

**January**

- 1 Colder but bright. Joe fed &c. but no one worked for me. Snow still deep—the papers say it is from ten inches to a foot and over in this state.
- 2 Milder 26° at 7.30 A.M. and snowing hard a fine snow. At 12 noon 34° still snowing, and continued to snow till sundown.
- 3 Milder, snow melting on the eaves. I walked to Bellevue—took letter to Sally. Joe fed lambs, fixed wire fence.
- 4 Colder 17° above 0 at sunup. Did n't write in this till 6<sup>th</sup>. Joe fed.
- 5 16° above 0 at sunup—turned warmer towards evening and rained all night too I believe. Joe fed &c.
- 6 Sunday. Warm and poured down nearly all day and is raining hard at night. Snow vanished very fast. At 10 P.M. raining torrents.
- 7 The creek was all over the bottoms last night. Went out before breakfast to see about the cattle in the stalk field—found one young cow mired—bottoms all a loblolly, and came home in a hard rain. Had the cattle and horses turned out of the bottoms. Went to Bellevue. Got letters from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. for \$10. and from Farmers' & mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. for \$28. Got letter from Patty and one from Julia saying her Sally had arrived at home. Joe worked for me till noon then went to strip tobacco for himself but quit in time to haul the mired cow up on a sled with the help of Dick and his hands. Cow could n't stand. The rain is said to be the heaviest in two years—a washing rain and I was told the river rose 15 ft. in 24 hours. Cloudy but not very cold. Took letter to Patty I think.
- 8 I rode to Burlington—went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the three drafts (see yesterday) total \$113. Of which he took .25 exchange. Went to the court house and paid my state taxes \$108.41 of which 16.13 was penalty added because I did not pay before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Got receipt signed by Elmer Beall D.S. Dined at Hilda's and rode home. It was cloudy all day with a raw wind on the hills and turning colder, ground and puddles freezing. Joe hauled food to the cattle and after dinner stripped tobacco for himself.
- 9 Colder 26° above at sunup. Turned the cattle back on stalk field. Took Amy Cow away from Little Acey to wean the latter. Sent by Georgy letters to Patty and Natl. Bk. Washington to acknowledge draft. Very disagreeable all day, cloudy and a keen wind, at 9 P.M. snowing again. Joe fed hauled some manure and fixed wire fence in bottom that the creek washed out.
- 10 A thin snow this morning then sleet and rain and after that a wet snow till dark. The same cow got down in barn lot and had to be hauled to the sheep cellar again. Joe fed &c. and as it rained he stripped tobacco for himself.
- 11 Snow over everything about 3 in. or so. Milder and sun came out part of the day. Sent by Dick this evening letters to Sally and Fanny G. Mr. Lee Huey came with Mr. Joe Walton and I sold him 11 head of cows and heifers for \$155. And threw in a heifer calf of one of the cows. Mr. Huey said it 'seemed too much like stealing' but he could not afford to offer more and I was compelled to take what I could get—such is life. Got letter from Sally. At dark began to snow hard again.
- 12 Turned very cold 5° below 0 at sunup and about 8 inches fresh snow—but the sun came out and at noon it came up to 0. Joe and Jess drove the cattle over to Mr. Kite's store to meet Mr. R. L. Huey and he sent me by Joe check on Erlanger Deposit Bank for \$155. Turned colder, was 7° below 0 at 9.30 P.M.
- 13 Sunday. Moderated in the night. 3° above at 7 A.M. and snowing hard. It is very rare to see it snow here when the thermometer is as low as that. Went up and snowed at intervals during the day. Dick said the tobacco was sold.

- 14 At 7 A.M. 1° above 0 went up during the day I saw it 26° above and bright sun. Woods beautiful covered with ice crystals. Went to J. J. Huey to see about the tobacco. It was sold at the Louisville Tobacco Warehouse Glover & Durrett. It weighed net 3895 lbs. and brought \$179.52. When the expenses were deducted it only came to \$149.44. As Dick was owing me I kept this and paid J. J. Huey my account in full to date 58.26 and he paid me the balance \$91.18. I then went to Mr. Corbin's and as Mike was gone and Mr. A. Corbin could n't find my account I paid him \$80. on it and took his receipt. Pd. W. W. Grant to date 1.20. Joe fed &c. No mail to-day.
- 15 Milder 30° at 7 A.M. and turned warmer 38° at 2 P.M. Went to Burlington in big sled, Joe drove. Went to Bank got Mr. Revill to take the check from Mr. R. L. Huey for \$155. (see 12<sup>th</sup>) and he gave me a check for Mr. J. Q. Elston for \$71.50 and took .25 for exchange and paid me the balance \$83.25. I then went to Dr. Furnish and pd. Him in full to date 4.00. Paid Mr. W. L. Riddell 3.00 for Recorder up to Jan. '96. Got from Mr. Rouse money order for 2.50 for sub. to Co. Gentleman. Inclosed the check for 71.50 in a letter to Mr. J. Q. Elston and put it in Burlington P.O. Went to see Hilda. Walked to Bellevue and gave Mike Corbin \$18. To pay Mr. \_\_\_ for my school house tax. Got letter from Patty from Milwaukee. Old pi\_\_ewe died. Joe worked to-day.
- 16 Milder 32° at 7 A.M. and another deep wet snow during the night, snow thawed during the day. Sent Joe for coal, he hauled two loads from Huey's 77bus. at 11 cts comes to 8.47. Got letter from buddy with <sup>draft</sup>check for \$194. Interest, also letter from Julia. Sent by Joe letter to Luther Tucker and Son Albany with money order for 2.50 I got yesterday for sub. to Co. Gentleman. Joe worked hauled some manure from stalls.
- 17 Colder this morning, 10° above 0 and trees bushes and weeds covered with crystals of frost. Went to R. Sun in the Swan—to see Aunt Eliza. Paid O. Jones's bill 17.25. Pd. Elliott's coal bill 6.00 and got receipts. Bought Aunt Eliza blankets at Heyn's 3.75. Joe worked—attended to steer that is down—in the bottom stalk field, cut stove wood &c. I sent by Lou to this morning mail letter to buddy acknowledging draft also to Patty and to Julia. It turned warmer. Went to see Becky Maurer's sick child Clara.
- 18 Unlucky day for stock. Joe found one of my young ewes dead in the sheep cellar—in good order and was to have a lamb—he said her neck was broken—there was no sign of other injury or sickness. He found a calf very lame in fore leg. The men hauled the steer that was down into the sheep cellar where he is stretched out apparently to die. Lord only knows what ails him—such is life. Joe worked at odds & ends, attending to stock and hung the meat in the smoke house. Dick brought Asa's beech lumber for me for 3.00 to be paid in an order for Asa to-day, and two bushels of potatoes. Dick said Asa got ½ bushel to-day. 30° at 7 A.M. and thawed.
- 19 Did n't write in this till Sunday. Got photographs of Til and Isabella. Mild. Hilda & Mr. B. came and stayed all night.
- 20 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. It was much warmer and the snow melted fast.
- 21 Gave Dick Loudon an order on Huey for two dollars a week during my absence—if I get off. This morning before I was out of bed a large piece of plaster fell off the ceiling in the balcony room. It was warm this morning and dashes of rain almost like April blew hard all day and after dark still blowing very hard and turning colder. Joe fed and then stripped on his tobacco. Dan McCarty paid me .90 for two bus. of potatoes he go.
- 22 Did n't write in this till the 30<sup>th</sup>. Started for Minn. Went on the little boat to Aurora and on the train to Cin. and went to Julia's. Went to Bellevue first to see about getting the boat &c. It was turning colder. Got invitation card from Helen D. and I think letter from Patty.
- 23 Spent the day with Julia. She took me in to get my tickets and at night went to see me on the cars for Chicago.
- 24 Arrived at the Chicago depot where I spent the day—it was cold windy and horrid, left about 6 P.M. for St. Paul. Wrote to Julia.

- 25 Friday. Got to St. Paul to breakfast. Patty Sally and Frank met me and we went to Sally's and took breakfast, and then I came to Patty's. Buddy and Cousin Rebecca came to see me.
- 26 Bitter cold—did n't go anywhere except to Sally's—yes went with her to a matinee to see 'Wang.'
- 27 Sunday. We all went to buddy's to dine. It was very cold at night.
- 28 Miss Dots came to Patty's to lunch. Mr. Chew went home. I went to Dr. Bigelow's and had a filling put in a front tooth.
- 29 Went to Sally's and spent part of the day there and Patty and I lunched with her. Very cold.
- 30 Bitter cold. I got two letters that have been forwarded from home from Patty and Julia. Since I came here I have written to Julia and had a letter from her have also written to Hilda and to Aunt Nancy. Patty went to a dinner at her father's and I dined at Sally's and stayed all night. Frank left for New York after dinner.
- 31 Seems milder. Came back to Patty's. Turned very cold again towards night. Patty and I lunched at Sally's with company. I went to see Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Furness and to buddy's. Sally dined with us and Mr. Armstrong came.

## February

- 2 We went to the Drerssmaker's, cold and snowing. Harry Foster came. Mrs. Furness and Patty went to a musicale. I went home with Sally and stayed all night.
- 3 Sunday. Bitter cold. Mrs. Ben Thompson came to lunch and buddy came and we went to his house to dine.
- 4 Bitter cold again. Mrs. Spen\_\_'s house was burned last night. I went to Sally's and she dined with us and went to a card party.
- 5 Sent letters to Julia & Aunt Nancy. Patty Sally and I went to lunch with cousin Rebecca, and afterwards called on Mrs. Hall. Bitter cold and snowed hard. Stayed all night with Sally.
- 6 Wed. had a French class. Went to the meeting of the Century Club to hear John Riddle speak on Turkey. He dined here and I stayed all night with Sally. Bitter cold and deep snow.
- 7 Very cold still. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon. Patty and I went to a lunch given by Mrs. Ben Thompson at the Aberdeen. Stayed with Sally.
- 8 Sally and I went to lunch at cousin Rebecca's—and she and buddy came up to see Til who is sick. Had French lesson. Got letters from Hilda who was sick and from Julia. Very cold still.
- 9 Cold but not quite so bad. Went with Sally to see the Kinetoscopes. Sent letter to Hilda. Stayed with Sally.
- 10 Sunday. Seems a little less cold. Sally got a telegram from her husband saying he was snow-bound in Philadelphia. Buddy came to Patty's to call. We went to his house to dine. Mrs. Thompson and Miss Minna were there. Went home with Sally.
- 11 Milder. Came to Patty's—got letter from Julia. Went down town to the dressmaker's with Sally, and made a call. Mrs. Rice came to see me. Stayed all night with Sally.
- 12 Sent letters to Hilda and Aunt Nancy. Went this evening with Patty and Mrs. Furness to a concert to hear the violinist Caesar Thompson. Frank Cutcheon came back from New York. I went to call on Mrs. Ben Thompson and Mrs. Wilson. Warmer.
- 13 Mild Pleasant day. Took French lesson, went with Sally to Minneapolis to see Mrs. Atwater.
- 14 Keep going to Patty's back and forth. She and Sally went to a Valentine party. Had my trunk moved to Sally's. Still mild.
- 15 Had French lesson. Went with Sally to return calls. Still mild and pleasant considering. To-day's paper said there had been 8 inches snow in N. Orleans.
- 16 Still mild. Went to Patty's while Sally skated.
- 17 Sunday. Am going back and forth to Patty's all the time. Patty and Til started for Boone on the evening train. We dined at buddy's. He came to Patty's. Mild and snowed part of the day.

- 18 Still mild and bright. Went to Mrs. Hall's to lunch—and to call at buddy's and Mrs. Bigelow's and Mrs. Furness's. Got letter from Hilda written by Mr. Brady—she had been sick over two weeks—it was written the 15<sup>th</sup> and he said the river was frozen and people crossing on the ice. Went to see Mrs. Thompson who is sick. Wrote to Hilda and Sally posted the letter.
- 19 Found my front tooth broken and went to see Dr. Bigelow about it. Julia said they heard from Patty at Chicago. I got a letter from Patty too and wrote to her and posted the letter. Mrs. Furness called to invite us to lunch Thursday. Isabella came over. Wrote and posted letter to Julia. Sally had a dinner.
- 20 Mild and misting rain. Got letter from Julia. Went to Dr. Bigelow and had my front tooth filled again.
- 21 Got note from Patty at Cin. and a line from Julia, also letter from Hilda by Mr. Brady. Wrote and posted letters to Patty, Julia, and Hilda. Went to lunch with Mrs. Furness—then went to Mrs. Bigelow's and stopped at buddy's.
- 22 Took my last French lesson of Mlle. Legas. She said I had had 9 lessons in all 5 by myself and I paid her 6.60 in full. Mrs. Justus B. Rice came to see me. John Riddle came up.
- 23 Went down town with Sally. Miss Dotts and Cousin Rebecca came to see me. Got long letter from Patty at home. John Riddle left. Did n't write in this till March 3<sup>d</sup> like a simpleton and can't get much right now.
- 24 Sunday. Bright mild day seemed like spring—snow melting everywhere round town. Went with Sally to buddy's and round to tell them and some friends good bye. Isabella dined with us. Left St. Paul on the night train. Sally and Frank and buddy saw me on the train.
- 25 Got to Chicago and spent the day there very stupidly. Left on the 8.30 train for Cin. Mild and thawing—streets in a horrible state.
- 26 Mardi Gras. Got to Cin. in the morning. The river was full of moving ice—mild pretty day. Came to Erlanger on the early train and down on the omnibus to Burlington where Patty sent Harry to meet me. I wrote to Sally from Chicago and Erlanger. Hilda and Mr. B. came down—she has been sick about a month and is not well yet. Found Tilden very poorly—the rest all well except Joe West who has been laid up some time. Found letter from Mrs. Brown from Louisville. The winter has been very hard since I left. Thermometer from 12° below 0 in Bellevue to 15° and upward in the county. The potatoes are partly frozen in the cellar and it is said the fruit is all killed. The steer that was sick when I left died and two of the young ewes. My young cow with a spot in her forehead has a young calf red b. calf. The river has been frozen a long time while I was gone. Fanny came to work 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 27 Heard boats to-night—sent a letter to Sally and got one from her I think also one from Julia but can't be certain.
- 28 Think I went to Bellevue. Til still poorly.

## **March**

- 1 Friday. Cloudy and rained a little. Another young ewe has died. Sold Mr. Wat Brown a load of corn at .50 a bus. to be weighed in Burlington. Dr. Furnish is waiting on Tilden.
- 2 Went to Bellevue and got Mike to take as mem. of seed to get for me 300 lbs Ky. blue grass seed 150 lbs. timothy seed 60 bls (one bus.) clover and 24 bus. seed oats. Sent letter to Julia. Colder ground frozen at sunup. Dr. F. came to see Til.
- 3 Sunday. Cold but bright and pleasant. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Dr. Furnish came. Til a little better.
- 4 Blew hard last night and this morning—sunless raw and disagreeable. Got letters from Sally and Harriet.
- 5 Cool but bright. Dick hauled fodder and went to Big Boone for water. Dr. F. came to see Til. I went to Ernest's to see Miss Low. Sent letter to Sally when they went for the mail. Got letter from Julia. Short-tailed bell ewe had twins.

- 6 My birthday—62 such is life. Sent letter to Julia. There was a light skim of snow this orning which melted. Flave worked I believe—grubbing and brier cutting. Mr. John J. Berkshire came and I told him he could have the 4 heifer calves whose mothers I sold for 10. A piece, and he is to get them this week. I engaged from him to be delivered next month 3 cherries May Duke Black Tartarian and Ida 1 Kieffer pear 2 Weaver plums 1 Missouri Quince 1 Crosbey peach 1 Eaton and 1 Majara grape 100 plants Charles Downing strawberries and 100 of mixed Warfield Bubach and Haveland strawberries, which he said would come to 5.70. They are to come from H. C. Weaver & Co. Capital Nursery, Shelbyville, Indiana.
- 7 Rained a little off and on. Dr. F. came down.
- 8 Cloudy raw day. Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. envelope with Sally's lace. Sent to Burpee 4.00 for garden seeds. Went to Mike Corbin and got a bill of the oats, clover and grass seed he got for me \$53.60 and paid him and got receipt. Sent by Patty letter to Sue. Patty and Til went to Burlington. It rained snowed blew and was a most disagreeable day and the men had to quit work.
- 9 Colder 24° at sunup, bright and a keen wind. Mr. Berkshire came and paid me for the 4 heifer calves. They came to \$40. and I told him to reserve the 5.70 for the fruit trees &c. (see 6<sup>th</sup>) and he paid me the balance 34.30. Dick hauled out the oats and grass seed this morning. Flave said he worked ½ day. Letter from Julia.
- 10 Sunday. Lovely warm bright day, like spring. Patty and Til drove to Burlington to see the Dr. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. Hilda showed me a draft on N.Y. for \$4992.50 that she received from N. Orleans the 5000 she got from the compromise on Mrs. Hill's will less the exchange. To-night is full moon and a total eclipse and visible here but it is so cloudy I can't even see where the moon it. At 10.30 it was cleared off so I could see the moon with the shadow on it—then it clouded up again.
- 11 Ground white with snow and snowing hard when I got up and for some time. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from her. Chilly and disagreeable all day. Dr. F. came.
- 12 Mild and cloudy almost all day—snow melted fast. Mr. Maurer came and began to trim grapevines. Dick sowed blue grass and timothy mixed in the pasture on wheat ground. Flave cut hedge and jess ploughed on oats. I got letter from Sue. She said Cousin Sally Marvin's husband died Christmas.
- 13 Raining this morning and rained nearly all day. The men were stripping tobacco. I sent by Harry when he went for the mail letter to Harriet Young.
- 14 Very bad day. Colder and sleeted or hailed part of the time. Dick went to Big Bone after water. Patty send for the Dr. for Til. Sent by Harry to Burlington letters to Sally, Julia and Sarah. Patty got letter from Sally. Dr. Furnish came.
- 15 Very disagreeable day. Snowed sometimes—thawed a little. Til better. Ernest Lily and the baby came and dined with us.
- 16 Cold and sunless again and snowing off and on. Flave came and said that last week and this he had worked in all 4 days and I had paid him 1.00 so I paid him 2.00 in full. Garden seeds came from Burpee. Dr. Furnish came.
- 17 Sunday. Bright day with keen wind.
- 18 Warmer—sunny day and the snow melted fast—nearly all gone. Mr. Mauer [sic] came out and finished trimming the grape vines. I paid him in full 2.00. Dick sowed grass seed this morning but it was too windy afterwards. Patty and Til went to Cin. via Erlanger. George drove them out and Harry went with them. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed a little while.
- 19 Rather pleasant and warm. Dick and Jess ploughing and Flave cutting hedge. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Julia that she was going to start to Florida to-day with Fanny Foster. Sent letters to Patty. Sally and Frank came on the little boat from Aurora. They came as a surprise and Ben Corbin drove them out. Mr. Wat Brown got another load of corn.
- 20 Regular blizzard to-day. The wind blew and howled all night and about 7 it began to snow violently. Frank went to Burlington on spring wagon with George to drive. I sent by him letters to Julia and

- Patty and a letter from Fanny to Patty. Went to Bellevue and redirected letters for Patty besides. Went to the funeral services and burying of Zekey Rice's youngest child. Cold windy and horrid day.
- 21 Turned milder and snow melted fast. Dick and Jess hauled fodder hedge brush and manure. Thermometer 21° at sunup.
  - 22 My darling little Isabella's birthday. I sent her by Patty a letter with a remembrance. She is nine year[s] old. Lord love her little life. 25° at sunup. Got letter from Patty saying Til was worse and had gone to the Hospital to be under Dr. Whitaker's care. Wrote to Patty and sent it by Frank.
  - 23 Flave said he had worked 3 ½ days this week cutting hedge. It came to 2.63 and I paid him .13 and gave him an order on Huey for 2.50 in full to date. Dick and Jess ploughed before dinner. Hilda and Mr. B. came and dined. I got letter from Sarah from La. Warmer—towards night wind blew and after 8 P.M. it rained some. Went to the Arnold's this evening to ask about Mr. A.
  - 24 Sunday—Lovely spring day. I found the first wild flowers some turkey peas, and heard the frogs sing. We drove to Ernest's. George R. drove Belle and Becky. Hilda and Mr. B. came after dinner.
  - 25 Rained last night with thunder but I did n't hear it. Warm this morning and grass turning green. Sent letter to Patty and one that came for her. Jess said the corn 2 loads that I had hauled to the barn was out, and he hauled a load from the crib there. He and Flave worked hauling hedge brush &c. Dick laid up with grip he says. Sally and Frank drove to see Hilda. I got a letter from Patty saying Dr. Whitaker said Til had ulceration of the stomach. Sent note to her to Burlington—got postal about trees from Bohlander (see Nov. 23<sup>d</sup>).
  - 26 At sunup 40° and the sun rose pale exactly like a full moon. Pretty bright day. Went to see the Arnold's after dinner. Dick sick. I think Flave ploughed some and Jesse ploughed.
  - 27 Dick sowed some oats this morning but it was so windy he stopped. Joe worked part of day sowing clover. I got letters from Patty and Julia. Ernest and Lily came this evening.
  - 28 Lovely spring day. Hilda and Mr. Brady came bringing the horse Mr. Graham sent me. Patty came down on the little boat to get her trunks. I did n't write in this till Sunday evening 31<sup>st</sup>. I think I went down before breakfast and got 1 bus. clover seed for the men to sow. After noon it was too windy I think and they put in potatoes for themselves in sand field.
  - 29 Friday. Sally and Frank went on the little boat on their way home and Patty went with them to return to the Hospital to Til. George R. drove the spring wagon. It was a lovely spring day with the smoke of burning plant beds veiling the hills and the river. I brought back from Mr. Corbin's a barrel of flour and 15+ bus. oats. Fanny went home. I think the men sowed oats and after noon it was too windy.
  - 30 Lovely mild day—they worked putting in oats and clover and timothy and then fixed the fence round rye field and I had the ewes and lambs turned in it. Dr. Grant and Ernest called. Dick said he let Flave have his time so I am to credit Flave with 5 days this week. Found blood root flowers in the woods.
  - 31 Sunday. Warm day—the grass turning green fast. Towards night it sprinkled a little.

## April

- 1<sup>st</sup> A regulation April day rained off and on all day with heavy thunder and occasional sunshine. Worried with neighbors stock. Joe helped Dic strip tobacco. Sent Patty letter and one that came for her—got two from her and postal about the trees ordered from Mr. Berkshire. Turned the cows out in the pasture.
- 2 Blanche has a calf red with white spots a heifer. Ernest came and we went [to] Burlington to get the fruit trees from Bohlander (see Nov. 23d) and brought them home. Went to see Hilda. Mr. Brady went to Mr. Wat Brown and got the money for the corn he bought. The two loads came to 3885 lbs. = 55 ½ bus. which at .50 comes to 27.75. From this is deducted the 1.50 for bringing my horse from Erlanger and .50 for weighing the corn. Mr. Brady paid me the balance 25.75. It was a very

disagreeable day raw chilly and snowed a little and misted rain. Got letter from Patty and sent her one. Joe said he helped Dick strip tobacco.

- 3 Cold this morning ground frozen a little thermometer about freezing at sunup. I walked round the big pasture fence. Got new yoke for Belle and turned her and Becky and May out. Harry had been working here 6 weeks at 1.50 pr. Week. I had paid him and George 4.50 and in presence of Aunt Susan paid him the balance 4.50 in full. Joe sowed timothy on the new meadows across the creek, then fixed up the fence in places, and set out my trees. In the second row above the vineyard—next to big tulip trees, the Annie Trice, beyond that two Crosbeys and beyond that two Worley's Gems. I got ½ bus. timothy at J. J. Huey and letter from Patty.
- 4 Mild day. Joe worked in the garden and yard. Turned out Siegra's calf Dots to wean.
- 5 Mild pleasant day. Went to Bellevue and took letters to Mr. Graham and Patty and remailed one to Patty. Got letter from Julia written at Palm Beach. Later went for mail got letter from Sally who was a home in St. Paul, also one from Fan, and an invitation from Mrs. Wm. Adam Gollatly, Orange N.J. to the wedding of her daughter Mary Anna to Charlie Cross Goodrich, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Went to Ernest's to see Miss Lou Prest found her apparently dying and after I got home Flora came over to tell me she was dead. Joe sowed grass seed in little piece of bottom and I told him to cut stalks and briers—afterwards he said he sowed on Dick's oats land.
- 6 Went to Bellevue wrote letter to Patty and put it in P.O. with one to Sally. Went to see the Arnold's to find out about Miss Lou's funeral. Went with Cordy to Ernest's and from there with the family in the Swan. The[y] took Miss Lou's coffin on the boat to the ferry landing where the family & kin met us and we went to the cemetery at Petersburg where it was placed in the vault. The wind was high and the river very rough. Went to B.V. [on] my way home and got letter from Patty saying Til is better. Joe sowed grass on oats this morning. Flave came to-night and wanted an order for the 5 days work so I gave him one for 3.75 on Mr. Huey. Rained at 10 P.M.
- 7 Sunday. Cloudy and rained off and on during the day. At 10 P.M. raining and blowing hard again.
- 8 Ernest and Dick Loudon went to Burlington and got the trees I ordered of Mr. Berkshire (see March 9) and a lot Dick ordered from him for which I paid Dick 4.00 he and Joe to set them out. It rained off and on during the day—a cold steady rain later. Joe hauled some manure, stretched barbed wire across the creek, cleaned harness &c. Charlie Burns came by and I got some estimates about Dick's stalls.
- 9 Joe sowed blue grass seed on the river side of cherry hill and then hauled some manure. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I got two letters from Patty and one from Julia.
- 10 Hilda and Mr. B. left. Afterwards the Albaugh fruit man came and left her cherry tree an Ostheim for which I paid him 1.00 that she left me—and he left mine too. Joe sowed blue grass on cherry hill. Joe set out in the 3d row above the grape vines four cherry trees. Next the big tulip trees and Ostheim then a Black Tartarian then a May Duke and last an Ida. In the second row he set next the hedge running from the graveyard wall one of the peach trees Dick got from Mr. Berkshire next a Globe peach. In the yard he set two Weaver plums and a M. M. Quince and I set a Niagara grape by the buggy house and a Eaton grape [sic] by the south east side of the house. Did n't rain to-day, pleasant.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her soul. Got letter from Sally. Took letters to Patty, Julia and T.D. Went down after sundown and got two letters from Patty, saying Til is worse. Joe and Flave Jesse worked in the garden. Joe hauled ashes &c. out of the yard and then both hauled manure till noon, then Joe broke up a piece for strawberries and planted them 100 Charles Downing and 100 of Bubach Haverland [?] and Bayfield mixed. The C. Downings in the row next the road and in the third row. Pleasant day not warm. Dick began to plough the big field along the spike for corn.
- 12 Good Friday. Got up early and went down to take the Swan, went to Aurora and Cin. got there about 10 A.M. Went to the Good Samaritan Hospital to see Til and Patty found him apparently no better.

Amy took me out to Julia's afterwards. It rained before I left Aurora and off and on during the day.  
Sent letter to Sally from Cin.

- 13 Went in to see Til and Patty and then returned to Julia's. It rained some and turned cooler.
- 14 Easter Sunday. Left Julia's after breakfast and went back to the Hospital. At noon left Cin. on the City of Louisville and came flying to Bellevue. It hailed hard in Cin. and rained while we were going to the boat. The men said it hailed here too. It was chilly. Joe came for me and I found all well and as I left it thank Heaven.
- 15 Cold this morning, 33° at sunup and heavy white frost and ice in buckets at the cistern. Sent Joe down to return to Mike Corbin 1 sack oats, and to get a roll of barbed wire at J. J. Huey's. Sent letter to Patty and letter and box to Julia. Then sent him to Mr. J. Q. Elstun's about Page Wire fence. Afterwards he set out onions and sets. I went to Bellevue twice. Got letters from Sally and Aunt Eliza and Easter book from Harriet.
- 16 Windy and rather raw. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty saying they were going to Baltimore to see Dr. Joe worked in garden—he planted Valentine beans, Maud S. peas & onions and patched paling. Dick says he is done planting potatoes. Set out quince slip.
- 17 Bright but cool 40° at sunup and windy. Went to B. took letter to Patty and one that came from St. Paul and letter to Hilda. Ellen and Annie came. Went to P.O. again—got letters from Patty, Sally, and Julia. Dick Utz came and attended to the buck lambs 26 of them. They also docked the ewe lambs 30 of them. Harry worked. Joe tagged young ewes. Mr. J. Q. Elstun and Mr. Utz came to put up the Page woven wire fence. Joe worked.
- 18 At sunup 42°, and bright. Sent by Harry letter to Patty. The men worked at the fence. Joe helped and Jess worked ½ day. I got sacks from J. J. Huey and sent my wheat down to him by Jess—10 sacks one of which was n't full. I went to Bellevue got letter from Julia. Harry worked. Katy and Flora came over.
- 19 Cooler 38° at sunup. Mr. Elstun and Mr. Owen Utz worked at the fence and put up all I had and left before sundown. Joe and Jess both worked on it. Then they turned out the ewes, bucks, and lambs in the big pasture and began to make the little piece of wire fence to fill out the wire fence above the big field. Will Rice bought a bus. of potatoes—paid me .50. Mr. Rains also got a bushel to be worked for. Went to Bellevue got 2 letters from Julie—one saying Til and Patty had arrived at Baltimore also one from Amy. A bright pleasant day.
- 20 Another bright pleasant day. Joe and Jess worked ½ day. Joe went to mill while Jess cut wood &c. and then they worked on wire fence. Mr. Rains got 3 bus. potatoes in all 1/50 to be worked out. I went to Bellevue twice—took letters to Patty and Julia. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Amy. Patty's letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> said they were in Baltimore. Got picture of Mr. Graham and Tinita from him.
- 21 Sunday. Bright day—went to Katy's a few minutes.
- 22 Went to Bellevue for letters—got one from Patty in Baltimore saying Til would have to undergo an operation to see what ailed his liver—poor Til, poor Patsy. Also, one from Sally written yesterday in Chicago on her way to Patty in Baltimore, also one from Julia. Wrote and took down letters to patty, Sally, Julia, Sue and Belle. Bright day but rather cool. Joe worked for himself till noon—then he rived some palings I think.
- 23 Bright and warmer—a really spring-like day. Joe and Jess worked making fence towards the creek. I sent by Flave for a roll of fence wire. Went to Bellevue got letters from Patty and Sue. Later a telegram was brought from Aurora from Sally in Baltimore saying the Dr. in operating on Til to-day found he had cancer of the liver. 'No hope.' My poor children. Lord love them. Went to Mike Corbin and borrowed of him one hundred and fifty dollars—giving him my note at six per cent—to go to Baltimore on, and am making my preparations to go. Susie Arnold Saxton and Ernest and Lily came after dark out of sympathy. I got copy of T.D.

- 24 Got up early and took the little boat for Aurora and went to Cin. Left at noon on the C. and O. for Baltimore. Did n't take my book with me and write this from the merest pencil notes.
- 25 Arrived at Baltimore about 8 A.M. Fanny Gibbon met me at the Station and took me to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where I met poor Patsy and Sally. I stay with Sally in Ward B. 2 no. 17 and Til and Patty are in Ward C. no. 9. Dr. Osler is Tilden's physician. Dr. Halstead performed the operation on him. Dr. Bloodgood also visits him and Dr. Thayer who is head of one branch. He has two trained nurses Miss Leech and Miss Carroll. Miss Irvine was head nurse of Til's ward and Miss Barnard is head over all the nurses. Fanny was with us during the day. Hot weather.
- 26 Hot again—oppressive. Time lost its value for me and seemed endless. I was with Sally and Fanny and occasionally with poor Patty. I wrote some letters. Heaven knows what. Late Fanny went home.
- 27 Raining and I think rained all day—turned cooler. Was allowed to see poor Til for a few moments.
- 28 Sunday. Raining and cool. Patty got letters from her father and Sue.
- 29 Still raining all day. Got letters from Julia and Hilda answered both. Til seemed better.
- 30 Rained all day again. Dr. Oppenheimer died in Til's Ward last night. Til seems better—recovering from the effects of the ether and the operation.

## May

- 1 Still raining and chilly—stopped raining after a while. Fanny came.
- 2 Sun came out and it was a pleasant day. Fanny came over and took me to a woman corn doctor Mrs. M. Bachmann 205 Park Ave. and on our way back to see the monuments Cathedral &c. The first and only time I was off the Hospital grounds till I left. Mr. Roosevelt came to see Til. Got letters from Cousin Rebecca, Sue, Julia, Amy, Mike Corbin and Aunt Nancy. While in Baltimore I wrote and received letter of which I made no note—and can't remember them.
- 3 Friday. Sally and I made our round of the Hospital with a guide and I got ready to leave. Sally went with me to the Station and I left on the 2.25 train on the B. & O. It was very hot and stayed so.
- 4 Got to Cin. by 8 A.M. Saw Amy, Julia, little Julia and Fanny. Did some shopping—sent a letter to Sally. Came away on the 2 P.M. train to Aurora and down on the little boat and walked out home. Found the house all right thank Heaven—and everything came out wonderfully since I left. Got mail letters from Sally, Julia, Belle R invitation to Kate Jordan's wedding letter from Hilda & copies of T.D. Still very warm.
- 5 Sunday. Warm and bright. Ernest and Katy stopped by.
- 6 Joe worked in the garden. It was bright and hot. He planted melons, preserve melons, cucumbers, beans, okra, beets, lettuce, radish seed &c. and went to Bellevue. I went early and took garden seeds for buddy and letter to Sally. I got letter from Sally—Til no worse. Joe and I got up the sheep and lambs. Ernest came by to tell me about wool and sacks. After 8 P.M. there was a very heavy rain with thunder and lightning. Took wrappings off fruit trees.
- 7 The water came over the bottoms and as they were all broke and Dick was planting corn yesterday, they were washed out in places—and damaged all over. I went to Bellevue. Paid and thanked Ben Corbin for getting the Big Bone water. Went to hunt for C. Burns, did n't see him. Did n't write in my book till to-day, forgot to set these things down. Yesterday I got the return from the wheat shipped by J. J. Huey (see April 18<sup>th</sup>). It came to a little over 21 bus. at .59 and deducting expenses came to 12.13 which J. J. Huey said he credited to my account. I also got a paper with the notice of the marriage of Silas Dinsmore to Miss Laura Bulkley at Higginsville Mo. April 29<sup>th</sup>. Stopped to see the Arnolds. Joe and Dick Utz sheared the ewes and bucks, and then turned them and the lambs on the rye. I think Jess worked ½ day helping. Took letters late to Sally and Lucy Johnstone.
- 8 Began to prepare for house cleaning. Went after Fanny. Saw great damage done by the rain all the way—water gaps destroyed—poles washed out grand washed in gullies &c. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally—said Til seemed better. Got letter from brother Charlie of the 6<sup>th</sup> inclosing draft on

N.Y. for \$180. Took the draft to M. J. Corbin endorsed it and gave it to him and he returned me my note for \$150. (see April 23d) and 30. Cash. He would n't take any interest for the two weeks I had it. This 180. is principal—the money for 2 shares of Bank stock buddy sold last winter because he thought the bank was shaky—I must try to replace it—D.V. Got letter from Sally saying Til was easier, it was written the 6<sup>th</sup>. Aunt Susan bothered me till I repeated this. Joe and Jess worked patching up fences in rye field and barn lot, and Joe went down for my box of goods and harness. Hilda and Mr. Brady came and we went to the Arnold's.

- 9 Took to the mail letter to buddy acknowledging receipt of draft (see 8<sup>th</sup>). Also letter to Julia inclosing 6.00 also letter to Sally. Joe and Jess worked—fixed fence. Joe cleaned chimneys and they moved furniture piano &c. and got up young ewes. Fanny and I cleaned house. Late I went to Bellevue, got letters from Mr. Graham, Julia and Julia Loving. Warm bright day. Got copies T.D.
- 10 Went to take to mail letters to Mrs. Selmes and Sally, also to Julia inclosing 5.00. Joe and Jess sheared the 19 young ewes and put the wool in sacks and finished fixing fence below barn. Fanny and I cleaned house. Harry went for mail. I got two letters from Sally. Hot. Rained some at night.
- 11 Rained some and turned very cool. Got letters from Sally, Sue, and Fanny G. and invitation to young Willie Dinsmore's wedding June 4<sup>th</sup> to Miss Marion DePeyster Carey daughter of Mrs. Richard Delafield. Mr. Arnold died to-day at noon. I went over to see the girls. Joe did n't work for me. I stayed all night with Cordy Arnold who is sick.
- 12 Sunday. 44° when I looked, really cold, we have fires again. Hilda and Mr. Brady came down and stayed.
- 13 Still cold 44° at sunup and the wind as if it came off of snow. My beloved parent's wedding day, Lord love them. Went to Mr. Arnold's funeral at Bellevue. Mr. R. E. Kirtley called to see me. Hilda and Mr. B. afterwards went home. Hilda (I. H. Brady) lent me one hundred dollars which I am to pay when I get my July interest, and I gave her a receipt for it. Got letters from Sally, Lucy J. and Julia with receipted bill for the refrigerator 11.50. Joe and Jess worked—they fixed fence and hoed and ploughed a little in the garden. It rained some a cold rain. After sundown I went with Joe to see Cap. Aikin about getting the boat to bring Til home—and to see Ben Corbin. Fanny was cleaning house.
- 14 Colder still 38° at sunup, and a wind as if off of icebergs. Took to Bellevue for the mail letter to Sally answering about the directions regarding little boat &c. and inclosing Lucy's letter. Joe and Jess worked hauling rocks off the big field above pike. Fanny and I cleaned house. I sent down for the refrigerator and at the same time shipped the wool 3 sacks to J. Schofield & Son, Madison, and also sent Blanche's little heifer calf down to Mike Corbin to ship. Turned Patsy's heifer calf out to wean. Found my early bunch beans frozen except where I had covered some with papers—also the early tomatoes.
- 15 Cold again 38° at sunup. Turned into a cold dismal rain. The men forgot the mail yesterday and I got Harry to go for both. Got three letters from Sally, one note from Amy about Patty's bedstead, and letter from Fanny G. Fanny was here cleaning house. Mr. Fred worked ½ yesterday in the yard and over half a day to-day cutting briers. I paid him .75 and told him to let the extra time go on the next. Got postal from C. Burns saying he could n't leave to come fix gallery. Joe was breaking his tobacco ground. Forgot to set down that Joe hauled a load of corn to the barn yesterday. Calf came to 6.25 and Mike credited it on my account.
- 16 Not as cold 45° at sunup. No sun damp and cloudy. Went to Bellevue to take letters to Mrs. Selmes and Sally and to ask Ben Corbin to come to fix the gallery. Fanny worked here. She went for mail—got letter from Sally and line from Amy about Patty's box. Mrs. Selmes got to B. Wednesday—yesterday. Hilda and Mr. B. came to stay all night. Fanny worked here. Joe worked ½ day grubbing and cutting briers. Dick said he replanted melons.
- 17 Not as cold 45° at sunup, and the sun came out part of the day. I went to the river early to take Hilda and Mr. B. to the little boat. Sent by her telegram to Mrs. Selmes and letter to Sally. They came back

on the big boat to stay all night and brought a new buggy. Bob Brady met them. Ben Corbin came out to mend the gallery and Joe helped him, and they got done—paid him 1.25. Hilda brought on the boat a spring bed for me, or rather a narrow cot spring.

- 18 Got up early and went to Cin. via Aurora up and back on the Swan. Bought carpet, linoleum, chest of drawers &c. Joe went down to get the cot spring. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I got letters from Sally and one from J. Schofield & Son Madison Ind. With returns of the wool. He say[s]

47# seedy and fleece grown	.09	4.23
47#	.14	6.58
301# good wool	.15	<u>45.15</u>
		\$55.96

And sent me draft on Natl. Branch Bk. Mad. for 55.96. Mike Corbin told me that the calf that he shipped (see 14<sup>th</sup>) came to 6.25 which he credited on my account.

- 19 Sunday. Bright pretty day and not so cold. Went to see the Arnold's. Found one of my ewes dead on the rye.
- 20 Raining and chilly. Joe got up the young cow Spot—she has a red heifer calf. Sent Joe to take letters to Sally and Julia. He went to McVile later for the box Amy re-shipped Thursday. It was glassware. I got letters from Sally and from Mrs. Selmes and a bundle of curtains Sally sent. Joe helped about the house cut wood &c. and later he and Dick went to the river to get the things that came on the boat—carpet, linoleum, chest of drawers, china &c. and iron bedstead. Also a cooking stove came, Patty's probably. Still chilly have fires night and morning. Fanny worked.
- 21 Put down carpet in parlor and linoleum in my little room. Joe and Jess worked at water gaps till I got Joe to help me and Jess worked some in the garden. He planted more bunch beans and replanted melons. Hilda came for a few minutes—brought me the mail—letters from Sally and from Amy about things she reshipped from St. Paul. Fanny worked.
- 22 Did n't write in this—too busy. Fanny was here and we worked at getting the house ready. I got letter from Julia and telegram from Frank Cutcheon saying they would be here Thursday 23d with Til. Sent Harry with a note to Dr. Furnish—and sent Hilda word. Joe was busy helping and I think Jess worked ½ day too. Fanny worked. Joe drove the buggy and I went after sundown to see Cap. Aikin and engage the boat &c. and to see Mike and Ben Corbin.
- 23 Sent Joe and George to the river to meet the early boat and Joe went up to Aurora to meet Til and Frank and the rest. George stayed with the wagon. Dr. Furnish came too. Mike Corbin went up to meet Til too. Ben with his father's spring wagon met them at the river. They all came on the Swan—poor Til, Patty, Frank, Sally, and Miss Carroll the trained nurse. Brought Til out. Dr. Furnish stayed to dine. It was a lovely perfect spring day—the river was beautiful and Til had a comfortable trip from Baltimore, considering how ill he is. Hilda and Mr. B. came a little while. I gave Hilda the check from Schofield for wool for 55.96 (see 18<sup>th</sup>) endorsed, that she might get it cashed. Did n't write in this till the 29<sup>th</sup> will get things down somehow.
- 24 Frank Cutcheon went to Cin. I forgot to say that George Roseberry worked yesterday helping Joe haul things from the river &c.
- 25 Joe worked for himself and broke up his tobacco ground in garden. Mr. Brady and Hilda stopped and she brought me the wool money for the draft (see 23d) 55.96. I got letter from Mrs. Rucker probably to-day.
- 26 Sunday. Isabella and Julia Loving came down on the mail boat. Joe drove the wagon. It rained very hard part of the day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped and brought me the receipt for 10.00 from Mr. Acra for my toll—I had given them the money to pay it.
- 27 Joe and Jess worked for me. They got rafters &c. from the old house on cherry hill that fell down and began to build a shed for washing next the smoke house. Ben Corbin came to measure doors. Dr. Furnish came.

- 28 Frank Cutcheon went away on the 11.30 boat. Aunt Susan went with him to see Cora. I paid Aunt Susan 12.00. Joe drive them to the river. Jess went down and got from Mr. Corbin 5 bunches of cheap shingles 2.40 a bunch for the shed. They both worked. It turned warm again.
- 29 Bright hot day. Joe and Jess worked—on shed and went to Bellevue for freight—barrel of sugar and coal oil &c. Jess set out 450 sweet potato plants I got of Mr. Snyder. Til took a little drive to-day and yesterday. I went to Bellevue twice for things.
- 30 Another bright hot day. Joe and Jess both worked—finished wash shed. Jess worked in the garden and Joe went to the river for freight—Til's bath tub, my fly doors &c. Got letter from Julia.
- 31 Sent by Harry letter to Willy Dinsmore. Ben Corbin came out and hung the fly doors fixed doors drawers &c. I went to Bellevue—hot and bright again. Joe and Jess worked at watergaps garden &c. Ernest and Lily called. Dr. Furnish came.

## June

- 1 Did n't write in this till 3<sup>d</sup>. Joe worked for himself. Sent letters to Mrs. Rucker, Julia, and Sue. Amy Campbell and Charlie Campbell's two children Theo and Clarence and Louis Plummer came. Hot and bright.
- 2 Sunday. Hot and bright. Hilda and Mr. B. came and saw Til. Dr. Furnish came. Amy and the children went home.
- 3 Hugh Arnold stopped and I sent by him the measurement of rock I had broken on the pike that Doll Walton measured for me 7 pack 20 ft. to Mr. Brady. Mr. Joe Walton came to look at my lambs, did n't make an offer on them. Joe worked in garden made coop—cleaned spring &c. Hot and bright. Til rode up cherry hill.
- 4 Joe worked in garden till noon—then he opened some boxes &c. It was very hot and blew hard and rained. He quit and went to setting out lambs, plants for himself. I went to Bellevue.
- 5 Joe worked for himself setting out tobacco. I went to R. Sun and got Ellen to come up to work. Katy and Cordy came over. It was cool and pretty to-day. Went to Bellevue again and got 250 sweet potato plants. Dr. Furnish was here this morning.
- 6 Joe set out some plants for me, then fixed fence next Mr. Rogers's and ploughed in garden I think. Cool beautiful day.
- 7 The anniversary of Patty and Til's wedding day 12 years—how sad! I went on the early boat with Sally to Aurora on her way to St. Paul. Joe drove down and got Til shod. Then he worked tinkering things round the house and cutting weeds& in the graveyard. Dr. Furnish came. Did n't write in this till the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 Joe worked ½ day—got bean poles &c. I went to Bellevue—got postal from Sally. Think I sent letters to Julia and Sue and got letter from Sue.
- 9 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came to call—so did Ernest and Lily and Miss Mat Longmore. Dr. Furnish was here.
- 10 Bright warm day. Told Joe to clean out stalls. Dr. Furnish came. I went to Bellevue, took letter to Sally.
- 11 Another bright warm day. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Julia and Sarah—also letters for Sally. Sent this morning letters to Sally, Sarah and Julia. Joe hauled manure and rode to Aurora with Patty's telegram and Jess milked. Dr. Furnish here.
- 12 Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 2 ½ days cutting mulleins and thistles. I gave him an order on Huey for 1.80 and .07 change. Did n't write in this till the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 13 Think Joe worked in the garden and cut some thistles in pastures and burnt some brush on cherry hill &c. I keep on going to Bellevue but can't remember about mails. ~~Got letter from Julia.~~
- 14 Joe hauled manure. The weather is warm and dry and the streams and springs are getting low.

- 15 Last night some time Amy Campbell and Louis came. Mrs. Selmes and Miss Mary came on the little boat. Joe took the spring wagon down for the baggage with that exception he worked for himself ploughing tobacco &c. Looked like rain again but none came.
- 16 Sunday. This day 1867 my precious own was christened Sarah Gibson. This has been a June of roses. The bushes have been loaded with blooms more beautiful than usual. Aunt Nancy sick and I had Dr. Furnish to see her. Ernest and Lily called. Til had the most dreadful day he has had since he came home. Dick went to Big Bone.
- 17 Dry and hot and no rain. Joe hauled manure and set out a few sweet potato plants. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Sally.
- 18 Joe worked in the garden hoed ploughed set out sweet potato plants stuck pole beans, planted corn &c. Hot. Dr. Furnish came to see Patty and Aunt Nancy. Sent buggy down by Joe.
- 19 Sent letter to Sally. Went to B. and told W. W. Grant about buggy. Between 1 and 2 began to rain and Joe began to set his tobacco. Did n't write in this till 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 20 Joe says he and Dick bulked their tobacco. I think it rained at any rate there came a good season.
- 21 The men set out tobacco. Hilda and Mr. Brady came.
- 22 No one worked for me.
- 23 Bright warm day I think. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. Ernest & Lily stopped too. Til poorly.
- 24 Til said he had the worst night last night. The Dr. came and Harry went to Burlington for medicine for him and for Patty. Joe sold his tobacco to J. J. Huey and Clore for 6 all round—and Dick hauled his to be prized. They worked at that.
- 25 Joe hauled his trash in the morning, and hoed for himself. He worked for me after noon. Cleared out hole for water and ploughed and worked in the garden. I got letters from Fanny and Julia. I sent letters to Sally and Julia but forget what day. Got telegram from Sally saying she expected to be here Thursday. Went to Johnny Huey and got the weights of the tobacco.
 

Joe's first load was	1575 lbs
Trash	<u>355</u>
	1930 lbs
	<u>6</u>
	\$115.80
- Johnny Huey said Dick's weighed 6160 lbs. It was a hot day with a breeze and after sundown beautiful lightning in clouds in the west. Til very poorly. Did n't write in this till July 7 and don't remember much.
- 26 About this time I got letter from buddy about my business—no interest was paid on the money loaned on mortgage and Dr. Hutchinson gave up his lots—so my income is cut off.
- 27 Went down twice for Sally to the little boat, got telegram from her.
- 28 Went for Sally and Frank who came on the little boat. I got \$10. from J. J. Huey on Joe's crop of tobacco.
- 29
- 30 Sunday. Day sister Belle died 28 years ago. Lord love her soul. Rained at night. Frank went away via Aurora. George drove him.

## July

- 1 Monday. Joe put two hogs on the rye and Dick put 9. Joe did n't work for me. He set some tobacco.
- 2 Mrs. Furness from St. Paul came via the little boat. Hilda and Mr. Brady came. I got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington for \$75. I think Ellen went to R. Sun.
- 3 Mrs. Furness went to Aurora. Joe drove her and I think hauled a load of Til's lumber. I think Ellen came back. Cool. Got letter with draft for \$10. from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash.

- 4 Charlie Burns came out to work fixing up the buggy house for Til. Joe went down for his tools and lumber &c. Still cool. Ellen went to R. S. late. Joe bought cradle for me.
- 5 Dick went to Big Bone for fresh water for Til—who is much worse, very poorly. Ellen came back. Charlie Burns worked Joe [unfinished]
- 6 Georgie Loudon had a girl baby. Ernest and Lily and baby came in the evening. I went to Bellevue. Joe worked  $\frac{1}{2}$  in oats. After sundown we had a rain. It has turned warmer after being very cool. Charlie Burns worked.
- 7 Sunday. Raining off and on a gentle soaking rain. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I gave Hilda the draft for 75 (see 2<sup>nd</sup>) endorsed payable to Isabella H. Brady and told her to get the money and mark it on the mem. I gave her of the 100. I borrowed. Dr. Furnish came. Til has failed visibly the last few days and is very weak.
- 8 Til apparently still failing. Dr. Furnish came—says he is much weaker. Mr. Walton came to look at the lambs again but did n't make an offer on them. I sent letter to buddy in the evening in reply to his of June 24<sup>th</sup>. The hands worked in oats. Mr. Rains and Flave and Joe also cut some timothy. Charlie Burns worked.
- 9 Did n't write in this till the 13<sup>th</sup>. During this week the men got the hay and cut oats. Til very poorly.
- 10 Mrs. Rice came to call. Frank came via Aurora in the evening. George went after him. Til seemed better.
- 11 Charlie Burns finished fixing the buggy house and Frank and he carried Til out to see it.
- 12 Frank went to Aurora on the little boat. I think I sent a letter to Julia by him. This week I have had letters from Mrs. Jordan and Bessie and from Julia and Sue. Mr. Rains said he had worked 4 days on the hay and oats which came to 5.00 he had got potatoes and seed corn and deducting that I paid him in full 2.05. Joe said they finished getting in most of the hay. I think Jess worked 4 days this week. Susie and Flora came over.
- 13 Til worse last night. Joe working for himself. Hotter again. Flave said he worked 5 days this week and owed me 1.00. I paid him 3.00 and later in Bellevue pd him 2.63 in full to date. Went to Huey's to see about Dick's tobacco. Mr. Clore said there were 5 hogsheads and he rejected the bid on them—the highest was 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  the lowest 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ . I got another \$10. on Joe's tobacco. Sent letter to Sue by to-day's mail. Fanny says she quit work.
- 14 Sunday. Til much worse. Hilda came to call with Mr. B. I gave her the draft for \$28 from the Georgetown Bk. to get cashed for me. Ernest and family stopped by. Hot day.
- 15 Showered a little and warm. Joe ploughed a little and worked in the garden—and fixed fence next Mr. Rogers's and cut some grass—broke the pitman rod. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from brother Charlie inclosing draft for \$34. being dividend on 17 shares Title Ins. Stock—also letter from Annie Anderson. Went to J. J. Huey and got the half of Joe's tobacco money for him less 20. (see June 28 and July 13<sup>th</sup>) which Joe said he probably owed me on our settlement and which I am to give him credit for. See June 25<sup>th</sup>. Joe's crop came to 115.80 of which  $\frac{1}{2}$  is 57.90 and deducting the 20. With Sally Cutcheon as witness I paid Joe the balance of \$37.90.

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mem of a private conversation with Tilden R. Selmes.

Til sent for me and told me he wanted me to be a witness for him and as such being conscious of age or infirmity I make a note of it. He says he is perfectly willing to be buried here in our graveyard conditionally—that he is fond of the place and has his pleasantest associations with it—and that as far as the mere disposal of his body is concerned he would as soon have it put in the Atlantic Ocean but for the feelings of Patty and all concerned he says bury him here but in the future, in case Patty should marry again, he should prefer his body to be removed to the family burying ground in Vermont. He says it would be more agreeable to his feelings and he should think to the feelings of others, in such an event that his body should be taken to his own people. He also called me to

witness that in case Patty should ever want to marry again she has his full and free consent, and told me that he had left other witnesses to the same statement, namely Sally Flandrau Cutcheon, Mrs. A. E. Bates, and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, any or all of whom could be consulted if alive at the time. This statement is written and signed that it may stand for my testimony. He also requested me to leave what money or property I said I should like to leave Isabella D. Selmes out of what Cousin William B. Dinsmore gave me, in trust for her, so that she could only spend the income and so that it would be secured to her. During this conversation his mind seemed perfectly clear and rational.

Julia S. Dinsmore

- 17 Went to Cin. on the early boat to get Patty another Trained Nurse. Went to Mount Auburn with Amy to see Miss Murray who engaged Miss Felter. Came home on the 3.30 boat. Very hot day.
- 18 Went to the river to meet the nurse who came later by land and with her a friend Miss Minnie Riese also a trained nurse. Very hot.
- 19 Joe worked for himself till noon, then helped Dick haul wheat to stack in the barn yard. Little Acky has a red heifer calf that I named Susie Carroll. Hotter. I did not forget the fatal day. Got letter from Julia.
- 20 Paid Dick 3.00 to pay Flave and paid the latter .50 on my account. Sent letter to buddy ac. Draft (see 15<sup>th</sup>) and one to Julia. Mr. Lee Huey came to thresh but it rained and they had to wait. Did n't write in this till the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 21 Sunday. Miss Carroll went to Aurora to take the train for Louisville.
- 22 Miss Carroll came back on the 3.30 boat. The remains of Harry Green were brought down to be buried. Ernest and Lily came and went from here to the funeral. Mr. Huey came back and threshed. Dick said there were 85 bus. wheat at 4 cents = 3.40 and 43 bus. of oats at 3 cents 1.29. I paid him in full 4.75. Dick and Joe fixed the grain bin in wine house &c. I got letter from Charlie Flandrau.
- 23 Sally left on the little boat early for Aurora on her way to St. Paul. I got letters from Aunt Eliza and Sue. Til seemed worse. Patty sent Harry with note to Ernest. Joe worked for himself in his tobacco. Rained some.
- 24 Did n't write in this again till the 11 August—can never get things straight.
- 27 Gave Hilda the check for 34. that buddy sent me (see 15<sup>th</sup>) to have cashed for me—she brought me the money Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 31 Sally came on the 9.30 boat. Tilden knew her and told her and the rest of us goodbye. He was evidently dying or nearly so. Ernest came and stayed all night.

## August

- 1 Tilden died this morning between 5 and 6 A.M. Lord love his soul. Patty, Mrs. Selmes, Miss Carroll, (I think Miss Felter) and I were present. Sally went up to Cin. on the early boat and came down from Aurora by land with the undertaker and the casket. The undertaker sealed up the remains in the casket. Frank came in the evening from Aurora. Ernest stayed all night. I sent Jess for Hilda and she and Mr. Brady came down for a while.
- 2 Ernest went about and made the arrangements for the burial.
- 3 Buddy came early this morning from Aurora. Amy Campbell and Rev. Peter Tinsley of the Church of the Advent Walnut Hills Cin. came on the 9.30 boat the Swan. The burial took place about noon Mr. Tinsley officiating and Tilden was buried at the foot of sister Belle's grave. His coffin which was metal steel I suppose covered with black cloth with oxidized silver trimmings was inclosed in a patent burglar proof steel case. Mr. Ray representing Wiltsee of Cin. came on the boat too and attended to the burial. I had sent for Hilda and Mr. B. and they were here with Lily and Ernest and others. Those who came from Cin. went back Sat via Aurora.

- 4 Sunday. Cannot remember about this sad day. Sally not well.
- 5 Sally and Frank and Miss Carroll went away via Aurora. Later Mr. M.B. Green J.P. came to get some affidavits from Miss Mary, Patty, and myself for the Ins. Co.
- 6 Mrs. S. B. Selmes and Miss Mary went away on the little boat. Joe drove down.
- 7 Brother Charlie Patty and I went to Burlington to the Co. Clerk on business about Patty's and Miss Mary's Life Ins. I got Mr. D. Rouse to cash for me a draft for \$25. that Mr. A. H. Paget sent me. It is on some money of mine that Tilden Selmes invested with him, of which he sent me the account by Frank. We stopped at Hilda's.
- 8 We stayed home. Fanny set in to work again.
- 9 Buddy went on the Swan to Aurora. Patty and I went to Burlington to get another signature and seal on the Ins. paper which I put in the P.O. for brother Charlie. He brought me a check for \$250 which I accepted as a loan and I took it to the Bank and left 100. of it there and took the bal. 150. I then paid to Mr. Beall my taxes for 1895 which were 98.40 and paid Hilda 25. to finish paying the 100. (see July 7<sup>th</sup>) and got the note I gave her. Settled with George Roseberry for Harry's work and paid him in full to date 6.00. Amy Campbell and Louis came at night. Hot and dusty.
- 10 My dear sister's wedding day. How sad life is—how bitter. Ellen went home. I put her on the little boat—paid her in full. Got letters from buddy Julia and Sally Mallory. Between 1 and 2 we had a fine rain—it only lasted a little while but was a fine hard shower a great help to the heat and drouth. Joe worked 5 days this week. He took trunks to Aurora and Bellevue—made and hung a gate in the lane and hauled lumber for it from Mike's—helped some one thresh and cut briars in vineyard. Some time about here I wrote to Julia Sarah Mr. Graham and Cousin Belle.
- 11 Sunday. Amy Campbell and Louis went away. There was a light shower or sprinkle of rain. Hilda stopped to speak to me.
- 12 The drouth continues bad in spite of the little rain. Middle Creek is dry as a bone and the creeks are nearly all dry and many of the springs. I worked taking paper off the dining room. Joe worked.
- 13 Mrs. Susie Walton stopped to tell me about corn. Mr. Bee Walton came and got 20 bus. corn and paid me \$10.00 for it.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday but she could n't bear to have it mentioned. I worked at the paper and finished getting it off.
- 15 Rode to see Mr. Robert Brashear about his note for 50. for old Daisy. He offered to let me have a Chester White sow and 10 young pigs for \$15.00 on the note and I took her at that. He is to keep her till next week. Ernest was present and witnessed the trade. I went to Ernest's too. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked cutting weeds Country and crops parched with drouth—melon vines dying.
- 16 Settled with Fanny for what was due her on her work the last time she worked and pd. her in full. Got letters from Sally in Tacoma on her way to Alaska and from buddy Mrs. Selmes and Mattie D. Joe cut weeds. It was stifling hot.
- 17 The day my dear mother died. Lord love her soul. The day was hot as a furnace. No one worked for me.
- 18 Sunday. Hotter still. Towards evening Isabella and Julia went to Ernest's. Joe says he took his two hogs off the rye.
- 19 Dick took his 9 hogs off the rye. They were put in July 1<sup>st</sup> 7 weeks. Sent Joe after the sow and 10 pigs that I took from Mr. Bob Brashear (see 15<sup>th</sup>) and he brought them. Then he cleaned out springs &c.
- 20 Cloudy and cool and sprinkled a little. Joe worked cleaning off white wash in dining room. Louise Shaw has a b. calf red with a few white specks. Dick went to Bellevue and got of J. J. Huey 30.35 bus. wheat for seed at a bushel. Went to B. and McVile to see Charlie B. Fanny went home sick. I paid her 1.00 in full. Turned very cool and clear.

- 21 Charlie Burns came out and began to wash on the dining room. He sand papered paint, painted mixed mortar &c. Joe finished the ceiling got sand and helped Charlie. Turned warmer—still dry as a bone. Ethel came to work in Fanny's place.
- 22 Charlie worked again—he painted patched plaster &c. Joe helped haul away the wheat belonging to me and Dick to Johnny Huey. He hauled out 2 barrels of cement from Mike's. After that Joe helped Charlie B. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Turned warmer.
- 23 Got telegram from Sally in Tacoma and letter from Sue. Jesse gave me 1.55 watermelon money. Dick gave me 5.43 of watermelon money. Charlie worked. Did n't write in this till 27<sup>th</sup> again. Joe and Jesse worked I think—trying to get bricks out of old cistern tops and hauled a load of wood.
- 24 No one worked for me—all went to Lawrence burg Fair. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue. This is my dear father's birthday. We had a shower or sprinkle.
- 25 Sunday. Patty came home on the boat from Cin. Hilda & Mr. B. went home, hot as usual.
- 26 Charlie Burns worked most of the day. Joe worked fixed fence and picked pears. We had a good shower and it rained during the night. I got a letter from Mr. Graham either Sat. or to-day. Sent for Dr. Furnish for Aunt Nancy. Went to see Fanny.
- 27 Dick gave me 3.00 watermelon money. No one worked for me. Patty went down and got the wall paper. Joe worked for himself topping tobacco. Patty got letter from Miss Carroll.
- 28 Joe picked more Seckel pears and hauled them—then scrubbed whitewash off ceiling in balcony room. Charlie Burns worked painting &c. Ernest and Lily called. Very hot, sultry and looked like rain.
- 29 Sent Joe to Aurora for bricks he said he got 400 at .55. He also got some ceiling [paint?] but they sent the wrong kind. Charlie worked painting putting in glass—fixing frame for spring &c. Patty went to Rising Sun by land. Joe turned a cow in the back pasture. Hot and looked like rain and towards dark rained. Cordy came over.
- 30 Mr. Vawter Newman and Mr. Sink came and papered the dining room and the balcony room. I paid Mr. Newman in full 8.95. Patty went to Aurora to get part of the paper. Charlie Burns worked—at all sorts of things—finished my bed frame—fixed the barn cistern spout, put on picture molding &c. Joe went for the men to McVille and took them down after night—he also helped Charlie and cleaned out the wine cellar &c. It rained last night and early this morning and off and on during the day. I got a letter from Julia.
- 31 Joe worked ½ day cutting weeds in yard &c. We put the new carpet down in the dining room. Patty got letter from Sarah. Turned cooler this evening. I got letter from Miss Mary Selmes. Katy was over this morning.

## September

- 1 Did n't write in this till the 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday—Hilda and Mr. B. came. Turned cool.
- 2 Patty and Harry went to Aurora to take Julia Loving on her way to St. Paul. Aunt Eliza came up. Joe got Mr. Walton's shoats out fixed fence and cut briers. Fanny came back to work.
- 3 Charlie Flandrau came from St. Paul. Patty and Harry went for him. Joe and Jess worked hanging a gate in the kitchen lot—by the old apple tree and then I told them to cut briers and grub over in the rye field.
- 4 Georgy Loudon came up to straighten up Jesse's book. I paid up for his work to Aug. 17 inclusive gave her 5.25 cash and an order on Huey for 5.00. Joe cut up some sweet corn in the garden 6 shocks, put cistern top on and cut briers, said Jesse grubbed ½ day. It rained last night. I got letter from Sue. Isabella sick.
- 5 Joe worked grubbing. Jess too. I went to Bellevue. Patty and Charlie went to Burlington. I got letter from Sally.
- 6 Dick gave me 1.85 melon money. Joe worked grubbing &c. I began to use potatoes out of Joe's patch. Aunt Eliza went home on the little boat. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Warm yesterday and to-day.

- 7 No one worked for me. Hot. Dick said he sowed blue grass in corn & oats.
- 8 Sunday. Dick said he sent away the yearling colt I have been pasturing.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Lord love her soul. Very hot still. Patty, Charlie, Isabella and Harry rode to Big Bone. I think Joe grubbed and cut briers. Ernest & Lily came. Sent letter to Sally.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday. Lord love her too. Sent letters to Julia and Sue. Very hot, looked like rain, thundered but we had a rainbow and it all passed round. At night Amy, Miss Eckstein and Louis came. Joe grubbed and fixed trunk.
- 11 Still very hot. Patty got letter from Sally—said Frank had been sick. Joe grubbed.
- 12 Charlie Flandrau went away. Patty took him to Aurora. Joe went to take his trunks and change lumber. Amy, Miss Eckstein and Louis went. It was a very hot day and night. I went to see Charlie Burns about cistern.
- 13 Joe went to see and clean springs then grubbed or cut briers. Flave said he had cut 25 shocks corn in field on mud road. I got letter from Julia at home. Agnes Baker came. Jess worked grubbing.
- 14 Joe worked for himself and no one else worked for me. Turned cool.
- 15 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a little while. Pleasant day.
- 16 Charlie Burns came out and worked—fixed steps and worked on closet upstairs. Mr. Jas. Riley came and I sold him 56 lambs for 2.00 a head—he gave me \$12. cash and a note on the Natl LaFayette Bk. Cin. for \$100. We counted the old sheep and including the bucks there were 50. Joe helped get up and sort the sheep—he was cutting tobacco for himself this morning. It rained a little not enough to lay the dust. I sent a letter to Sally this evening—got one from Sue.
- 17 Very hot sultry day. Patty went to Burlington—brought me out of Bank \$25. leaving \$75. Charlie Burns worked on closet. Joe worked for himself on tobacco cutting it. George Roseberry dug the cistern at Joe's house, did n't get it quite done. I sent to Burlington letter to Julia. Got letter from Lizzie Hodges. Agnes Baker went away. I sent Aunt Susan 10. by her.
- 18 Hot as pepper again—and a hot wind. Charlie B. worked on closet up stairs and put a shelf in press put up mouldings &c. Joe worked for himself hauling and hanging tobacco. I went to Bellevue. Endorsed the check for \$100. Mr. Riley gave me (see 16th[)]) and gave it to Mike Corbin to be credited on my old account which is still not paid. It was 102° in Bellevue between 3.30 and 4 P.M. Did n't write in this till 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 19 Charlie Burns worked on Joe's cistern. Joe helped him. I went to Katy's. Took Harry to clean out springs. Very hot and mosquitoes worse than I have known them for years. I got two letter from Julia this week—she is at home again.
- 20 Charlie worked on Joe's cistern again and Joe helped—they finished it. Charlie put on some picture moulding. Still very hot. Sent Harry for some of Charlie's cement.
- 21 Charlie Burns worked again painting and fixing tin eave troughs tinkering round the house &c. Joe worked for himself in tobacco. Hilda and Mr. B. came. I got letter from Sally saying Frank had been sick in bed fifteen days with carbuncles and was still poorly. Very hot still, and dry.
- 22 Sunday. Very hot 94 on the gallery. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 23 Joe worked for himself. Sent Harry for some tin gutter Charlie got. Turned cool suddenly, 60° at bed time. Patty got notice her things were in Aurora. I went to Doll Walton's to see him about sows—also to the Arnold's.
- 24 55° at sunup. Sent Joe and Jess with wagon to Aurora after Patty's things. They made two trips and got two big wagon loads of things and did n't get back till after dark. Charlie Burns worked. He mended Dick's cistern and then unpacked Patty's things and helped about them. Doll Walton gave Isabella a sow pig. Cooler.
- 25 Joe went back to Aurora for the 5<sup>th</sup> load of Patty's things. After that he worked for himself in his tobacco. Charlie Burns worked unpacking things and tinkering about Patty's and my things. Very warm after noon.

- 26 Joe worked for himself in tobacco. Towards morning there were some sprinkles. Charlie Burns worked at pictures and tinkering up furniture & things for Patty and me and made a top for Joe's cistern. Ernest and Lily came to call. Cooler this evening.
- 27 Only 48° at 6.30 A.M. Joe worked for himself cutting tobacco. Charlie Burns worked. He finished and I settled with him. He had worked 17 days 21.25 and the cement and getting the eave trough came to .65 total 21.90. I have already paid him 11.00 and paid him now in full 10.90. Charlie finished Joe's cistern top and put it up—tinkered things about the house &c. I got letters from Sally in Chicago and from Ant Eliza.
- 28 Cooler 44° at sunup and drier than powder. Pd. Fanny 5.70 in full to 30<sup>th</sup>. Joe worked for himself getting in his tobacco. Went to Hubert Brady's and told him I would take 7 of his father's shoats 4 barrows and three sows at 4 ½ cts. He says they will average about 80 lbs. Turned warmer this evening. Went with Patty & Isabella to Ernest's and went to look at Mr. Bob Storer's hogs. Engaged of him 2 sows 1 black and 1 spotted white and black each with 6 pigs about or nearly 4 weeks old he says, at 24.00 for the lot—he to deliver them here Monday. Paid Patty for this sow and pigs 12. Jan. 31. 1897
- 29 Sunday. Cool and a cold wind blowing from the north. Rode to look at the springs in the big pasture. Hilda and Mr. B. dined with us. We have a wood fire and find it comfortable. At 10.30 P.M. 44°.
- 30 Frost 35° at sunup, and a thin skim of ice on the bucket. Bert Arnold came and I sold him and Mr. Cy Kelly the apples—Canada Reds, Rome Beauties and Pippins, the merchantable ones on the tree for .25 a barrel, reserving what I want for my own use. Mr. Bob Storer brought the sows and pigs down and I paid him 24.00 in full. He says the pigs were 4 weeks old yesterday and the sows are young these being their first litter. Patty paid for one sow and pigs of the two 12.00. Joe worked for himself cutting his tobacco which was badly frostbitten last night. Dick's little piece of late tobacco was ruined. Katy was here to-day and I went to see the clover huller going.

## October

- 1 Colder 31° at sunup. Drove the 19 young ewes down and put them in the pasture with the old sheep. Joe worked till noon for himself. Went to Bob Brady's and Hubert weighed the 7 shoats—they weighed 697 lbs. and at 4 ½ cents came to \$31.36 and I gave Hubert a check on the Burlington Bk. payable to Robert A. Brady. Joe and Harry went after the shoats. Sent letters to Sally and Julia.
- 2 Joe worked ½ day—he was hunting his sow in the morning and after noon went for my four shoats that got out—brought back three. It was 32° at sunup I think.
- 3 Mr. Jas. Riley and a man he called Owen Watts (?) came and Mr. Riley bought my 2 largest steers at 3.30 and the fat cow with them at 2.75 to be delivered Sat. in Burlington. Patty paid Harry's wages from Aug. 9 up to Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Joe spent the morning hunting for the spotted sow shoat and did n't get it. He worked after dinner helping Dick shuck corn in bottom.
- 4 Warmer 43° at sunup and turned warm with clouds. Patty and Isabella went to Burlington. I sent by Patty a check for 43.64 the balance I had in Bank and she brought me the money. Joe dug potatoes (sweet) after he went to see about the shoat, after dinner he helped Dick shuck corn in bottom. I got letter from Sally in St. Paul.
- 5 Sent Joe and Harry out with the 2 steers and the young cow that I sold Mr. Riley. They did n't bring the weights so I went out and got them from Mr. Crisler. The weight of the 2 steers was 2210 lbs of the cow 1070 lbs. Patty and I went to Hilda's to see her and Miss Sadie Speers—dined there. Joe dug sweet potatoes. He said that Dick hauled me 2 loads of corn. Dick said he sold one himself. I went to Bellevue. J. J. Huey showed me the returns from the tobacco the hogsheads only brought 206.10.
- 6 Sunday. Warmer. Hilda and Mr. B. and Miss Sadie Speers came down and dined. We had some sprinkles towards evening and after night.

- 7 Charlie Burns and Mr. Pepper Smith came out to make cider on shares. Joe worked digging sweet potatoes and cleaning out barn cistern. Patty and Isabella started for St. Paul via Aurora. George R. drove the wagon. It sprinkled again this evening and was warm.
- 8 42° at sunup. Joe finished digging the sweet potatoes by noon. After that he worked for himself digging our Irish potatoes. Dick saw the boys had finished cutting corn and their count was 584 shocks. Charlie Burns and Mr. Smith made cider and I had one barrel hauled up. Mr. Hogan came and made the foundation for Patty. I paid him 2.00. George R. was working in the graveyard and helped him. Turned colder.
- 9 At sunup 29°. Cold but bright. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes. Bert Arnold said they were going to pick apples to-morrow, so Harry and I turned the cattle 9 head and the horses over in the big pasture. I went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty in Chicago and one from Sally. Sent Patty a postal and 7 letters that came for her. J. J. Huey showed me returns from the tobacco, R. Loudons boys crop he bought. The tobacco weighed 5980 lbs. brought .03.
- 10 Milder. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes. Bert Arnold and Tom Clore came out with some hands and skimmed over the orchard and picked 16 barrels they said, of the best apples—for which they paid me 4.00 and gave the orchard up and quit. I went to Bellevue—to see J. J. Huey. He gave me the return from the tobacco. Deducting the expenses and prizing, it came to \$182.18 of which my share was 91.09. Dick had told me to leave half his share with Mr. Huey which I did and he said he would credit R. Loudon with 45.55. My share added to half of Dick's half 91.09 + 45.55 came to 136.64 I paid my bill at Huey's 39.99 and paid 10. on coal that I am to have hauled and he gave me a check for \$86.65. I tool this check to M. J. Corbin indorsed it and told him to take out \$30.00 for coal that I am to have hauled which he did and gave me a receipt and the balance. I also got my bill at Huey's receipted. Sent Harry down with the wagon and got 12 barrels at Huey's for 1.80 paid, and Harry hauled out the spring wagon too. I went to McVille about cider making. Sent Isabella's stockings by mail.
- 11 Warmer 51° at sunup. I [Joe?] finished digging and dividing his potatoes by noon—worked for me afterwards. He and Harry went and got the spotted sow shoat that went back to Mr. Brady's. Then he fixed vinegar barrels. Dick actually began to put in wheat to-day and it rained a little this evening. Dick said the boys cut for me 270 shocks in the side hill and I counted those. He said they cut 584 in all and I paid him in full 35. This did not include the 25 for which I had paid Flave.
- 12 Joe and Dick worked all day gathering Canada Red apples—it was clear and windy. I went to Bellevue—got postal from Patty in St. Paul and check on Natl. Lafayette Bank Cin. for 102.35 from Mr. J. L. Riley (see 3d and 5<sup>th</sup> inst.). He also sent the weights, 2210 lbs at 3.30, 1070 lbs. at 2.75 total 102.35. I lent Dick Loudon 24. And he said he would pay me when he sold corn.
- 13 Sunday. Clear and mild. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped a few minutes passing.
- 14 I sent by children letter to Patty and one to Julia inclosing 4.00 to pay for Century Mag. Hilda and Mr. B. came down and stayed all night. Joe picked apples. Dick was putting in wheat.
- 15 Hilda and Mr. B. went home. I sent letter to Sally by them. Got letter form Patty. Joe picked apples.
- 16 Wind blowing hard—very dusty. Went over to look at springs—found them so low that I turned the horses and cattle in the back pasture again. Turned out to wean Patsy cow's calf. Joe took wagon to B. and some barrels to be hooped brought 3 back that had been hooped. Dick said he finished sowing wheat on the big hill above the pike. Joe and Harry gathered some apples.
- 17 I went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins at the Bank to cash draft for \$102.35 (see 12<sup>th</sup>). Paid Aunt Eliza's bill at Jones' 29.25 also her coal bill at Elliott's 5.00 and got receipts. Also paid W. W. Grant's blacksmith bill to date 13.50 and got receipt. Went down in buggy. River very low—clear and blue. Dry and dusty as ever but mild and pleasant. Joe helped Dick shuck corn—said they gathered 3 loads of which Dick gave me 1.
- 18 Joe worked. We made cider and gathered apples. Bright and mild.

- 19 Joe worked ½ day—we made cider and Fanny boiled it—some of it. I got invitation from Sally Gray and letter from Patty. Middle Creek has begun to run again without a drop of rain and has come down to the ford.
- 20 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came to dine. Dick weaned brindle calf. Yesterday Joe buried the cabbages and turnips. Dick brought me my share raised in the bottom—it was so hot and dry none grew in the garden.
- 21 Bright and mild. Joe worked—he helped Dick shuck shock corn in the morning and made cider afterwards. Jesse worked ½ day helping make cider. They put the crêpe myrtles in the cellar. I made apple butter.
- 22 Mild and bright 48° at sunup Joe worked—helped Dick shuck shock corn. I made apple butter. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mike Corbin 9.00 for 100 bus. coal for Joe West and he said he would let me have mine at the same rate and give me credit for 3.00 on the coal I bought (see 10<sup>th</sup>). Got letter from Sally.
- 23 Colder 32° at sunup, bright and drier than ever. The springs in the hollow next Mrs. Rice's are booming and Middle Creek has come down clear through the place. Joe helped Dick shuck shock corn. Got letter from Patty—remailed her one to-day—sent by children.
- 24 Colder 24° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty by Joe's children. Turned warmer and looked cloudy sometimes. Joe helped Dick shuck shock corn. Dick said he had put 4 loads of white corn in the back part of the crib, 1 load of yellow in the front and 5 loads in the barn crib—10 loads in all about 250 bus.
- 25 Milder 43° at sunup and bright and warm. Joe worked hauled wood and hauled cider barrels over. Mr. Deck finished making cider. Got a letter from buddy about the business with Mr. Paget. He (Mr. P.) turned over to buddy. It is what Tilden invested for me. I picked over apples to send Sally.
- 26 Windy all day and warm. Hilda and Mr. B. came down to stay all night. Joe worked ½ day—hauled 2 loads of coal 1 of 42 bus. he said from Corbin's 1 of 41 bus. from Huey's. Geo. Roseberry made some cider on shares.
- 27 Sunday. Still warm and sometimes cloudy and we had a few light showers or sprinkles—then it cleared off. Hilda and Mr. B. went home.
- 28 Colder and bright. Sent by children letters to Patty Sally and Julia and three that came for Patty. Today's mail I got letters from Patty Sally and Julia. We brought the pippin apples in the barrel down. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.
- 29 Colder 24° at sunup and bright with a keen little wind. Went to Aurora—sent Sally 2 barrels of apples and a box with 16 glass jars raspberry jam, as freight got receipt from Mr. Mattox. Joe fixed up barrels &c. and drove the spring wagon. He said Dick shucked 7 loads of corn yesterday and that Dick was going to shuck to-day in the uncut corn. Harry took Cy down and Mr. Brikle put on one shoe.
- 30 Coldest morning this fall so far 19° at sunup—turned milder and at 8 P.M. 38° with a mist over the moon and a big circle round it—looks like falling weather. Got letter from Patty. Joe hauled 3 loads of coal from Mr. Corbin's of from 40 to 42 bus. he said.
- 31 Earthquake early this morning—did n't feel it. Rained towards a pleasant little shower—misted part of the day. Joe hauled 1 load of coal for me and went after the fattening hogs that got out—did n't get them. He worked for himself part of the day—hauled a load of coal.

## November

- 1 Clear and colder 27° at sunup. Dick was shucking fodder corn in the hill field—had a little shucking hauled me. The hogs came home. I sewed rags round some of my trees. The river is so low that some of the men in the neighborhood rode across and some drove over in a wagon above Bellevue this week. Joe worked shucking.

- 2 Colder 23° at sunup. No one worked for me. Got letters from Patty & Julia. Sent letters to Sally and Sally Gray.
- 3 Sunday. Bright mild day. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here and we went to see the Miss Moodys who are sick.
- 4 Like a lovely spring day only still parched with drouth. I went to Burlington to dine with Hilda and hear Joe Blackburn speak outside the Courthouse. Joe helped Dick shuck shock corn he said. Sent letters to Patty Sally & Julia.
- 5 At sunup 42° and warm all day. Election day. I think Joe worked ½ day helping Dick shuck. I finished sewing up my fruit trees except some I may transplant. Got 2 letters from Patty saying she and Sally were coming next week.
- 6 At sunup 52° and like summer all day. Sent Patty letter by the children. Joe worked this morning helping Joe shuck corn [?]. After dinner he helped Dick who attended to and rung the noses of some of my shoats—and they put the barrels of cider in the cellar. Jesse helped.
- 7 Another summer day 57° at sunup. Rode to Bellevue—sent letter to T.D. Crossed the Ohio river in our farm wagon with Til and Cy. Tom Clore drove and Katy and Flora Arnold and Mr. C. Acra went. Tom drove up to near the foot of the island on this side and drove across to the foot of the island then crossed the river on the other side which was like a little creek. Then we drove down on the beach and crossed back on the McVillie ferry. It was so warm I only had on a little shoulder shawl and kid gloves and was very warm. The river was smooth blue as the sky and clear. People were hauling water on the other side. Got letters from Sally and Julia and one for Patty. Joe helped Dick shuck.
- 8 Another warm day—sprinkled a little towards day—about sundown began to rain and keeps on, a real rain gentle but more than we have had since the drouth set in. Went to see the sick—the Moodys and Slaybacks. A letter came for Patty. Joe helped shuck shock corn.
- 9 Rained off and on all day—and still raining some at night. Joe did not work for me. I got note from Hilda.
- 10 Sunday. Colder and unpleasant. Went to Burlington to see Mrs. Marshall formerly Mrs. Crutchfield. Went to see Hilda and dined there. Mr. Brady not well Ernest and Lily came while I was gone.
- 11 Colder and disagreeable—felt like snow all day. Got two letters from Patty saying she and Sally expected to be here the 14<sup>th</sup>. Joe said he was going to help Dick shuck.
- 12 Sent Harry up for Mrs. Marshall who came down. Cool but brighter. Joe said he would help Dick shuck. Got letter from Patty.
- 13 Mrs. Marshall went away. Harry took her to Burlington. Joe said he would help Dick shuck. I went to see the Miss Moodys. Did n't write in this till the 20<sup>th</sup> like a simpleton.
- 14 Sally came from Aurora. Patty stayed over in Cin. George went up for them. It sprinkled a little. Joe shucked shock corn I think.
- 15 Patty came from Aurora, George went up for her. It was a bright pretty day. Joe shucked shock corn.
- 16 Joe worked ½ day—he hauled manure and ashes out of the yard and hauled some manure round my little fruit trees. Rained some. Found the biggest sucking calf sick a heifer.
- 17 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. and Ernest and Lily and baby dined with us. Found the black Storer sow's runt pig dead. Pleasant day.
- 18 Found a yellow barrow shoat of the spotted Storer sow down and very sick. Sent for Mr. Rogers to see it but he could n't come. Got note from Mrs. Marshall. Joe helped shuck shock corn.
- 19 The shoat died and another barrow shoat of Anne Lizzie's was sick and just like the other. Mr. Rogers came to see it. Joe shucked shock corn but part of the afternoon they moved the fattening hogs over to the sheep cellar and hauled off the dead calf—it was probably poisoned getting in the tobacco barn. The heifer calf died. Patty went to Burlington—took a message for me to Mrs. Marshall. It blew and sprinkled and turned unpleasant. I got letter from Sue.

- 20 Sent letter by Joe's children to Sue. A little sprinkle of snow on the ground. The other shoat died. Did n't write in this till the 23d. Dick and Joe worked for themselves they got ready and killed their hogs. Frosty morning.
- 21 The men worked for themselves. They cut up their meat &c. Another of the white sow's barrow shoats sick.
- 22 Turned warmer and began to rain. Joe dipped or washed the shoats and began to dig places to set out fruit trees—after dinner as it rained he stripped tobacco for himself. A man representing Alfred White & Co. Cin. came down and put up the stones at Tilden's grave. George went to Aurora for him and took him back. It rained and all night I think.
- 23 Joe worked for himself stripping tobacco. Mr. George Terrill dined with us. It has rained all day. George Roseberry wanted to settle for Harry's work. Since Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> the last time I settled up to yesterday 15 weeks the work came to 22.50 and I had already paid them 20.50 so I paid George 2.00 in full to the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. Got letters from Mr. Graham and Julia.
- 24 Sunday. Hilda and Mr. B. came for a little while. Rained part of the day. Sally sent Harry to Aurora with telegram—man brought one from Frank. The children walked to Ernest's and he brought them home.
- 25 Rained all day—hard most of the time and is blowing very hard to-night. I got letter form Sarah. Went to Bellevue to the funeral of John Kelly. Joe worked for himself in tobacco.
- 26 Blew hard all night—fences down and plenty of fodder blown down in the mud. Joe fixed fence and said he would get Flave to help. Turned colder and snowed—snow melted mostly—very unpleasant. Sent letter to Sarah this evening.
- 27 Clear and bright but cool 23° at sunup I think. Joe worked—sent him down with Mr. Kelly's hog pan—then he hauled some fodder fixed fence and got cattle out of wheat field and was to go down again after pan. Katy was here. I went to Bellevue.
- 28 Bright cool day 24° early. Had my 7 hogs killed. Joe and Jess and Flave and George R. worked the latter ½ day. Joe took the pan back and got from Corbins a load of coal 42 bus. he said. Flave and Jess put a wire fence up to inclose a lot for Dick's cow. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 29 Joe cut up and salted the meat &c. George Roseberry worked—tried out lard &c. I put up my meat hams and shoulders by our old Maryland sugar cured receipt. Amy and Miss Eckstein came down—drove.
- 30 Joe worked ½ day hauling manure out of stalls. Sally got telegram from Frank telling her to meet him in Cin. Sun. evening.

## December

- 1 Sunday. Cloudy and about noon began to sprinkle a little and towards dark set in to rain. Miss Eckstein and Amy went away at 11 and Patty and Sally went too—drove to meet Frank. Joe said Louly has a young calf.
- 2 Snowed a little off and on—a disagreeable day. Sally and Frank came down from Cin. by land and Patty came on the little boat. I got letter from Sarah saying her Sally's child was very sick. Joe helped Dick shuck corn.
- 3 Colder 22° at sunup. Dick said he would leave his stock in with mine and help haul his fodder to them—he helped Joe haul in the morning and Joe shucked shock corn afterwards. Tried to snow a little. Sent letter to Sarah.
- 4 My precious own's birthday—she is 29 and I am humbly thankful for her. 22° at sunup and a cold disagreeable day snowing a little. A skim of snow on the ground at night. Got letter from Julia. Joe hauled fodder in the morning he said and he and Dick fixed watergap in the pasture on dirt road.
- 5 Frank started off early on the little boat for his train home. Joe did n't work he said. It was colder. I got letter from Julia.

- 6 Coldest morning 16° at sunup. Did n't write in this for ten days like a simpleton.
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- 8 Sunday. Ernest and Lily called. Hilda and Mr. B. came. Pleasant day.
- 9 I think Joe helped shuck corn for Dick.
- 10 Patty and Sally spent the day with Ernest and Lily. I had the piano moved in the dining room. The men shucked corn. Got letter from Julia.
- 11 Julia Foster and Miss Sally Woolley came down on the evening boat. Dick said he finished shucking corn. Joe worked. Good day.
- 12 Sally started home on the little boat for Cin. Bright cold disagreeable day.
- 13 Poor Joe West got his leg broken both bones between the knee and ankle. Dr. Wright set it. Flave and Jess worked part of a day for me.
- 14 Patty got letter from Sally in Cin. Dick or Jess is doing Joe's work. Julia Foster and Miss Sally Woolley went away. Patty got telegram from Miss Carroll. Mild pretty day.
- 15 Sunday. Another mild day. Hilda and Mr. B. stopped by.
- 16 Sent letters to Sally and Sarah, got one from Julia, also one inclosing check from Rabenstein Harris and Conner for my cow and calf. The check is on the Atlas Natl. Bk. Cin. for \$22.20 signed Louis Rabenstein. Miss Carroll came on the little boat this evening. Mild day.
- 17 Like spring. Patty and Miss Carroll rode to Aurora. I sent this morning letter to Julia and little box of bloom. Dick and Joe had a wood sawing. I went to see Katy.
- 18 Sent Sally a letter from Charlie. This evening sent letters to Susie and Sue Tew—and letter to Mary C. care of her sister Mrs. B. Got letters from Julia and Sue and one from Sally in St. Paul. Jesse worked for me cutting wood. I sent by Patty to Burlington the check for the cow (see 16<sup>th</sup>) and she got it cashed. Jesse cut wood for me.
- 19 Very mild day 64° at sundown in Bellevue. Jesse hauled 4 loads of coal for me. Dick and Flave sawed logs. Sent letter to Julia Loving with 2.00.
- 20 Settled with Fanny from Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 23d and paid her in full 8.60. Patty and Miss Carroll went away on the early boat, Miss C. starting home to Little Rock. Patty for Cincinnati. I sent by Patty letters to Sally and to Julia Loving with 5.00 for Isabella. Went up to leave word for Xen Scott about the logs. Dr. Wright put a new plaster Paris bandage on Joe's leg. It began to rain about noon and is still raining at night. Jess worked this morning—hauled some fodder and wood. I got letter from Julia and book from Mrs. S.B. Selmes. Settled with Harry up to to-day and paid him in full 4.00.
- 21 It is 23 years since my beloved father died—of blissful rest I trust. Lord love his soul. Flave came and said he had worked 2 days ½ day on watergap the rest sawing logs. I gave him an order on Huey for 1.50. Went to Bellevue. Rained some.
- 22 Sunday. Like spring. Hilda and Mr. B. dined here. Sent to the boat but Patty did n't come.
- 23 Sent for Patty and she came home on the evening boat. Went up to see Xen Scott about logs—left word. It rained towards noon and after.
- 24 The day papa was buried, 23 years ago, instead of being bitter cold like then it is like spring. Went to Bellevue with Patty—think I got letter from Julia, and books from Mr. Graham. Jess hauled fodder.
- 25 Christmas—warm and rainy. Rained all day. Hilda and Mr. B. came and stayed all night. Got book from Harriet.
- 26 Rained this morning—turned to snow—ground white with it but cleared off to-night. Got letter from Sally. Hilda and Mr. B. went home. Turning colder 24° at 10 P.M.
- 27 Colder 22° at sunup and the snow beautiful on everything—clinging to every weed and spray. Jesse hauled fodder and hung up the meat before dinner. Sent letter to Sally this evening. Bright pleasant day.
- 28 Milder 30° at sunup. Snow melting. Got letter from Susie Tew.

- 29 Sunday. Very mild like spring. Bright till after noon then turned cloudy. Hilda & Mr. B. and Ernest and Lily called. Amy, Miss Eckstein, Miss Sally Woolley and Annie Anderson came down on the boat.
- 30 Was snowing when I got up and turned to sleet and rain. Later in the day snowed hard and blew, very disagreeable.
- 31 Bright 22° at sunup. Annie Anderson, Amy and Miss Eckstein went away on the little boat. Patty and Miss Sally W. went to Burlington. Jess hauled fodder this morning.