement of Jonas's work (see April 2<sup>nd</sup>) and .25 for extra work and 1.40 for a bridle I bought of him all came to \$78.89. The cash he has got including the 32.44 he owed at our last settlement (see Jan.22, 1882) came to 271.60 he had 18. pasture including Bill's he was to pay because he got Bill's calf—came to 289.60. Dick's note for \$50 (see Aug. 23) with int. came to 51.50 which added to the above makes 341.10. This 341.10 – 98.89 makes 242.25. Dick's half of the tobacco money I got in Lawrenceburgh the 20<sup>th</sup> was \$222.18 which leaves a balance due me of 20.03—call it 20. This settlement did not include the vinegar Dick's family has had, of which he said his wife kept the a/c. This settlement includes all Dick's work to date—
- 22 Only Bill worked for me—he sorted apples. Mr. B. of course. It rained this morning but cleared off. Found a new pair of twin lambs this morning.
- 23 Found new lamb to-day, buck. Sent Bill to Burlington with apples he sold them for 19. and pd. toll out of it—then hauled fodder. Clara and Fanny. Rained at night hard. Sent letter to Sally.
- 24 No one worked for me. Bill helped feed. It rained most of the day. Sent letters to Patty and Sarah. Got letters from Sally and Amy C.
- 25 Sunday. Rained last night. Cold, clear day.
- 26 C. J. Storer and Tom Nelson both moved to-day from Rock Spring place. I went up there and locked the house and got key of the other from Bob Brady. Sent letter and paper to Belle Raymond. Got letters from Patty and Cousin Louly Rucker. Bill worked to-day hauled fodder and manure, cleared out stalls and hauled straw to them.
- 27 Only Bill worked ½ day for me. He went up to Rock Spring and hauled a load of tobacco sticks. Dick worked day cutting briars next fish pond. I went to Rock Spring—it was a cold day, 18° above 0 at sunrise I think.
- 28 No one worked for me to-day unless Bill worked ½ day grubbing clover ground. I went to Rising Sun on the little boat, put in the R.S. P.O. a letter to Joe West to tell him the house was ready for him. Went to the bank and got a draft on NY for \$50 and sent it to Patty—also left in the R.S. bank \$150. Paid Dr. R. G. Langdale a bill of \$21.50 for attending Aunt Eliza. Paid Corbin's bill of \$9.30. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Found bell ewe with ewe lamb. Much warmer and pleasant to-day.

## March

- 1 A real spring day warm and bright. Bill worked ½ day grubbing in clover ground and after dinner began to plough the piece Jim Nelson grubbed. John B. hauled the grubs and briers off it. I sent postal to Noah West—also letter to Patty with 3 of Mr. Selmes's letters. Mr. B. of course. John M. moved my bees out of the cellar.
- 2 Another lovely day just like spring. Went to Mr. Schwartz's to see about getting him to trim vines. Went on to Dr. Grant's. No one worked for me. Bill broke up his tobacco ground. John B. hauled off briers and put them in washes. Bill says he worked ½ day cutting briers and grubbing in the clover ground.
- 3 Sent letter to Sally I think. Sent letter to Cousin Loulie R. Colder this morning but bright. Got postal from Sally H. No one worked for me. Bill broke up his tobacco ground. John B. hauled briers &c. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Baker's.
- 4 Sunday. Rather cold but bright. Found ewe lamb of Southdown ewe. Ernest came to dinner. Mr. B. here.
- 5 No one worked for me. Bill was breaking up his tobacco ground and Dick burnt and sowed plant beds. John B. cut some briers and took Ben to Mr. Birkle and had him shod. Lillie Arnold and Flora came. It snowed hard towards evening.
- 6 My birthday—am a semi-centennial to-day. Such is life. Rained last night and to-day—a dull gloomy looking day. Got a letter from Patsy. Bill worked—he loaded my tobacco before dinner and Dick helped him. Bill helped Dick strip tobacco after dinner to return it. John Moreland says to-day he is going to Mr. F. P. Walton's.
- 7 Cold to-day—ground frozen. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty & Sally—went to see Betty Rice. Dick and Bill worked on fence at watergap in big pasture. Mr. B. took Hilda to Dolly Botts's. Black Henry worked grubbing in woods.
- 8 Colder—only 18° above 0 at sunrise, but bright. Found one new buck lamb—one young Southdown ewe died. No one worked for me. Dick and Bill burnt plant beds. Got letters from Patty and Sally and Julia and a letter for Patty. Jim Moreland said he would come and live in Bill's house after Bill moves into John's and put in 5 acres of tobacco and work for me at .75 a day on the same terms as the other hands.
- 9 Had a settlement with John Moreland the first one since May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1882. The work he has done since then including the use of his team came to 14.20—the cash he has received 32.75 which added to 2.45 for vinegar and butter equals 35.20 leaving me a balance of 21.00 which he now owes me in addition to the pay for the keep of his cow two months—see Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. John wishes me to take the money he owes me out of his tobacco money when it is sold. No one worked for me. Bill and Dick made plant beds—they did shear the ewe at noon—the one that died last night. I went to see about Noah West's coming to Bellevue—hung up meat.
- 10 Bad day—snowing hard off and on but the snow melted. Dick and Bill worked ½ day hauling old posts poles logs &c. out of the barn lot for stove wood. Man named Jonas Deer came to see about hiring. Got letters from Belle Raymond and Julia.
- 11 Sunday—found ewe lamb of long tailed ewe. Cold and bright.
- 12 Sent Dick and Bill to Mr. George Terrill's with my load of tobacco and I went there too. Mr. Terrill was not at home so I left the load there and the men brought the horses home—they then worked a little at the watergap or fence. I went to Bellevue—got postal from Sally. Cold bright and windy. John Moreland told me he sold his half of his own crop of tobacco to Mr. F. P. Walton for 12, 8 ½ and 4. Found new ewe lamb. John says he saw dead lamb in pasture—the one that was bit.

- 13 John Moreland moved to-day to Mr. F. P. Walton's place and Bill Lacy moved down into the house John left – the old basket house. None of them worked for me. Dick helped Bill move and then they hauled wood for themselves. I went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Laura Rogers's. Got letters from Patty, Cousin Mary G. and Julia. Dick and Bill helped patch up the fence in the new lane. Dick worked over an hour. I found a pair of twin lambs, probably born while I was gone yesterday.
- 14 Bill cut a little hickory tree for me this morning – after that he made plant beds for himself. Jim Moreland moved to-day up on cherry hill. Dick helped him. John B. and I got the barbed wire from down by the creek and John buried all the dead lambs. So far as I know 16 lambs have died.
- 14 Warm and spring like to-day. Patty came home – it rained thundered and lightning. Dick drove the wagon down for Patty's trunks.
- 15 Cold disagreeable day – snowing off and on a very little. Mr. B. brought mail. I got letter from Sally. Lily and Katy came over. No one worked for me. Dick broke up his tobacco ground and Bill and Jim M. burnt plant beds I believe. Black Henry said he had to quit grubbing he was so poorly – he had worked not quite 4 days so I pd. him for 4 and told him to make it up when he got well. Began to smoke meat.
- 16 Went to Erlanger and took the train for Cin. Went to Mr. Foster's and he went with me to see Tom Grant at the sale stables. I left with Tom Grant \$75 for him to buy a horse for me. Went to Pattersons and bought seed oats, clover seed, timothy seed – also bought sugar &c. Went to Mr. Foster's in Clifton to see Julia. Got home at night on the boat – it was a cold disagreeable day. No one worked for me. The men made plant beds probably.
- 17 Dick worked ½ day for me – he went to Bellevue with wagon to haul out my freight – then hauled fodder and wood. The others made a plant bed over in big pasture I think – didn't work for me. Cousins Mary and Frank Goodrich came on their way south, to visit us – came about 11 a.m. from Aurora. A bright day. I got letter from Sally.
- 18 Sunday – Bright pretty day. Ernest came in his new buggy and took Patty home to dine. We stayed at home.
- 19 Miserable day – snowing, hailing, cold and raw. Mrs. Green came. Mr. Acra came to see about hiring. Dick began to work trimming hedge.
- 22 ---and Bill harrowed it. Joe West came at last to get the place Noah was to have had. I got letter from Sally. John B. let Allen get away with the buggy and broke it. Ernest came home with Patty who went to his father's. I worked in the garden most of the day – put salt on my asparagus &c. It was a disagreeable day but not so bad as yesterday.
- 23 Good Friday – Snowed last night and the ground white this morning but most of it melted. Mr. Schwartz trimmed vines, finished and went home after dinner. Dick, Bill and Jim M. all worked putting in oats in the ground Bill had in corn above the pike – they began to harrow it and Dick and Jim cut some stalks. It was a windy cold day.
- 24 Dick, Bill and Jim M. all worked ½ day putting in oats. I borrowed another harrow and they finished it and hauled off the last little dab of fodder by noon. Got box with Easter things from Miss Fanny Raymond, letter from Sally and little note from Tom Grant with \$13 included being balance left from purchase of bay mare – see 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Joe Humphreys and Ernest Grant came and Joe stayed all night.
- 25 Easter Sunday – Dr. Grant came and dined and Ernest came and Joe went home with them. Cousin William Dinsmore came down from Cin. on the boat.
- 26 Rained a little and misty day. Bill went to Mr. Brady's to get a buggy and took cousin Wm. out to Erlanger to take the train for Cin. Joe came and Patty went to Rising Sun with him, then Ernest came and the boys went back to Dr. Grant's. John Moreland and Mr. F. P.

Walton came and they hauled John's crop of tobacco to Burlington. Dick and Jim took my team and hauled a load. Mr. Walton sent me a statement of the weights as follows;

1515 lb. bright leaf at 12 c.	\$181.80
840 lb. red leaf at 7 ½ c.	63.00
<u>1315 lb.</u> lugs & trash at 4 c.	<u>52.60</u>
3670 lbs.	\$297.40
my half	\$148.70.

Mr. F. P. Walton sent me by Dick a check on Cov. Branch No. Bk. Ky. for the amount \$148.70. Found new buck lamb. Had cattle turned on grass on cherry hill. Got Easter card from Belle and letter from Mrs. Brown.

- 27 Disagreeable cold day—it snowed part of the time. Joe and Ernest came and dined and then left. Joe is going home. Mr. Selmes came this morning. Patty got check from her father for \$1000. Joe West, wife and child moved to-day into my hands' house. I went to Bellevue with Ernest and paid Mr. Corbin 2.00 for freight on mare, bricks &c. Dick and Jim M. trimmed hedge ¾ day. Bill the same—ploughing oats ground.
- 28 Sent Bill Lacy up to Mr. G. W. Terrill's for my wagon which was taken there the 12<sup>th</sup>. He had to wait till it was unloaded and brought me the weights and check;
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| 533 lbs. trash at 4 c.        | \$21.32       |
| <u>1337 lbs.</u> leaf at 8 c. | <u>106.96</u> |
| 1870 lbs.                     | \$128.28      |
- Mr. Terrill's check was on the first Natl. Bk. Lawrenceburgh, Indiana for \$128.28. After Bill came home he hauled out some manure on tobacco ground. Dick and Jim cut hedge—it rained and snowed together. Joe got wood for himself.
- 29 No one worked for me. They helped Dick with his tobacco. Found new pair of twins—bucks. Bob Brady brought a lot of horses for Mr. Selmes to look at. I got letter from Sally. It rained hard at night. Mr. Schwartz tied grapes.
- 30 Rained this morning. Mr. Schwartz went away after breakfast. No one worked for me—they helped Dick in tobacco—Joe too. I went to Bellevue—got a letter from Sue. Went to see Mr. Jim Rogers about hay. Dick got all his tobacco in the barn bulked down. The sheep did n't come home the creek was so deep and muddy.
- 31 Black Henry's boy came and said Henry had grubbed two and a half days this week and I pd. him 1.88. Mr. Schwartz came back and finished tying up the vines—and I paid him off in full 3.50. Dick and Jim cut hedge beyond the creek. Joe West set in to work for me—he and Bill hauled hay from Mr. Jim Rogers's—got two loads of 1500 lbs. and 1320 lbs, total 2820 lbs. After that they hauled 2 loads of corn to the barn—and then hauled manure out of stables.

## April

- 1 Sunday. Cold and disagreeable—snowed off and on all day but melted. Canvas for plant beds.
- 2 Sent letter to Sally. Found the first wild flowers I have seen this spring. Not so cold but snowing part of the day. Dick and Jim cut hedge ½ day up by Mr. Walton's line. Bill and Joe hauled hedge brush out of pike and garden and field. Dick's hand Elmer Eggleston worked ½ day grubbing hedge sprouts in pear orchard. Dick and Jim quit work when it snowed and stripped tobacco.
- 3 I saw the sun rise clear for a wonder and the day was partly bright. Bill and Joe hauled hedge brush and then rails and wood out of bottom. Dick and Jim cut hedge by fish pond. Elmer grubbed broom sedge in garden—after he finished hedge sprouts. Mr. Walton was here again almost all day about buying Rock Spring. I got letter from Julia.

- 4 Went to Bellevue—sent letter to Sally and one to T. J. Lovett with 1.00 for strawberry plants. Patty and Mr. Selmes went to Petersburg. Elmer worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day for me in garden. Joe worked—fixed watergap and fence in pasture on mill road and hauled wood. Bill, Dick and Jim M. made plant beds for themselves. I went to see black Henry grub. It was warmer to-day and bright part of the time. Patty got letter from Willie D. with his photograph—he said Cousin Wm. got home Friday.
- 5 Joe, Dick and Bill began to work this morning and stopped when it rained hard before 9 o'clock. Dick said they worked  $\frac{1}{4}$  day. Joe was breaking up ground for oats in big bottom. Dick and Bill were shocking in on the little piece there that he had put in wheat. I took it from Dick as his wheat is a failure there and pd. him to-day 3.00 for seed and work. I let Joe and Bill help Dick strip tobacco the rest of the day. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Selmes rode Baby to-day—began to break her. Warmer.
- 6 Rained again—started to go to Rising Sun but the boat was gone. Cherry. Let Joe and Bill help Dick finish his tobacco—the rest helped him too—he had a lot of hands. I paid him 5.50 to pay them with. J. W. Rice came to see about getting seed potatoes. Mr. Selmes bought filly of Z. Rice.
- 7 Cloudy. Mr. Walton came and stayed all day and did not buy Rock Spring. J. W. Rice came and got bushels potatoes. Joe worked—got out potatoes and after dinner cut wood. Dick worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day at potatoes. Bill helped day. I got letters from Sally and from Mrs. Grigsby. Took down stove in dining room.
- 8 Stayed home as usual. Aunt Nancy went.
- 9 Joe raked clover in sand field and after dinner hauled it into gullies. Bill took seed potatoes out of hole before dinner and then helped Joe. Elmer helped after dinner too. Dick and Jim cut hedge—finished it by fish pond before dinner—afterwards they put in oats in Dick's little piece of wheat. Katy Arnold came this evening. I got letter from Cousin Mary and books from Cousin William.
- 10 Joan Rockwell came and brought 5.00 to be credited to Charlie on his old account. Patty and Mr. Selmes started to Cin. on horseback intending to go to Amy Campbell's. Joe and Bill hauled the rest of the trash off the clover and some hedge brush, and then cut out a road through the orchard grass and hauled poles that black Henry grubbed. Dick, Jim and Elmer grubbed, cut briars—filled gullies—chopped little trees &c. in little bottom field across the creek and in sand field. Black Henry grubbed on side hill. Mr. Riley the assessor came.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday—born to be the joy of all her family. Lord love her soul. Found a new ewe lamb probably a day old. Joe Humphreys came to-night with Ernest Grant to tell us goodbye as he is going West. I gave him a letter of introduction for Hart Grigsby to brother Charlie. Joe West and Bill broke up ground for oats. Dick, Jim and Elmer grubbed in sand field the point that Dick is to put in tobacco. Black Henry grubbed. It was a lovely spring day. Rained at night.
- 12 Sent letters to buddy and Sally. Got 2 letters from Sally and one from Hart Grigsby with directions about raising sorghum. Sent John down with Bill and Daisy and got Mr. Birkle to shoe them. Joe, Bill, Dick, and Jim worked and Elmer  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Dick and Jim finished chopping trees on the point they grubbed on yesterday then they took to pieces the watergap pen that was washed away and cut trees bushes &c. in the creek. Elmer worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  day grubbing behind the house in woods. Joe and Bill hauled poles out of the ground. Dick grubbed and the watergap and poles out of the bottom and lastly a load of manure out of the yard. Patty and Mr. Selmes came home.
- 13 Joe, Dick, Bill and Jim all worked putting in oats in big bottom field. Joe finished ploughing, then they sowed, harrowed with both harrows and afterwards they raked part of the grass

that was not ploughed up—sowed clover on it and hauled the trash and put it in the gullies in the field. Elmer worked grubbing back of the house in woods. Hot as summer.

- 14 Only Joe worked day for me—he broke up a piece in the garden. I went to Rising Sun—went to the bank and got two checks cashed, the one for \$148.70 (see Mar. 26) and one for \$128.28 (see March 28) total 276.98. I left \$100 in the Rising Sun bank and brought the rest with me. Got strawberry plants and set them out. Got letter from Sarah. Had 19 head of cattle turned into the pasture on mill road. Fed the sheep their last feed of corn for this season.
- 15 Sunday. Rained nearly all day and turned cool.
- 16 Set out some tomato and cabbage plants I got Sat. In the evening Joe set out some onion sets. Joe and Bill and Dick and Jim loaded tobacco before dinner—after noon worked till 3 p.m. tagging sheep and cutting off the tails of ewe lambs—cut off the tails of 48. Joe worked all day. Hilda went to Cin. with Mr. Brady. Mr. John E. Walton came by and offered me \$2000 cash for Rock Spring place and I told him I would take it—he is to come down this week and settle the trade. Cool and bright to-day.
- 17 Did n't write in this till Saturday but will try to get it right. Went to Mr. George Terrill's with Dick and Bill and John Moreland—they hauled the crop of tobacco they bought from Bill Lacy. Weight as follows:
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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Load of leaf weighed at Mr. Terrill's | 2812 lbs.        |
| -of trash weighed by J. F. Grant      | <u>1275 lbs.</u> |
|                                       | 4087 lbs.        |
- At .10 all round it came to \$408.70 for which Mr. G. W. Terrill gave me a check. I am to pay Bill 50. for J. Moreland out of it.
- Joe West worked in garden and raked hay with Ben. Elmer says he grubbed back of house.
- 18 Patty, Mr. Selmes and I rode to Big Bone springs. Pleasant day. Only Joe worked for me—he cut down and trimmed up thorn locusts back of house. The other men and Elmer worked for themselves, they were getting ready to break potato ground and I said I would allow them for hauling the briers off. Ernest and Hal Bennett came in the evening.
- 19 Mr. Selmes went away. Joe worked for me in garden and then patched up kitchen steps, cistern &c. and took Mr. Selmes in buggy to ferry—did n't get back till 9:30 p.m. Elmer says he worked till the rain—it rained hard. Dick broke the O.C. plough and went for new one. Got new barrel of flour too. The men worked for themselves in potato ground I believe. Got letter from Sally. Jim Moreland got flour \$5.50.
- 20 Wet this morning—Joe and Bill hauled trash off meadows and put it in gullies. Dick and Elmer hauled the wood off little meadow over the creek and manure to tobacco ground. Henry grubbed—says he has grubbed 4 ½ days this week. Jim M. cleared off tobacco ground. I went to Mr. Jim Rogers's and then to Bellevue—left with Mike Corbin \$16.95 for Mr. J. Rogers to pay for 28.20 lbs hay—(see March 31<sup>st</sup>). Got Mr. Morrison's circular about History of Windham. Patty went to Dr. Grant's to see Birdie. Ernest and Ben Grant came. Mr. John E. Walton came and stayed all night.
- 21 Mr. John E. Walton and I went to Burlington. Mr. Manlius Garnett the C.C. made a deed to Mr. Walton of the Rock Spring place 117 acres more or less which I signed and Mr. Walton gave me a check for \$2000. on the Farmers and Traders Nat'l. Bk. Covington in payment (see April 16<sup>th</sup>). Stopped at Mr. Joe Lillard's on my way home and got \$10., the first dividend on pike stock. It was a bright beautiful day. Joe and Bill worked ½ day hauling trash off clover meadow and putting it into washes. Dick and Elmer worked ½ day hauling manure. Dick went to Bellevue for plough after dinner, plough he broke Jim M.

- 22 Sunday. Stayed home. Mr. B. of course. Ernest and Hal Bennett came. It rained most of the day and all night probably.
- 23 Raining a cold rain. Went to Bellevue—sent letter to Sally. Paid Bill Lacy \$50.00 on John Moreland's account—to be taken out of the check for tobacco, (see April 17<sup>th</sup>) being what John owed him in the tobacco he and Dick bought of Bill—and got Bill to sign the receipt in presence of Mike Corbin as witness to his mark. Got letter from Aunt Nancy. Joe worked—sorted potatoes, piled manure in sheep cellar and piled tobacco sticks in barn.
- 24 Went to Erlanger and to Cin. Went to Mr. Foster's and as he was absent Mr. Edwin Stearns attended to my business for me. He took my check from Mr. John E. Walton for \$2000. (see 21<sup>st</sup>) and got me a draft on the N. Y. Merchants Nat'l. Bk. from the Cin. Merchants' Nat'l. Bk. payable to Tilden R. Selmes. I inclosed it in a letter to Mr. Selmes and gave it to Mr. Ed Stearns to send with his letters. Sent letter to Mrs. Grigsby. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Went out to Julia's and dined and she took me to the tram. Got home before dark. Angelina was sick in bed and Dr. Furnish came to see her. I got black Anne to come and work in her place. R. E. called to see me while I was gone. Joe said he and Bill and Dick and Elmer all hauled manure out on tobacco ground and garden. There was a frost last night and it was cold all day.
- 25 Went to Rising Sun and at the bank got Mr. Perkins to cash the check Mr. Terrill gave me for \$408.70 (see 17<sup>th</sup>)—left \$200 of it in bank for which Mr. Perkins gave me a certificate of deposit—and brought the balance, after getting draft on N. Y. for 10. for L. A. Morrison to send for books, with me. Found Ellen with a heifer calf apparently born yesterday or last night—red and white. Found Amy with a new born heifer calf, red. A good day for calves. Set out more tomato plants. Frost this morning—all the bottoms white with frost. Joe and Bill worked for me hauling poles from the hill. Henry grubbed. Dick and his boy worked for him—ploughing tobacco ground in front of yard. Aunt Nancy came home from Oxford.
- 26 Frost again this morning but turned rather warmer and clouded up towards evening. Some of the plants I set yesterday killed by the frost. Joe and Bill and Dick and Jim worked. Joe and Bill got up Amy and milked her—then Joe broke up in the garden and harrowed—laid off and planted early corn and potatoes. He also ploughed strawberries and asparagus. Bill sprouted the ground by graveyard—cut potatoes and helped Joe plant them. Dick dug a drain and laid tile to drain the cellar of his house. Jim M. came down and said he was clearing off tobacco ground and was going to burn trash. Cherry and Clara again.
- 27 Found Posey with a fine horse colt. Patty named it Til. Joe and Jim M. hauled poles, rails, wood &c. off Jim's tobacco ground. Dick, Bill and Elmer worked for themselves putting in potatoes on cherry hill. I went to Bellevue to the minister's meeting. After church Patty went to Mr. Garnett's for Miss Maggie Kirtley who came out and stayed all night. We went to night meeting.
- 28 Jim began to break his tobacco ground. Only Joe worked for me. He tinkered around, mended front gate, neck yoke &c. and then hauled trash out of vineyard in garden on sled. John helped him and then went to R. S. I got strawberry plants from Cousin Wm.—Jersey Queens 1 doz., Sharpless 15 and set them out in garden. Also got 100 Charles Downing I got in Cin. but didn't get them set out. Joe replanted okra in garden and then I believe cut wood. It rained hard. I paid Dick Loudon in presence of Patty as witness all his share of the tobacco money from Bill's crop—(see 17<sup>th</sup>). The check I got cashed 25<sup>th</sup> was for \$408.70—the half 204.35, was for John Moreland and Dick Loudon and I paid Dick \$102.17. Black Henry said he had grubbed 2 ½ days. Patty got letter from Sally H. Went to minister's meeting again. Got postal from Cousin Harvey.

- 29 Sunday. Bright clear cool day after the rain. Patty and I went to Dr. Grant's to see Birdie Bennett who went home to-day. Ernest came home with us. Went to see old Mr. Coons who is sick.
- 30 Went to Erlanger with Patty who got on the cars for Cin. I stopped in Burlington at Susy Saxton's and Mrs. Green's and Mrs. Tousey's—and at Mr. Rouses on my way home and got plants from him. Joe West grubbed over in grass by Charlie's old house and set up plants. Bill Lacy grubbed elders in bottom. Dick ditched in bottom. Jim M. broke up his tobacco ground. I believe Elmer ploughed in bottom. Got letter from Sally. I, with Joe's help, set out tomato and cabbage plants and I set out some strawberry plants. Lightning rod man named Tallmadge came and I engaged a rod.

## May

- 1 Warmer and bright and pleasant. I worked in the garden setting out my strawberry plants. Went to salt the sheep—found two or three lambs that looked new since I saw the sheep. Lightning rod man came and his hand put up the rod. I paid him in presence of I. Hill \$43.62 in full. Went to Bellevue—sent postal to Sue this morning and letter to Patty, and her letters. Got note from Miss H. Kirtley. Joe worked for me—grubbing and chopping briers on grass—and this side Dick cut stalks with machine. Bill and Elmer worked for themselves too. Jim M. made cistern top—worked for himself he says. John B. went to mill.
- 2 Sent by John B. letter to Mr. Leonard A. Morrison with draft on N.Y. for \$10.00 to pay for 3 copies of his History of Windham—also postal to Sally. Received a letter from Tilden R. Selmes, Mandan, Dakota in answer to the one I sent him April 24 acknowledging the receipt of \$2000. draft on N. York, I sent him. Joe worked for me, finished grubbing over by Charlie's old house—fixed the watergap to keep sheep out and began to sprout grub and cut briers in the piece of orchard grass next pike. Jim cleaned off the piece of tobacco ground John Coons and Charlie grubbed. John B. went to mill for chicken feed. Bill and Elmer broke up in bottom. Dick went to Rising Sun. I worked in garden and John hauled manure to strawberries. Went to see black Henry grubbing. Warmer and a pleasant spring day—sprinkled once for a few moments. Dick's cow had a b. calf, Jim.
- 3 Mr. Jim Conner came and I sold him my wool at .22 ½ for the good and .15 for burry and fleece grown. Warm pleasant day—had my crepe myrtles taken out of the cellar. Joe, Dick and Jim worked for me. Joe and Dick made hills for melons and hauled manure for them then sprouted and grubbed in orchard grass. Jim M. finished cleaning his tobacco ground by noon and helped them. Black Henry and blk. Joe grubbed. Bill and Elmer ploughed the bottom I believe. I went to Bellevue twice for Patty. Took my mocking bird Ben down and gave it to Kate Corbin. Aunt Nancy poorly. John B. hauled manure for strawberries. I sent letter to P.M. in Texas asking about Helen D.
- 4 Dick trimmed the calves, Snowdrop's calves Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Jenny Heron's calves Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. The others helped then Dick, Jim M. and Joe cut sprouts and grubbed in orchard grass. Black Henry and blk. Joe grubbed. I went to Mr. Arnold's for watermelon seed—and planted them and muskmelons. Patty came home from Cin. on little boat. Bill and Elmer ploughed for themselves I think. Went to Mrs. Clore's and pd. her \$10. for Bob Clore for Posey's colt.
- 5 Dick and Jim worked ½ day in sprouting. Joe worked ½ day in garden. Dick took Posey to Mr. Clore's. Cool and cloudy all day. I worked in garden—had lettuce, radish, salsify, white wax and butter beans planted—also Southdown melons patty pan squash and cucumbers and peas. Got letter from Sally.
- 6 Sunday—beautiful day but cool. Patty went riding with Ernest up to Dr. Grant's and he came home with her and dined. Susy Rice came.

- 7 Savannah came to work for Patty. Patty and I went to Bellevue. I took letter to Sally. Got Lewis to come out after dinner and whitewash. Marion came with him. Joe, Dick and Jim grubbed in orchard grass. Black Joe grubbed in woods.
- 8 Sent Joe and Bill the first thing to Mr. Rogers's and they got hay 1650 lbs. after that they hauled load of corn to barn. They brought harrow from Bellevue—that had been sharpened. Bill worked ½ day. Joe grubbed the rest of the day. Jim M. and Elmer grubbed and sprouted too. Blk. Joe grubbed in woods. Warm and dry. Mr. Joe Reed came to grain doors.
- 9 Alice Moreland came down to get the money due John on his share of tobacco money for the crop he bought of Bill Lacy. The balance due us on our settlement (see March 9<sup>th</sup>) was 21.00 which added to 2.00 he owed me for keep of cow two months and .65 for tar and vinegar makes 23.65. This added to the 50. I paid Bill Lacy for John (see April 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) for which I gave Alice the receipt—makes 73.65. John's share of the check \$408.70 was 102.17 leaving a balance due him of 28.52 which I paid Alice in presence of Patty F. I also paid Alice 1.25 for use of her sewing machine. Mr. Reed came and finished doors. I went to hunt hands to shear sheep. Joe and Jim M. worked for me—they sprouted and grubbed till noon then made shearing benches, prepared sheep cellar, got up sheep and worked in garden and sawed down dead locust in yard. They ploughed my strawberries, corn and potatoes. Put down new carpet in parlor. Fanny Gibbon came on the boat—the Queen. Henry and blk. Joe grubbed.
- 10 Sheared sheep. Joe and Jim M. and three black men, Henry, George Roseberry and Sam Morton. Got done before night then Joe and Jim arranged wool, cut tree and Joe took wagon down after Fanny's trunks—was out till after eight. Dogs got after a ewe. Rained a little. Ernest came at night. The other men planted their corn.
- 11 Patty went to Cin. with Ernest—drove Allen all the way. Came back this evening. Beautiful day, cool and bright. Joe worked up tree in yard to get it out of the road then grubbed in orchard grass. Jim M. worked there ½ day. Dick and the rest planting corn to-day. Hilda had the big passage cleaned. Blk. Joe came and said he had grubbed 5 days this week and I pd. him off in full 3.75.
- 12 Dick and Bill finished planting corn. Only Joe worked for me and he till noon sprouting and grubbing. Then he went down to the boat for me after freight that did n't come. I put down new matting on the big passage. Patty went to Amy and Bessie McIntosh who came on little boat. Bright cool day.
- 13 Sunday. The wedding day of papa and mamma, Lord love their souls. Ernest and Mr. Howe came.
- 14 Joe took Posey to Mr. Clore's this morning. Shower this morning about 7. Patty took Amy to Erlanger on her way to Cin. Got letter from Mary C. and postal from P.M. at Hallettsville, Texas, giving me the address of Cousin Helen D. Sartwelle, Comanche, Texas. D. B. Howeston was the name of the P.M. Only Joe worked for me—perhaps blk. Joe grubbed. Joe put vinegar in casks and then took wagon to Bellevue and brought out my china—set of blue underglaze and bedroom set. Then he sprouted and grubbed in orchard grass.
- 15 I went to Rising Sun. Got out of bank from Mr. Perkins \$250. Came home and paid Corbin's bill of 37.98, which includes some things for Dick, Bill and Jim M. Also got from Mike 11.77 left by J. W. Rice for the potatoes he got April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 ½ bus. large at .90 and 8 5/6 bus. small at .45. I sent letters to Mrs. Selmes, Sally and Sue. It was so cold I really suffered with cold on the river and the wind blew. Joe worked sprouting and grubbing. Jim M. says he worked ½ day. I got letter from Julia.
- 16 So cold last night there would have been a hard frost but for the heavy fog. Joe worked at the sprouting and grubbing. Jim M. too. Dick and Bill were both breaking ground. Patty,

Nancy and Bess went to Dr. Grant's and Ernest came home with them. Mr. Dicken made a call here. Got long letter from Sally.

- 17 Patty went to Cin. via Erlanger to take Bessie McIntosh home. She took Dennis with her. Brought Miss Fry home with her. Fanny and I went to Aurora on little Queen. I left with Mike Corbin 9.90 to pay Mr. Jim Rogers for the hay I bought of him (see 8<sup>th</sup>). Sent from Aurora letter to Sarah. Sent by Bessie letter to Julia. Joe worked, broke up the tobacco ground in garden before noon and grubbed and sprouted after that. Jim M. sprouted and grubbed. Blk Joe grubbed too he said. Dick grubbed and cleaned ground on the hill to put in potatoes, he and Elmer ½ day. Bill was ploughing his tobacco ground by graveyard.
- 18 Put down new oilcloth on little passage. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 7 ¾ days which came to 5.81 and I had already paid him 1.00 so I now pd. him 5.00 and he will be owing .19. Mr. Conner came and left sacks for wool, Patty went over the river to take Miss Fry to the omnibus on her way to Cin. Joe worked for me—he grubbed till Mr. Conner sent sacks—then he came and put wool in. Blk. Joe helped him.
- 19 Sent Joe and Jim down with wool, it was weighed, I think, at Mr. Clore's—good wool 355 lbs., burry 260 lbs. total 615 lbs. After Jim and Joe got back they hauled manure out of stalls. I think—worked ½ day. Jim told me he put his colt in the pasture. Dick planted peach blow potatoes and some early rose on the hill. Blk. Joe said he had grubbed 5 days this week and I pd. him in full 3.75. Hilda went to Burlington. Rained at night. Made Amy take Dick's calf to raise with hers.
- 20 Sunday. Rained nearly all day. Went to see Mr. Coons who is worse.
- 21 Raining steadily—thermometer down to 40° at 3 p.m. Went down to 32° afterwards and there was a snow that covered everything. The grass and trees were as white as winter and it seemed bitter cold. Joe worked fixing up the mowing machine—grinding the knives &c. and partly cleaned out the wine house cellar. I worked getting ready to make black cake.
- 22 Joe took Posey to Mr. Clore's and later took Polly. A cold dismal day raining sometimes. Joe went to Rock Spring & brought the tobacco sticks from there. Then he cut another dead locust tree in the yard and hauled out the timber—fixed watergap &c. John B. helped him get tobacco sticks. I sent corn and okra seed to buddy—got letter from him and Julia. Went to Bellevue—made fruitcake.
- 23 Did n't write in this till June 13<sup>th</sup>—consequently expect to make mistakes and leave things out—but must set them down somehow. I made a cake and left it for Angeline to bake. She went to bed sick at night. Patty and I went to Erlanger and from there to Cin. and Clifton. Spent the night at Julia's. While we were gone Joe and Jim M. worked Ned.
- 24 Joe and Jim worked Ned again hauling. Patty and I came home from Erlanger and Mr. Selmes met us in the cars and came home with us. He had arrived in the morning and he rode out to meet us. Joe went to the river at night to get things that came down on the boat. We found Angeline sick in bed.
- 25 Joe finished grubbing up by the orchard grass—no one else worked for me.
- 26 No one worked for me. Jim broke his tobacco ground.
- 27 Sunday. Angeline almost died while Dr. Furnish was with her. She had a convulsion of the heart. Mr. Selmes rode up to Lawrenceburg to see if he could go on the morning train—there was none so he came back and Joe took him up in time for the evening train. I got Dick to go to Rising Sun after Angeline's husband—am to pay him.
- 28 Joe worked in garden—hoed and ploughed—after that went over and began to plough by Charlie's old house—then took wagon over the river with Patty, Fanny and Amy Campbell—fixed doors when he got back. Rained hard at night.

- 29 Men set tobacco. Joe hauled manure to where he was ploughing. Katy Arnold came and helped me sew. Joe set out tomato plants in the morning and went to the river for Patty and Fanny at night.
- 30 Joe hauled out boxes—opened them, mended tables, bedsteads &c. After dinner Joe and Dick worked on watergap. Dick helped ½ day. Mr. Graham came on little boat.
- 31 Joe cut some grass for horses while Dick and Jim M. worked grubbing fence row and they all helped put up pole fence round orchard grass, and hauled grass. Mr. Jim Conner came and bought my buck lambs at 3.50 a head leaving out 5. He told me there was a check at Corbin's for me for 100.00 on the wool I sold him.

## June

- 1 Dick, Jim and Bill all worked fixing fence round orchard grass—Joe helped till I went for him to cut grass in yard.
- 2 Saturday. Joe worked at cutting grass in yard and getting it out. He took Mr. Graham over the river to the store. At night he went to the boat for Mrs. Selmes and my darling Sally who came. Sue and her baby Jamie and her nurse, Emma, came down from Aurora.
- 3 Sunday.
- 4 Joe cut grass he says. Brother Charlie and Mr. Selmes's partner, Mr. Marion A. Vinton came down from Cin. by land. Aunt Eliza came.
- 5 Started early in the wagon with Joe to drive for Erlanger—met Lucy Humphreys who came from Lex. Came home and found Cousin Belle Raymond here—she had come down from Aurora. Joe worked and Jim M. helped him ¼ day—they killed a lamb.
- 6 Mr. Selmes came and with him Mr. David Claiborne Garrett the preacher who is to perform his marriage ceremony. Joe and Jim M. worked hauling Patty's boxes &c.
- 7 Patty's wedding day. Just before 12 M. Tilden Russell Selmes and Martha Macomb Flandrau were married by Rev. David Claiborne Garrett now of Davenport, Iowa, in the house of Julia S. Dinsmore. There were present;
  - Charles E. Flandrau, St. Paul, Minn, who gave away his child. Mrs. Sarah B. Selmes of Boston, Mass., mother of the bridegroom, Sarah G. Flandrau, sister of Patty.
  - Mrs. Harvey W. Tew (Susan D. Goodrich) of Jamestown, N.Y. Mrs. M. Henry Raymond (Lydia Isabella Dinsmore) of Kansas City, Mo. Little Jamie Tew.
  - Witnesses of Patty's marriage;
    - Isabella Hill
    - Marion A. Vinton, Mandan, Dakota
    - Fanny Moale Gibbon, N.S.A. [U.S.A.?)
    - Lucy A. Humphreys, Sumner's Forest, Woodford Co., KY
    - Mary E. Deshler, Columbus, Ohio
    - Emma Johnson (the Tews' nurse)
    - Dr. E. L. Grant
    - Ernest Longmore Grant
    - Mrs. Longmore
    - Miss Louisa Prest
    - Mr. Seaborn P. Brady [sic]
    - Miss Katie Arnold
    - Miss Lillian Arnold      all of Boone Co., Kentucky
    - Mr. Seth C. Foster, Clifton, Cin., Ohio
    - Mrs. Foster (Julia Resor)
    - Miss Julia R. Foster

Mr. Henry Stettinius, Walnut Hills, Cin., Ohio  
Mrs. Stettinius (Mary Burnet Foster)  
Mr. Charles Anderson, Cin., Ohio  
Mrs. Anderson (Jane Herron) [sister to Nellie Taft]  
Miss Bessie McIntosh, Clifton  
Miss Amy R. Campbell, Walnut Hills, Cin., Ohio  
Miss Lucy Lee Pearce, Cov., Ky.  
Julia S. Dinsmore, Boone Co., Ky

Patty and Mr. Selmes, with Dennis and Savannah, left on the little Queen Cap. Bradley for Lawrenceburg on their way West. The Cin. company went up too. There is an account of the wedding in the Commercial Gazette Cin. June 10<sup>th</sup>. Extra sheet in the Society News.

- 8 Joe took wagon over the river to put Miss Molly Deshler on the omnibus. Mr. Vinton escorted her over and returned. Mr. Steve Weeks (Mr. Selmes's man) came and took away Patty's filly May and Mr. Selmes's filly Molly D.
- 9 Buddy and Mr. Vinton left early on the little boat. Joe took them down in wagon. He worked in garden but not all day. He set out sweet potato plants. I went to Rising Sun got a check for \$140. for Amy Campbell which Patty wanted me to send her to pay some bills and 60. all I had in bank.
- 10 Sunday. Ernest came to see the girls and took Lucy to his father's to call. Rained.
- 11 Joe helped Dick ½ day setting out tobacco. After dinner he cut clover in sand field. Hilda and I went to Bellevue and to see Mr. Dan Coons. I sent letter to Amy Campbell with check for \$140. to pay Patty's bills. Got letter from Patty.
- 12 Joe went for hands but found the clover was not cured—got horses out of Mr. G. Rice's pasture. He then began to plough but had to quit for rain. Jim worked after dinner. John found Louly with a b. calf red and white. Rained hard.
- 13 Got letter from buddy dated 11<sup>th</sup> saying Patty and Mr. Selmes were there. Received china cup and saucer by mail from Molly Deshler. Rained off and on all day. Joe went to Bellevue and to McVile. Got sweet potato plants and set them out—200.
- 14 Sue and her baby and nurse went home. Belle R. went to Cin. with her. Joe drove the wagon and after he came back he turned hay. Mr. Fred was cutting briers and quit to help turn hay. I went to Mr. Arnold's and pd. Katy 5.00. She had done 9 days sewing—paid Lily 2.50—she had done 5 days. Clear pretty day. Joe set out 50 more potato plants. Ernest came at night to call.
- 15 Joe and Jim M. and Mr. Fred all worked in hay—turning it. Dump Rains worked ½ day—they hauled after dinner with both wagons. Mary Lee and Lee Ann finished washing and ironing. I pd. Lee Ann 9.00 and Mary Lee 4.50. It was a bright pretty day. I sent note to Dr. Raymond—and postals to Adams Ex. Agt. Walton, and P.M. at Columbus O. Ellen and Judy (Nannie's Judy) came up and I engaged Judy to work. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 This day 16 years ago my Sally was christened at Judge Atwater's by Rev. D. Knickerbocker now Bp. of Indiana. Lord love her and make her good. Joe, Jim, old Fred and Dump Rains all worked at hay—got it in by 9. Then Joe worked in garden—laid by potatoes, ploughed corn, tomatoes &c.—worked ½ day. Jim broke up ground over by oak tree—worked ½ day. Dump Rains worked ½ day and I pd. him in full 1.75. He cut weeds after they finished the hay. Old Fred said he had worked 2 days at briers and 2 days in hay—and he owed me .25 on last time—so I paid him four dollars and he now owes me .25. Sent postal to Patty. Went to Bellevue after Jim's Judy. Judy came to work for me. Aunt Eliza went home with Phoebe. Joe got 1 ½ bus. corn, 1 lb. butter.

- 17 Sunday. Hot day, looked all the time as if there would be a thunder shower.
- 18 Joe took wagon over the river for Lucy Humphries to meet the omnibus to go East. Fanny and Sally went to Cin. with her. Hilda went to Cin. with Mr. B. I gave Jim M. an order on Corbin for 3.00. Belle came down on little boat. After Joe came home he hoed watermelons. After dinner I let him plough corn for Dick in bottom. Dick or Bill to return the work. It looked like rain all day and did shower a little. I got letter from Patty at Mandan—and letter from Molly Deshler about cup.
- 19 I went to Woolper to Amanda Foster's (Mrs. Smith) whose husband is very ill. Wrote and sent a letter telling Julia about him. Sally and Fanny Gibbon came home on little boat. I went for them. Joe worked. He cut the rest of the clover in sand field and began to cut in big field on pike—broke the tongue of the machine. He ploughed over towards Charlie's old house afterwards. The men finished ploughing their corn the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
- 20 Joe went up after Dump who came and helped him ½ day this evening. I told Joe to turn clover and break up ground this morning. He and Dump hauled in clover hay after dinner. I went to R. Sun. Sent letter to Patty. Went to prayer meeting with Belle & Hilda.
- 21 Rained a little this morning. Joe fixed harness, cradles &c. and took the mowing machine down to W. Grant's shop. He got a set of gear for Ned too. After that, he broke up ground. Belle and I went to Dr. Grant's in the evening.
- 22 Joe worked a little in garden, then he and blk. John hauled in the rest of the clover hay. After that, he broke up ground. Belle and I went to the funeral of Amanda Foster's husband, Robert Smith, who died yesterday. After dinner we went to Burlington. I took the marriage license for T. R. Selmes and M. M. Flandrau (Patty) to Burlington and gave it to Mr. Manlius Garnett the clerk in the clerk's office. Belle saw me take it to him—and he gave Belle a copy of her own marriage certificate. We went to see Susie Saxton. Forgot to write that Mr. Jim Conner in Burlington gave me a check for \$20.79 the balance due me on the wool and the following statement of the weights &c.

J. M. Conner bot. of J.S.D.

1 Bag wool	141 ½ lbs. at 22 ½	31.83
1 " "	136 ½ lbs. @ 22 ½	30.71
1 " "	56 ½ lbs. @ 22 ½	12.71
1 " "	96 ½ lbs. @ 18	17.37
1 " "	156 ½ lbs. @ 18	<u>28.17</u>
	Cr.	\$120.79
By cash		<u>100.00</u>
		20.79

I got the check for \$100.00 cashed but can't remember what day.

- 23 Blk. Henry came and said he had grubbed 1 ½ day. I had advanced to him .50 and to-day I pd. him 1.00 of which he owes me .37. Went to Bellevue and got Mr. Corbin to cash my check for 20.79 that Mr. Conner gave me yesterday. Joe worked ½ day ploughing over beyond the graveyard.
- 24 Sunday. Dr. Grant came to call on Belle. Ernest came after dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Dills came and spent the day. Rained last night and this morning.
- 25 Got letter from Mr. Foster with check for \$50. for Mr. Brady to pay for cow—gave it to Mr. Brady in presence of I. Hill. Got letter from Patty and postal from Lucy H. Joe worked. It rained hard last night and was cloudy most of the day. I let Joe help Bill set out plants till about 3:00 p.m. when he had to get ready and take the spring wagon over to meet the omnibus. Cousin Belle started for home—that is Kansas City. Joe ground and fixed machine knife. Dick came in and said he was going to turn off Elmer—and wanted me to go over the

- work Elmer had done for me—it came to 10 days which at .50 amounted to 5.00. Dick said he owed Elmer for 17 days at 10. a month which came to 6.54 and I paid him that.
- 26 Joe helped Dick set out tobacco till 20 of 9. Then worked in garden. After dinner he went to Bellevue got machine and cut clover till he broke the shoe and had to take it to be mended—then fixed blade. Dick began to cut wheat after dinner—cut that piece above the hedge.
- 27 Joe worked in garden a little then went over the river with wagon for me to take Fanny to the omnibus. Fanny started to Clifton to visit Bessie. Joe stopped at Bellevue to get Daisy shod at W. Grant's. I got letters from Sarah and Julia. Joe worked in garden after dinner—ploughed corn and melons—planted pole beans, bunch beans and peas and butter beans. We went to see Will Botts and Doll Allen married. They were married in the Bellevue Baptist Church by Mr. Dicken. Lou Allen and Ben Grant stood up with them.
- 28 We got the sheep up but Mr. Conner did n't come and they had to be turned out. Joe worked in garden—staked tomatoes and I tied them up—staked plum trees &c. After his dinner he cleaned the kitchen cistern. There was a hard rain. Miss E. Bruce came here out of the rain. The men ploughed corn in bottom the 3<sup>rd</sup> ploughing.
- 29 Mr. James Conner came and got my buck lambs he bought May 31<sup>st</sup>. He took 50 of them and paid me \$175. I went to Bellevue and paid my account at Corbin's—38.07 which includes 3.00 for Jim. M. (see 18<sup>th</sup>) and 2.55 for sundries Jim M. got June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paid Will Grant in full, 12.35. Also paid Corbin Patty's bill \$16.02. Got letter from Dr. Raymond with check for \$20. that I let Belle have. Had Bill and Polly shod at Birkle's and pd. him for it 2.10. Joe fixed cellar windows in, set out a few tobacco plants—put in cistern top—took wagon to Bellevue and hauled out load of 16 ft. 12 in. lumber that I got from Mr. Jonas Clore. I sent Ernest's pole and double harness up to Frank Grant by Cap. Bradley.
- 30 Sixteen years since Sister Belle died. Lord love her soul. Beautiful bright day. Sally went with Cordy to see Belle Huey. Joe hauled hemlock lumber from Mr. Jonas Clore's ft. lumber for roof and fencing lumber. Cut some hay—timothy and clover mixed next pike.

## July

- 1 Sunday. Sally and I went to church. Ernest and Dr. Bennett came—also Lucy Rice went with Hilda to see Mr. B. F. Garnett.
- 2 Dick was cutting wheat. Joe West I believe sowed and harrowed millet till the hay was dry then he and John B. hauled hay. Jim M. helped after dinner ½ day and they hauled all the clover that was cut and one load of the timothy mixed. I got letter from Patty and the 3 copies I had ordered of Mr. Morrison's History of Windham.
- 3 Joe sowed and harrowed in millet in the morning. Jim M. worked ½ day after dinner helping get in the rest of the timothy mixed. After that they went and Jim M. and John harrowed in millet while Joe sowed. I went to see Mr. Green about coming to put up hay shed. Yesterday and to-day were very hot. The country looked as beautiful to-day as I ever saw it.
- 4 Joe and blk. Henry worked. Joe sowed millet seed where Henry harrowed. In the first place they fixed the fence next Mr. Garnett's and turned the cattle back in. After dinner Henry broke up ground for millet till it rained about 5. Joe hunted and cut locust poles for shed. Sent Posey to Mr. Clore's. Got letter from Mrs. Selmes. Dick was ploughing and hoeing tobacco. Bill the same.
- 5 Joe and blk. Henry worked—hauled locust poles and finished the land for millet and began another—and ploughed in garden and hoed, and Joe put up ashes for Aunt Nancy. I made raspberry jelly. I sent letters to 3 banks at Washington—to Molly Deshler, to Dr. Raymond and to Patty. Ernest and Hal Bennett came.

- 6 I went to Rising Sun—got the check Dr. Raymond sent me for 20. cashed (see June 29<sup>th</sup>). Went to the Ex. Office—paid for Lucy Humphrey's box and sent it back to her to Lex. Only Joe worked for me. He cut grass I believe and took bark off poles. Joe cut grass on cherry hill.
- 7 Joe worked ½ day—cut timothy on cherry hill. I sent letter to Sarah by blk. Henry's boy. It rained.
- 8 Sunday. Rained again—Ernest and Hal Bennett came. Turned cool.
- 9 Joe worked—cut oats beyond the garden. I set out some tobacco. I mowed in Dick's barn lot. Went to Bellevue in the evening. Paid my bill at Mr. Kite's, 14.19. Spalding came. So cool Sally had a chip fire.
- 10 Joe cut hay this morning. Jim Moreland and Mr. Fred worked ½ day and they all put up a stack of timothy on cherry hill. Sally got a note from Fanny. I sent Fanny's letters to her. Went to see Mr. Griffith's about putting up shed. Lily, Cordy and Mabel Bennett came over.
- 11 Mr. Fred came and worked a little while. John Lacy came by and they began to cut oats but it rained and they had to quit. Joe then got out some posts for his fence. Sally and Bally went to Dr. Grant's. Sally got letter from Patty. I got letters from the 3 banks in Washington with checks for 68.
- 12 Sally went to Cin. with Hilda and Mr. Brady. Joe worked—Fred and John Lacy too. Jim M. half a day—they cut some oats and bound and hauled some and put up a little stack of hay on cherry hill. There was a shower to-day. I weaned Snowdrop's calf—turned it in big pasture. Fred and John dined at Joe's.
- 13 Went to Rising Sun to get bolt. Got drafts cashed from the 3 banks in Washington and Georgetown amounting to \$68. Got note from Amy and postal for Patty from Burkhardt. Aunt Eliza said she was going to see Mandy and I let her have 5.00 to go on. Fanny Gibbon came back and Lou Pearce and Bess McIntosh came with her. Joe cut timothy till he broke bolt then cut oats. John Lacy worked—he cut oats—he ate dinner here. The men came at noon to put up the hay shed. Henry Griffith, his step-son and Charlie Burns. Joe and John Lacy helped them and Jim Moreland ½ day. Ernest and Hal Bennett came. Rained and blew hard.
- 14 Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns worked and John Pressor ½ day on the shed. Joe, John Lacy, and Jim M. worked helping. They raised the frame of the shed. Ernest and Hal B. came. Rained and wind at night.
- 15 Sunday. Very warm. Ernest came down.
- 16 Mr. Griffith, John Pressor, Charlie Burns—worked putting up the shed—John Lacy and Joe helped. They finished the hay shed and Mr. Griffith put up the pulleys and hay fork. I paid him off in full—9.50. After dark it rained hard. Got 2 letters from Patty and one from Julia. Mr. Fred worked.
- 17 John Lacy worked and I got Bill to board him for the present. He fixed the floor in the hay shed and helped Joe cut oats after dinner. Joe worked on his fence before that. I got postal for Patty from Van-Loo.
- 18 Joe, Jim M., John L. and Dump Rains worked. Dump got his dinner at Joe's. They cut oats till noon. Then hauled the hay that was down and then Joe cut hay and the rest shocked cut and bound oats. Amy Campbell came.
- 19 Mrs. Fred came and I pd. her for 1 ¾ days last week and 1 day this of Fred's work at 1.25 a day—pd. her 3.45. Let Joe have a side 24 lbs. at .12. Joe, Jim, John Lacy and Dump Rains worked cutting oats till noon then hauled hay. Sally and Spalding went to the wedding of Bob Huey and Louly Carver in Bellevue Church. Mr. Salmon P. Buell came.

- 20 Joe, Jim, John L. and Dump worked cutting oats beyond the creek. Mr. Buell went away and Spalding went to Rising Sun.
- 21 Fanny Gibbon went to Cin. and Amy with her. Joe worked in the garden and then drove the wagon. Joe only worked ½ day—no one else worked for me. Hilda and I went to see Mrs. Longmore.
- 22 Sunday. The hottest day this year I believe. Ernest came.
- 23 Spalding went away on the early boat. Joe took him to the river – then he and Jim worked in oats till noon—after that they hauled wheat for Dick Loudon. I went to see the threshing machine man. Got letter from Patty Amy
- 24 John Lacy came back—he and Jim and Joe finished hauling wheat about 8.15 and then they went to work in oats. The threshing machine came the steam machine and threshed the wheat in 2 ½ hours—they made it 126 bus. and I let Dick have the money 6.30 to pay him. Joe and John and Jim helped. I got note and book from Spalding.
- 25 Bessie and Lou went home. Sally went with Bess. Joe took them over to the omnibus—then he ground blade and cut grass—cut that timothy over by Mr. Arnold’s—then cut some oats. John Lacy cut and bound oats. I made cordial.
- 26 Didn’t write in this till the 30<sup>th</sup>, so may make mistakes. I took John and went to Petersburg to see Frank Grant about selling him my wheat, did n’t see him. Went to Aurora. Joe and John worked in oats in the morning and hauled hay after dinner. Joe told me that Dick and Dub helped ½ day hauling hay.
- 27 Joe and John worked in oats—they got Dub to help ½ day hauling.
- 28 Joe, John L. and Henry worked getting in oats. The roof of Bill Lacy’s house caught fire but was luckily put out. After dinner Joe helped Bill nail clapboards on and then helped haul oats again. I got letter from Mrs. Brown. Judy went home on the morning boat. I went down for Fanny but she did n’t come. Alice Moreland came.
- 29 Sunday. Found a young ewe dead in the big pasture. Went to see Amanda Smith.
- 30 Went to Bellevue and got by little Queen postal and sacks from Frank Grant—he pays .98 cents for the wheat. I got letter from Patty with draft for \$156. to return the check for \$140. see June 11<sup>th</sup> and the 16. I pd. for her bill at Corbin’s. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown. Hilda left on L.2 for Lawrenceburgh to go to Chicago and Jacksonville. Joe drove the wagon down after me, got sacks from J. Frank Grant by boat. Went to see Mrs. Dicken and Ben Corbin—both sick. Weather cool and very dry—water gone in pasture on mill road. Turned out all the cattle—put 13 head in the big pasture and the milk cows in pear orchard. Joe, John L., and blk. Henry worked—they finished hauling the oats—then turned out cattle went and got cradles. Kate Corbin told me my mocking bird Ben that I gave her died last night. They say Jim Moreland turned in a cow he bought to-day.
- 31 Joe worked and Jim M. worked ½ day—Joe cut hay across the creek and after dinner he and Jim helped Dick and Dub sack wheat and then they fixed the hay shed and rope &c. I turned Amy and her two calves into the big pasture and that with Snowdrop’s calf and the 13 head turned in yesterday makes 17 head in there. John cleaned out spring and put rocks around it. Mr. House and his daughter Ella came and dined. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Fanny G. Angeline’s John got into a fuss with Dick’s children and I told him to leave to-morrow. Judy came back. John Beatty went to R. Sun on L.2. Joe and blk. Henry hauled wheat to ship on L.2. and Dick and Dub hauled a load. Joe hauled 2. There were 48 sacks with wheat in them and 2 sacks in the sack that was not full. The weights Mr. Corbin gave me were:

2095 lbs.  
 1715  
2810  
 6620 lbs.  
 - 50 for the sacks.  
6570  
 109 bus.

I sent the weights and a postal to I. Frank Grant—and a card with all about the sacks to E.D. W\_\_\_\_ & Co., Lawrenceburgh, with the wheat. After they finished hauling they got in some hay and after dinner Dick, Dub, Jim M. and John Lacy helped and got all that piece beyond the creek in.

### August

- 1 Settled up with John Lacy. He said he had worked 6 days at 1.25 = 7.50 and ½ day at .50 makes 8.00 which I paid him—forgot to take out .30 he owed me on our last settlement. Blk. Henry had worked 2 days at 1.25 = 2.60 and 1 ½ day at 1.00 = 1.50 total 4.00. He had already gotten .65 so I am now owing him 3.35. It sprinkled and rained a little.
- 2 A blessed rain last night. Dick got a side 26 lbs. at 12 cts. I went to Bellevue and to see George Allen about selling Allen. Only Joe worked for me—he cut a little of the hay that had bumble bees in it, and then worked by his fence.
- 3 Got up early and went down to take the L. 2 but she had gone by. In the evening went down to the boat and Sally came. Went to see Mrs. Dicken. Got book from C\_\_\_\_. Only Joe worked for me—he went to mill and nailed down boards on shed roof and worked on his fence.
- 4 Louly; Let Dick Loudon have an order on Cy Kelly for ten dollars. Joe worked part of the day—till noon—he went to mill—fixed ground and sowed some turnips. After dinner Joe, Dick, Jim and Bill all helped get in a load of timothy—it was 3:15 when they got done.
- 5 Sunday—cool day
- 6 Sally and I went up on the early boat and on to Cin. Came home on the packet. Joe took us to the river. Mr. Foster got my check for \$156. cashed—see July 30—and came for us at night but did n't work because it was election day. We found Mrs. Brown here—waiting for us. Mr. Bob Brady took Allen to try to sell him.
- 7 Mrs. Brown stayed till night and went home on the packet. Joe took the wagon—he also worked cutting second crop of clover in sand field. Bob Brady brought Allen home.
- 8 Sally and I went to Bellevue and Lily A. came after noon and helped us sew. I went to Bellevue again. Joe got in the clover hay. Dick, Dub and Bill helped ¾ day, Jim M. helped ½ day. There was shower at night.
- 9 Joe hauled manure out of stalls and cleaned out the kitchen cellar. It rained a little off and on. Lily came again to-day to sew. Fanny Gibbon came home. Got check from J. Frank Grant for 108.30 for wheat.
- 10 My beloved sister Belle's wedding day. Lord love her soul. Dick came in this morning and said he wants to rent for next year and I rented to him. He is to have enough wheat ground to sow 20 bus.—is to get half the wheat and in other respects about cutting threshing &c. is to do as he agreed in our contract of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1881. He is to have 4 acres of tobacco ground and the corn ground in the bottom nearest his house on this side of Middle Creek. Is to have the house he lives in, and other things as usual for the year beginning next March. Dick told me that when I got the check for the wheat money cashed as his share would be 54.15 for me to pay Cy Kelly 20.00 and have it credited on his note to keep 25. myself and to

let him have the 9.15 which I did—paid it to him see a/c book—but as it is Dick's money on second thought I must only set it down here. It rained this morning and when it quit Joe got up the sheep. He sorted out 48 ewe lambs and put them in the pasture on mill road—there was another ewe lamb—a late one—that I left with its mother. He sorted out 5 buck lambs and turned them into the little back pasture. I found 1 buck lamb dead in the pasture. I counted 101 ewes including Sarah. Turned the 3 Southdown bucks in with the ewes. Dub helped with sheep and Dick long enough after dinner to make ½ day. Lily was here. Joe fixed the fence around the pasture where he put the lambs—chopped wood &c.

- 11 Sally and I went to Cincinnati via Aurora. In Aurora at the bank I got Mr. Davis to cash the note of J. Frank Grant for 108.30. Joe drove the wagon to take us to the omnibus. We came down at night on mail boat. Joe brought the wagon down for us. I got letter from Hilda. Joe did n't work after dinner.
- 12 Sunday. Ernest dined here. My heifer, Pink's calf, had a calf to-day. It is Katy Gibbon and she won't be 2 years old till Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Joe milked to-day.
- 13 Went to Mr. Cy Kelly's and paid him for Dick Loudon out of the wheat money \$20. which he credited on Dick's note. I also paid him 5.40 for a barrel of flour Dick got March 14<sup>th</sup> the night he drove the wagon down. Lily was here. Joe got up Katie and began to break her to milk. Then he put in turnip seed in the garden and sprouted stumps in the oat field on pike. Dick broke up wheat ground.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love and make good and happy. I sent her a letter. Ernest came down in the evening. Lily was here to-day. Joe worked—he cut wood and took Allen and Ben down to have them shod &c. Lee Ann worked here too. Dick and his hand were ploughing wheat ground.
- 15 Took Fanny Gibbon out to Erlanger and put her on the train for Lexington to go to visit Lucy H. Joe drove the wagon. I stopped at Mrs. Buckner's to see Anna Grant who is sick. Joe worked in garden after dinner, put in the last turnip seed. Dr. Grant came down to ask about Anna. Lily was here to-day and Cordy and Flora came over. I got telegram from buddy telling us to wait for passes. Angeline wanted to have a settlement—our last was Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1882. By that she was owing me 6.58—since then she had drawn money amounting to 5.07 = 11.65. She worked in Nov. 1 week and in Jan. 2 weeks at 2.00 = 6.00. From Jan 7 to March 14<sup>th</sup> she worked 9 ½ weeks at 1.25 which comes to 11.87. From March 14<sup>th</sup> to May 23 she worked 10 weeks at 2.00 which comes to 20. The total of her work is 37.87 which—11.65 leaves me owing her 26.22. She has not done any work since May 23. Paid Angeline 10. for Dr. Furnish.
- 16 Joe worked—fixed shelf in cellar, made steps, cut weeds &c. I went to Bellevue twice. Got letter from buddy with passes from Chicago for Sally and myself. Went to see Mr. Jonas Clore and got Mr. Kite to calculate the amount due for the lumber I bought of Mr. Clore. With Mr. Kite as witness, I paid Mr. Clore in full \$43.40. Lily was here ½ day. I paid her 3.00 in full. Sudy and Katy called to say good bye. Went to see Cap. Bradley—paid him for Fanny's ex. .55. Lee Ann worked here. Sent letter to Sue—and a letter to Fanny that came for her. Got letter from Hilda. Mr. Kite said the lumber came to 3346 ft. Paid up what little I owed grange store.
- 17 Twenty four years since my dear mother died. May they have been like an eternity of bliss to her. Lord love her soul. Sally and I tried to get packed, went to the L.2 to see Cap. Bradley but our dresses did n't come. Got a postal from Fanny from Lex. Joe worked—cutting bushes and weeds in and around graveyard. Sold some calves to Mr. Conner at 4 cents—1.00 a head. Went to see him about them in the evening having been mistaken about the ages of most—saw Mr. Walton instead.

- 18 Got up early and started with the 8 head of calves to Mr. Wm. Walton's to weigh them. Joe and Dick went, we got back before night. The calves were Ellen's Judy, Lucy's Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1882, Clara's May 4<sup>th</sup>, Ellen's June 9<sup>th</sup>, Louly's June 18<sup>th</sup> and Snowdrop's Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1882 and the 2 I bought of Dick part Alderney born May and June. They weighed 5600 lbs which at 4 cents came to \$224. - 8. = \$216. I went to Mr. Corbin's and got the check and Mike cashed it for me. Our dresses came on L.2 and I got Joe to take 3 trunks to the river—gave Cap. B. 2.75 to get straps for them and have them taken to the depot. Dick said he could get along without Dub—so I gave Dick 6.10 and he paid Dub off. I also paid him 2.38 for 2 ½ days he worked for me, am to settle with Dick for the board. Sally went to the picnic a little while with Bob Carver.
- 19 Sunday. Went to Mrs. Berkshire's funeral at church and in Bellevue graveyard. Hot and dusty. Went to tell Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Dicken goodbye. Gave Jim Moreland an order for fifteen dollars in money and goods on Mr. Corbin during my absence. Had a settlement with Joe West. His work since he set in together with extra time I allowed for being out at night driving &c. came to 116 days which at .75 a day comes to 87.00. The cash he got came to 35.55 and some other things—meat, butter, vinegar to 4.98 = 40.53 which taken from 87.00 leaves 46.47 due him. I paid him \$20.47 and gave him a memorandum of the 26. I still owe him. Gave James Moreland order on Corbin for \$15.00. Dick got a side weighed 24 ½ lbs. Joe got a side weighed 27 lbs. I gave Dick an order on Kelly for 5.00. Gave Bill an order on Corbin for 10. money. Bill said he wanted to rent another year—to have his present piece of tobacco ground below graveyard and enough to make 3 acres and the bottom ground beyond the creek next Dick's corn ground, and enough potato ground for his own use. Ernest and Ben Grant and Lily came by to say goodbye. Returned to Angeline with Sally as witness her note for \$105. from Miller & Son which she gave me to keep—see Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> '82. Ernest Grant took for me to Mr. Arnold's my \_\_\_ bonnet trunk with my tin box of valuable papers in it—day and account books, jewelry, silver &c. Lily said she would take care of it for me. Joe says he found my heifer Fanny Gibbon with a heifer calf. I had promised it to Sally if it was a heifer and she named it Alice Bigelow. Joe says it looks as if it had been born last evening. Sent by her to Aunt Sally 1.75 by Lewis 5.00. Did not write in this for two weeks—will try to put down some things.
- 20 Paid Sudy 8.25. Got up early and Sally and I went to Lawrenceburgh to take the cars for the junction and from there to St. Paul. Joe drove the wagon. I put in P.O. letter and box for Hilda and in the Ex. Patty's box of glass Mrs. Brown brought and Sally's saddle. Man in L. talked to Joe and me about buying Allen. I referred him to Mr. Bob Brady. We started for St. Paul.
- 21 We arrived in St. Paul. John Riddle met us at the station and took us to buddy's. Buddy was up at Patty's. This evening there was an appearance of a storm but the clouds passed around and there was a terrible cyclone at Rochester, Minn.
- 22 Went shopping with Sally and I think out to headquarters to see Cousin Louly Rucker.
- 23 Still at brother Charlie's.
- 24 Cousin Rebecca had a reception for Miss Shaler of Cambridge. Saw Cousin Willie, Loulie and Frank Rucker.
- 25 Went down with Cousin R. to see Mrs. McKnight's picture.
- 26 Sunday. John, Sally and I went out to headquarters and dined with Cousin Loulie R.
- 27 John Riddle, Sally and I started for Patty's.
- 28 We got to Mandan. Mr. Watson Buford came for us and brought us out to Chanta Wakpa, Mr. Selmes's ranch. We found brother Charlie, little Charlie, Mr. Vinton and Mr. Jack Hager

and his wife here. Patty shot a duck in Heart River and we went bathing in it. Found letter from Sue with picture of Jamie.

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30 We rode down to the farm to see sheep divided.

31 Very hot day.

## SEPTEMBER

1 Patty says this is the wedding day of Miss Lily Selmes and Mr. D. Claiborne. I went to Sweet Brier with Mr. Buford. It turned quite cold—and there was very little sunshine. I got a letter from Hilda saying Mr. Bob Brady had sold Allen for 115. Have gotten letter from Julia since I came up.

2 Sunday—

3 Buddy and Mr. Selmes went to Mandan en route to St. Paul.

4 Had my spell of Heart River.

5 Prairie on fire, wind blowing. Got all mixed up and lost all track of time, have not written in this till now, 26<sup>th</sup>, in St. Paul—will try and write up something.

15 Beautiful northern lights at night.

16 Sunday. Sally and I went on the buckboard with Mr. Buford, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Van Vleck down below the hunters to try to see some deer. Patty and Mr. Selmes rode. The gentleman killed a big rattlesnake.

17 Started at night from Sweet Brier and went to Belfield. Did n't write any more in this till late at night Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at home—everything will be wrong. Went to Belfield—stayed all night at Mr. Le Moyne's and left.

18 Rode on an Indian pony from Belfield by Sully Springs through the Bad Lands to the little Missouri. Our party comprised Mr. Selmes, Patty, Mr. Le Moyne and Sally and Mr. Hay and myself. We crossed the little Missouri and stayed at the hotel of Mr. Frank Moore formerly the Cantonement and took our meals at Mr. Moore's Pyramid Park Hotel. During my ride through the Bad Lands saw the only wild deer and Jack rabbit that I saw in Dakota. Went to the house of Marquis de More's.

19 We went through the Bad Lands on the other side of the Little Missouri—saw Cedar Canyon, the burning coal mine to Mr. Eaton's Ranche through the Marquis's house ranche &c.

20 The longest day of my trip West. The train being behind time had to wait at the Cantonement. Went into a coal mine. Got off at night for Heart River, reached Sweet Brier at 2:30 in the morning and after a drive in a cold wind got back to Patty's.

21 Rested and got ready to leave. Don't remember much about the day.

22 Packed up and left Heart River and my darling big baby's new home. She and Mr. Selmes took us to Mandan. Train a day behind of course. Stayed all night at Inter Ocean in M.

23 Sunday. Started about 8 o'clock a.m. for St. Paul.

24 Got to St. Paul. Went with Cousin R., John R. and Sally to Headquarters to see Cousin Louly Rucker. She took us to see the target shooting of the Dept. team.

25

26 Nothing particular

27 Went with buddy and Sally to Minneapolis. He took us all around to see the sights and then to see Mrs. Atwater. It turned quite cold towards night.

28 Snowing at 8 a.m. but melted as it fell and then rained.

29 Cousin Willie & Cousin Louly came to tell us good bye. Went to see Mrs. Hall.

30 Sunday. About 8 p.m. we started from St. Paul. Sally and Cousin Rebecca on their way to Farmington, Miss. Gabrielle Shaler for Boston and myself. The men say that while I was gone

one of my Alexander bucks was killed fighting. Also that Roan, the heifer calf of Snowdrop had a heifer calf.

## October

- 1 Got to Chicago and left on the evening train for Cin. Sally and Cousin R. started before me.
- 2 Got up early—got off the train at Lawrenceburgh Junction and came home via L. and Aurora. Got home about 11.30 a.m. It rained hard all night and part of the day. Got letter from Cousin William. Aunt Nancy says Mr. Gordon came Sunday—stayed all night and Joe took him to the omnibus Monday morning. I sent Joe up to Ernest Grant's with a note.
- 3 Got into bad habits while away and did n't write in this till Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> so there will be plenty of mistakes. Went to Bellevue and sent a note to Mr. Gordon and a postal to Fanny. Went to Mr. Arnold's. Mr. Bob Brady came and brought me the money for Allen, the sorrel buggy horse I bought of Ernest Grant \$115. the same I paid for him and it was no trouble he said. I went to Mr. Corbin's and paid my bill \$46.07, which included the order for \$15. Jim Moreland and the order for \$10. Bill Lacy got Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 4 Was working on fence—it rained and we had to quit. Ernest Grant came on his way to Burlington. Aunt Nancy got a letter from Fanny Gibbon.
- 5 Dr. Grant came a few moments on his way home. I got letter from J. C. Plant—Pres. 1<sup>st</sup>. Nat'l Bk. Macon Ga. asking about willow bug.
- 6 This is Saturday and Joe only worked ½ day on fence. Bill Lacy says he worked 1 ½ days on fence this week. Bill wanted me to advance him \$50.00 on his tobacco, which I did with Dick Loudon as witness and Bill pd. Dick 20. of the money for some shoats he bought. Blk. Henry said he had worked 1 ½ days on grubbing and fence and I pd. him 1.13. Blk. Ed. said he had worked 1 day and I paid him .75. This week I have paid since I got home for honey, 1.00, baking powder .50 total 3.75. Joe Birkle blacksmith bill 5.00. Dick Loudon got side of meat 19 lbs. at 9 cts. Went to Mr. Arnold's and got my little bonnet trunk of valuables I left there. Sent letters to Patty and Sally and postal to Fanny. Got letters from Patty and Fanny G.
- 7 Sunday. Did n't rain to-day and the sun was out a little. Stayed home all day. Susy Arnold and Mr. Layton stopped by—did n't get out of the buggy.
- 8 Cherry has lost her prospects Aunt Nancy says. Lovely bright warm morning—went to Bellevue. Took notes to Buddy and Fanny G. In presence of John Loudon, paid Dick Loudon 70. which he had borrowed of John and now paid back to him. He borrowed it on the tobacco and if I approved of it had sold John the tobacco but I did n't approve. Let Jim Moreland's wife have a side of meat, 25lbs. at 9 cts. Let Joe's wife have a side, 24 lbs. Joe worked fixing fence. Henry, Ed and blk. Joe worked the latter ½ day grubbing. I went to Dr. Grant's to see Anna. Ernest & Katy came home with me.
- 9 Lovely warm bright day—like summer. Joe and blk. Henry and Ed worked for me grubbing and fencing. Joe set gateposts. I went to Bellevue—got little notes from Julia and Cousin R. telling me of Sally's safe arrival at Farmington. Jim M. got 1 gal. vinegar.
- 10 Lovely bright warm day. Joe West and blk. Henry, Joe and Ed worked grubbing and fixing fence on pike. Joe hung a gate. I went to Bellevue late, got letter from Sally.
- 11 Very warm day. Joe West and blk. Joe and Ned worked—finished cleaning on the thicket by the pike bridge. After dinner I set Joe to hauling rails at the end of the fence next Mr. A's and the black boys to cleaning fence row back of house. Went to Betty's and to Mrs. Dicken's. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Wade Ryle. (Mary Lizzie Ryle). Mr. Dicken preached. She was buried in Bellevue Cem. It rained at night. Hilda and Mr. Brady came on the boat, got home after I had gone to sleep.

- 12 Only Joe and blk. Ned worked for me. Joe cut wood and helped unload the potatoes Jim M. hauled me for my share of his about 30 bus. he said—then helped blk. Ned grub and clean fence row behind house. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Fanny G. Borrowed 10. of Mr. Corbin. Warm day after the rain.
- 13 Joe West came in and we settled about the fruit money. He made \$26. he says by the fruit while I was gone—of that he paid 1.00 for sugar for Angeline so I paid him the 1.00 and he gave me back the memorandum of the 26. I gave him see Aug. 19. Blk Henry came and I pd. him 2.25 in full for his work to date. Ed came and I pd. him 2.24 in full for his work to date. I pd. Ned 1.50 in full for his work to date. No one worked for me, Joe went to Rising Sun. Angeline went to R. Sun. I borrowed 5.00 of Mr. Corbin to pay her. Hot day.
- 14 Sunday—went to church—Ernest dined here. It was cloudy and turned cooler.
- 15 Much cooler. Hilda & Mr. B. went to B. and back. Joe cut wood &c. took Ben to shop to have his front shoes put on—and hauled some wood—also helped Dick h\_\_ the two steer calves. Jim Moreland began to break up tobacco land. I let him have order on Corbin for 1.75. Blk. Joe and Anderson worked grubbing back of the house. Ned and Henry worked ½ day grubbing. Dick and Jim agreed to exchange houses—simple creatures. I borrowed of Mr. S. P. Brady \$200. of the Scott estate money for six months at the rate of six percent per annum and gave him my note. Hilda witnessed the transaction. I gave blk. Ed an order on Kelly for blk. Henry for 1.00.
- 16 Cold morning but no frost. Went to Erlanger for Fanny who did n't come. Stopped at Mr. Brady's house in Burlington to see it. Joe drove. When he got home he fixed fence and cut wood. Blk. Henry, Joe, Ned, Anderson & Ed worked grubbing back of house.
- 17 Turned Linny and Hilda Lucy's and Ellen's calves in the outer pasture to wean. Joe broke up millet ground. Bill Lacy worked—burning stumps and grubbing. Blk. Henry, Joe, Anderson and Ned grubbed back of house. A lovely warm day. Mr. B. and Hilda went to Burlington. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Fanny and BBG and postal from Lucy H. and book from Sue.
- 18 Mary Fred came and I pd. her 4.00 on Mr. Fred's work. I went to a dinner given at Mr. Brady's old house—with Mr. B. and Hilda. It rained about noon. Aunt Eliza came from R.S. with Mr. B. Joe dug potatoes in garden till the rain. Dick hauled potatoes from his own patch to the winehouse. I set Bill to burning stumps he worked. Blk. Henry, Joe, Ned, Anderson and Ed worked ½ day grubbing and cleaning up fence row.
- 19 Rained most of the day. Joe worked ½ day cutting wood, sorting onions &c. No one else worked for me. Dick stripped some of his tobacco. Got letter from Sally.
- 20 Ned came and I pd. him for his 3 days work in full 2.25. Ed came and I pd. him for his day & ½ 1.13 and advanced him 2.00. Blk. Joe came and I pd. him for all his work of last week & this 7 days in full 5.25. Anderson came and I pd. him for his work 3 ½ days 2.63 in full. Went to Bellevue—took letters to Sue, Mary C., BBG and postals to Patty, Sally & Lucy H. Dick Loudon got 1.50. Willis Delph was buried to-day and no one worked for me. It turned cooler. Joe West has gotten 3 ½ lbs. butter.
- 21 Sunday. Cloudy damp and not pleasant. Ernest came and dined.
- 22 Went to Burlington to help Hilda with her carpets—went to Bellevue after I got home—got letter for Fanny, one from Patty. Blk. Henry said he, Joe, Anderson, Ned and Ed worked grubbing the old fence row and sprouting in orchard grass—and that he worked part of a day Saturday. Joe West dug potatoes in garden.
- 23 Went to see a coon caught that Charlie's dog treed—let them cut tree. Let Jim Moreland per Nancy have 4.00. Got letter from Julia. Joe West ploughed in millet. Blk. Henry, Joe,

Anderson, Ned and Ed worked grubbing and sprouting. At noon Joe and Anderson began to grub over back of where Charlie's old house is for tobacco ground.

- 24 Let blk. Henry's boy have .80. Henry and Ed worked sprouting and grubbing in orchard grass and Henry helped Joe put garden potatoes in the wine cellar. Blk. Joe and Anderson grubbed over by Mr. Rogers's place where they worked yesterday. Joe West hauled in potatoes and ploughed under millet. I went to Bellevue. I paid to Mr. Corbin the 125. I borrowed see 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 25 Went to Rising Sun—for gates—bought 3 from Whitlock for 8.50. It rained hard last night and some this morning. I pd. Cy Kelly the two orders I gave Dick Loudon on him for 15. see Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, also the order of blk. Henry for 1.00 see 15<sup>th</sup> and for sundries I got amounting in all to 17.40 and got his receipt. Hilda and Mr. Brady left for his country house en route for Cin. I gave Hilda Patty's sealskin to Ex. told her to value it at 150. and to get receipt. Got letters from Sally for Fanny. Anderson says he worked ½ day, blk. Joe ¾ day grubbing.
- 26 Still cloudy and dark—no sun these days. Mrs. Longmore and Miss Lou came and dined. Katy A. came. Joe went to Bellevue for a bit—took letter to Patty and letter to P.M. of St. Paul for Fanny's paper. He tinkered around and hung the gates at kitchen and barn lots. Blk. Joe and Anderson grubbed. Blk. Joe said he had grubbed 4 ¾ days and I pd. him in full 3.57. Anderson said he had grubbed 3 ½ days and wanted me to advance him a little so I pd. him 5.00 of which I owed him 3.38 the bal. 1.62 he now owes me. Ned came, said had worked 2 days and I pd. him in full 1.50. Ed Bell said he had worked 3 days which came to 2.25 and as I had advanced him 2.00, I paid him .25 in full. Henry sent word that he had worked 6 days and as I had advanced him or rather already pd. him 1.80(see 15<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>) I sent him 2.70. Jim M. was breaking up his clover ground for tobacco. Dick stripping his tobacco I believe. I went to Bellevue—heard that Cap. Bradley's new boat Mountain Boy made the first trip. Let Joe's wife have 1 lb. butter.
- 27 No one working for me. Jim Moreland came and got \$25.00. Dick Loudon got 20.00 advanced on their tobacco. Joe West came and I pd. him 10. Mr. Fred said he had worked at cutting and piling briers 11 ¾ days which came to 8.82. I had paid him 4.00 (see 18<sup>th</sup>) so I pd. him the .82 and gave him a cash order on Corbin for the other 4.00. I got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 28 Sunday. Poured down most of the day. Mr. Gordon came down on the boat and came out after dinner. Hilda and Mr. B. dined at the preacher's.
- 29 Rained very hard last night and most of the day. Joe worked chopping wood in the morning and after noon helped Dick strip tobacco he said day
- 30 Let Jim Moreland have a side of meat 14 ½ lbs. at cts. Joe worked for himself—except milking. Mr. George Terrill came and Dick Loudon, Jim Moreland, and I sold him Dick's and Jim's crops of tobacco for 12 all round.
- 31 Hilda and Mr. B. went to Burlington and stayed all night. I sent postal to Fanny. Mr. Gordon went away. Joe took him in the wagon. Joe went to Bellevue and got the horses shod before that—got barrel flour. I heard that Pink had a calf Monday—hunted her and found her down—apparently to die—she had a red b. calf that seemed well and lively. Joe and Bill and Dick went after dark and moved Pink.

## November

- 1 Went to see about Pink. Bill and Dick went twice with Joe and the rest to try to get her up. Joe spent most of the day working with her. Blk. Henry dosed her—worked ½ day—began to work over in the new ground. Anderson, Stant, Ned and Ed grubbed. I went to Bellevue—

bought axe and handle—pd. Mr. Corbin the 4.00 he let Mr. Fred have (see Oct. 27th). Let blk. Henry have 2.00 and pd. Anderson 1.00. Had a hard white frost last night and ice in bucket in cistern. Stopped at Betty Rice's and Mrs. Corbin's. Katy Arnold came. Got letter from Sally.

- 2 Hard white frost last night. Went up early to see about Pink. Bill and Jim helped. After noon Joe West, Jim M., Bill and the 5 negroes, Henry, Stant, Anderson, Ned and Ed all went up and they hauled her to the barn lot on a sled. The black men worked in the grubbing. Henry cut grubs into wood &c. Joe went for and took home Mr. Clore's slide. I got note from Angeline. Pd. Ed Bell 4.00—he says he worked four days this week so far.
- 3 Of the black men – Anderson, Ned and Stant worked and Ed Bell part of a day. Stant says he worked 4 days and I pd. him 3.00 in full. Ned says he worked 4 ½ days and I pd. him 3.38 in full. Anderson says he worked 5 days which came to 3.75 which—2.62 I had pd. him (see Oct. 26 & Nov. 1) leaves a balance of 1.13 which I pd. him in full. Joe West worked for himself except milking, hauled wood this morning for himself. I went to Bellevue. Sent by Mr. Brady to Burlington a note to Patty. Hard frost last night.
- 4 Sunday—beautiful bright warm day—stayed at home. Angeline came back and Aunt Eliza went to Rising Sun.
- 5 Another bright lovely warm day. Had poor old Pink shot to put her out of her misery and hauled off. Joe, Jim M., Dick and Bill worked hauling rails and fixing fences. In the new ground Anderson, Ned, Ed and Stant grubbed and Henry cut wood and grubs.
- 6 Rained last night. Had to have the milk cows turned into the other pasture. No one worked for me but Joe—he cut wood &c. Anderson came and got 1.00. I sent letters to Mr. Graham from St. Louis—and a postal to Mr. G. W. Terrill telling him that Bill Lacy and I would take 10 cts. all round for his tobacco and a letter to Cousin Wm. I got one from Sally, Julia and BBG. Dined at Bob Brady's—a family dinner to his father and Hilda. Got note from Squ. with letter for Fanny.
- 7 Got letters from Patty with one from Til to Mr. Bob Brady and from Julia and Fanny. Sent letter to Julia and postal to Fanny and Mr. Squire's letter to her. Joe, Jim M. worked hauling rails and pulling to pieces and putting up the fence Dick and Bill put up Monday. Blk. Henry worked—moving and setting gate &c. Anderson, Ned and Stant grubbed. Hilda and Mr. B. went to Cin.
- 8 Sent Fanny 12 letters & postal. Had a Brady family dinner for Mr. B. and Hilda. Lovely warm day—Joe worked about the house—went to Bellevue &c. Jim M. and blk. Henry worked at the fence and gate. Anderson said he and Stant grubbed. Ed says he did.
- 9 Warm as summer. Joe worked. He fixed coal house and hauled one load of coal from Mr. Corbin's of . After dinner blk. Henry came and worked helping shake and gather apples. Ed also grubbed ½ day. Anderson grubbed. Let Joe have 2 lbs. butter.
- 10 Blk. Henry came down and said he had worked 5 days (so he had) since our last settlement—which came to 3.75 and deducting the 2.00 of. Nov. 1 I pd. him 1.75 in full. Ned's wife Lou came and got 2.00 for Ned—said he would now owe me .50. Anderson came and said he had worked 4 days which came to 3.00 and deducting the 1.00 pd. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> I pd. him 2.00 in full. Let Bill Lacy have order on Kelly for 5.00. Let Joe West have an order on Kelly for 7.00. Ed. Bell came and says he worked 4 ½ days last week and 2 ½ day this = 7 days = 5.25. On this I had paid him 4.00 (see Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) so I paid him 1.25 in full. Joe only worked till noon—stripped tobacco for Dick except when milking, getting buggy &c.
- 11 Sunday. Went to church twice—it was like summer during the day but turned cold at night—had hard frost and ice.

- 12 Let Dick have 25 lbs. meat at . . . Let him have 1.00. Went to Rising Sun—got a check of Hilda's for 73. cashed at Bk. and she lent me 50. of it. Got letters from Mr. Squires and Julia & postal from Fanny. Joe and blk. Henry worked—gathered apples and hauled rails to fence row. The blk. boys said that Ed, Ned and Anderson grubbed.
- 13 Sent by Mr. Brady letter to Sally. The blk. boys said that Ed and Ned grubbed all day—Anderson ½ day. Sent Joe down to get hind shoes put on Ben—and to go for the buggy but he could n't cross the river. He went to mill—cleaned out crib, fixed gate latches &c. Dick began to gather corn out of the little bottom next Mr. Rice's. They put in my crib 4 loads—2 of the blue wagon and 2 of the other—and Bill took a load of the blue wagon, Dick of the other.
- 14 Cold last night and to-day—snowed a little this morning that melted as it fell—cleared off bright afterwards. None of the black men worked. Joe worked—he cut wood and went to Rising Sun and brought the buggy back. I got letters from Sally and Sue. Dick's hands broke my blue wagon tongue this morning. They put in the crib 4 loads of the red wagon, and Dick borrowed Mr. Rice's wagon. They gathered out of the little brickyard mostly to-day. Joe's wife got 1 lb. butter.
- 15 Went to Erlanger after Fanny who came from Lex. Hilda and Mr. B. went up too and came down on the boat. Joe took the wagon down for them at night. It was bitter cold—20° above 0 before sunrise. Joe covered potatoes with straw, cut wood, filled coal box &c. The men say there were 2 loads this morning that they gathered yesterday—they put one in my crib and Dick took the one in the red wagon bed—after that during the day—they say they gathered 6 loads and put 5 of them in my crib—Dick taking one in the red bed. Ned says he and Anderson worked ½ day.
- 16 Very cold—16° above 0 in the morning. Angeline poorly. Dr. Furnish came to see her. Joe worked—cut wood &c. and hewed gate posts. Dick says they hauled 7 loads of corn and he took 1 and Bill 1 and they put 5 in my crib for me.
- 17 Ned came and said he had worked 2 ½ days—which came to 1.88 he had gotten .50 advance so I pd. him 1.38 in full. Anderson came and said he had worked 2 ½ days so I pd. him 1.88 in full. Joe worked—took out hinge gate post near hedge on pike, put another one in and hung a red gate. I went to baptizing in Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. The men say they gathered 8 loads corn—they each kept 1 in their cribs—which accounts for 2—they put 4 loads in my crib and 2 loads were left in the wagons—they took them to be weighed. It was warmer to-day—20° above 0 at sunrise and moderated. I gave Jim Moreland and Dick Loudon orders on Kelly for barrels of flour.
- 18 Sunday—moderated—pleasant day. Hilda and Mr. B. went to his house. Ernest came this evening.
- 19 Dick says one of the 2 loads of corn left over was put in my crib and he took the other in the red wagon. Bill came and got 2.10 to pay Bud. I gave an order for Jim M. on Corbin for 1.00—also order on Kelly to Dick Loudon for 1.00. Henry's wife came and got .75 for his work last Monday. Sent by Eliza Moreland letter to Cousin Rebecca. Lovely bright day like spring. The men say they hauled 4 loads of corn they gathered to-day and put all in my crib. They took the wagons down and had them weighed—1 weighed net 1340 lbs, the other net 1200 lbs. Joe worked—set gate posts—chopped stove wood &c. Of the blk. men, Stant, Pete, Ned and Ed grubbed.
- 20 Mrs. West got 1 ½ lbs butter. Joe worked for Dick part of the day stripping tobacco. It rained this morning and sprinkled this evening. Warm as spring. I went to the new ground and no one was grubbing. Lily and Katy were there. Angeline's husband came.
- 21 Rained nearly all day and night. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco in the sheep shed.

- 22 Joe helped Dick strip tobacco. Rained nearly all day. I went to Bellevue. Katy came and went to Burlington with Hilda and Mr. B. I went to see Bob Brady—gave him the letter from Mr. Selmes—he said he would charge 35. for training Molly. I got letter from Patty. Ed Bell came and said he had to quit grubbing so I pd. him .38 in full.
- 23 Raining again. Joe cut some wood this morning for the kitchen and then helped Dick strip tobacco, and they hauled it out of the sheep cellar.
- 24 Misty but not raining. Went to Bellevue twice—got two letters from Sally. Joe did n't work for me. He hauled wood for himself &c. Let Bill have 5.00 and an order on Kelly for 5.00. Got flannel for Angeline. Let Dick have 3.00. Rained towards evening. Hilda and Mr. B. came home.
- 25 Sunday. Warm—rained a little during the day and very hard at night. Dr. Grant dined here.
- 26 Rained very hard this morning. Turned cooler and cleared off afterwards. Joe worked most of the day for Dick stripping tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. went to Burlington. We went to Bellevue.
- 27 Mr. Nolan came to set in to grub. Joe West worked—he cut wood and fixed up box and drove the spring wagon. I went to Aurora—sent Patty a bonnet with dresses by Ex. and Sally a box of eatables—got receipt. Stopped to see Mr. G. W. Terrill about Bill's tobacco. Clear, bright day and colder.
- 28 Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 2.00. Bright and colder—24° above at sunrise. Dr. Grant came down to tell me about servant. Went to Burlington with Fanny L. then to Dr. Grant's to see about the servant. Joe West worked—he hauled out manure from stalls and then hauled a load of coal from Corbin's. I got letter from Julia—and paper from Sue. Angeline's John came.
- 29 Thanksgiving. Pete came and got .75 due him for grubbing 1 day and the same for Stant. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. I went to Dr. Grant's again after woman but did n't get her. Joe worked—cut wood for house and kitchen and then hauled two loads of coal from Corbin's. I got letter from Sally. Joe got 1 lb. butter.
- 30 Joe hauled loads of coal, 289 bus. Mike sent word. I went to Mr. Jim Botts's and to see Jake Anderson—engaged him to work for me—he is to live in the home Jim Moreland lived in. I am to pay him .75 a day. Mike Nolan grubbed says he has grubbed 4 days. Sent note to Amy Campbell.

## December

- 1 Dick came and got 2.75 to pay Dump. I made Hilda's black cake. Joe West worked ½ day hauling wood. Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns came and put up tile joints on the flue he made last year—pd. him 1.50.
- 2 Sunday. Stayed home. Hilda and Mr. B. went back to B. I sent letter to Patty by them. Solon Rice came.
- 3 Joe's wife got 1 lb. butter. Joe worked cutting wood and fixing wine cellar door—and putting potatoes in the cellar. Warm and bright day.
- 4 My little darling's birthday. Lord love her—and keep her good and happy. Dogs got after the sheep and killed two. Went to Bellevue to the funeral of Mr. McMurray and to a Campbellite baptizing where Will Grant's boy was baptized. Got letters from Mary C. and Mr. Squires. Sprinkled and was colder and windy. Mr. Crisler came about turkeys.
- 5 Jim Moreland got order in Corbin's for 1.50. Dick took 1 wagon load of corn down to Bellevue and sold it—said it weighed 22 bus. 10 lbs. I found another sheep making two dead ones and another that had been bit. Joe and Jim worked—they hauled rails to the fence and

poles out of the grubbing and then hauled the dead sheep home. I got letters from Patty & Sally.

- 6 Day like spring. Jim and Joe hauled rocks to fence lines and then began to build fence next to gate on hill back of house. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Mary Coons washed .
- 7 Mr. Fred came down and I gave him an order on Corbin for 3.00 he said he had cut briers 4 days. Mary Coons came and ironed. It rained to-day and at night. Joe at 8 ½ a.m. began to work for Dick stripping tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. went to Burlington. Fanny got letter from Lucy H. saying her grandmother Mrs. Humphreys died at Waverly Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. A letter came for Patty from Cousin Frank Dinsmore.
- 8 Joe worked for Dick in tobacco. I made a fruit cake. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Sent by them letter to Mary Dey. Pretty bright day.
- 9 Sunday. Lovely bright day. Ernest came and dined. Hilda and Mr. B. went away. Angeline went away. Had a settlement with her. At my last settlement see Aug. 15 I was owing her 26.22. The next day (see 16<sup>th</sup>) I pd. her 10.00 and was then owing her 16.22. Her work since I came home at her own price came to 4.75 in all 20.97. She had got in money since my return 9.03—leaving a balanced due her of 11.94. I pd. her 2.00 and am to pay 10.00 to Dr. Furnish and get his receipt on her bill.
- 10 No one worked for me. The men killed hogs. Dick 6, Bill 4. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally.
- 11 Joe and Jim M. worked—they cut wood—and got up cattle—put Posey up to wean her colt—turned 12 head of cows and calves out of big pasture back of the house. Weaned Louly's calf and Amy's 2 calves. Joe and Jim afterwards hauled rails and worked on fence. I found Mike Nolan grubbing he said he had worked 9 days = 6.75.
- 12 Lovely bright day—like spring—Joe, Jim M. and Dick worked. Joe did his work around the house and helped Jim and Dick haul rails and make fence—they finished the string from the top of the hill to Mr. Arnold's fence by the spring and began the string from the graveyard.
- 13 Joe, Dick, Jim M. and Bill worked. Bill cut down some trees and grubbed back of the house, the rest worked on the fence from the graveyard to the gate and finished it. Fanny and I went to Bellevue. I got letters from Patty and Sally. We went to Burlington to Mr. Brady's and stayed all night. It rained towards evening.
- 14 Mr. Brady took Fanny to Erlanger to take the train for Cin. I stayed to dinner at Hilda's and came home. It turned cold and snowed hard at night. Joe helped Dick load his tobacco and worked for him till 3. Dick said he got one wagon loaded. I paid Jim for ¾ day on loading tobacco.
- 15 Mr. Fred came and said he was done cutting briers and had worked 4 ½ days before and about 1/3 to-day—it all came to 3.63 and I pd. him 1.00 on it. Ernest brought Fanny home. Hilda and Mr. B. came too. No one worked for me—Joe hauled wood.
- 16 Sunday. Snowing when I got up and snowed all day. Got the sheep up for the first time this winter. Ernest came this evening.
- 17 Joe, Dick and Jim M. worked. They fixed sheep cellar—turned some cattle and horses in stalk field—patched fence in lane—took rack to other pasture to feed lambs &c.—chopped some wood the first thing. I sent letters to my Sally and Julia R. (Foster). Got letter from Sally and postal for Patty. Hilda and Mr. B. left. I measured the snow—it was 5 inches on stile block. 15° above 0 this morning, rose to 28.
- 18 Mr. Conner came and got 16 turkeys for 11.00. No one but Joe worked and he went hunting part of the day. Fanny and I went to Bellevue. I got letter from Julia. Pd. Mr. Nolan 6.75.

- 19 Snowing hard this morning, 18° above 0 at sunrise. Joe worked—chopped wood, fed, went to Bellevue &c. I made and baked fruit cake. Mr. Fred came and I gave him an order on Corbin for 2.63 the balance I owed him (see 15<sup>th</sup>).
- 20 Did n't write in this till 24<sup>th</sup>. Got up early and went to Burlington and on to Cin. Joe drove the wagon as far as Florence—when he came home he went to Bellevue—fed &c. I went to Julia's. Sally came from school with Julia's children. We stayed all night at Julia's—it snowed again.
- 21 This day 11 years ago my beloved papa left me for a happier life I trust. Lord love his soul. Sally and I went to town with Julia—shopped and came down on the boat—which lay by near Bellevue on account of fog. Patty and Mr. Selmes with Dennis, Savannah and Julia got here. Joe fed, milked &c.—went hunting part of the day.  
Sally and I got off the boat at 5 a.m. I walked out and found my darling Patsy home. Mr. Selmes went after Sally. Joe worked—he went after trunks. Bill went with him and helped him. Let Dick have \$12. on Joe's account to pay for hog. Dick and Jim went to Rising Sun. I pd. Bill 3.00.
- 23 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. The snow was very deep. Joe, Dick and Bill all helped get up the ewe lambs and put them in the sheep cellar. They also took out the two bucks and put them in the back pasture. It began to rain and poured down. The creek was over the banks.
- 24 Christmas eve—the day papa was buried—snow on the ground as then. The rain ceased—tobacco was in case. Joe helped Dick and they borrowed Mr. Rice's wagon and loaded it—also bulked down some. Hilda and Mr. B. left. I sent Dennis to Bellevue with Posey and Polly and he got them shod before at Will Grant's. Jim helped ½ day. I am to pay.
- 25 Christmas. Joe milked and fed but did n't work besides. Did n't write in this till the 28<sup>th</sup> and may get everything wrong.
- 26 Dick, Jim, Bill and Joe all went to Mr. G. W. Terrill's with 2 loads of tobacco. They got there late and stayed all night. The two loads weighed 4700 lbs. net. Mr. Terrill sent me the figures. It rained before day but quit. Got box from BBG with some glass presents.
- 27 The men got home before noon. They loaded up two wagons with the rest of Dick's tobacco. Joe worked helping. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I pay Jim for ½ day loading.
- 28 Colder, only 14° above 0 at sunrise. The three men, Dick, Bill & Jim went to Mr. Terrill's with the other two wagon loads of tobacco. I went up with Mr. Selmes. The 2 loads weighed net

2352 lbs.  
4700 lbs. see 26<sup>th</sup> 2 loads  
 total 7052 lbs.  
12 c.  
 14104  
7.052  
 \$846.24

At Frank Grant's store in Petersburg Mr. G. W. Terrill gave me a check on a Lawrenceburgh Bank for \$841.75. The tobacco came to 846.24 but Dick Loudon had sent Mr. Terrill an order for 4.50 which he deducted from the amount—mean to charge Dick with it. I went out to the First Nat'l Bk. Aurora, Inc. and gave the check to Mr. Davis. He gave me the \$341.75, all he said he could spare, and a deposit ticket for the 500. Mr. Selmes was present and witnessed the arrangement. Pd. toll on wagons 1.96. Patty, Sally and Tilden started in the spring wagon for Erlanger to go to Cin. Settlement with R. Loudon;

Dick came in and we settled up to see how we stood. According to my book his cash account since our last came to 193.89—the orders (so far as I had them down, including Mr. Terrill's) to 31.50 and the meat he got to 9.78. He also owed me 20. from our last settlement (see Feb. 22) and 9.00 pasture for his cow this year.

193.89  
31.50  
9.78  
20.00  
9.00  
\$264.17

I was owing him for 31 days work having deducted Joe's days work for him \$23.25 for his wheat money (see Aug. 10,11) 25.00 for the calf I bought of him 6.00 and for helping with the young sheep .25.

Total  
23.25  
25.00  
6.00  
.25  
\$54.50

264.17  
54.50  
\$209.67

Tobacco money;  
Dick's half 846.24  
423.12  
209.67  
\$213.45 coming to Dick

Dick Loudon's settlement. He asked me to let the 20. on last settlement (see Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1883) and the 9. pasture for this year remain unpaid till he worked it out by day's work—and asked me to pay it to him in his share which will then be \$242.45 and I am silly enough to do it. In this account I forgot to include his share of the toll and also the vinegar he got last year and this was left out as Georgie had the memorandum of that.

Patty, Sally and Tilden came back on the boat at night. Joe went for them—he worked till noon he says then hauled wood for himself. I sent by Patty to Hilda, (Mrs. Brady) the \$50. I borrowed of her, see Nov. 12th.

- 30 Sunday. Rained, Hilda & Mr. Brady came down but went back again. I gave Mr. Brady \$65. with which to pay my taxes. Ernest dined here—a miserable, wet, misty day and I was poorly with a cold. Bill loaded his tobacco I heard. Jim M. worked ½ day.
- 31 Raining hard again. They say the snow has been 18 inches deep—some say 16 at any rate it is unusually deep and going off with a rain makes river and creeks high.