

1885

January

- 1 20° above 0 this morning and snowed a little while. Joe and Jake worked—moved racks in sheep cellar—cut stove wood sawed off cherry logs &c. Turned cattle back into big pasture.
- 2 Colder 6° above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked, they hauled the two cherry logs to the mill—fed &c. I got letter from Julia. Sent Aunt Sally by Lewis 1.00.
- 3 Rather milder—12° above 0 at sunrise. Joe and Jake worked ½ day—they fooled away part of it going after the log for sled but could n't haul it—then hauled fodder &c. Gave Jake order on Kite for 3.00.
- 4 Sunday. Milder still, 18° above 0 at sunrise. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined.
- 5 Went to see Ernest. It rained all day. Joe hauled corn from crib to barn. Jake did n't work. I got letter from Nat'l. Met. Bk. Washington with draft on N.Y. for 7.00. Sent letters to two Banks.
- 6 Sally and I went to Burlington to Mr. Brady's. It rained again to-day. Jake worked ½ day helping Joe haul fodder. Joe worked. I pd. Mr. Brady for Mr. Laxton 1.08.
- 7 Joe worked making fence round the hay shed &c. Jake did n't work.
- 8 Joe and Jake worked fixing fence round barn lot &c. A lovely spring like day. Gave Jim Moreland an order on Kite for 2.50 to be charged to Jake Anderson. Got letter from Insurance man, Atlanta, Ga. Patty went to see Ernest. Had cattle turned in back pasture.
- 9 Joe worked—he shingled the little house and cut some wood. Jake worked ½ day—chopped wood and ran cattle out of fodder. I went up to the sawmill to give directions about my logs. Afterwards I rode up to Mr. Walton's place to tell Doll about his cattle. Got letter from Bk. of Washington with check or rather draft on N. York for \$165.00. Also got letter from Til and from Miss Dow, Sally's teacher.
- 10 Gave Dick Loudon an order on Kite for a barrel of flour and gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour. Had the piano moved into the dining room. Joe and Jake worked ½ day cutting stove wood &c. Gave Joe an order on Corbin for 2.00. Got letter from Julia. Went to see Ernest.
- 11 Sunday. John and Alice Moreland came to see us. Angeline was sent for because John was sick and went to Rising Sun. It rained hard at night. Paid Angeline 10.00. It thundered hard at night.
- 12 Joe got 1 ½ bus. corn to go to mill. Joe and Jake worked after dinner hauling fodder. I got letter from Farmers' & Mechanic's Nat. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28.
- 13 Cold. I went to Rising Sun in skiff. Mr. Perkins at the Bank cashed my 3 drafts (see 5th, 9th, and 12th) amounting to 200. Paid Davis & Heyn what I owed them. Paid Corbin the cash order I gave Jake Anderson (see Dec. 24th) 5.00 and also paid my bill 62.36 which includes orders to hands. Also gave Mike for Mr. Joe Walton 17.50 which I owed him on my hogs (see Nov. 15th, 1884). Patty and Sally went to see Ernest. Mr. G. W. Terrill stopped here but it was too late to see the tobacco. Jake did n't work.
- 14 Got up early and took Patty and Sally down to cross the river with the mail carrier on their way to Cin. Sent registered letter to Continental Ins. Co. Atlanta, Ga. with 12.00 for Ins. money. Joe cut briers in pasture on mill road—went to ask about log wagon—cut stove wood &c. Jake cut briers ¾ day.
- 15 Rained all day and all night apparently. Joe went for adze and made buckeye trough. Jake said he was going to help Dick strip tobacco. Dick to return work.

21 Angeline came back. Did n't write in this until the 27th. Jake says he worked 2 ½ days last week, ½ of which was helping Dick. Joe says he worked 2 ½ days.

27 Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 3.00.

Did n't keep a diary while gone—set down a few things

Jan 27th Tuesday. Patty, Sally and I went South on the Cin. Southern. Sarah Humphreys got on at Lex. and went with us. We got to New Orleans Thursday 29th before noon. We stayed at Mad. Gordon's, corner Baronne and Terpsichore Streets. It rained Thursday night and Friday morning. Patty and Sarah went away Friday. Sat. Patty came back and we went to the Exposition.

February

1 Sunday. We all went to the Exposition to hear the Mexican Band—lovely day.

2 Another lovely day. We went to the Lake to West End.

3 Sarah and Lucy came and Mamie and all of us went to the Ex.—and saw Mrs. Minor and Miss Kate.

5 Sarah and I went to see Harriet and took lunch there. She stayed with us and we went to call on the Minor's.

6 We went to the matinee at the French Opera. Went to see Margaret's Monument.

7 I went to the Ex. This was the first crowd we saw there.

8 Sunday. Sally and I went to the Cathedral, Ignace &c. We went to Lucy Johnstone's and stayed about 4 days. Were there the 12th, Lucy's wedding day.

Did n't write in this till Sunday March 1st so expect there will be plenty of mistakes.

21 Got to Erlanger on the train and came home—got here before sundown, Patty, Sally and I. Bitter cold the coldest day of the winter. Mr. Arnold says it was 14° below 0 at his house at 6 a.m. We suffered with cold coming home. Snow on ground.

22 Sunday. 10° below 0 I think. We all stayed home except I went after my little trunk.

23 Mr. Jim Conner came and I sold him my white cow Snowdrop and my red heifer Linny Higs for 70. He gave me a check on Farmer's & Trader's Bk. Cov. Sent Joe to Burlington for our trunks.

26 Milder—milder melting. Ernest Grant came down and stayed all night. I believe Joe and Jake hauled fodder.

27 Patty went to Burlington on her way to Cin. and Columbus. Ellen had a calf—red with white spots. Ernest went home toward evening. Jake worked ½ day. Joe worked—he cut wood &c. after he got home. Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 5.00. Bright pleasant day.

28 Jake worked ½ day. Joe hauled wood for himself—but fed &c. Bright pleasant day— snow melting fast.

March

1 Sunday. Disagreeable day. Ever since I got home the sheep have been having lambs and plenty have died; also 2 ewes.

2 Mild day. Joe worked and Jake worked ½ day. Joe went to the mill—told me he got a turn of corn while I was gone. Turned on the rye 21 ewes and 22 lambs. They got some hickory wood to smoke meat. Sent Aunt Sally by Lewis 1.50. Sent her from New Orleans 2.00. Sent to Messrs. Wm. Resor & Co. a letter inclosing a draft for 14.70 they sent me as interest. They sent me another for 13.59 being balance due me on papa's old account—they found a mistake had been made in my settlement with them in 1873. They returned the draft for 14.70 saying it was all right for me to accept it.

- 4 Ernest Grant came and stayed all night.
- 5 Ernest went home. Mr. John W. Gaines killed Will Corbin in a shooting scrape.
- 6 My birthday. Jim Moreland went to Big Bone for me to get some water for Patty.
- 7 Patty and I went to Will Corbin's funeral—a dismal snowy day. Sent Aunt Sally by John B. 1.00. Jake Anderson brought an old cow which he turned on pasture.
- 8 Sunday
- 9 Joe worked ½ day. Mr. W. N. Armstrong of St. Paul came to go to St. Paul with Patty. She went to tell Ernest goodbye.
- 10 Sent Joe up to Erlanger with Patty's trunks. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash the draft from Wm Resor & Co. for 13.59.
- 11 Patty and Mr. Armstrong went to Burlington on their way to Cin. and Patty is going with him to St. Paul and then on to Dakota. Joe drove—then cut wood, hauled fodder &c. Jake helped haul and grubbed. Gave Jim Moreland order on grange store for 5.00. Found ewe dead on rye—that makes 4 ewes have died this winter.
- 12 Joe West came in and we had a settlement. Since our last Dec. 6th his work, 53 days, with extras comes to 43.75. He has got in cash orders corn, butter &c. 30.55 which taken from 43.75 leaves 13.20. I paid him 5.20 which leaves me owing him 8.00. He is not working to-day. Pd March 18th. I have n't written in my book since the 2nd and will have things wrong no doubt. It is raining to-day and seems like a spring rain. The winter has been long and severe and I am having bad luck with my sheep and lambs. Jake worked ½ day sorting potatoes. Joe got 1 bus. and Dick 1 bus. Mike Corbin says they are worth .60 and .65.
- 13 Joe and Jake worked sorting sheep and hauling fodder. I had 8 ewes and 9 lambs turned on the rye and had the 3 bucks turned in the pasture on the mill road and the young ewes—the yearlings turned into the pear orchard. Joe and Jake buried 30 lambs—said there were 3 died in the pasture before I got home and I found 1 dead in the rye and another died making 35 I have lost that I know of. Charlie Rockwell came and in the presence of Sally Flandrau gave me \$90 to be credited on the land note his mother left with me (see Sep. 4th). She had told me when he paid me to take out 5.00 she had borrowed of J. H. Brady which I did to keep for her—the rest 85. I took and with Sally as witness gave it to Mike Corbin to keep for me till I go to Bank. The 10. Mrs. Roberts owed me Charlie asked me (see Mar. 15th) to wait for till he could raise some more money. I credited the 90. on his note to-day. Sally and I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty at Chicago and from Julia. Pd Aug. 14th.
- 14 Gave Jake Anderson an order on grange store for 3.00. Joe and Jake both got corn 1 ½ bus. apiece. They both worked ½ day hauling fodder.
- 15 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed all night—they got home from N. Orleans yesterday.
- 16 Disagreeable day, windy & cold. I had all the ewes but 2 and their lambs turned into the rye. To the best of my counting there were 44 ewes and 11 lambs. Joe worked cutting hedge. Jake was gone. Dick said he and Jim worked grubbing grapes on cherry hill. I went to see Mrs. Corbin and to Bellevue. Sent Patty her silk shirt and overshoes and letter.
- 17 Very cold 13° above 0 at sunrise. Joe worked—cut wood and hauled some that Dick sawed of Mr. Maguire. Turned out another ewe on the rye. Got postal from Patty from St. Paul. Cordy and Flora came over.
- 18 Went to Rising Sun. Got draft on N. York for \$85 payable to Mrs. Louisa Roberts and sent it to her in a letter (see 13th) from R. S. Got Mr. Perkins to cash my check for 70. from Mr. Conner (see Feb. 23) and the check of Wm. Resor & Co. for 14.70 (see Mar. 2nd). Paid Aunt Eliza a dollar for Aunt Sally's rent. Pd. Joe West 8.00 the balance on his settlement (see 12th). Got in R. Sun present sent by Susie Tew for my birthday—tambourine painted with roses.

Joe says he hauled wood. I sent letters to Sue and Julia. Cold, 22° above 0 at sunrise—snowed a skim at night.

- 19 Cold, 15 above 0 after sunrise. Did n't write in this till the 24th and probably will get things wrong.
- 20 Joe hauled wood for himself I think. Ernest stopped by.
- 21 Joe did n't work for me. Hilda and Mr. Brady were here—stayed all night. Bitter cold all this week.
- 23 Hilda and Mr. Brady left. I told Mr. Lillard I would sell him one pair of my sled runners. Sally and I got letters from Patty and I got note from Charlie Anderson. Joe hauled wood in morning and cut hedge afterwards. Dick was burning plant beds.
- 24 Joe cut hedge, began on that on pike. Moderate to-day—the thermometer up to 40° during the day. Gave Jim Moreland two orders on Corbin, one for 2.00 for himself and one for 5.00 to be charged to Jim for Joe Eggleston.
- 25 Joe and Jake hauled fodder, the last, till noon then Joe cut hedge. I burnt a little plant bed for lettuce. It looked like spring to-day. Dick was burning plant beds. Sent Patty letter—found little long tailed black faced ewe with a lamb.
- 26 Sally and I went over the river and to Cin. via Aurora. We went to Julia's and stayed all night. Joe was cutting hedge on pike when I left. A lovely spring-like day.
- 27 Sally and I were in Cin. She went to dentist. We came home on boat—got home before 8. Lovely day. Got letter from Patty.
- 28 Very disagreeable day—snowed and sleeted. Joe worked ½ day—says he finished the hedge on hill yesterday and has worked the rest of the week. He found ewe down in rye. Brought her to sheep cellar. I turned the cattle out on cherry hill except Ellen and Jenny H. No grass hardly but fodder is out. Jake says he worked 5 days this week. Gave Jake order on grange for 3.00.
- 29 Sunday. Disagreeable day. Hilda and Mr. B. came down. I gave Mr. B. 3.00 to pay Joe West's taxes. They stayed all night.
- 30 Gave Mr. B. letter and paper for Patty. Went up to see Ernest—went to see Mr. Schwartz about trimming vines. Engaged to take horse power of Mr. Schwartz for 15.00. Sent Joe up after the cherry lumber and the 2 pairs sled runners I let Mr. Lillard have one pair. Joe buried 13 lambs. He helped Dick haul rail to fence the plant beds.
- 31 Joe and Jake worked hauling hedge brush. Jake got ½ bus. potatoes. Joe has buried 43 lambs—I know of 5 others—48 in all that I have lost so far as I know. Sally went to see Ernest. Warm spring-like day—heard turtle doves tonight. The Assessor was here to-day. Two more lambs died making 50.

April

- 1 Sold my lambs to Mr. Jim Conner—ewe lambs and all—he not to throw out more than 3 or 4 at 3.25 a head and my wool at .19 a pound. Put the meat in bags and counted it. There are 9 hams 6 shoulders 10 sides and 3 jowls. Let Jake Anderson have an order on Corbin for 2.00. Joe worked—he hauled hedge brush and went to Bellevue to put box of chickens at the river to be sent to Julia F. Jake helped him in the morning and to haul one load after dinner I think. Sally and I went to Mr. Brady's in Burlington and stayed all night. Got letter from Patty—gave Mr. B. one for Patty to put in P.O.
- 2 Sally and I went to Florence to dressmaker's—came home after dinner. I got 2 copies of Times-Democrat from March 22nd. Dick's wife Georgie had a boy baby last night. My red and white heifer Hilda had a heifer calf to-day. The ewe that has been down since last Sat. Aunt

Nancy helped up and she is going about. To-day and yesterday lovely days—warm and like spring.

- 3 Gave Dick an order on Corbin for 2.00. Mr. Schwartz came sometime after noon to cut grape vines. Joe helped him after he came.
- 4 Gave Jim M. order on Corbin for 3.00. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Jake said he had worked 4 days this week. Mr. Schwartz said he finished trimming the vines and left. Joe helped him ½ day.
- 5 Easter Sunday. Warmer and pleasant day. Sally went to see Ernest. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Katy and Lily came over. It lightened in the north east tonight. The lambs (yearlings) got in the rye with the ewes this week.
- 6 Regular spring day. Jake found Louly with a b. calf, mostly red. Had the sheep and lambs turned out of the rye to let it grow. Joe and Jake both worked. Jake sowed some lettuce and early cabbage in my little plant bed and grubbed in garden and yard—also cut potatoes—Joe hauled manure on piece for potatoes in garden—broke it and began to plant potatoes. Sent Dennis for wheel-barrow and rake. Got letter from Julia and Ex. notice from Aurora. Cordy came over. I worked in yard nearly all day.
- 7 Rained part of the day. Joe and Jake worked—hauling manure and sorting apples. I went to Bellevue—got book from Annie Anderson.
- 8 Colder—no rain. Joe and Jake worked hauling manure. Sally went for mail. I got letter from Harriet Young. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Gaines's.
- 9 Joe took Posey to Mr. Gaines's and left her there. Joe and Jake worked hauling manure. Ernest Grant came and spent the day. I sent letter to Harriet Young. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 10 Joe got ½ bus. corn. Ernest came and brought me 3 bus. oats—for which I am to pay, see 19th. Sent letter to Patty. No one worked for me. Mr. Walton's sheep kept getting in the pasture till I had them put up. Went to see Mr. John Scott who is sick. Colder again to-day. Got sweet pea seed from Julia's. Nancy had a heifer calf.
- 11 Dick got 1 ½ bus. potatoes and I gave him an order of 3.00 on Mr. Corbin. Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 10.00. He got 1 ½ bus. corn. Gave Joe West an order on Corbin for 4.00. Sister Belle's birthday and scarcely a sign of spring. Lord love her sweet soul. No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 12 Went to see May Loudon. Sunday. Some sunshine but cold. Found the first wild flowers of the season. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 13 I went to Aurora—got Sally's trunk. It was so cold I suffered with cold. Joe drove the wagon. Jake did n't work that I know of. I got for Dick Loudon from Frank Grant 60 ½ yds. canvas at 3 cts. which I am to pay for. Put letter to Patty in P.O.
- 14 Dick got 10 bus. of corn from me at .50 a bus, said he would pay for it Sat. Mrs. Lonaker paid me 1.00 for 2 bus. corn. I sent Dennis to mill. Joe worked—he broke up the piece of ground across the creek for oats and when it rained sorted potatoes. Jake worked trimming pear trees and cleaning round them. It was so cold this morning there was hard ice in buckets and a hard frost. Got letter from Julia. Had Ben shod behind.
- 15 Joe took Posey to Mr. Gaines's. Warmer and rained off and on. Ernest sent for a load of coal I promised him. Dennis went to mill and got meal. Joe and Jake worked cutting down and sawing locust trees in the yard that are dead. I sent letter and little box to Miss Gordon. Set out some strawberries in missing places. Raining hard at night.
- 16 Joe took Daisy & Julia to Mr. Gaines's. After 9 a.m. he helped Jim strip tobacco. Jake helped him too. Mr. Ras Rice came to look at the tobacco. I went to see Mr. John Scott. It misted rain part of the day. Sent Patty a letter.

- 17 Joe and Jake helped Dick strip tobacco. It rained a little. Sally & I got letters from Patty.
- 18 Joe worked ½ day—it rained some and he made posts for vines—got Mr. Arnold's ladder and fixed eaves trough &c. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on grange for 3.00.
- 19 Sunday. Ernest came and the coal came to 3.50 I owed him 1.50 for 3 bus. oats (see 15th) so he paid me 2.00. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed to dine.
- 20 Gave Dick an order on the grange for 3.00. Joe and Jake worked—before dinner they cut down trees in yard and sawed them, afterwards they sowed and put in oats & grass in the little piece by the gate over the creek. Lily came at noon to help Sally. We went to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's. We went to Bellevue too.
- 21 Sally and I went to Florence to get her dress from Miss Grogan—went back to Hilda's and got home at night. Lovely warm day. Joe worked and Jake worked ½ day helping Joe haul posts out of the yard. Joe broke up in garden after noon.
- 22 Gave Dick order on Corbin for 2.00 for Mrs. Noble. Pd. Mitchell girl 1.00 for Angeline. Ernest Grant came and dined. Lily was here too. Paid Mrs. West 1.50 for 6 hens for Julia. Joe and Jake worked. Jake said he cut briars before noon. Joe worked in garden all day and Jake after dinner. They planted peas, beans, radishes, onions, spinach, beets, corn, okra, melons, butter beans &c. Sally got letter from Patty. The mare Julia.
- 23 Joe took Posey to Mr. Gaines's. Jake says he got a bus. corn last week and ½ bus. this. I had all the sheep turned back on the rye. Joe and Jake worked in yard and garden. I had 6 sugar trees set out in a row in the yard below the kitchen. Got note from Mr. Anderson. Rained a little in the morning. Joe and Jake worked. Jake said he had to get cattle out of Mr. Rogers's field. Joe made maul and got rings fixed for it. Jake worked a little in yard while Joe went to Bellevue to take box of chickens to ship to Julia. Got letter from Julia. After that the men put in grass on the hill where they ploughed in millet. Lily was here. I got letter from Patty. Jake began to milk Ellen.
- 25 Gave Jim Moreland order on Mr. Clore for 2.00. Gave Jake Anderson an order on Mr. Clore for 3.00. He also got 1 ½ bus. corn. No one worked for me. I went to Ernest's. Rained hard.
- 26 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Ernest came. Went to Mr. Bob Brady's.
- 27 Joe and Jake worked hauling out locust timber from yard and wood from Mr. Maguire's. Bright lovely day. Mr. Schwartz came and tied up vines. I sent letter to Patty and to Mr. L. Anderson about Ned. Got letter from buddy inclosing letter and draft for 150. for Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 28 Molly Deshler's wedding day. I went to R. Sun and got Sally's check or draft rather, cashed. Aunt Eliza came up here. It rained a little. Joe and Jake worked they double-shoveled the rye on Jim's piece of tobacco last year and harrowed it but it was too windy to sow. Jake then went to inquire about hands to shear and Joe did several things. He set out tomato plants—planted bunch beans. I set out some Colacanthus sprouts and planted flower beans and sweet peas. Gave Joe an order on Corbin for 2.00. Hilda and Mr. Brady were here a little while.
- 29 Did n't write in this till Sunday May 4th. Got up early and went to Erlanger and Cin. to take Sally up to Julia Foster to go with her Sally to Farmington. Cold this morning—frost on some places. Went out to Clifton and dined at Julia's—left my precious own with her—came down on the boat and got home by 8.30 p.m. Clear pleasant day. Joe drove the wagon to Erlanger and put in grass seed where Jim had tobacco. Jake helped him put in the seed—and says he made a fence round his garden in the morning. They both got up the sheep too—and Joe went to the river for me. Bob Brady got bus. corn.

- 30 Ennis Nixon came to shear, also Wyatt and Cavallo, two hands from Ernest's. Joe and Jake worked. Joe sheared and Jake caught sheep, rolled up wool &c. I took two trips to Bellevue for my cot and mattress, for wool sacks, got 7. Rained some. Jake's cow died. Sent letter to Patty.

May

- 1 One of my young ewes was found dead. Wyatt and Oscar got 2 ½ bus. seed corn. Ernest to settle for it. Wyatt and Cavallo finished shearing after dinner. I pd. them for a day and ¾. Joe and Jake helped with shearing and put wool in sacks—it rained again. I got letter from Patty and from Harriet Young.
- 2 Jake took Bill and hauled rails for his garden fence in the morning. Did n't work. Joe worked ½ day—took Posey to Mr. Gaines's and fixed wire fence in big pasture. I worked most of the day in garden and yard. Got letter from Sarah and from Julia's young Sally would not start till Monday. Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 3.00. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Hilda & Mr. B. came. Dick worked Polly day this week.
- 3 Sunday. Bright day but cold. Sat by fire all day. Miss Lou, Mrs. Longmire and Ernest came and spent the day. Hilda and Mr. B. went after dinner.
- 4 Bright lovely day—sent letters to Patty and Sally. Rode round—went to see John Loudon. The grass looks as well as I ever remember seeing it at this time of the year—the pears and cherries and some apple trees are a mass of bloom. I worked my strawberries again. Joe took Daisy to Mr. Gaines. Then he grubbed in the garden, covered grapes &c. Jake did n't work. Mr. Moody came by and took Polly out to Burlington but did n't sell her and brought her home. Dick and Jim were harrowing the sand field to-day and Dick worked Billy.
- 5 Met Mr. Walton in the road and he paid me 20. for the two bucks he bought last fall. Joe broke Fred's garden—he to return the work. Went to Bellevue to see Mrs. Corbin. Mrs. Burns to see John le Fevre—got letter from Julia. Joe worked—hauled rails from the old fence row on the hill to the pike. Miss Lou came by to tell me goodbye. Took letter to Sally. Jake said he cut briars.
- 6 Jake dug a little for me in the yard—did n't work to-day I think. Joe worked—finished hauling rails—harrowed potatoes and planted three rows of corn &c. He began to break up the northwest corner on cherry hill but it rained. I worked in yard and garden—planted sweet peas and purple beans. Took the sheep off the rye and turned them in the next pasture. Dick and Jim were drilling corn in sand field. It rained hard last night. Warm and pleasant.
- 7 Let Nell Loudon have an order on Corbin for 2.00. Jake worked but not a full day quite. He and Joe fixed the fence on the pike by Dick's. It turned cold at night and a good fire was comfortable. Lily Arnold was here. The hands hauled some manure, ashes &c. out of the yard. Dick used Polly ½ day. Some frost.
- 8 Let Jim Moreland have an order on Corbin for 2.00. Jake worked ½ day helping to fix fence on dirt road. Joe worked fixing fence—hauled some rails from line fence next Mr. Rice's where there is a hedge. I went to Bellevue—sent Julia a basket of bulbs. Got letter to and from Patty. Cold to-day. Dick worked Polly.
- 9 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Gave Jake Anderson an order on grange store for 2.50. Gave Joe West an order on Corbin for 2.00. Let Dick Loudon have an order on Clore for 3.00. Let Joe West have 1 ½ bus. corn. No one worked for me. Got letter from Sally from Farmington—and book from Patty. Cold to-day. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Dick worked Polly.
- 10 Sunday. Cold day—unpleasant. Went to church and to see May and to see Mrs. Rice. Hilda and Mr. B. left.

- 11 Joe and Jake worked on the fence. Dick and Jim began to plough the hill part of big bottom field. Cold still. Had potatoes bugged.
- 12 Joe worked—broke up in corner up on cherry hill. Jake worked—deadening bushes and trees in pasture on mill road. Dick said he was going to work ½ day ditching for me in bottom. Found young ewe sick. Got letters from Fanny & Julia. Joe ploughed my corn and potatoes.
- 13 My beloved parents wedding day—may they spend it in bliss together. Rather warmer—sprinkled sometimes and had a shower this evening. Joe and Jake worked. Joe finished breaking the corner and Jake deadened trees and bushes in pasture on dirt road, and after dinner they both put in the grass seed—finished it after the shower. I worked in garden and flowers—yesterday planted cypress and purple beans &c. and to-day more flower seeds—also had some beets planted in garden.
- 14 Did n't write in this till 17th. Joe and Jake worked—hauled the oats and hay from hay shed to the barn—then hauled some manure out of stalls. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Bob Brady's Jersey jumped in.
- 15 Joe dug ditch down by Dick's garden—took Posey to Mr. Gaines's. Jake worked day cutting briers on cherry hill.
- 16 Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 3.00. Let Jake Anderson have order on Mr. Clore for 2.00. Joe went to Mr. Cason's for a b. but could n't get it. Joe did n't work. Jake did n't work. Dick finished planting corn—used Polly. I got little note from Sally with photograph. Went to Bellevue—got flowers to plant from Mrs. Snyder. Warm and pleasant.
- 17 Sunday. Warm pretty day. Ernest came down for me to go to see his Aunt Maria. He came back and stayed to dinner. Hilda and Mr. B. were here. I sent note to Patty by Mr. B. Got Lewis to kill the poor ewe.
- 18 Mr. Will Ryle came and handled the colt Jamie—also all the b. calves except Fanny's calf that I saved. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Joe worked—broke up little piece he ditched—and in garden and hauled out some trash and stakes from vineyard. Jake worked in garden till noon and then cut briers he said. Sent Dennis to mill. Went to Bellevue and to Mrs. Snyder's. Mr. Birkle put a shoe on Ben. Warm day. Got letter from Mr. Anderson about horse. Jake planted beets and okra and replanted corn.
- 19 Went to Aurora. Sent Patty's gun by Ex. (Adam's) and two boxes of cans &c. Sent Til a note with the Ex. receipt—also note to Sally. Got tomato plants and had them set out. Joe worked—drove the wagon and worked in garden and yard after I got home. I got barrel of flour at Corbin's. Went to McHenry's and paid him 6.00 on the 7.00 I owed him for shingles, see Nov. 26th, 1884. Jake said he worked till 3.p.m. cutting briers. Got letter from Sally.
- 20 Joe and Jake worked—in briers on cherry hill—sent Joe down for Mr. Clore's slide to haul briers on. Got letter from Patty. Went to see Mr. Bob Brady about horse. Yesterday and to-day Dick was breaking tobacco ground with Polly.
- 21 Did n't write in this till Monday. Joe and Jake worked hauling briers. Mr. Josh Rice came to look at tobacco. Dick was breaking up with Polly. Think I got letter from Patty.
- 22 Rained last night. Sent letters to Patty and Mr. Anderson yesterday or to-day. Joe and Jake worked hauling briers. Sent letter to Sally by Ernest.
- 23 Mr. McCarthy sent and got 6 bus. corn—left 3.60. I went with Ernest to see his aunt—he came back with me and stayed all night. No one worked for me. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 7.00. Had a good rain to-day—much needed.
- 24 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. and stayed all night. Ernest left after breakfast. Had another good rain.

- 30 No one worked for me. Joe and Jake went to Rising Sun. Dick and Jim set out their first tobacco in garden. I went to Bellevue. Set out tomato and cabbage plants Jake got for me in R. S. Rained hard at night.
- 31 Sunday. Beautiful day—everything fresh and pretty after the rain. Noticed swarms of locusts said to be the 17 year locusts, in woods, orchard and everywhere. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Also Ernest and Hal Bennett. Went to see May.

June

- 1 Went to Burlington and spent the day at Hilda's—took Polly out to sell her. Sold her to Dr. Terrill who came to Mr. Brady's, for \$45. Mr. Brady pd. Dr. Furnish \$10. for Angeline and he receipted the bill and I gave it to her.
- 2 My heifer Redbud was found with a red b. calf probably a day old from its looks. I went to the Farmer's C. A. Store and pd. Mr. Clore my account 30.75 including orders. Went to Mr. Corbin's and pd. my account. Got Mike to send for Courier Journal for Patty.
- 3 Mr. W. H. Terrill sent me by Dr. Josh Terrill the 45.00 for Polly and sent for her. Joe and Jake worked grubbing in the woods right behind the house—they also got Redbud up and milked her—I went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally, also one from Mr. Larry Anderson asking me to send for Ned. Rained hard at night.
- 4 Mr. Bob Brady came down and got 11 flour barrels, of corn bus. I gave him note for Mr. Anderson to get Ned. Paid Jim Moreland 5.00 cash. Joe and Jake were helping set out tobacco. I went to see John Loudon. Got letter from Patty. Rained hard again at night.
- 5 Cooler—quite cool at night. Found buzzard nest with little ones in it. Joe and Jake still helping with the tobacco settings. I set out a few more cabbage plants of my own raising. Went to Ernest's to see Mrs. Longmore and to Bellevue—got letters from Sally and Sue.
- 6 Jake did n't work—worked on road. Joe worked ½ day in new ground. Jim M. got twin of corn bus. Pd. Jake 2.40, Joe West 3.00. Mr. Fred said he had worked over a day and a half cutting briars and cleaning up on points in big bottom field so I pd. him 1.25. Lovely day.
- 7 Sunday. Warm summer day. John Loudon died last night and was buried to-day—I went to the house. Hilda, Mr. B. and Ernest dined here. Ernest said Miss Lou got home last night. I paid Mr. Brady \$10. as my toll at this gate for last year—ending May 7th. Sent letter to Sally by Mr. Brady.
- 8 Sent letter to Julia with 5.00 and letters to Patty, Sue and E.M. Joe worked in new ground chipping, grubbing &c. Jake worked ½ day in garden hoeing. Turned cool at night. Angeline got word that Lewis is sick.
- 9 Settled up with Angeline last night. Her work since our last settlement came to \$80.50 and she had received \$63.36 which leaves 17.14. I paid her in full to date 17.15 and took her to McVile. Sent Aunt Eliza by her .50. Mr. Bob Brady came to see me about Ned. Chilly last night and tonight it feels like frost. Let Dick have 1 flour barrel of corn at . . . Joe ploughed for Dick with Billy horse to-day—Jake ploughed ½ day with Posey for Dick. He worked in garden this morning. I went to see Miss Lou Prest..
- 10 Paid Jake 10.00. Did n't write in this till the 23rd. I got a letter from Miss Porter saying Sally was hurt Sat. the 6th by a fall from the stage that upset in the streets of Hartford. Went to Burlington on my way to Cin. had to stay all night with Hilda. Joe says he worked ½ day for himself after dinner he worked helping Dick for me ploughing with my horse. Aunt Eliza came. Jake worked for Dick ploughing with my horse.
- 11 I went early to Cin. with Hilda and Mr. Brady—sent telegrams to Miss Porter & Dr. Curtiss, Hartford—heard from him that Sally was better and I need not go on. Went to Julia's and stayed all night. Joe says he ploughed all day for Dick with my horse—Jake says he did too.

- 12 Went to Dr. Taylor's and had my teeth put in order. Shopped—went back to see Julia and came down to Erlanger and to Burlington. Stayed all night with Hilda. It poured down rain at night. Joe says he worked ½ day for Dick and the rest for himself in his garden. Jake had to work on the road.
- 13 Got home, went on to Bellevue for mail—got telegrams, letters &c. from Miss Porter and others. Joe and Jake set tobacco all day for Dick. Gave Joe order on Corbin for 2.00.
- 14 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Ernest I think was here.
- 15 Joe and Jake helped Dick set tobacco till about 4 p.m.—then they ground broad axe &c. It rained some.
- 16 Jake worked ½ day helping Dick, for himself the rest of the day. Joe worked all day I think—he helped Dick ½ day and grubbed on fence line the rest. I pd. Dr. Piatt 5.00 for Joe.
- 17 Joe and Jake both grubbed—and I think both picked cherries for me.
- 18 Joe and Jake grubbed and Joe ploughed in garden.
- 19 Joe and Jake worked in garden. I think. Joe made horn yokes. Katy Arnold came over and stayed all night with me. All this week I have been writing and receiving letters. Have sent them to Patty, Sally and others but have been so anxious and restless have not written in my book.
- 20 Gave Jim Moreland cash order on Corbin for 20.00. Gave Joe order on Corbin for 2.00 pd. him cash .50. Pd Dick \$15.00. Did n't write in this book since the 10th and expect everything is wrong. No one worked for me to-day. Katy went home. I worked in my flowers most of the day. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Ernest came bringing Lou Pearce—and he stayed all night.
- 21 Sunday. Rained hard this morning and off and on. Ernest left. Mr. Gordon came on the boat. Hilda and Mr. B. were here.
- 22 Mr. Jim Conner came and got 31 lambs which at 3.25 came to \$100.75 and he gave me a check on the Farmer's and Trader's Nat. for the amount. Joe worked—he helped with the sheep and cut briers in vineyard till noon, then I let him plough corn for Dick ½ day. Jake worked—he picked cherries and dug weeds in graveyard till noon, then I let him help Dick and Jim plough corn. They used the men's horses. I got three notes from Sally. Gave Jake Anderson an order on Corbin for 2.50.
- 23 Mr. J. W. Gaines brought my mare Julia home—I think she has been there since the 16th April. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got letters from buddy and Julia. Very cool last night and this morning. Joe and Jake worked helping Dick and Jim plough—they used the men's horses.
- 24 Dick got another flour barrel of corn. Mary Fred has had 3 lbs. butter. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Sue. Joe and Jake worked ½ helping Dick plough, used their horses, Jake only ½ day.
- 25 Mr. David Utz came and paid me \$45.00 for Redbud and her calf and took them away. We went to Hilda's and spent the day—left Mr. Gordon there on his way to Cin. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Fan for Aunt Nancy. Paid Mike Corbin \$20. and got the cash order I gave Jim (see 20th). Joe and Jake worked helping Dick and Jim with ploughing. Sent from Burlington letters to Margaret Orr and Sally.
- 26 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 7 days since our last settlement which came to 5.25. I let the .25 go on the butter his wife got and pd. him 5.00. Jake worked picking cherries and raspberries. Joe worked—cut briers on grass, cut burdock—worked in garden—stuck beans, planted beans &c. and ground and fixed machine knives. Sent Sue letter.
- 27 No one worked for me. I canned raspberries and cherries and put the carpet down in my room. I got letter from Sally—got two yesterday I think. Ernest and Lou Allen came. It rained

to-day and rained hard at night. The men got corn for mill. Joe said he got 1 bus. 3 pks.
Rained hard during the day and very hard at night.

- 28 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. were here a little while and Ernest dined here.
- 29 Joe worked—began to cut hay—he cut that on the little point on the dirt road—cut some grass in the yard &c. Jake worked ½ day, picking raspberries. I went to Bellevue twice and stopped at the Arnold's. Sent letters to Cousin Mary Goodrich and to Patty and sent her her books—also letter to Fanny Gibbon. Got letter from Sally. Took Lou up to Ernest's in the evening. Lovely day—clear bright and cool.
- 30 No other days are like the days of June. This day 18 years ago my beloved sister Belle died. Lord love her soul. A bright beautiful day. Got a letter from Patty. Jake worked—picked berries in the morning and helped Joe with hay this evening. Joe fixed road cut some hay across the creek and hauled 2 loads from little point of barn.

July

- 1 Went to Aurora with Lou Pearce to put her on the cars—went by Ernest's and in Bob Green's pocket skiff. Went to the Bank in Aurora and got Mr. Davis to cash my check from Mr. Jim Conner for \$100.75 see June 22. Gave Lou 8.00 and my watch to get it mended—lost the handle to it yesterday and some of it is for tumblers. It was a lovely day—went to Bellevue got a letter from buddy. Paid W. W. Grant \$23. for making his horse slide. Mary Fred got 1 lb. butter and 1 qt. vinegar.
- 2 Very cool this morning. Joe and Jake worked in garden—and hauling hay from beyond the creek. Hauled in all loads. I took up the carpet in dining room and had it cleaned. Gave Dick's wife an order on Clore for a pair of shoes .95. Got letter from Sally and circular from Bk. of Washington from C. A. James, Cas.
- 3 Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to witness my signing the circular Mr. James sent and put it in the P.O. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got the box of tumblers from Cin. that Lou Pearce bought for me. Stopped to see Emma Corbin and baby. Put down carpet in dining room. Jake worked ½ day helping Joe haul hay—says they hauled in all 8 loads from over the creek. Joe worked—hauled sled from Bellevue and after dinner he went to Nick Schwartz's and got the horse power I engaged last spring. I sent by him \$15. to pay Mr. Schwartz for it. Lovely day—too cool in the morning.
- 4 Mr. Fred came to settle—says he worked 5 days since our last—which comes to 3.75 from which taken .33 for the butter and vin. his wife got, leaves me owing him 3.42. I paid him 3.50. Gave Jim Moreland cash order on Corbin for 4.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on grange store for 4.00. Jake said he was going to get 1 bus. corn. Jake worked for me ½ day picking berries—the men all helped get the mower out of the wagon. Jim went to R.S. I sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by him. Worked cleaning the house. Jake hoed my melons after he picked berries. Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington with check for 7.00 also letters from Sarah and Sally. Dr. and Mrs. Grant No. 2 with Edward and Ernest came this evening.
- 5 Sunday. Warm day—Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here and Susie Rice. I gave Mr. Brady 10.00 to pay Mr. Will Duncan the fees he said I owed him on the Moreland suit. Sent by Mr. Brady letters to Sarah and Sally.
- 6 Went to Bellevue—sent letters to Mrs. Dey, to Harriet Young and Patty. Went to Rising Sun and took Aunt Eliza home and brought Angeline and Sam back with me. Went to R. S. Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash my check for 7.00 from Nat's Met. Bk. Wash. (see July 4th) and drew \$50. of the money I left there June 2nd. Pd. Mike Corbin my account of 18.65 which includes cash order for 4.00 (see July 4th). Dump and Frank got dinner at Joe's. Joe and Jake

worked also Dump Rains and Frank Jeffreys cutting rye. After sundown it rained. Got letters from Sally and Lou Pearce.

- 7 Rained last night about dark—a good shower with hard wind. Clear and warm to-day. Joe, Jake, Dump and Frank worked cutting rye. I went on cleaning the house. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sue. Mrs. Fred got a pound of butter.
- 8 Joe, Jake, Dump and Mr. Fred worked in the rye. I worked cleaning the house and making raspberry jelly.
- 9 Mr. Fred worked mowing the yard. Joe and Jake worked—finished rye and then hauled grass out of yard. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Patty—got letters from Patty and Sally. Warm day. I stopped to see Lizzie Flick's sick child.
- 10 Mr. Fred worked ½ day cutting briers. His wife brought his book to settle saying he was sick. He had worked 4 days. 3 at .75, 1 at 1.50 making 3.75 of which he was owing .20. I paid Mr. Fred in full 3.55. Joe and Jake worked—they hauled some rye to shed. Joe got in the hay rake. Jake mowed in the yard and after dinner they worked in the garden ploughing, hoeing &c. I went to Bellevue—sent letter to Sally—got one from buddy. Cousin Mary and her children and Sue and hers came via Aurora.
- 11 No one worked for me. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Hilda and Mr. Brady dined here. Mr. Brady brought me Mr. Duncan's bill receipted (see 5th)—it is 8.00.
- 12 Sunday. Ernest and Mr. Willis dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. came.
- 13 Joe and Jake worked. Joe mowed in yard and Jake worked in garden and then they both hauled rye. Man came to see about selling coal.
- 14 Joe drove the wagon and we went to Erlanger. Cousin Mary Goodrich and her three children got on the cars for Lexington. Jake worked ½ day—he helped Joe haul rye after dinner—they finished he said. Went to Bellevue—got note from Sally.
- 15 Jake worked cutting hay with scythe Joe went to Bellevue to have Daisy shod bought scythe and cut grass too. I got letter from Fanny.
- 16 Joe and Jake worked cutting hay. I went to see Meg and to Mrs. Rice's and to Bellevue to see about coal—got letters from Patty & Sally.
- 17 Joe, Jake and Jim worked in hay after dinner they hauled and Jim used his mare. Mr. Fred came and said he was done cutting briers—so I settled. He had worked 3 ½ days. He got one pound of butter and I pd. him in full 2.50. Got letters from Sally and Cousin Mary and letter from Fanny for Sally. Went to Bellevue again to see coal man, and to see Meg. Very warm.
- 18 Gave Dick Loudon a cash order on Corbin for 5.00. Gave Jake an order on Clore for 3.00. Joe, Jake and Jim worked ½ day hauling hay from the hill. Jim worked his mare. Got letter from Mrs. Phelps. Jake weaned Ellen's calf.
- 19 Sunday. I do not forget though it is so long. Very warm day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Katy and Lily came over in the evening.
- 20 Went to Bellevue and pd. Mike Corbin for the 5.00 cash order I gave Dick (see 18th). Left letter in P.O. for Mrs. Phelps with 4.00 for her books. Sent letter to Fanny. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Sent letter to Fanny. Sent letter to Patty in the evening. Joe and Jake and Jim worked for me. Joe and Jim hauled coal and Jim drove his and Dick's mares I believe at any rate he furnished team. Jake fixed bin for coal and cut weeds &c. Got letter from Sally. Very hot—heard it was 106° in Bellevue.
- 21 Jake did n't work for me. Jim and Joe worked ½ day hauling coal for me—hauled in all . . . After dinner they hauled coal for __. Very hot, 104 at Bellevue they said. I got 2 letters from Patty. We had a shower at night.

- 22 Sent letters to both the children. Went to Bellevue. Jake worked ½ day for me pulling weeds out of strawberry patch. Got letter from Sally. Joe did n't work for me, he hauled coal for _____. We had a little shower at night.
- 23 Neither Joe nor Jake worked for me. About a quarter of 2 it began to rain and we had a good shower and later in the night we had a fine rain. I got letter from Patty.
- 24 Susie Tew's birthday—she is 14. Went to Bellevue twice to see about coal. Got letter from Julia. Sent one to Julia by Isaac. Gave Isaac an order for his mother on Oscar Jones, R.S. for 1.00. Very hot after the rain. Joe and Jake worked to-day. They worked in graveyard this morning and after dinner cut oats.
- 25 Gave Jim Moreland order on Mr. Clore for 2.00. The coal I bought of John Eshman came to 660 bus. 70 lbs. in all. Of the 275 bus., 70 lbs. were for me. Jim Moreland had 107 bus. 53 lbs. Joe West 113 bus. 27 lbs. Dick Loudon 163 bus. 72 lbs. It all came to \$52.85 and I pd. John Eshman .85 and gave him a check on Rising Sun Bk. for \$52. The coal was .08 a bushel. Joe and Jake worked ½ day cutting oats. I went to Bellevue and sat up with Mrs. Larch. Got letter from Sally, Very hot.
- 26 Sunday. Had a heavy rain—with plenty of thunder and lightning. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Ernest and Mr. Willis called.
- 27 Mr. Solon Rice's bull was here. Loulie. Sent letters to Farmers and Mech's Bk. Georgetown, and to Patty and Sally. Joe and Jake worked putting up new water-gap in big pasture. Dick and Jim helped them after dinner till about 3—then Joe and Jake finished cutting the oats. Hilda my young cow.
- 28 Went to Rising and got the rest of my money \$98.00 out of bank. Sent to Country Gentleman Messrs. Luther Tucker and Son, Albany—money order for 5.75 from R. Sun P.O. Pd. Aunt Eliza 1.00 for rent for Aunt Sally. Pd. Oscar Jones the order for 1.00 (see 24th). Pd. Sue for set of books 5.40. Joe and Jake worked. Joe cut hay over by Charlie's old house and then began to break the rye ground. Jake grubbed and cut briars in rye field.
- 29 Joe did n't work for me—he worked on the road. Jake worked for me—he ploughed and raked hay. I went to Bellevue and then went to sit up with Mrs. Larch. Very hot. Got a letter from Sally one of these days I did n't write.
- 30 Gave Dick Loudon an order on Corbin for 7.00. Jake did n't work for me. I got Mr. Sullivan to let him off and he said I would owe the road ½ day. Sue said Jamie kept so sick she must take him home so she and Molly and Jamie went. I took them to Erlanger. Susie remains with me. We did n't get back till after 10 p.m. Joe drove the wagon. Very hot day. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 31 Joe and Jake worked—they got in the hay—3 loads from over by Charlie's old house—then fixed fence in the big pasture. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally. Still very hot.

August

- 1 Sent letters to Patty and Sue. Joe and Jake worked ½ day, Joe took the buggy to Rising Sun to the shop and sowed turnip seed and hoed. Jake ploughed my late sweet corn and hoed, and fixed turnip ground. I got letter from Bank in Georgetown, Farmers & Mechs' Natl, with draft for \$28. Also receipt from Co. Gen. (see July 28th). Had to turn the cattle back in the other pasture.
- 2 Sunday. Had a shower or two. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
- 3 Mr. Jim Conner came down and got the lambs. I sold him 40 of my yearling ewes at 3.25—the same as the lambs and the 4 refuse lambs for 1.50. He got 34 head of lambs at 3.25. They all came to \$242. and he gave me a check for that amount on the Farmers and Traders Bk. Cov. He counted my remaining ewes and said there are 99 of them. Turned the three

bucks in with the ewes—1 Oxford Down, 2 Southdowns. Let Jim Moreland have order on Clore for 4.00. Joe helped get up the sheep and milked but did n't work. Jake did n't work, it being election day. Got letter from Harriet Young.

- 4 Joe and Jake worked fixing the fence in big pasture. Cool lovely day.
- 5 Sent letter to Patty. Did n't write any more till the 14th. The men say they both worked—hauled in 2 loads oats and Jake cut briers and Joe ploughed. Think I got letter from Lucy H. Susie Tew and I went to Hilda's and stayed all night.
- 6 We went to Big Bone Springs—were out in a tremendous rain—came back to Burlington and stayed all night at Hilda's. I sent letter to Sally with one inclosed. The men say Joe cut a load of hay on cherry hill while Jake cut briers and they hauled it and when it rained they worked on posts.
- 7 Susie and I came home. The men said they fixed water-gaps and fence—cut and piled briers and Joe ploughed.
- 8 Sent letter to Cousin Mary Goodrich. Can't remember much about my letters this week. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Jake did n't work. Joe worked ½ day ploughed and got home the rake.
- 9 Sally was to start to Patty's. Sunday—Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Ernest came to call—said he had seen Joe H.
- 10 Cloudy day. Joe and Jake worked in the rye field—one cut briers. Joe ploughed.
- 11 Susie and I went to Ernest's and spent the day mostly. I got letter from Fanny. The men worked—Joe ploughed and Jake cut briers.
- 12 Joe and Jake worked in the rye field. Joe broke plough and Susie and I went to Rising Sun and I got pieces for both ploughs. Went to Rising Sun bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the check for \$242. Mr. Conner gave me (see 3rd) and the check or draft from Georgetown Bk. for \$28 (see 1st). I left \$150. there and got cer. of deposit. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 13 Only Joe worked for me. Jake sick.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her and make her better and happier every year—24 years old to-day. Sent her a letter written this morning. Jake did n't work—sick. Went to grange store and paid \$11.00 for three orders of March 11th, 14th, 28th that Mr. Clore said he ought to have included in the last bill I pd. but he did n't get his receipt. Also paid my account to date, 22. including orders. Only Joe worked—he ploughed for rye. Found my young cow Katy Gibbon with a fine heifer calf—red with white spot in the face, named it Patsy because it was born on my darling's birthday.
- 15 Only Joe worked ½ day—Jake still sick. Joe fixed cistern and went to Bellevue for flour salt &c. Got note from Amy and letter from Cousin Mary. Amy and Mr. Frank Woodrow came down from Cinti. Very cool night.
- 16 Hilda brought me my watch from Lou. Sunday—Hilda and Mr. B. came to dinner. Amy and Mr. Woodrow went home. Still cool but rather less so.
- 17 This day 26 years ago my beloved mother died, Lord love her soul and bless her in heaven for evermore. Beautiful day—rather warmer. Went to Bellevue—got note from Mr. House about apples. Jake worked ½ day cutting weeds. Joe ploughed for rye all day. I went to Corbin's and paid his bill of and 3.40 for things he sent to Peebles' for.
- 18 Sent letter to Cousin Mary Goodrich. Got one from Sally. Mr. Conner sent men down for his steer but they did n't get him. Only Joe worked for me, he ploughed for rye.
- 19 Mr. Clore came and got a locust pole—paid me 1.50 for it. I sent letter to Sally and afterwards one to Mary Reed. Got letters from Sue and Amy C. Only Joe worked for me—he ploughed.

- 20 Warm again. Hilda was here and Mr. B. came by for her. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. Joe finished ploughing for rye and they went out to Mr. Jonas Clore's place for seed rye and got almost 23 ½ bus. Only Joe worked.
- 21 Very hot again. Only Joe worked—he sowed and harrowed in rye, the first of this planting. Sent Patty a letter. Got letter from Patty.
- 22 Only Joe worked ½ day—putting in rye. Dennis went to see his mother. Mr. Bob Brady showed Ned at Lawrenceburgh Fair—did n't get any premium. I got letters from Bessie McIntosh and Cousin Mary Goodrich. Weaned Louly's calf.
- 23 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came and spent the day. Hilda poorly—very warm. I forgot to say there was a hard thunder shower yesterday in the evening and some showers to-day.
- 24 My darling papa's birthday—Lord love his soul. Went to Bellevue and pd. for the rye. Paid Mr. Len Clore 14.10. Sent note to Bessy—got letter from Sally. Went to baptizing in the evening. Joe Humphreys came with Ernest and stayed a little while. Joe worked putting in rye. Jake worked ½ day helping.
- 25 Rained last night and this morning. Sent Joe down with Billy to be shod. Joe worked—cut weeds on pike. Pd. Dr. Duncan 3.50 for Joe. Jake did n't work. Got letter from Cousin Mary Goodrich.
- 26 Sent letters to Cousin Mary and Sue. Mrs. Longmore, Miss Mat and Miss Lou came and spent the day. Susie went home with them. Only Joe worked for me—he finished putting in rye in the rye field where it was ploughed. Dick was cutting tobacco in the garden. Bessie McIntosh came on the boat. Joe drove the wagon down when I went for her. Jim M. got bus. corn.
- 27 Cold morning—almost like frost. I was poorly all day. Susie came home from Ernest's—she got a letter from her mother saying her grandfather Tew died Monday and would be buried to-day. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally. When Sam went for Susie he brought home Bebee that Amy had sent down on the boat. Joe and Jake worked picking pears. Got paper from buddy with account of New Ulm celebrations.
- 28 We went to Burlington and spent the day at Hilda's, Bessie, Susie and I. Joe went to Aurora with pears—he brought home 11.05. Jake worked. I let him help Dick house tobacco. It was turning warmer.
- 29 Jake worked ½ day helping Dick. Joe worked ½ day—picked some pears, cut little patch of corn in garden and cut some weeds. I got copy of Times-Democrat for Aug. 16th. Amy stopped by on her way to Ernest's.
- 30 Sunday. Did n't write in this till Tuesday evening. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here and Amy stopped on her way home.
- 31 Joe and Jake picked pears till noon and then Joe drove the wagon to Erlanger and I took Susie Tew out to meet Frank and Cousin Mary and go home with them. Stopped at Hilda's for Bessie. Got home after 8 p.m. Jim M. took Nancy to milk. Jake picked pears after dinner.

September

- 1 Cool almost cold at night. Went to Bellevue—pd. W. W. Grant's bill 5.40. Joe went to Petersburg with pears—brought back 6.62. He then cut weeds some and after dark took Mrs. Black to her brother's. Jake worked cutting weeds and briers in rye field. Some frost last night they say. Joe worked—he cut weeds for me in the morning and after dinner worked for Dick cutting tobacco. He drove the wagon and we went to the river. Mrs. Beebee and Lou Pearce came down. Jake worked part of a day said he quit about 3 cutting briers.
- 3 Did n't write till Sat. Joe and Jake both worked picking Seckel pears. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally.

- 4 Rained part of the day. Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briers. Joe worked after dinner for Dick and helped him haul a load before—the rest of the time—he cut briers when it did n't rain. Mr. David Utz came and paid me 20. for Jenny Herron's heifer calf—and left it here—wants me to pasture it till Nov. 1st.
- 5 Rained this morning. Joe and Jake took Fanny and Nancy cows to Mr. Gaines's. They did n't work after dinner. I got postal from Cousin Mary.
- 6 Sunday. Did n't write in this till the 14th and expect everything to be wrong.
- 7 Jake says he did n't work. Dick says Joe helped him all day in tobacco.
- 8 Jake says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day helping Dick. Dick says Joe helped him in a little over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day.
- 9 My darling mother's birthday—did n't forget it—thought of her often and wished her all the bliss of heaven. Got a little note from Miss Mary Dey telling me that Mary Humphreys Dey died the 4th about 2 a.m. Lord love her soul and give it rest. The Baptist Association began. Miss Kate and Mrs. Harriet Kirtley came and stayed all night—also Georgie K. Jake says he helped Jim in tobacco. Dick says Joe helped him $\frac{3}{4}$ day in tobacco. I don't know what he did the rest of the day. It was so cold we had fire in the evening. Hilda and Mr. B. came to-day during Association.
- 10 My darling sister Susie's birthday. Lord love her precious soul. Bessie and I went to Bellevue to Association but came back, could n't get in. Jake says he fixed fence $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Joe fixed fence and worked for Dick enough with what was over the 8th to make $\frac{1}{4}$ day. Miss Kate stayed with us again. Cold again.
- 11 Jake says he helped Jim M. all day in tobacco. Dick says Joe helped him in tobacco. We all went to the Association in Mr. Clore's woods. Mr. Kirtley came to call. Bright sunny day and warmed.
- 12 Joe helped Dick $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Jake did not work. I got the lamb that got away from Mr. Conner out of the flock and had Jenny Herron's head and foot chained together. I have been half sick with a cold this week but struggled to wait on company and get some canning done. I got letters sometime during the week from Sally and Julia. Mr. Carney and Katy A. came over.
- 13 Sunday. Warm—had a hard rain. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent letter to Sally.
- 14 Sent Aunt Sally 1.00 by Lewis. Jake worked for me grinding pears and fixing them for vinegar. Joe worked for Dick after dinner till 5 p.m. I let him help Dick gather poles this morning. Dick found his tobacco house burning. I went to hunt Mary Coons. Warm and clear.
- 15 Mary Coons worked here. Joe and Jake worked cutting corn in sand field. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Julia. Mr. Fred worked mowing and grubbing in yard.
- 16 Went over the river and took Mrs. Bebee, Lou and Bess to the omnibus. Joe and Jake cut corn in sand field and Joe drove spring wagon. Mr. Fred cut weeds. Ernest came in the evening.
- 17 Joe and Jake and Mr. Fred worked. They all cut corn and after dinner Joe put in some rye next the garden. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Sue Tew. Went to see Mr. Griffith about coming to work. Cool this morning and turned warm. Mary Fred got 1 lb. butter. Sent letters to Lucy Johnstone and Patty.
- 18 Mr. Kirtley came and dined. Joe put in rye and cut weeds. Jake put in rye and cut weeds. Jake cut briers and grubbed in sand field. Mr. Griffith came to see about work.
- 19 Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 5.00. Let Dick Loudon have order on Clore for 7.00. Went to Bellevue—got lumber, shingle nails &c. at Corbin's. Got letter from Sarah. Fred came and I settled up with him in full to date and pd. him 1.60. Hilda and Mr. B. came at night. Joe worked for himself.

- 20 Sunday. Took Aunt Nancy to church and went to see Miss Lou &c. Jake worked ½ day mowing potatoes &c. Ernest came and dined. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Warm day.
- 21 Mr. Griffith and Charlie Burns came out and began to shingle on Dick's house. I went to Bellevue twice before breakfast. Joe worked—hailed till dinner—shingles, lumber &c. and then took boards off Jim's house. Jake worked mostly digging potatoes in garden. I went to show Mr. Fred where to work. Sent letter by Charlie to Patty. Warm still.
- 22 Got letters from Patty and Sally. Mr. Griffith, Charlie Burns and Joe worked on shingling Jim's house. Jake worked digging potatoes. Warm.
- 23 Turned cool last night and they say there was a little frost in some places. Sent letters to Sally and to Sally Gray and to Mr. House about apples. Mr. Griffith, Charlie and Joe worked shingling Jim's house. Jake worked ½ day—finished potatoes in garden and hauled them to wine cellar. Had fire this evening.
- 24 Had fire this morning it was cold but no frost to hurt anything. Mr. Griffith, Charlie and Joe worked—they finished shingling Jim's house a little after dinner—then they began on coal shed. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally with photographs. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a little while. Jake worked after he helped Jim in his tobacco.
- 25 Mr. Griffith, Charlie and Joe worked at coal shed. Mr. Griffith went home at night and I pd. him 10.00. Jake worked hauling and digging sweet potatoes. He went to Bellevue for lumber bricks, shingles &c. I got from Mr. Len Clore 200 bricks at .70. Got 15. from Mr. Corbin till I could get some money from bank. Mr. Fred came—said he had grubbed and cut briers 4 days and I gave him a cash order on Mr. Corbin for 3.00. Turned warmer again to-day. Got letter from Bessie and papers.
- 26 Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 2.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on Clore for 2.00. Charlie Burns and Joe worked till a quarter before 3 and finished shingling the buggy house. Jake worked ½ day putting in rye. I turned Fanny's calf in the other pasture. Got letter for Patty and one came for Bessie. Warm again.
- 27 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Still warm.
- 28 Went to Bellevue and to McVile. Got Joe .50 worth of sugar which with a wash board I got the other day .30 makes .80 spent for him. Went to ask Mr. Rogers about wheat. Late went to see Mrs. Green who is sick. Took Bessie's letter and sent it, got one from Julia. Joe and Jake worked—finished putting in rye and cut corn and Joe fixed cistern.
- 29 Joe and Jake worked cutting corn. Dick helped ½ day—I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Mr. House about apples. Mr. Griffith worked part of a day and left. Charlie and he came out about 9 and Charlie worked the rest of the day. Mr. Griffith only topped out the chimney on Jim's house.
- 30 Rained a little during the night and a little in the day and at night rained more. I went to Mrs. Green's funeral in Bellevue. Dick went to Doll Walton and got 30 bushels seed wheat at 1.00. Joe and Jake cut corn and sorted potatoes while it rained. Dick cut corn some and went after wheat and Jake went with him. Charlie Burns worked fixing doors and shutters to the windows in Jim's house. Jim spoke about renting. Had letter from Patty telling me that Miss Graham has a son three weeks old.

October

- 1 Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 3.00. Rained a little in the morning but cleared off. Joe worked—he went with Charlie Burns and took the wagon to get the blocks and tackle—and after dinner they moved the coal house up. Jim and Jake worked for me—cutting corn and moving the house. Dick helped about 3 hours moving it. He was putting in wheat for himself.

- 2 Charlie Burns and Joe worked making foundation and moving small house up and coal house to its place. Jake worked for Dick till ½ past 9 when he and Dick both came and Jake worked for me the rest of the day and Dick till 12.15. Jim also worked for me from ½ past 9 helping with the houses. It was pleasant, warm and cloudy. Dick put in wheat the rest of the day.
- 3 Gave Jake Anderson order on Mr. Clore for 3.00. Gave Dick Loudon order on Mr. Clore for 3.00 Went to Mr. Corbin and got 5.00 which I pd. Charlie Burns. Settled with Mr. Corbin—his bill including orders and the cash got Sep. 25 and to-day came to \$97.43 and gave him check on the Rising Sun bank for \$100.00 and he gave me the change 2.57. It was raining to-day. Joe, Jake and Jim worked ½ day helping Charlie move the coal house and the other. Charlie worked part of the day—left after dinner. Sent letter to Patty and Sally.
- 4 Sunday. Turned colder—prospect of a frost at night but turned warmer and rained. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I pd. Hilda .75 for the paper she got me. Ernest came but did n't come in. Aunt Nancy went to R. Sun with Lewis to visit.
- 5 Rainy. Charlie Burns came out and worked—patching up old houses. Mr. Griffith came and set Dick's grate. We had a settlement—he charged 1.50 for setting the grate, which Dick is to pay me. He charged for five days work at 2.25, 11.25 for topping Jim's chimney 1.50—total 14.25. I had paid him 10.00 and now owe him 4.25 which I am to pay before Sat. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Mr. Bebee. Took letter to Sally. Joe worked ½ day and so did Jim and John Lacy cutting corn.
- 6 Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 1.00. Charlie Burns worked on Aunt Nancy's and old coal house &c. Joe, Jim and John Lacy cut corn in sand field. Jake helped Dick put in wheat. It rained a little in the morning. I got letter from Julia.
- 7 Went to Rising Sun—got the rest of the money I had in Bk. \$50.00. Pd Mr. Griffith the 4.25 I owed him (see 5th). Brought Aunt Nancy back. Charlie Burns worked—patching up old buildings &c. I got letters from Patty and Sally. Last night there was a white frost that bit some few things and I saw a little ice that came out of a bucket or basin. Joe, Jim, John Lacy and Bill Lacy cut corn. Mr. Conner sent and had the wild steer killed. Jake put in wheat for Dick.
- 8 Warmer to-day. Charlie fixed the flue in Joe's house and finished up and I settled with him—he said he had worked 13 days and I had already paid him 10. so I pd him 3.00 in full. Also sent by him to Mr. Griffith 1.00 for a stone hammer. Let Jake Anderson have an order on Clore for 2.00. Joe cut corn in the morning—after dinner I sent him to take Mr. Griffith's tools, tackle &c. in the wagon—and told him to bring a load of coal. He got the coal from Corbin's and said it was 37 bus. 16 lbs. Mary Fred got 1 lb. butter. Jim, John Lacy and Bill cut corn. Mr. Fred grubbed. Jake helped Dick.
- 9 I went to Aurora—got Sally's package by Ex. and sent her postal. Went to hunt Mr. Mitchell about apples. Pd. Mr. Fred in full. Jake did n't work. Joe, John and Bill Lacy cut corn. Jim worked ½ day. Ernest and Hal came in the evening. I sent Julia letter from Aurora with 5.00 in it for Sub. to Century. Finished cutting corn.
- 10 Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 3.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on Clore for 2.00. No one worked for me. Dick put in wheat in a corner of the tobacco field—to finish up.
- 11 Sunday. Mr. Brady and Hilda's cousin Mr. Cunningham came to call. Ernest dined here. Bill Lacy said he would put his mare in the pasture for a month. Lovely bright warm day. Did n't write in this till Wed. night.
- 12 Mr. House and Mr. Mitchell both came to look at apples. Mr. Mitchell bought them conditionally as I thought from what he said for 100. but it seems not. I went to Hilda's and stayed all night—went to call on Mrs. Fisk. It rained hard at night. Jake says he worked ¾ of

- a day. Joe worked. He put in rye and went to Bellevue for barrels I bought in Aurora. Jake cut briars and said he helped Joe put in rye. Sent letter to Patty from B.
- 13 Got letters from Fanny Gibbon and Sarah. Came home from Hilda's. Mr. Bush and Mr. Williams came to see about apples. Mr. Bush as agent for Mr. Mitchell and they managed by Mr. M's plans to get them for 75.00 that is the orchard to the right—and back of Jake's house. Jake says he worked ½ day. Joe worked ½ day fixing Aunt Nancy's house. It rained part of the day.
 - 14 Jake says he wants to give up the cow he is milking, Ellen. He worked to-day cutting briars. Joe worked—he finished Aunt Nancy's house and hauled out the load of the apple men's things—their tents &c. ladders &c. I went to tell Mrs. Longmoor and Miss Lou goodbye as they are moving to Pete. and went to Bellevue twice. Disagreeable day cloudy and sprinkled sometimes.
 - 15 Thursday. Jake Anderson's wife Ida had a boy baby to-day. Jake did n't work. Joe worked pointing Aunt Nancy's house and in the kitchen. Mr. McWethy came to see about apples. Got letter from Julia with 1.00 left from sub. to Century Mag.
 - 16 Lily was here to-day. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Lucy Johnstone. Joe and Jake worked getting apples and making cider. Jim and Dick brought my share of potatoes.
 - 17 Sent letter to Sarah. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for 1.00. Got at the grange store for Jake things amounting to 1.40. Lily was here again—pd. her 1.00. Jake worked all day, Joe ½ day getting apples and Jake made cider. Ernest came in the evening. Dennis went to his mother's.
 - 18 Sunday. Lovely summer day—Hilda and Mr. B. dined here.
 - 19 Gave Jim Moreland order on Corbin for 2.0—Joe, Jake, Dick and Jim worked getting apples and making cider. Sam Eggleston also helped ½ day. I showed Mr. Fred and John Lacy some grubbing to do. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Patty—got one from her and note from Susie Tew. Warm and rained a little sometimes—hard straight.
 - 20 Let Dick Loudon have order on Clore for 3.00. Joe, Jake, Dick, Jim and Sam E. worked getting apples and making cider—they finished getting apples off cherry hill. I went to Bellevue—got Katy Gibbon's wedding cards. Warm pleasant day.
 - 21 Got Joe West 1.00 worth of flour at Corbin's. Joe, Jake, Dick, Jim and Sam worked getting apples and making cider. Got a whiskey barrel from the apple men. Let Mrs. Fred have 1 lb. butter. Turned colder to-day. Jake got ½ bus. potatoes.
 - 22 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 3 days and I settled with him in full—gave him order on Clore for 2.10. Joe, Jake, Jim, Dick, Sam and John Lacy worked, getting apples and making cider and John grubbed some. Got another whiskey barrel from the apple men. Sent for coal oil for Jake .08. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to be at Erlanger Sat. morning. Pleasant bright day.
 - 23 Settled with Sam E. He had worked 4 days and I gave him an order on Corbin for 3.00. He worked ½ day to-day. Finished up cider making by noon and sent Joe to take the mill up after dinner. Joe, Jim and Dick worked. Joe cleaned cellar fixed windows &c. and after Jim and Dick put the apples in the cellar they began to grub. Jim in sand field—Dick next new ground. John Lacy grubbed back of the house. Jake worked for himself. I got letters from Sally and Sue.
 - 24 Got up early and went to Erlanger for Patty. She missed the train and I went to Hilda's and stayed till night. She came on the evening train and Joe came up for us and we got home about 9. Joe worked for me ½ day. Jim says he worked ½ day grubbing.
 - 25 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came to dine. Lovely day almost like summer.

- 26 Gave Jim Moreland an order on Corbin for 2.50. John Lacy came and said he had worked 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ days grubbing and cutting briers. It came to 3.56 and I paid him the .56 and left the 3.00 with Mike Corbin for him. Got 1.00 worth of meat for Joe West at Corbin's. Got at Clore's for Jake Anderson 2.25 worth of flour &c. Dennis came home to-day. Charlie Burns came out and put on the locks. Joe worked tinkering around fixing up the kitchen, buggy house &c. The apple men said they would pay .50 a day for a horse and had Billy—Dick and Jim grubbed—Jim in sand field—Dick by new ground. Jake says he worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day. I sent letters to T. D. and to Sally for H. N.
- 27 Did n't write in this till Thursday. The men Dick and Jim did n't work for me they hauled for the apple men. Joe tinkered round. Jake says he worked cutting briers.
- 28 Patty and I went to Hilda's and dined. It was warm and rained before we came home. Joe worked patching up fence, fixing kitchen &c. till it rained. Jake says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 29 Rained most of the day—Jake did n't work.
- 30 Let Joe help Dick strip tobacco. Jake says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 31 Joe did n't work—Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briers. Gave Jake an order on Corbin for 1.00 The men had horse to use days this week. Jake hauled a load of barrels out for them this evening. Jim M. had a horse days this week hauling for which he is to give 1.25 per day.

November

- 1 Sunday. Ernest came and dined. Rained last night I think.
- 2 Colder—unpleasant day with little attempts at hail or something like it. Sent Joe down to Bellevue for lime, flour, a little lumber &c. Then he hauled manure out of stables. Jake said he cut briers.
- 3 Let Jim Moreland have an order on Corbin for 2.00. Joe hauled manure and fixed cellar window and walls in kitchen. Jake was cutting briers $\frac{1}{2}$ day. We went down to down to Bellevue and I left 1.10 for Mr. Clough for meat. Got letters from Julia and Bessie and postal from Hilda. Lillian and Katy came. Dick grubbed $\frac{3}{4}$ day—Jim $\frac{1}{2}$ day. The apple man said Jake worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for him—and he did n't work any more this week for me.
- 4 Joe did n't work—went to R. Sun. The apple man said Jake worked for him. Rained at night. Very warm.
- 5 Let Dick have order on Clore for 1.00. Let Jake have order on Clore for .50.
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- 7 Dick said Joe worked for him two $\frac{3}{4}$ days and over 7. Let Jake have order on Corbin for 2.00. Let Dick have order on Clore for 4.00. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Belle R. Joe hauled apples all day for apple man. Miss Anna Foos and Amy C. came down. Mr. Heard came to see Bessie.
- 8 Sunday. Ernest came to call. Amy and Miss Foos went away.
- 9 Went over the river to take Mr. Heard and Bessie to the omnibus. Joe drove. Joe hauled some apple barrels for men. Joe got the sheep up and took out the 3 bucks &c.
- 10 Went to Bellevue to the funeral of Dr. Piatt. Joe tinkered around patching up fence, railing &c.
- 11 Joe cleaned out the crib and hauled the old corn to the cabin. After dinner he helped Jim and Dick gather corn and they put one load in my crib. I got letters from Julia and Sue.
- 12 Patty and I went to Mr. Joe Walton's and I bought 5 hogs at 3.50. It was lovely summer-like weather. The apple men finished and left. Joe hauled for them after dinner and hauled their tents &c. late. I sent letters to Sue and Judge Marvin. Joe helped Jim and Dick gather corn in sand field this morning. They put another load in crib for me—Bill Lacy helped gather corn to-day.

- 13 I started for Aurora via Woolper and had to come back got letter from Cousin Belle. Joe helped Dick and Jim gather corn. Bill Lacy too—they put in crib. Jake says he worked 3 ½ days this week.
- 14 Sent letters to BBG and Julia. Let Joe have an order on Corbin for 3.00. Made Hilda's fruitcake for her. Let Sam Eggleston have order on Corbin's for 3.00. He says he worked 3 ½ days so I paid him for ½ day over his work. No one worked for me to-day.
- 15 Sunday. Ernest dined with us.
- 16 Heavier frost than usual—bright and lovely. Sent Joe and Jake to Mr. Walton's for my five hogs, then they hauled 5 rails to make a pen. Bill Lacy shucked corn. Dick and Jim did n't work at it. Sam grubbed for me. The 5 hogs weighed 1085 lbs. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown.
- 17 Went to Aurora to see Mr. Mitchell but did n't get my money. Joe worked. Made pen for hogs and hauled some old logs. Bill and Jake shucked corn. Sam says he grubbed.
- 18 Rained last night. Got letter from Julia and paper from N. O. Times-Democrat. Let Jake have order on Clore for coal oil and sugar .58.
- 19 Let Bill Lacy have order on Corbin for 2.00. He says he worked 4 days and that would be 3.00. His month's pasture taken out would only leave one so he is now owing me 1.00. Sent to C. A. James, Cas. Bk. of Washington my certificate of stock and a power of attorney to vote for me in the Natl. Bk. of W. they are going to turn it into. Got Mike Corbin and Patty to witness it for me. Took one of Sue's quilts to Mrs. Ryle. Jake did n't work. Joe worked ½ day shucking corn. It rained in the morning. Got another copy of Times-Democrat.
- 20 Joe, Jake and Bill shucked corn. I went to see Mag. Doll Walton came to see about his wheat money.
- 21 Let Jim Moreland have order on Corbin for 2.00. Let Joe West have an order for 2.00 on Corbin. Let Dick have an order on Kelly for 1.50. Let Jake have verbal order on Corbin for 2.00. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Sally, buddy and BBG. Joe worked ½ day—Billy.
- 22 Sunday. Rained hard and snowed a little bit at night.
- 23 Joe and Jake worked—hauled the cider mill and barrels down and some wood—after dinner shucked corn. Got note from Mr. Mitchell with check for 45. part payment for the apples. Sent letters to Sally and Ernest came and dined. Aunt Eliza came. I pd. her 1.00 for rent and sent by her order for Aunt Sally on Oscar Jones. Disagreeable day—snow in the air occasionally.
- 24 Mr. Jim Conner came and I engaged to him my lambs and wool for next spring—he to pay the top of the market. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for 45. Mr. Mitchell sent me, see 23. Mr. Pink Rice paid me 16.00 for walnut logs he hauled to-day—logs that were down—said he would leave .25 at the store for me, the balance on the logs. Joe and Jake shucked corn—it was a disagreeable day—a little fly of snow sometimes. Lily came over.
- 25 Went up to Mr. Walton's and paid to B. Walton in presence of Patty, the \$30. I owed Doll Walton for the 30 bus. seed wheat Dick got see Sep. 30th. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Bk. of Washington with draft on N.Y. for \$33. Joe and Jake shucked corn. Bill Lacy says he shucked ½ day.
- 26 Thanksgiving day. Joe and Jake and Bill shucked corn.
- 27 Let Jim have order on Corbin for 1.50. Sent letter to Cas. Bk. of Washington. Lovely day like spring. Joe, Jake and Bill shucked corn. Ernest came down.
- 28 Gave Joe W. an order on Corbin for 3.00. Gave Jake Anderson order on Corbin for 1.50. Bill Lacy came and said he had worked 4 days since our last settlement. That comes to 3.00 and taking out the dollar he owed me (see 19th) would be 2.00. I gave him an order on Corbin for

4.00 so he now owes me 2.00. Patty and I went to Frank Grant's to dine—with Ernest who came home with me. No one worked for me.

- 29 Sunday. Like spring. Ernest went away. Mike Corbin pd. me .25 for P. Rice (see 24th).
- 30 Went to Bellevue. Got Mike Corbin to cash the check for \$33. from Bk. of Washington (see 25th) and left 38. with him to pay Mr. Joe Walton for the hogs. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Joe and Jake worked. I went with Jim and Jake to count the corn shocks. Jim said they had shucked 126 and my hands 182 in sand field. There were 69 across the creek and that left 13 to be divided so I told them to shuck my half. According to this count I have 377 shocks. After dinner Joe and Jake hauled wood out of the new ground Sam grubbed.

December

- 1 Patty and I went to Bellevue. I got letter from Julia and postal from Ex. agt., Aurora. Mr. J. H. Walton was at Mr. Corbin's and got the 38. for the hogs. Joe and Jake worked getting wood. Bill Lacy worked ½ day. Like spring. Found sick ewe—head swelled up.
- 2 Spring-like again. Ewe was dead. Joe sheared and buried it—then hauled wood. Bill worked helping get wood. Jake worked ½ day helping. Mr. Bush and Mr. Williams came and settled up with me for the rest of the apple money—hauling &c. and paid me in presence of Patty Selmes 45.70.
- 3 Jake says he and Bill Lacy worked getting out wood and Joe ploughed piece of ground Jim Loudon cleared.
- 4 My precious own's birthday—19 years old, Lord love her. Wrote her a letter. Went to Bellevue. Joe and Jake got wood and then put up gate by oak tree in rye field. Warm day.
- 5 Wind blew hard last night and blew down a good deal of fodder. Only Joe worked for me ½ day. He turned the cattle and horses in the pasture on cherry hill and pulled turnips. Let Joe have order on Mr. Corbin for 2.00. Mr. Utz came and paid me 1.50 for pasture of the calf he bought and left it here. It turned cold last night—2° below freezing this morning and a cold wind blowing. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down the first time since they got home from Jacksonville.
- 6 Sunday. Colder and windy. Ernest dined here. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 7 Jim put a heifer in the pasture. Cold—6° above zero—bright day. Killed my 5 hogs. Joe and Jake worked—they helped them. Got letter from buddy & Sally.
- 8 Turned warmer in the night and was snowing and sleeting in the morning. Trees and everything covered with ice. Turned very warm, 53°, and rained again. The men cut up and salted meat and tinkered around—cut a little wood &c.
- 9 Joe went to Bellevue for salt lumber &c. Jake cut wood—then they hauled some of the fodder that was down to the hay shed. Turned colder.
- 10 Joe and Jake worked hauling fodder. Got Sue's children's photographs.
- 11 Only Joe worked—he cleaned out sheep cellar &c. 24° above 0. The men were gathering corn and put some in the room in the barn.
- 12 Gave Jake Anderson order on Corbin for 1.00. No one worked for me. Hilda and Mr. B. came—got letter from Sally. Joe West came in and we had a settlement—the first since March 12th. According to the account I kept compared with his he had worked 197 ½ days. 197 ½ days at .75= 148.13 for extra work not counted in the number of days I made it \$150.

Orders	34.55
Cash	81.70
Coal	9.07
Corn	3.12
<u>butter</u>	<u>5.92</u>

total \$134.36

taken from \$150 leaves 15.64 which I pd. him and settled in full to date.

- 13 Sunday. Rained part of the day.
- 14 Snowing this morning 26° above 0. Sent by Lewis to Aunt Sally .10 and an order on Oscar Jones R. S. for 1.50. Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Joe and Jake worked hauling manure out of sheep cellar till Mr. Schwartz came then they stopped to help him try to set up the horse power.
- 15 Joe and Jake worked. Mr. Schwartz came back and they worked helping him—he could n't get it set up—went home—they hauled manure out of sheep cellar. Isaac came over. I sent by him order on Eshman for 1.00 of coal for Aunt Sally. Went to Bellevue. Pd. Mr. Kelly the order I let Dick L. have for 1.50 Nov. 21st. Went to see about Sue's quilts. Sent letters to Sue, Julia and buddy. Ernest came and stayed all night.
- 16 Joe and Jake worked cutting trees in the pasture.
- 17 Joe and Jake worked. Jake cut and Joe hauled wood.
- 18 Went to Cin.—crossed the river and went up on stage and O.M. Bought a stove at McGill's. Went out to Julia's and stayed all night. Jake did n't work. Joe worked ½ day at wood.
- 19 Went in town with Julia and did some shopping. Went to dine with Julia at Fanny Law's. Jake did n't work. Joe worked ½ day at wood.
- 20 Sunday. Came down on the boat. Hilda and Mr. B. here. Lovely for the last few days—just like spring. Found letters from Sally and Sue.
- 21 It is 13 years since my dear papa died, Lord love his soul. Sent Joe after the stove. He put it up, then cut or hauled wood. Jake cut wood. We went to Bellevue. Got letters from Bk. of Washington with check for \$33. Ernest came. Let Joe West have order on Corbin for 2.00.
- 22 Went to Mr. Rogers's to tell him about Jim's corn money—and to see Mrs. N. Arnold. Got letters from Julia and buddy. Joe cut wood.
- 23 Had a settlement with Jake Anderson the only one since he has been here. Up to date he owes me \$50.65 besides for 1 bushel potatoes, serves me right for not having settled sooner. Warm and rainy to-day. Ernest went home. Jake did n't work. Joe worked ½ day—hung gate &c. I took letters to Sally, Julia and to Bk. Washington.
- 24 It is thirteen years since papa was buried. Lord love his soul. Warm as spring—misted rain towards night. Went to Bellevue—got cards &c. Bill Lacy came in and said he had worked 2 ½ days and made 210 rails which came to 3.98 and I called it 4.00. He was owing me 1.00 (see Nov. 19th) so I pd. him 3.00 in full. Gave Joe West an order for 4.00 on Corbin and for .50 for Tobe who helped Joe to-day hauling fodder. Did n't write in this till 28th.
- 25 Christmas—Patty and I were home. Ernest dined here and Susie Rice. Isaac came up to get some things for Aunt Sally. He brought papers.
- 26 Went to Bellevue—got Mike Corbin to cash the check or draft rather for \$33. (see Dec. 21st) and pd. him 4.50 for the cash order of Dec. 24th—got it and burnt it. Paid Patty what I borrowed of her to take to Cin. No one worked for me.
- 27 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came—stayed all night. We went down for Sue but she did n't come. Got 60.
- 28 No one worked for me. Jake had a wood-chopping. Mr. Jim Rogers came and paid me 21.13 of Jim's corn money—all Jim left in his hands for me. Dick never let me have a cent after promising me half the corn money. Mr. Rogers bought 608 bus. which at .30 came to 182.40 half of which was Dick's and half Jim's. Mr. Rogers also paid me .87 on 30 lbs. wire he bought of me. Rained a little to-day. I got letters from Sue and Sarah.
- 29 Patty and I went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. I gave Mr. Brady \$70. to pay my taxes but as the Sheriff was not in town he could n't get a receipt and so I left the money with

him. Mr. Jim Thompson bought Dick's crop of tobacco at 5.50 for all grades but the flyings that 2.00. He also bought Jim's at 5.75 for two grades, 4.00 for one and 2.00 for the flyings. To be delivered as soon as convenient at Boone Rogers's barn. I sold my part with theirs. Got letter from Julia telling me she had engaged Mrs. Dickey to come and nurse Patty. Joe and Jake hauled fodder and one hauled wood and Joe cut wood. Dennis took Julia and had her shod by Mr. Birkle.

30 Sent letter to Sally. Went to Bellevue—had a shoe put on Ben &c., paid Mr. Birkle 1.55. Got cross cut saw from Mr. Griffith—paid him .50. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Joe and Jake worked—they fooled away most of the morning in my ____ of grubbing by horse power ____ to the Co. Gen. then cut wood and Joe tinkered at sled. Got Joe West .54 worth of meat at Corbin's.

31 Joe and Jake worked—tinkered up the gate at the top of the hill and hung it. Then went to Mr. Rice's and got some straw a load and part of another to put in the sheep pen. Got the sheep up for the first time. Found one new buck lamb. Went to see Lily A. and Mr. Rice. Got letter from buddy.