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January

- 1 Rained early 49° at 7 A.M. Patty came home on early boat. Got letter from Julia. Joe and Dick cut up and salted the meat. Warm.
- 2 Warm again more like spring. Went to Burlington to the funeral of Mr. Brady. It was from the Baptist Church there and his remains were put in the Cemetery vault. Mr. Utz and Mr. James Kirtley preached the sermons. Went to Hilda's of course. Put in the P.O. there letters to the three banks and to Julia. Joe worked for Patty moving meat to the upper smoke house and hanging it up.
- 3 Sunday. 56° at sunup. Warm all day and rained at night. Hilda came down and dined with us. Blew hard last night—cooler to-day. Sally W. went away on the noon boat. Sent by her letters to Sue and Belle.
- 4 Got letters from Nat'l Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. and from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$10. dividend. Joe and Jesse cut and hauled hickory wood for smoking meat.
- 5 Very disagreeable day—snowed a little during the night and off and on in the day. Joe and Jess hauled fodder till noon. Then Joe helped kill hogs—they killed 9. Got letter from Julia. Maria Herron came down with Sally W. on the late boat.
- 6 Colder 21° at 7 A.M. Maria Herron went back on the noon boat. Got letters from Sally, Sarah, Julia Loving and from Farmers & Mechs' Natl. Bk. with draft for \$28. Joe worked for Patty. Zeky Rice came to tell me about line fence &c. Joe worked for Patty salting down meat cutting it &c.
- 7 At sunup 20°. Sent letter and T.D to Sally and letter and Mag. to Sarah. Joe fixed wire fence a little while this morning. He and the men killed 8 hogs. Hilda [came] down with Mr. Hogan and Katy came. Patty went to Burlington to the Bank and got my three drafts cashed pd. .25 exchange. I paid I. H. Brady \$27. that she lent me in the fall.
- 8 Joe worked for Patty—the men killed 6 hogs—cut and rubbed and salted what they killed yesterday and hung some more meat. Patty got letter from Belle R. Found one of hogs dead.
- 9 The men including Joe worked for Patty—cut up and rubbed and salted down the hogs they killed yesterday. Also hauled meat to the upper smoke house and hung it. Jess said he worked 1 day this week for me fixing fence (wire) and hauling fodder. Got two letters from Julia asking me to go to Florida with her.
- 10 Sunday. 28° at sunup—a beautiful bright day. Went to the Arnold's to tell them about hogs on wheat. Went to see Susie Walton who is sick. Counted Aunt Lizzie's pigs—made out 10 including one weakly one. Began to smoke the meat.
- 11 Colder 26° at sunup. Patty and I went to Burlington to Hilda's and to Miss Furlong's. Joe went to Bellevue early—got a shoe put on Allan. Jesse cut hickory wood and then they hauled fodder. Sent letters early to Sally and Julia. Got letters from Julia and from Cos. Mag.
- 12 At sunup 28°. Turned two Phipps sows in again to the stock hog. The men worked for Patty after dinner killing hogs—killed six the last of those she bought. In the intervals they patched up shelters and we brought over Aunt Lizzie and her 9 pigs and the young sow with her 4 pigs one of them sick. These were born Dec. 16th. Got letter from Julia. Sally Woolley came on the late boat.
- 13 Did n't write in this to-day. Snow on the ground 2 or 3 inches deep. Joe worked for Patty. Jesse hauled a little fodder to the stock. The men cut up and salted meat. I got letter and telegram from Sally.

- 14 Sent letter to Julia by early boat. Gloomy day snow melting—air misty and chilly. I went to B. Got at Bk. draft for 84.16 for Patty to pay Will Rice for 17 hogs. Went to see Hilda—also to Miss Furlong's—got one dress—paid her for both. This evening the men killed 6 hogs for Patty.
- 15 Did n't write in this book again till March 24th. Got up and took the little early boat went to Aurora took the train and went via North Vernon and Mitchell and Orleans to West Baden Springs, Orange Co. Ind. Got there after dark.
- 16 Saturday. Sally came to the springs with Mr. Squires—they got there about 11 A.M. It was bright and pretty but at night it rained very hard and the river rose. We stayed in Room 528.
- 17 Sunday. Beautiful spring-like day. Sally consulted Dr. Ryan. Mr. Squires left at night.
- 18 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Colder and windy.
- 19 Colder 23° at 8 A.M., 37° at noon. Went to West Baden. Got letter from Patty and one she sent from Sue.
- 20 Snowed in the morning and turned to rain. Got letter from Patty and wrote to her. Took sulphur bath.
- 21 Clear again. At noon 39°. We went to French Lick. Got letter from Julia saying Bessie Thomas died yesterday. Wrote to Patty.
- 22 Snowing hard but cleared off. Saw Sally ride bicycle. Got letter from Julia and Sally Woolley.
- 23 Colder 22° at 8 A.M. Sent letter to Julia. We walked with Mrs. Amburgh and party to Buerk's observatory—fine view.
- 24 Sunday. Got letters from Sarah and Julia. 18° at 8 A.M. turned colder fast. Frank came on the evening train.
- 25 Cold—0° at 8 A.M. Frank left at night.
- 26 3° above 0 at 8 A.M. went up to 11°. Got letter from Julia.
- 27 5° above 0 at 8 A.M. and snowing. Went up to 8° still snowing. Col. Russell says it has been 3° below 0.
- 28 At 8 A.M. 2° below 10° above at 3 P.M. Sally poorly with asthma for several days and nights, weather horrid.
- 29 Sally and I left West Baden Springs and went to Cin. Julia sent in for us and we went to stay with her.
- 30 Left Sally at Julia's and came home alone via Erlanger. George Roseberry met me there with the spring wagon. It had moderated. Found Sally W. and Mr. and Mrs. Clancy here—who came yesterday.
- 31 Sunday. Moderated.

February

- 1 Bad day—snow and sleet. The company and Sally W. went home via Erlanger.
 - 2 Cordy came over and helped me. Got ready to leave.
 - 3 Wednesday. Went with Patty via Erlanger to Cin. and to Julia's where we stayed all night.
 - 4 I started to Florida with Julia and Sally went with us—O by the 2 and C. to Jacksonville. The mem of this trip is in another book.
- 13 Harry's school was out.

March

- 22 Lovely spring like day. Left Julia's and came to Aurora and down on the little boat. Patty met me at the river. Grass and wheat look well—daffodils out, birds singing. Found all as usual. Sally W. with Patty. Mr. Maurer worked.
- 23 Rained of course—it has been rainy weather so long that the high water has done much damage and farm work is behind. After noon Joe worked for Patty about the meat. Wind blew hard.
- 24 Disagreeable day—snowed at times and blew. Sent Joe up to Mr. Bobby Kirtley's for the grape vines he gave me. Bessie West was married to-day in Rising Sun at the 'bake-shop' to Dick Coons 'woods-colt' son of Dick Loudon. Miss and Jess were witnesses. Got letter from Julia.
- 25 Sally Woolley went home. Patty drove her to Erlanger to take the train and brought Hilda back. Joe and Dick and Jess worked on the wire fence next Mr. Rogers.
- 26 Cool 30° after sunup. Paid Patty \$20. that I borrowed last Nov. to pay Dr. Clancy dentist. Yesterday 25th Siegra had a heifer calf—red with a little white named it . Mr. Maurer finished trimming the vines. I paid him in full 2.00.
- 27 No one worked for me. 30° about sunup, bright day. Patty went away to Cin. expecting to meet Sally and go to St. Paul with Frank. She went on the little boat to Aurora. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Sunday. 30° after sunup—a mild pretty day. Walked to church. Stopped to see Mrs. Clore. George R. took Hilda home. I found plenty of wild flowers in the woods, some turkey peas but most of them seemed past their bloom—found anemones and other plants. Ernest and Lily called this evening. Joe found the young white sow with four pigs.
- 29 Mild pleasant day. Joe hauled manure out of yard—he and Jess turned 4 brood sows into the pasture behind the house—then they worked on the wire fence next Mr. Rogers. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Frank. Sally and F. were at St. Augustine.
- 30 Raining gently this morning. Joe went to Bellevue and McVile with wagon—got 2 rolls hog barb. wire at Corbin's 109-113 lbs. After dinner he and Jess worked on wire fence. I got telegram from Frank.
- 31 Warm and looked like rain but did n't. Sent letter to Harriet. Sally came down on the morning boat. Went for her. Got letters from Patty. Joe and Jess worked on fence till Joe took the wagon down for barrel of sugar and Sally's bicycle then Jess grubbed in the vineyard.

April

- 1 Cooler and cloudy. Joe and Jess worked on fence and Jess went after Sally's trunk that came on the little boat. Got a letter from Max Cutcheon about Sally's bicycle. Joe says they finished the wire fence next Mr. Rogers on the hill.
- 2 Sprinkling a little early. Joe cut hedge. Found the spotted Storer sow with 6 black pigs and the black Storer sow with 5 pigs.
- 3 Went to Bellevue to see about tobacco but did n't get any figures. Mike Corbin said he let Flave Loudon have \$10. on his tobacco. Got letter from Patty with check for 5.00 left of the money I sent for sugar.
- 4 Sunday. Rained hard in the night and during most of the day.
- 5 Bright day and windy. Got letter from Julia. Joe and Jesse cut hedge.
- 6 Cordy Arnold was married to Ot Scott by Mr. Utz after 2 P.M. Sally and I went over as witnesses. It was an unpleasant sunless day. Sent by Harry to the little boat a box from Haas

- to Patty, a ham to Mrs. Wirt Duter and a box to Miss Howe for Patty. Got letter from Patty. Joe said he and Jess cut hedge. Sprinkled a little early.
- 7 Mostly cloudy and rather chilly. Sally and I went to see Hilda. Joe worked for himself—put in some potatoes in garden. Jess says he cut hedge. Sent letter to Patty from Burlington. Sally rode her bicycle for mail, got letter from Julia. Thinrind Phipps sow had 8 pigs.
 - 8 All the 8 pigs died. It rained a cold rain. Joe went to mill and got up cow. Found Amy with a heifer calf. Sent letters to Julia and Sally W. Got letters from both.
 - 9 Still raining and even turned to snow as it fell. Harry found the white sow with 10 pigs all dead. Brought down the black sow and her 5 pigs to the lot. They turned one of the Phipps sows in the stock hog's pen. Joe helped with the hogs, fixed boxes and cut some hedge. Chilly and disagreeable.
 - 10 Cold 32° at sunup—ice on the buckets at the cistern. I think Joe worked ½ day. Hilda came down. George Roseberry got 3 ½ bus. seed potatoes. Jess worked 3 days this week.
 - 11 Sunday. My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Rained—towards evening cleared off and Ernest and Lily came to call.
 - 12 Hilda and I went to R. Sun on the little boat. Joe and Jess worked hauling hedge. Jesse Kelly brought three trees, Kiefer pear, Weaver plum and a peach tree and I set them out—they were to replace some dead ones Mr. Berkshire sent. Got letters from Sally W. and Julia. Little Acky cow had heifer calf.
 - 13 Raining again, and rained off and on during the day—rainbow at 4 P.M. Joe worked and after dinner Jess worked some at fence. Hilda went home and took Ethel. Harry drove her in the buggy. Got letter from Sue. The wind blew hard most of the day.
 - 14 Rained part of the day. Joe and Jess worked in the morning at fence on hill. Sally had toothache and swollen face all day. Got letter from Patty with one from Willie D. Harry turned one of the Phipps sows in the pen.
 - 15 Joe and Jess worked on the fence on the hill and then began to saw locust posts in the sand field. I went to see the Arnold's about their horses. Got letter from Julia. George Roseberry brought Patty two loads (53 bus.) of corn—put it in big crib. Paid April 7th, 1898.
 - 16 George Roseberry and Will Rice came over—and George wanted him to have the money for the corn which came to 13.25. I paid George 5.25 out of the money of Patty's firm that I had and am to pay Will Rice the balance 8.00 when Patty pays it. Joe and Jess worked at the fence on the Arnold line. Will Arnold came to see about the fence line. Sent Harry to Aurora with a telegram for Sally to Frank.
 - 17 Sent letter to Julia. Joe and Jess worked at fence. Jess said he had worked 5 days this week. It was chilly and unpleasant.
 - 18 Sunday. Last night after we were in bed Frank Cutcheon came, via Aurora and McVille. Sally's jaw rather better. Ernest, Lily and child came and stayed all night.
 - 19 Took my first lessons on riding a bicycle from Frank on Sally's wheel. Raw cool day. Ernest and the rest left after breakfast. Got letter from Patty. Joe went to Bellevue after fence wire. He and Jess worked on fence.
 - 20 Cold 29° at sunup and ice on tubs and buckets out of doors. Probably finished the fruit. Took two little lessons on bicycle. Got two letters from Julia. Sent letters to Patty and to Ellen. Joe and Jess worked—finished wire fence next the Arnolds and hauled manure out of stalls.
 - 21 Milder and bright. Sally and Frank left on the early boat for Aurora on their way home. Joe drove the wagon with baggage. He and Jesse worked—they hauled some manure and Joe ploughed in the garden and Jesse set out onion sets. Harry and I worked in the yard most of the day. Mr. Corbin sent me word that all the tobacco had been sold. I got two rolls barb wire there. Got letter from Julia. Turned Rover into the stock hog's pen.

- 22 Warmer 59° at sunup. Joe and Jesse worked—they hauled rails and built a new pen for the stock hog—put him in it and the Phipps sow whose pigs died. Then Joe ploughed in the garden and planted sweet corn 7 rows. Jesse planted potato onions, and lettuce and radish. I went to Bellevue to see about the tobacco sold—got return letter from the T.D. Katy A. came over. Planted some tomato and eggplant.
- 23 59° at sunup. Turned out to wean four calves 3 steers 1 heifer. Turned Patty's colt out in pasture. Ellen came up. I got postal from Sally W. and letter from Julia. Joe and Jesse worked—hauled rails and pieces from the Arnold line fence.
- 24 Much warmer 82° about 2 p.m. Joe worked for himself and went away. Jesse said he had worked ½ day grubbing in the field where his father ploughed in all 5 ½ days this week. Sent this morning letters to Sally Woolley and Julia. Got letter from my Sally saying she got home to breakfast Thursday. Took Ellen down to the boat. About the tobacco: Gave Flave Loudon an order on M.J. Corbin asking him to give Flave half the money his tobacco brought it came to \$77.29 and to credit me on my account with A. Corbin and Son with my half \$38.64. Dick's tobacco came to \$139.26 and he signed the check the same as Flave did and I told Mike to credit me on his account with my half \$69.63. Dick said he would let me have on his account \$50. of his half so I credit Dick with that amount and told Mike Corbin to credit me with that also making 119.63 out of Dick's tobacco. Joe's tobacco came to \$104.87 he having also signed over the check. Of this Mike paid me my half \$52.43 and I left Joe's half in his care till further notice. I went with Dick to J.J. Huey and paid him \$50. to be credited on my account there—also paid him 3.11 my half of the expense for prizing some of the tobacco sold. I have the bills of sale and Mike Corbin's figures about the expenses &c. and they are so long and intricate that I don't copy them here.
- 25 Sunday. Hilda came—Sally Woolley came on the L. mail boat. It rained about noon and the rest of the day mostly—a chilly rain.
- 26 Joe and Jesse worked ½ day. They began to [work] on the wire fence next Mr. Rice's on the other side of the creek. Bright and cool. Hilda went away with Bob Brady. Got a letter from Patty with check for 8.00 to finish paying George for corn to be paid to Will Rice, see 16th.
- 27 Sally Woolley went away on the early boat. Turned the Phipps sow with the round black spot in her white belt in with the hog. Had the crape myrtles set out of the cellar. It was cool morning and evening—had fire. Joe and Jess worked at wire fence and watergap next Mrs. Rice's.
- 28 Warmer. Joe only worked ½ day was sick after dinner they said. He ploughed the asparagus after breakfast and set out the roots and cuttings of the vines Mr. Kirtley sent me March 24th. Then he and Jess worked at the fence. Jesse cut thistles in big pasture the rest of the day. Dick attended to six shoats—4 of Aunt Lizzie's and 2 of Rover's. Let Flave have the shoat that was queer he to work 2 days first. Worked in the yard. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Sally and Julia. Got Patty's check for 8.00 cashed and also her check for 5.00 that she sent me for what was left of the money I gave her to buy sugar with.
- 29 Joe and Jess worked at the fence on the line this side of Middle Creek. Got Will Rice to come and see about the line. At noon the men 4 sows the 2 Storer sows and two white Aunt Lizzie sows. Went to Bellevue—and on to McVile to ask Cap. Aikin to get me some hog barb wire. Went to Dr. Wright's and paid Mrs. Wright the 8.00 Patty sent for George and got his note. Put letter for Sally in P.O. Got letters from Julia and Sally W. It rained hard from 5 to 5.30 P.M. and hard about 7. Got letter from Cousin Louie Rucker and pictures of Clarence and Kate D. that they sent me from California by her. Sent Harry to Cordy Scott's with Sally W.'s note and things.

- 30 Rained almost all day and at night, poured part of the time. No one worked for me. I spent most of the day struggling with Joe's account trying to settle. Got letter from Julia. Sent Harry for the roll of hog wire Cap. got.

May

- 1 Rainy, cold disagreeable day. Spent it mostly struggling with Joe West's account, serves me right for not settling sooner. Put in the rest of the time making good resolutions. Jess says he worked 3 ½ days this week. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and seeds from Burpee & Co. Thermometer 42° and a keen wind—very unpleasant. Paid my toll for the past year to date and got receipt for it from C. Acra \$10.00.
- 2 Sunday. Dismal day 38° and a freezing rain falling, nearly all day. Cook gone too.
- 3 Chilly and sunless. Gave George R. his note that I got from Mrs. Rice (see April 29th). Turned the Phipps sow Mr. P. considered the best in the stock hog's pen. Joe worked—took some corn to the McVile mill and worked on fence row next Mrs. Rice's. Misted rain sometimes and very disagreeable.
- 4 Sunless and chilly again—misting occasionally. Sent Harry down to ship a barrel to C. E. Flandrau, that Patty told me to—containing 17 shoulders, on the Swan to Aurora. He also took down the barrel of shoulders Sally M. left to be shipped to-night on the Workman. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letters from Sally W. and two from Julia. Got by mail from Atlee Burpee & Co. 7 plants of Holt's Mammoth Sage and set them out. Ethel came and told me that Hilda started this morning for Jacksonville, Ill. Joe and Jesse worked at the wire fence next Mrs. Rice's.
- 5 Sent Harry with letters to Sally Woolley and Hilda. Sun shining, thank Heaven. Sent Harry to ship on Swan a box to be sent by Ex. to Sally Woolley containing 2 hams and some receipts for cooking hams. Got letter from Sally. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Joe and Jesse worked. Mr. Acra sent me word then told me that the present directions of the pike at their meeting this month denied me the privilege of paying by the year—and said I must pay by the trip. Trained the clematis vines.
- 6 Bright pretty day. Joe and Jesse worked, they finished the wire fence from the top of the bluff to the ravine next Mrs. Rice's. Joe said it was 75 yds. and they hauled away the rails and the pieces &c. then patched on the old wire fence by Mr. Arnold's. I walked round line fence &c. Dick was harrowing in sand field says the potatoes he planted rotted on the ground, and he must replant. Old Mr. Fred began to cut thistles after he came down here, across creek.
- 7 Another bright pleasant day. Joe and Jess worked. Joe went to borrow a stock animal of Doll Walton. Jess cut thistles. Then they worked on the old wire fence next the Arnold's till noon. After that they hauled a load of rails across the creek and patched up the fence next the Arnold's from the watergap up—patched watergap by the very old wire fence. I saw W. Rice's hogs in my pasture and told him about it. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letter to Patty. Got letter from her and pair of shoes she sent me—also letter from Julia. Saw in Boone R. a notice of dreadful elevator accident to Ed. Grant. Went over to see Katy A. They turned in stock hog's pen the Phipps sow that had pigs and the Berkshire sow.
- 8 Bright warm day 88° on the gallery this evening. No one worked for me. Joe ploughed his garden. Mr. Fred came and said the thistle cutting came to 1.13. I let him have lard and meat .90 and now owe him .23. Went to Bellevue got letter from Julia and postal from Hilda. Went to McVile to see Charlie Burns about screen doors &c. Went to see Mrs. Annie Rice about her line fence—also to see Bob Brady about his wire line fence. Saw wild crabs in

bloom—beautiful and sweet. Frogs are singing all around and Harry says he heard a whip-poor-will to-night. Turned the sows out this morning.

- 9 Sunday. Beautiful bright warm day. Ernest and family stopped in passing. Went to Rock Spring to see the columbines in bloom on the rocks, and to see the wild crabs in the pasture and road. Rained during night.
- 10 Rained but quit by day probably. Mr. Joe Lillard went by and said I was only to pay .08 toll for a wagon to Bellevue, .06 for an empty wagon, 4 cents for a buggy and 2 for a horse. In stock pen the white spotted had pigs April 8th. Went to Bellevue and Mr. Acra said Mr. Lillard said just the contrary to him that he did to me. What a funny world. Only Joe worked for me. He patched fences on pike and fixed wires for my Kirtley vines. Harry took post digger to Mr. Thomas to mend—and helped Joe fix fence after dinner. Dick's sons were planting corn in sand field. Rained before day but bright and pleasant. I planted or set 3 horse chestnuts in the yard.
- 11 Went to the toll gate to see Mr. Lillard and Mr. Acra together. Mr. L. acknowledged that he has said to me yesterday just what I told Mr. Acra, but said he was mistaken, and that I must pay 10 cents for wagon 6 for buggy and 3 for horse, such is life. Joe worked—he patched fences again and planted some seeds in the garden. About 4 P. M. it rained and kept on, a cold moderate rain, and during night.
- 12 Mr. Fred came and his work including the .23 (see 8th) came to 1.11. I paid him the .11 and gave him an order on Huey for 1.00. Got some hogs up to ring them and they ringed the little Berkshire sow and she died as soon as they turned her out of the pen. Joe and Jesse worked—they hung watergap and went to get out posts for fence.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents. I wished them eternal joy. Cool and bright. Early the men rung the noses of some of Aunt Lizzie's pigs. Joe and Jess worked getting posts and laying off the fence row patching up wire fence &c. Sent Harry to have the post digger mended at Birkle's. Got letters from Sally, Julia, and Sue. Charlie Burns stopped by to measure for wire screens for the office and to give me estimates for the gutters &c. Dick was digging ditch below the barn.
- 14 Cool—rained during the night a little 56° at sunup. The men rung the noses of the rest of the shoats. Turned Rover in the pen again. It turned cooler was chilly all day and there was a cold rain after sundown. Joe and Jesse worked at wire fence. I went to Bellevue with Harry to get a roll of barb wire exchanged—got letters from Patty and Sarah. Had a fire at night.
- 15 Colder 46° at sunup. Chilly all day and a cold rain towards evening. No one worked for me. Joe furrowed out and replanted part of his potatoes in the garden. Got letters from Hilda and Sally W. Had fire at night.
- 16 Sunday. Not so cold and a bright pretty day. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Cool enough for fire this evening.
- 17 At sunup 45° but bright. Sent Harry to early boat with 2 boxes for Sally W. of bacon boxes and one box of preserves for my Sally. Sent letters to Patty and Sue Sat. P. M. and letter to Julia this morning. Joe worked in the garden—ploughed water and musk melons, okra, peas, pole and butter beans. I planted scarlet beans by porch. Joe said Dick was planting corn in field next hog lot.
- 18 At sunup 48° and turned warmer. Went to Bellevue this evening and put in the P.O. 5 letters to Patty, Sally, Sarah, Hilda and Belle Raymond. Joe worked in garden mowed graveyard, made hopper and put up ashes and tinkered generally. The sun set in a clear sky as red as a rose. Dick finished planting corn in big field next hog lot.
- 19 At sunup 53°, turned pleasant. Went to Bellevue, got postal from Sally from Chicago en route to join Frank in N. York—also invitation from Mrs. Hall to Margaret's wedding. Joe

worked cutting hedge bushes and sumac. Harry cut some poke in hog lot. Turned Rover and the Phipps sow with blk. spot in belt out of the hog's pen. Went to Mr. Rogers's and paid him 2.00 for the lamb my sow ate—he did n't ask any damage but I insisted on paying. Planted cypress by the porch and by walnut tree and some scarlet beans by garden gate—where Joe cut down the diseased W. G. plum tree.

- 20 At sunup 57°. Pleasant day—towards evening clouded up and sprinkled. Got letter from Julia. Joe worked cutting hedge down on cherry hill. Harry cut some poke in hog lot. He turned the horses into the pasture beyond the creek.
- 21 At 7 A.M. 63°. Turned colder 56° at 8.30 P.M. and cool all day. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Patty. Made some soft soap. Harry cut more poke in hog lot. Joe worked cut hedge on cherry hill.
- 22 At sunup 45°. Let George R. have .50 lard and order on Huey for 1.50 on Harry's work. Went to Mrs. Laura Rogers's to get receipt for soap. Lovely bright day. Got letters from Julia, Sally W. and Ernest. Joe planted a few hills of preserve melon and cut hedge—worked ½ day.
- 23 Sunday. Cool and cloudy and about noon there was a right good rain rather chilly. Cleared off afterward. Rained again before midnight with hail.
- 24 Bright again. Joe set out a few cabbage plants and some tomatoes. Aunt Nancy went down for the first time to Patty's office and I weighed her 123 ½ pounds. She says she was never weighed before in her life. Made hard soap this morning. Went to Bellevue. Took letters to Sally W., to T.D and to Miss Mary Selmes. Got letter from Patty and one from Sally at the Waldorf N.Y. Joe cut hedge. It was chilly with sprinkles. Katy came over. Stay[ed] by a fire at night and slept in feathers to be comfortable.
- 25 Still cool but pleasanter. Made 2 kettles hard soap. Sent Harry to Mr. Ryle's. Joe worked cutting bushes and cleaning out hollows in meadow across the creek. Had fire at night.
- 26 At sunup 46°. Bright and pretty. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Joe worked cutting sassafras and poke &c. Mr. Ryle came and attended to Patty's colt. Dick attended to the stock hot and pigs.
- 27 Went on the early boat to Aurora and from there on the Pauline to Petersburg to visit Lily and Ernest. Called at Dr. Grant's—they came to see me. Put in P.O. note to Mrs. Hall. Chilly day—country looked pretty. Joe said he worked on fence at his garden.
- 28 Chilly and misted and sprinkled in Petersburg. Finished my visits and got home about 5 P.M. It had rained much harder in our neighborhood. Sent postal to Patty by Ernest. Got letter from Patty with one from Sally and also letter from Julia. Joe worked part of a day.
- 29 Joe and Jesse worked ½ day on wire fence. I made soap again. Cool—sat by fire in the evening.
- 30 Pleasant and not so chilly. After dinner a bicycle party came to call. Dan Hemmingray and Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. Grant. I think they said the Hoyts lived in Delhi and the rest in Covington. They went on to Rising Sun, to stay all night.
- 31 At sunup 44°. Turned pleasant but have fire at night. Got postal from Sally W.—sent letter to her by Minnie. Joe worked in garden all day ploughing and hoeing—planted corn and cornfield beans. I set out more tomato plants. Made soap.

June

- 1 Pleasanter 55° at sunup. Little black sow that lost her pigs last had 8 black pigs. Sent Harry to little boat with 2 boxes for Sally W. containing 10 sides of bacon. Got letter from Patty. Joe worked ½ day for himself ploughing and preparing for tobacco the little patch in the garden. We ate new potatoes that he ploughed up for dinner. He worked for me ½ day cutting thistles on cherry hill.

- 2 At sunup 57° I think—warmer in the evening about 4 sprinkled. Joe worked. I sent him to Mr. Phipps's to see about stock hog—he cut thistles and took the wire and posts off the corner of the bottom for Dick to plough—also set out 400 sweet potato plants I got in Bellevue. I worked most of the day in yard. Harry too.
- 3 Rained about 4 A.M. and after Joe set out tobacco in garden worked ½ day for me cutting thistles &c. I set out some more tomato plants and Harry a few cabbage plants. Put strings for my bean vines &c.
- 4 Cool bright day. Went to R. Sun. Got on credit at Gibson's 2 rolls hog wire and a chisel 5.00 in all. Stopped to go to the burying of Mrs. Wiesickle formerly Mrs. Deck who used to live on the place. Got letters from Sally in N. York and Julia. Put in R. Sun P.O. letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Went down to R.S. on the little boat and the river looked beautiful. Joe said he cut thistles in the big pasture. Dick was having wet spots in the bottom fields ploughed.
- 5 George Roseberry wanted to see how Harry's account stood. I owed Harry up to yesterday 6.75 so I gave him an order on Huey for 1.75 and owe Harry 5.00 to June 4th. Gave Minnie Loudon an order on Corbin for 5.00 on her wages. Joe worked for himself. Sent Harry for the wire door and windows Charlie B. made and for the 2 bales wire I got at Gibson's. Got letter from Patty. Bright cool day.
- 6 Sunday. Bright and rather warmer. Went the funeral of Mrs. Morton Green formerly Mrs. Warren Rogers. Mr. Utz preached. Katy came home with me and stayed a while.
- 7 Rained part of the day a chilly rain. I began to clean the house. Joe worked—went to try to find the animal cleaned and greased the wagon harness—cleaned chimneys, set out tomato plants &c. Sent letter to Patty by Harry—got letters from Julia and Mary Selmes. I remembered all day that it was Patty's wedding day—poor child.
- 8 Chilly morning and evening—brighter. Cleaned house. Joe worked part of a day. Took Doll Walton's 'animal' home and beat carpets till noon—afterwards went to see Mr. Phipps about hog. Mr. P. stopped in passing. Got letter from Julia and T.D.
- 9 Cool bright day. Cleaned house again, put down dining room carpet. Joe worked—he cut briars over by the slough and planted some beets.
- 10 Cool morning. Gave Harry an order on Huey for 3.50 on his wages. Sent him down and got Cy shod all round 2 new shoes. Got letter from Patty saying Sally got home to St. Paul and to send next Sat. for Isabelle and Julia. Joe went to see Mr. Phipps about hog and made a cage to put it in. Doll Walton came to see about threshing wheat &c.
- 11 Sent Joe and Harry with the wagon to Mr. Owen Utz's to get the Thin Rind hog Mr. Phipps bought for me. They brought him home. Hilda came with them and Ethel. Hilda got back from Jacksonville Tuesday last. It turned warmer. We cleaned house. The hog cost 8.00.
- 12 Sent Harry down with a note to Cap. Aikin. Got letter from Sally from buddy from Sarah and postal from Sally W. also T.D of June 6th. Joe worked ½ day—rang sow—made a shelter for sow—took wagon down to the little boat. Isabella and Julia Loving came on the little boat. It rained hard and they got here in the rain. It cleared off afterwards. I went to Bellevue. Got 5.00 of Joe's tobacco money from Mike Corbin. Harry took the wagon down for the trunks which came on the 4 o'clock boat. Katy came over and spent the night. Sent letter to Patty in C. when Harry went down early. Set out some tomatoes. Turned hot.
- 13 Sunday. Katy went after breakfast. This evening Hilda went home—sent by her letter and T.D to Sally. George drove the buggy. Hot bright day.
- 14 Went to Mr. Phipps's. He had said he would buy the stock hog for me and sent by Joe \$10. which I returned to him to-day and paid him 1.00 for his trouble in getting him for me. Joe worked ½ day for me—he cleaned out and fixed the spring and ploughed in the garden. After dinner he worked for himself—ploughed potatoes. Sent by Harry to the early boat box

of bacon to go by Ex. to Sally W. We went on cherry hill and got plenty to eat of sweet cherries. Set out some sage plants and a few peppers—hot day.

- 15 Joe worked in the garden—ploughed hoed stuck beans, planted seeds &c. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty—sent her two to Cin. Hot day 93° at Corbin's at 5 P.M.
- 16 Sent Harry down to the early boat with a box of boxes and a box of bacon for Sally W. Sent letter to Patty. Turned in stock hog pen the little Phipps sow that had pigs. Joe West worked clearing fence row on the mud road. Rained hard at night. Set out tomato plants.
- 17 Sent Harry down to see about bicycle and later with wagon to get it and Patty's telescope. Joe helped Dick set out tobacco. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Sally.
- 18 Joe worked—set out cabbage plants beat rugs—got sled and hauled trash and manure out of yard then went to clean fence row. Yesterday George R. got 2.60 on Harry's wages. I got letter from Julia. Been cleaning house this week. Hot weather this week. Showered a little this morning but cleared off hot. Isabella rode her bicycle down for the mail.
- 19 Mr. Fred came said he had been cutting thistles &c. and his work came to 1.75. I let him have one of my shoulders marked with blue .63 and gave him an order on Huey for 1.12. Went to Burlington and Hilda lent me 45. which added to the 5.00 she lent me the 12th makes 50. which I am to pay when I get the money for the corn from Selmes and Woolley. Paid in B. Bank July 10. Settled with Minnie Loudon and paid her \$20.50 in full to June 21st in presence of Isabella. Turned in stock hog's pen the black Storer sow. I never remember seeing as much white clover in the pastures as this year—they are white with the bloom some places and the air as sweet as that from honeysuckles.
- 20 Sunday. Rained hard towards noon and hailed, turned cooler afterwards. Rover sow was turned in stock pen. Blew so to-day it broke off trees in the woods.
- 21 Much cooler after the rain. Joe, Jess and Dick worked—they mended fence on pike worked at the new wire fence and Dick hauled rails &c. Got letter from Sally and Isabella one from Patty. Went to see Will Rice about his hogs.
- 22 Warmer. Queen Victoria's jubilee, bless her old soul. Turned Rover out and the spotted Storer sow in stock pen. Joe and Jesse worked at wire fence and wiring hedge. Sent Harry after Patty's laundry stove. Worked in garden—Harry staked some tomatoes cut weeds &c. Mr. Fred said he had finished cutting weeds and I gave him an order on Huey for .90 in full. Opened the back part of the crib and began to feed out of it.
- 23 Jess worked ½ day putting wire on hedge—helping Joe who worked. Dolly was found way up among the pokes with 3 pigs. Hot day. Turned spotted Storer sow out of pen. Warm again. Sent Harry with Kitty and Allan to Birkle to shoe.
- 24 Stock hog got out of his pen last night into the lot with the fattening sows. Harry took Patty's horses and Belle down to get plates put on. Joe worked in the garden, ploughed and hoed. Towards sundown there was a very hard rain—that was a washing rain and Dick says the creek ran through the bottom in places. Got letter from Patty in Columbus.
- 25 Joe worked—cutting weeds grass on both sides of the wire fence in the woods and Harry helped him fix the fence at gullies. I went to see Mr. Corbin who is sick. Warm day. Took letters to Sally and Julia. Settlement with Jesse Loudon. Jesse came up and we had a settlement. His work since our last settlement comes to \$62.63 and he has received in cash and orders 37.75 which leaves a balance of 24.88. I paid him 20.00 and he owes me for the pasture of his filly. Harry turned in stock hog's pen the white sow that has pigs.
- 26 Cool pleasant day—no one worked for me. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to come home to-morrow—also one from Sally. Hilda came down. Got barrel of flour from Corbin's. Turned out white sow.
- 27 Sunday. Patty came home on the boat. It sprinkled sometimes. Hilda went home.

- 28 Turned in stock pen Phipps sow with black spot in belt. Joe worked ½ day for me cutting weeds—ploughed his potatoes &c. in the morning. Dick began to cut wheat I believe. Harry went down after box of tea and coffee.
- 29 Turned hogs in the back pasture. Joe cut weeds by last wire fence. Hot with a few sprinkles. Dick paid for binding twine 1.70 Oct. 27, 1897.
- 30 To-day it is 30 years since my darling sister Belle died. Lord love her sweet soul. Turned out the Phipps sow with spot in belt and turned in the other. Gave Dick an order on Gibson R. Sun for 25 lbs. binding twine. He cut wheat part of the day. Joe worked cutting poke on the hill above wire fence. Hilda came down to go to the wedding of George Smith and Miss Etta Moody. She went home after dinner. Very hot day with sprinkles. Patty sick all day. Cy had cold water colic.

July

- 1 Raining this morning. Joe worked ½ day after dinner cutting weeds. Sent by Isabella letter to Sarah and to the three banks at Wash. Not so hot. Dick was cutting wheat again. Went over all our accounts with Joe West. On the balance of the year 1892 and the year 1893 I owed him 13.23. On 1894 he owed me 55.40. On 1895 he owed me 13.92. On 1896 and to April 24 1897 he owed me 17.88 85.20 deduct 13.23 = 71.97 minus his share of the tobacco money 52.43 April 1897 = 19.54. This 19.54 paid out of tobacco money Dec. 24th.
- 2 Turned out the 3rd Phipps sow from the stock hog's pen. Joe worked cutting weeds. Very hot day, looked like rain towards night but cleared off. Amy Campbell and Miss H. Eckstein drove down. Set out the last of the sage plants and some eggplants.
- 3 Let Dick Loudon have 15.00 to pay for cutting his wheat. Let him have for binding twine .40. Joe worked ½ day cutting weeds. Isabella sick. Patty sent for Dr. Furness who came to see her. I went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally. Got from Mike Corbin 15.00 of the half of Joe's tobacco money I left there and got 5.00 before to help pay for hog (see June 12th). Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. Very hot 96° in the shade.
- 4 Sunday. One of the hottest days I ever felt. Patty, Amy and Miss Eckstein went to Big Bone by Burlington going and Rising Sun coming home, took Harry. Isabella rather better. Patty had fireworks at night for her.
- 5 Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington with draft for \$10. Joe worked—got things ready and a load of coal 35 bus. from Corbin. Cut some grass. Towards evening there was a hard rain and a beautiful rainbow.
- 6 Amy and Miss Eckstein left for home. It was very hot later and looked like rain but did n't rain. Joe cut weeds. I sent by Amy letter to Julia and to Bk. of Wash. ack. draft.
- 7 Flave helped Joe—they got the barn &c. ready and after dinner Jesse helped too and they got in 3 loads of hay. After that Joe cut timothy and the boys worked in garden and cut weeds to finish out. Went to Bellevue with Patty and paid Birkle my account 8. Went to the Arnold's and did yesterday to ask about Katy who is very sick. Very hot day. The weather lately has been sickening from heat and in many places fatal. Got from Mike Corbin the balance of Joe's half of tobacco money 32.43. Got letter from F. & M. Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft for 28.00 and from Julia.
- 8 Hot as cayenne pepper again. Joe cut and forked over grass. I got letters from Sally and Julia. Went to sit up with Katy and to see her in the morning first.
- 9 Joe worked getting in hay. Flave and Jess helped—they said they got in 6 or 6 ½ loads. Very hot again. One of my teeth broke off.
- 10 Went to Burlington with Patty and she paid and took up the note for 200. (see Dec. 14th) and I returned to her the note I had from Selmes & Woolley for 100. for my share. I got Mr. Revill

to cash my 3 drafts from the Washington Bks. 75. 28. and 10. in all \$113. and told him to put \$50. to the credit of I. H. Brady to pay what I borrowed June 9th. Hilda was not at home. Put in P.O. letter to Julia. Got postal order and sent it 2.50 to pay sub. for Co. Gentleman. Paid Mr. Riddell 1.50 for Recorder and got receipt. George Roseberry went over Harry's account. To July 9th 7.50 total 12.50. Since then he had received in cash orders (and including meat 1.56) 6.56 which left me owing him 5.94. I paid George 3.00 on this. Joe, Jess and Flave worked ½ day—they hauled 2 loads of hay and were working in the garden when I got home. Flave got 1 bus. bread corn .30. Hilda came after dinner and we went to ask about Katy. Very hot.

- 11 Sunday. Hot with occasional sprinkles and after sundown turned cool and pleasant. Ernest and his child came to call. Hilda went home. Sat. paper has account of intense heat.
- 12 Cooler and delightful—70° about 8 A.M. I went to R. Sun on the little boat. Paid Gibson the 5.00 (see June 4th) and 1.50 for Dick (see June 30). Went to see Aunt Eliza. Paid Will Grant for work to date 2.25. Mr. Doll Walton came and I paid him the 10. he advanced to Mr. Setters to be taken out in threshing (see June 10th) and he gave me a receipt. Dick paid this (see June 4th) and 1.50 for Dick (see June 30th). Turned white sow that lost her pigs in stock pen again. Joe cut hay. Joe cut grass.
- 13 Patty and I went to Cin. via Anderson's Ferry. I went to Dr. Clancy's and got my tooth put in—paid him 20. Afterwards went out to Julia's and stayed all night. It sprinkled and was very cool. Joe ploughed corn for Dick. Harry said he turned sow out.
- 14 Stayed with Julia till after lunch and she took me in to meet Patty and we came home. Stopped a moment to see Hilda in Burlington. Still very cool. Joe said he hauled in 5 loads of hay and Jess and Flave helped.
- 15 Warmer but pleasant. Joe and Jess and Flave hauled hay ½ day and after noon Joe ploughed corn for Dick. Got letter from Willie Tew. Sent note to buddy. Went to ask about Katy.
- 16 Rained during the night and raining this morning. Sent Joe to Mr. Rogers's to bring home the black Storer sow that got out. After noon he ploughed for Dick a while and took the spring wagon down for Willie Tew who came on the little boat. Patty and Isabella took Harry with them and went across Anderson's Ferry to visit Mrs. Eckstein. Cloudy and cool.
- 17 Joe worked ½ day ploughing for Dick. Flave came in to settle he had worked 3 ½ days in hay at 1.00 comes to 3.50 and ½ day helping in barn .38 comes to 3.88 he had got corn .30 and meat .45 leaving me due him 3.13 which I paid him. He said Joe ploughed for Dick in corn 2 ¼ days in all. I went to the Arnold's. Patty and Isabella came home.
- 18 Sunday. Pleasant but warmer. Patty went to sit up with Katy.
- 19 An unforgotten day. Sent by George R. letters to Julia and Sally. George got me a roll of fence wire in Lawrenceburg. Joe worked—he picked blackberries and worked in the garden. Hilda stopped as she went by with Susie Walton. I made jam. Warm day but pleasant. Sent by Harry to Mike Corbin .75 for Mr. T. Wingate.
- 20 Joe worked for himself ½ day ploughing his tobacco &c. After dinner he began to cut weeds in the garden. It rained off and on.
- 21 Joe cut weeds in garden and picked blackberries. I went to see Katy and to see Mr. Corbin and to Bellevue—got little package from Sally I think and a letter.
- 22 Joe helped Dick haul wheat and fix up the tobacco barn for it. I put up blackberries.
- 23 Joe helped Dick haul wheat. It rained after noon. Harry went up with the buggy for Hilda who came down.
- 24 Rained hard this morning and off and on after. No one worked for me.
- 25 Sunday. Ernest and child dined with us. Hilda went home. Eliza Hunt Walton came.

- 26 No one worked for me in the morning. It rained hard early and was hot. Joe and Jesse worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day putting wire on the fence to keep out pigs. Isabella, Julia and I went to see the whale on a boat—65 ft. long—the whale, not the boat.
- 27 Sent Harry for the barrel of glass cans Sally sent home. Sent Joe to Mr. Rogers's to hunt the sow but he did n't find her. Jesse worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day helping Joe haul rails from the fence row next the new wire fence by Mr. Rogers's. I got a note from Julia. Patty and Willie went to Mrs. Eckstein's on bicycles and came home on the mail boat. It was cooler and cloudy with some sprinkles.
- 28 Joe went again for the sow and brought her home. Jesse worked—he cut weeds and helped Joe haul pieces of rails from fence row next Mr. Rogers's. Cooler and pleasant. Went to ask about Katy.
- 29 A partial eclipse of the sun before 8 A.M. very clear and pretty. Mr. Graham came via Aurora. Patty and he drove out to call on Hilda. Joe worked in the garden—planted corn and cucumber. Cool beautiful day.
- 30 Sent by Mr. Clark letter to Sally. Joe cleaned spring and cut weeds in garden. Sent letter to Julia. Went to see Katy. Turned warmer.
- 31 Patty went to Aurora after Enid Yandell who came from Louisville. It rained after sunup and cleared. Mr. Graham went away in the evening. Got little note from Julia and wrote to her by Mr. G. Later Amy and Mrs. Harriet Eckstein came. I think Joe worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

August

- 1 Sunday. Two years since dear Til died—may he rest in peace. Warm—thundered and looked like rain. Late the girls, Amy and Miss E. left for Cin. Willie went too. We had corn for dinner, garden late.
- 2 Very hot day—rained a little some time last night but clear and 90° in the shade on the gallery when I happened to look. Joe and Jess worked—fixed hog lot first and put Storer sow and Dolly in it then fooled away time fixing fences around wheat field—turned hogs in and they came right back. Told them to cut weeds. Patty and Enid went to Big Bone to spend the day.
- 3 Foolishly did n't write in this till the 6th. Very hot day, 96° on the gallery. Joe pulled weeds in garden and cut weeds. Willie came home on the boat at night.
- 4 Believe I went to ask about Katy. Patty and Enid went to R. Sun to telephone. Not quite so hot.
- 5 Went to see Katy and later went to help get her off to go on the boat to Louisville. Patty, Enid and Willie went off on the early boat and came back on the night boat. Joe and Jess cut weeds. Not so hot—cool in the morning.
- 6 Suppose Joe and Jess cut weeds. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Julia to answer note I got from her yesterday. Got note from Mr. Foster saying Julia had to have the sore finger cut off on the 4th the end of it and into the second joint—poor dear Julia.
- 7 Left on the early boat for Clifton via Aurora—got to Julia's apparently. Found Julia somewhat better. Jess tells me he worked 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days this week. He says he and Joe hunted for the sow and cut weeds $\frac{1}{2}$ day—the sow was not gone off. Lovely cool summer day—Clifton looked very pretty.
- 8 Sunday. Dr. Walker who cut off Julia's finger came out to see it also Dr. Stewart and said it was doing well. We took a drive in Clifton.
- 9 Patty, Enid and Willie went up on the early boat and Patty came out to see Julia and stayed to lunch—went to the train with me. I gave her letter to Sally to put in P.O. Came down on little boat, got home about 5 P.M. Only Joe worked he cut weeds. Got letter from Sally.

- 10 Joe worked cutting weeds. Warm. Had our first muskmelons.
- 11 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Cordy came to sew. Joe cut weeds and worked on rail fence row next Mr. Rogers's and Jesse helped ½ day. Not so hot.
- 12 Cordy came again. Joe and Jesse worked at fence row. I went down to order some wire from R.S. and later with Harry to get it but they brought the wrong kind—got one bale from Corbin's. Cool.
- 13 Joe and Jesse worked at fence. I went to Bellevue—took letters to Patty and Julia—got letters from both. Sent by Roll Aikin for wire—gave him 5.00. Went to see old Mr. Corbin and stopped at Mrs. Acra's. Her son Hubert was drowned in the river while bathing. Hilda came with Ethel. This morning thermometer was 56° before sunup. Cool in the evening.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her. I wish all good to her. Joe and Jess worked ½ day on fence and Joe hauled manure out of yard. Jesse says he worked 3 days this week. I went to the funeral of Hubert Acra who was buried at the Pope burying ground I think way up Middle Creek. Very dry and dusty and warmer.
- 15 Sunday. Hilda went home this evening—sent Harry with her and he drove Tom. There was a shower about day this morning.
- 16 Cloudy and cooler—looked like rain but no rain. Joe topped his tobacco in the morning—he worked ½ day for me on fence. Jesse worked on fence. Sent Harry to get Allan shod—sent letter to Sally, got postal from Patty from Summer's Forest and letter from Frankfort.
- 17 Cool 58° at 5.30 A.M. This is the anniversary of my beloved mother's death. Lord love her soul. I went to Bellevue to see about wire—got letter from Julia. Joe and Jesse worked on the fence.
- 18 Still cool 58°. Went to the river and got hog barb wire Roll Aikin brought from Gibson's (see 13th). Sent letter to Julia. Jesse and Joe worked on the wire fence.
- 19 Still cool 58° when I looked 5.45. Joe and Jesse worked on the wire fence finished it. Patty and Willie Tew came home from Louisville from the break trip—crossed on the ferry and walked out. Sent note to Miss Harris and letter to Belle Raymond. On the night boat came our kin the Wetherills from Ft. Thomas. Cap. A. M., Mrs. May, Miss May, Max and Sam Wetherill. Willie went down to get Cy shod and Harry took the buggy for Patty and Willie's things—later they went for the company.
- 20 Willie went down to get Belle the mare that was put off the boat last night. Amy had her to drive in the break and they say she got compliments wherever she went. Got letter from Sarah. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Joe and Jesse hauled rails from new fence. Cooler.
- 21 Hilda came down and dined with us—got letters from Sally and Julia. Think Joe and Jesse worked ½ day.
- 22 Sunday. About noon it began to rain, we had some good showers and it was cooler.
- 23 Cool lovely day. The Wetherills all went home on the noon boat. Patty and I went to Burlington. She borrowed at Bank 200. for 6 months and gave Mr. Revill her note for it and signed the note. She paid 7 pr. cent. Got a barrel of flour at Corbin's. Wheat 1.00 pr. bus. Hilda was not at home. Joe helped the Walton's thresh.
- 24 My dear father's birthday. Lord love his sweet soul. The threshers came towards noon began to thrash about 2 and finished and got away. Dick said there were 321 bus. Patty, Isabella and Willie rode to Big Bone. It was cool, cloudy with a breeze most of the day—thundering and lightening at night. Ellen went home this evening. Got letter from Julia. Rained before bed time.
- 25 Joe said it was too wet to thrash at Will Rice's till noon—so he cut weeds in the morning. Helped Will ¼ day threshing and ¼ day at Arnold's which he said was for Dick.

- 26 Patty went away with Isabella and Julia on the early boat—she to start Isabella and Julia from Cin. to Concord, Mass. to visit Mrs. Selmes. Joe worked—hailed straw to barn and rails and made fence round straw stacks &c. Patty came home on the 4 P.M. boat. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Sally. Got letter from Mrs. Wetherill. Warmer.
- 27 Willie Tew left for home on the early boat. Ellen came up on the noon boat. Settled with Patty about Harry's wages—she had bought him shoes and let George have meat &c. We charged me in the settlement the 5.70 Cavagna's bill and the 18. I bought wheat with last year—so they are now paid and she owes me 14.70. Pd. Harry in full to date 3.45. Joe and Dick worked patching up wire fence next the Arnold's pasture.
- 28 Went to Bellevue with Patty. Paid her .30 and she gave me a check for 15.00 (see yesterday) which Mike Corbin cashed and I paid him 12.00 out of it that he credited for interest for a year on my note for 200. (see Aug. 19th, 1896). Saw Hilda at the river and here for a few minutes on her way to Mrs. Scott's. Amy and Miss Ekstein drove down from Cin. Got here about 2. I got letter from Sue. Joe and Dick worked ½ day on wire fence and watergaps &c. Much warmer. Shoat found in spring.
- 29 Sunday. Patty went to Aurora to meet Miss Em Lidell Schroeder who came from Louisville. After dinner Amy and Miss Eckstein went home. Aunt Susan Payne and Hattie came. Warm. Clouded up and sprinkled.
- 30 Charlie Burns came out to make estimate about logs, lumber &c. Patty and Miss Schroeder went on the noon boat to Cin. Got letter from Julia and circular from Mr. Morrison about book. Patty got letter from Isabella. Patty sent down by little boat a cross cut saw. Ellen went home. Joe worked—in the garden and I think fixed road up the hill.
- 31 Joe and Jesse worked. They cut down and sawed the large poplar tree over by Mr. Rogers's fence. Also sawed and cut down a tall hollow poplar that was dead on the hill towards cherry hill. Sent Harry down with Cy to have a shoe put on that came off.

September

- 1 Joe took the wagon to Aurora to get shingles lumber &c. to put up the shed. C. Burns went with him. I endorsed a check for \$15.00 that Patty left me and sent it to Mike Corbin by Joe. He cashed it and Charlie spent it to pay for the things—which came to 16.86 including 1.50 for me. I went to see Zen Scott about hauling logs. Went to Cordy Scott's. It was hot and a wind blew up and it looked like a hard rain—but passed off with a sprinkle. Another sprinkle about 9 at night. Jess said he was going to fix road and cut fence rows in the big pasture—he worked ½ day.
- 2 Joe did n't work for me—he and the rest went down to McVille to help Jim L. launch his ferry boat. I went to McVille and paid Nellie the 1.86 Charlie spent on the things. Went to see Mr. Roland about logs. Did n't see him. Got letters from Julia Foster and Belle R. and postal from Hilda. Sent Harry to see about his father who got hurt in Aurora yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Coons came to see me—they had their golden wedding in July.
- 3 Went to Bellevue—took letters to Sally and Julia. Went to see Will Rice about his sow and shoat that we got out of corn field—he came for them. Joe and Jesse worked sawing logs and cutting beech trees. Patty came home from Cin. on the 4 o'clock boat.
- 4 Mr. Roland came to see me about hauling the logs. Patty and I went to the Ky. Fair at Florence—met Amy and her party on the . Sally Woolley came home with us. It was cool, only 54° when I looked early, and turned hot and dusty beyond description. Great crowd at the Fair—very poor show of horses. Put letter to Sally in Burlington P.O. Think Joe and Jess worked ½ day hauling rock for foundation for addition to the office.
- 5 Sunday. Sally Woolley's birthday. Warm bright day.

- 6 Harry began school. Joe worked ½ day fixing road up cherry hill. Began to cut tobacco after noon—his little garden patch. We bottled a keg of Ives Seedling and one of the Norton's Virginia. Got letter from Julia. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown to go the 7th. Mr. Krossner or what's his name came to see Sally Woolley about working for her on hog business.
- 7 Patty and Sally Woolley went to Big Bone via Rising Sun and Sally went home on the stage. I sent by her letter to Julia. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. It was 56° at sunup and 90° in the shade at 2 P.M. and dry and dusty as ever.
- 8 Did n't write to-day—was working all day long at tomatoes. Joe finished putting in his garden tobacco. it was 98° on the gallery in the shade—drier and dustier still.
- 9 My dear mother's birthday. Lord love her precious soul. Hot again 94° Patty said. I got letters from Sally and Julia. Patty rode out to Burlington to tell Hilda goodbye—she was gone. Joe and Jesse hauled rock from cherry hill old chimney and hauled sand.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Very hot dry and dusty. Joe and Jesse worked—hauling and sifting sand and afterwards sawed some logs.
- 11 Patty went to Cin. on the early boat on her way to St. Paul. Joe took the wagon down and then I sent him to Mr. Parson's to return the tobacco sticks lent to us last year. Joe worked ½ day. Jesse said he had worked days this week. Mr. Roland came to see about hauling the logs. John Beatty came to see Aunt Nancy and all. Hilda came this evening. A very hot day—drier. Sent by Patty letters to Sally and Julia—got letter from Julia.
- 12 Sunday. Intensely hot day—did n't notice the thermometer over 94° but it was parching. Hilda went home in the evening. Sent by her letter to Patty.
- 13 Hot and parching again. Charlie Burns came out to see about lumber &c. Joe said Mr. Roland began to haul logs. Joe worked—he went with Dick after the wheat screen I own an interest in up to Ernest's. This evening he tinkered the machine and fixed poles on gate way and went to clean out springs in big pasture. I went to see Will Arnold about his stock. Doll W. came to tell me he had turned in cattle next to our corn. The grapes are drying up with drouth. I made chili sauce to-day and canned peaches out of the yard.
- 14 Susie Tew came on the little boat. She was on her way to Natchez and her father sent after her a telegram—from there telling her to wait on account of yellow fever so she stopped off here. Alice Snyder brought her out. Got letters from Patty in Cin. and from Mrs. Brown, also two letters for Patty that I sent to P.O. Joe worked. Went to Bellevue twice with wagon—for 10 flour bbls. at Huey's at .15 and for Susie's trunks later—also helped experiment on fanning the wheat and picked grapes. Mrs. West helped to-day picking and picking off the grapes. Hot and dry and dusty beyond anything. 94° in the shade when I looked.
- 15 Very dry—and hotter—went to Bellevue this evening. Mr. Snyder said it was 98° at the store yesterday and 99° to-day. Got letter from Sally and one from Sally Woolley saying she sent down spring wagon she and Patty bought. Harry says it came to-night. Letter for Patty from Lucy J. We worked at making wine. Mrs. West worked. Joe worked—he helped Mr. Roland get out some logs and picked grapes. Tom Clore and Al Rogers came to look at wheat.
- 16 Very hot again—clouded up and thundered and after 4 P.M. there was a good rain. Mrs. West helped with the wine making. Joe worked—he cleaned the cistern and fixed the top and after noon helped Mr. Roland who said he could n't get out the poplar logs without help.
- 17 Much cooler—at night especially. Slept under a blanket. Joe spent the day in the hunt of a fanning machine—did n't get one. Sent by him Charlie Burns's list of lumber to Mr. Parsons. Went to see the Corbins. Mr. Corbin very low. Mrs. West helped me work at wine. Got letters from Patty in Chicago and from Julia. Patty and Sally W. met Isabella and Julia L. there. Dick cut some fodder in sand field.

- 18 Very cool 48° at sunup. Still cool at night. Got letters from Patty in St. Paul and from Sue. Worked at wine. Put in the cellar keg of Ives Seedling, 1 pound sugar to 1 gallon juice. Mrs. West helped ½ day at the wine. Joe worked ½ day—he cut 3 shocks of corn in the garden and cut off boards from the fattening hog lot fence.
- 19 Sunday. Cool pretty day—we walked to the Corbin's to ask about Mr. C. who still lives.
- 20 Cool pleasant day—too cool at night. Joe spent the day running round after a fanning machine and riddles—brought one home and tinkered at it. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon—sent one to Patty. Mrs. Moore and daughters, Lillian Johnson and Maria Moore came to stay all night. We worked at making wine. Mrs. West helped. I paid her .95 to pay for a book. Dick finished cutting tobacco. Put in the cellar 1 keg Ives Seedling 1 lb. to gallon.
- 21 Frost—thermometer 38° at sunup. It was 99° in Bellevue the 15th. Saw frost myself at every turn—tomato vines bit a little. Mr. Roland began to haul again at the logs—got one partly down the hill and the log wagon broke. Joe worked—he and Dick tried the fanning machine found it a failure—then Joe helped Mr. Roland. Mrs. Moore and daughters left on their way back to Trimble. We worked at grapes—Mrs. West helped. Heard that Mr. Albert Corbin died to-day.
- 22 At sunup 39° and Harry said there was some frost. Worked at the wine again and Mrs. West helped. Finished—put in the cellar in the corner next the window a keg of Norton's Virginia Seedling 1 pound of sugar to one gallon juice. Also made 3 gallon jugs of the same. Joe worked. He and Dick sawed a 13 ft. log off the poplar and trimmed it and they helped Mr. Roland load and haul one log. He did n't come till noon. Sent a letter that came for Patty—got letter from Patty and Sally W. and one from Julia who has gone to New York.
- 23 Did n't write in this till the 25th. Susie and I went to Mr. Corbin's funeral. He was buried in Bellevue graveyard. I got letter from Sally. Joe worked—helping Mr. Roland haul logs.
- 24 Joe worked—hailed lumber from the mill. I got letter from Sue. It has turned warmer and is dry and dusty as ever. Sent letter to Patty. I canned more peaches off my yard tree. Turned the rest of the brood sows into the hog lot again.
- 25 Warmer 54° at sunup. Joe worked ½ day hauling lumber from mill. I got letter from Patty. Hilda and Cordy stopped to call on Susie Tew.
- 26 Sunday. Hot again.
- 27 Cooler and pleasant. Joe worked. He finished hauling the lumber that was sawed—it is all done but the butt poplar log he says. I let Mr. Parsons have 2 wide poplar boards. Then Joe went to Bellevue with buggy to be mended and to McVille after Charlie Burns chest—collected tools &c. Dick and Jess worked after noon fanning seed wheat. Sent letter to Sue this morning. Will Arnold made a barrel of cider here.
- 28 Charlie Burns came out to work. He worked on the foundation of the shed to the office and Joe helped. 44° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty this evening.
- 29 42° at sunup. Let G. Roseberry have order for 1.00 on Huey on Harry's work. Charlie B. worked at the shed and Joe helped him. They finished the other side of foundation and put on sills and sleepers. Pretty weather.
- 30 Warm again 83° and perhaps over. Charlie Burns worked on the shed and Joe helped him. Sent letter to Julia and letters that came for Patty. This month has been very hot and dry.

October

- 1 Went to Burlington to take Susie to spend the day with Hilda. Went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash the draft Patty left with me for \$68.93. He took .25 for collecting and paid me the balance. The country was so dry and dusty that it was unpleasant driving and it was very hot. Charlie and Joe worked on the shed.

- 2 Since Aunt Susan has been here I went over the account of her work and found I was owing her 9.72 (she did n't want to settle up and get all her money when she left) so I paid her 10.00 to-day in presence of Susie Tew. Charlie Burns worked. Joe helped ½ day. Got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 3 Sunday. Not so hot—but drier. Walked to see Mrs. Corbin.
- 4 Charlie Burns worked and Joe helped him—they nearly finished the roof of the shed. Dick was digging his potatoes lately. Joe fastened the gate up to keep the hogs in the back pasture. Warm in the middle of the day and cool early and late. Sent letter to Sally early.
- 5 Turned out 3 heifer calves to wean—Siegra's, Little Acky's and Amy's. Dick brought in my share of the potatoes, he said 25 or 26 bus. Turned in stock pen the sow that had 8 pigs June 1st. Charlie Burns and Joe worked at the shed, put part of the flooring in and battened it. Hot as summer.
- 6 Cooler 53° at 9.30 P.M. Charlie B. and Joe went to Aurora after timber bricks &c. I got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and Nina C. Charlie got for Patty's shed 1.75 of lumber, flooring and .85 of bricks 150 and he got on credit for me at McHenry's shingles and flooring for Dick's house. The bill was 8.55 but Charlie says it ought to be 8.85 as the shingles were 3.25 per M.
- 7 Tom Clore came out and we sold him our wheat about 200 bus. of it at .88 we to fan it. Charlie Burns and Joe worked putting a new floor in the front room in Dick's house and patching kitchen floor. George R. worked hauling rails for a hog lot and Dick, Jess and Flave worked ½ day making the fence. I went to Bellevue—paid Mr. Tom Wingate 2.00 the freight bill on Patty's spring wagon. Cooler to-day.
- 8 At sunup 41°. Little Phipps sow that had pigs April 7 had 8 pigs. Went to Bellevue and got 1 bunch of pine shingles at 1.06 to finish out the roof at Dick's. Got letter from Sue. Sent by Lou letters to Patty and Nina C. Charlie and Joe worked, taking off and putting on roof on the shed bedroom at Dick's and finishing the floor at office. Flave and George R. worked—hauled rails finished fence round lot for fattening hogs, divided the hogs put little ones in pen &c.
- 9 Dick attended to 7 pigs 2 of them Dolly's and the rest of the 8 born June 1st. Joe worked ½ day hauling poplar lumber from the mill. Charlie B. worked on the office. I went to Burlington to meet Sue and her Margaret who came via Erlanger. Dined at Hilda's. Had a shoe put on Alan by Mr. Barker. Country parched with drouth.
- 10 Sunday. Sent Harry to Burlington for Sue's trunks. Aunt Susan and Hatty went away. George took them to Lawrenceburg. Paid Gave [sic] Dick Loudon an order on George B. Gibson R. Sun—stating that if he would let Dick have a wagon on 6 months time to cost not over \$55, I would be responsible for the payment. Dick paid this Dec. 24 order destroyed. George Roseberry got 8 bus. of wheat for seed at the same price we sold .88 to take corn in exchange.
- 11 Rained a shower before day. Saw a beautiful rainbow after breakfast. Dick brought the new wagon he got from Gibson. Sold my largest heifer to Orrin Phipps for .03 to be weighed in Bellevue. Had a right good shower after noon. The black Storer sow had 6 pigs, one a runt. Rover got out and could n't be found. Joe worked hunted sow and went to see about Mr. Crosser and grate irons. Charlie B. worked ½ day on Patty's and ½ day making me a hog house. Got letter from Patty.
- 12 They say it showered during the night. Mr. Grasser called Crosser came to show Charlie about the furnace and other arrangements. George Roseberry came to begin digging the cistern. Gave Flave an order for a barrel of flour 5.00 on his work. Joe and Dick and his boys finished fanning the wheat and hauled what was to sold down to the river. We calculated that what I kept was 43 bus. which with the 8 bus. George R. got made 51 bus. Dick Loudon

says he took 27 bus. to mill Friday, and expects to get bus. more in flour. Joe hauled some of the old lumber from Dick's and hunted the sow again. She turned up to-night in the back pasture having had her pigs evidently. Got letter from Julia and one for Aunt Susan. Beautiful day, warm. Charlie Burns worked, mostly on my hog houses.

- 13 Found Rover, she had 11 pigs and there was another dead one. Joe drove her down to the kitchen lot. Found that the spotted Storer sow had 8 pigs in the hog lot. Drove the sow that had 6 pigs (the black Storer) from the barn to the hog lot—could only find 5 pigs. George finished digging the cistern and Charlie began working on it. He worked at the cutting block before that and the first thing put battens on a pig house. Joe worked—he hauled some fence lumber that was round old fattening pen and hauled away some dirt from the cistern. Dick hauled me the first load of corn—in new wagon—and put it in big corn crib. Went to see Mr. Parsons, about the sawing, got his bill. He said he had sawed 5184 ft. in all. Mr. Roland came to see about his bill. Warm as summer 87° at Bellevue. Got letters from Sally and Isabella and the wedding cards of Miss Helen C. Painter who is to marry Mr. Richards Carson Meeker Oct. 20 at The Colonies, Pikesville, Maryland, wish her luck.
- 14 Orrin Phipps came after the heifer and I got Dick to help him drive her to Bellevue. She weighed 1035 lbs. and at .03 it came to \$31.05. He gave me a check for the amount and I took it to Mike Corbin who cashed it for me. Dick Loudon got the check for the wheat. It was on the Peoples National Bk. Lawrenceburg in my name for 207.10 bus. wheat at .88 = \$182.30 signed by John J. Sherriff. I went to Mr. Roland's and as he was not at home paid Mrs. Roland \$16.20 for hauling—from the bill Mr. Parsons made out. Went to the mill afterwards and paid Mr. Parsons his bill for sawing \$26.48 in presence of Hugh Arnold. Charlie Burns worked at the cistern, turned the arch and cemented and Joe helped him. Hotter still, like a summer day.
- 15 Found the Storer spotted sow had eaten 4 of her pigs, horrible cannibal. Sent letter to Patty by Lou. Found the young white gilt with 11 pretty pigs. Turned out of the stock pen the blk. sow that had 8 pigs June 1st. Charlie Burns worked on cistern. Joe helped him except when helping to drive the sow down. Hot as summer and very dry and dusty.
- 16 Jesse came and said that he and Dick cut 100 shocks of fodder and Jesse and Flave cut 204 total 304 and his share was 152 and I paid him in full. Charlie finished the cistern and says it is 14 ft. 9 in. by 6 ft. wide. Joe worked ½ day helping Charlie with cistern and cover. Flave came and gave in his work—for all including corn cutting to date I owed him 2.50 and paid him in full. White sow that Harry calls crazy had 8 pigs. Charlie Burns worked till nearly quitting time for me, fixing cellar windows and mending Joe's cistern. Hot to-day. Dick and Flave worked ½ day hauling dirt from cistern. Flave's is paid for.
- 17 Sunday—did n't write in this till the 19th. Warm pretty day.
- 18 Cooler 42° at sunup—had a fire. Charlie Burns went to Aurora to get grate irons, smoke stack &c. Joe worked. He took the fanning mill home to Mr. Rogers—then went to Bellevue and McVile for the things Charlie got in Aurora—he also got box from Ex. for Patty. Charlie did n't come out. Sent by Lou notes to Cousin Loulie Rucker and Miss Painter. Dick hauled me 2 loads of corn in his old bed. 1 to the big crib to the barn. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Sent Tom down by Mr. Birkle's boy to be shod. Warmer this morning, 49° at sunup. Charlie and Joe worked, at the furnace till it rained—after dinner at fixing the kitchen hearth and resetting stove. Charlie paid my bill at McHenry's with money I gave him 9.05 and got an elbow for Joe's cistern .15 and paid for Patty's things 2.55 see bill. Rained gently and was rather cool. The bill at McHenry's was for the flooring and shingles for Dick's home. Dick began to sow wheat.

- 19 Cloudy and rained a little in the morning but cleared off. Got Joe to drive and went to Rising Sun. Put in the United States Ex. Mr. Thorne agt. the box for Patty with her Boothroyd dress and got receipt. Took the wheat check Dick brought (see 14th) to the Bank and let Mr. Perkins cash it. It was for \$182.30. I left \$100 in Bank and got Cer. of deposit and took the balance 82.30 in cash. Went to Oscar Jones and paid him in full for 60 weeks for Aunt Eliza's grocery bill \$45. and got his receipt. Paid up to Oct. 23. Joe cut wood after he got home. I got letter from Sally Woolley.
- 20 Charlie Burns worked on the furnace and then began on the platform and Joe helped him. Found the Phipps sow with black spot in belt with 6 common looking pigs.
- 21 Cooler—had some fire all day. Let man have feather bed to renovate. Charlie worked and Joe helped him. He finished the platform before dinner then they made another pig house and began to patch the corn crib. Hilda came this evening.
- 22 Joe only worked ½ day. He went to tell Will Rice to bring home sled and hauled the 3 pig houses into the sow lot—hauled straw for them and fixed up a shelter for sow. Dick hauled me a load of corn in his old wagon bed to big crib. Went over Joe's book and wrote the settlement in my account book with him.
- 23 Sunday. Found the 3rd Phipps sow with 9 pigs in a pig palace. Susie took Hilda home. She expects to start for Philadelphia to-morrow. The school house the colored school used was burned last night.
- 24 Charlie Burns worked for me—finished fixing the corn crib—put in panes of glass, put down zinc—&c., painted porch roof and worked on pig house. Joe cleaned out springs in pasture and helped Charlie and made pig trough. Sent letter to Patty—got letters from her and Sally. Man brought back the feather bed he took to renovate. 36° at sunup and white frost in places. Johnny came home.
- 25 At sunup 40°. Sent letter to Julia. Charlie Burns finished pig house and fixed roof on Joe's house and set the grate there. Joe worked helping. Settlement with Charlie Burns: Charlie worked 21 days at 1.25 = 26.25

2 days going to Aurora =	1.50
2 window frames	<u>2.00</u>
	<u>29.75</u>

We went over this account and he set down the amount but I did n't pay him. Joe had a dance to-night. Dick Loudon came up to settle about the wheat money see 14th. The check was for \$182.30

His half	91.15
I kept 51 bus.	<u>21.12</u>
Dick kept <u>27</u> bus.	\$112.27
24 bus.	
<u>.88</u>	
192	
<u>192</u>	
21.12	
Dick owed me for cash for cutting	15.00
Thrashing	10.00
Twine	<u>1.70</u>
	26.70

Deducting from the 112.27 the \$26.70 left his share of the check \$85.57. I paid him the .07 and gave him a check on the Rising Sun Bk for \$85.50.

- 26 Dick hauled and put in the big crib 2 loads of corn out of the field next to hog lot, in his old wagon bed. Harry drove the wagon and took home Charlie's chest, wheel-barrow and crow bar. Got barrel of flour at Corbin's 5.50 Mike said. Joe worked dug sweet potatoes &c. I was owing Joe since our last settlement (see July 1st) 34.05 and paid him this amount this evening in presence of Susie Tew. The balance due me on our former settlement 19.54 he requested me to wait for till the tobacco is sold and I agreed. Paid Dec. 24. Went to Bellevue and McVile, river very low—warmer, no fire to-night.
- 27 Warm, no fire at night. Sprinkled a little this evening. Went to Doll Walton's about cattle. No one worked for me. Joe and Dick went to R. Sun. Minnie away too.
- 28 At sunup 38° and cooler all day—we had fire. Joe worked tinkering up things—put door on old buggy house fixed up chicken house, watergap &c. Sent letter to Sally by Lou. Put Phipps sow with blk spot in belt in with spotted Storer sow, she has only 3 pigs left. Put white sow that had 10 pigs in pen.
- 29 Down to 34° at sunup and a shine of ice on water setting out. Gave Flave Loudon an order on Huey for 2.00 on corn. No one worked for me. Harry has not been going to school this week. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash a check on the Rising Sun Bk. for 14.50 the balance left from the check (see 20th and 27th). Went to McVile and paid Charlie Burns \$10.00. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Got letter from Sally W. postal from Hilda and note from Mr. Herdegen about package.
- 30 Sunday 45° at sunup. Cloudy all day and sprinkled about sundown and rained all night.

November

- 1 Raining and rained all day with thunder, lightning and heavier rain after dark. Aunt Lizzie's white sow with black spot on tail had 11 pigs. Joe worked for himself, said he was going to strip tobacco.
- 2 Rained all night and all to-day. Joe said he would work in his tobacco. Sent letter to Robert Clarke & Co. with 4.00 for sub. to Century Mag. and letter to Sally Woolley. Got 2 letters from Patty and letter from Julia. Found the white sow with only 10 pigs.
- 3 Sent letter to Patty by Lou and 2 letters from Enid. Beautiful bright day. Joe worked helping shuck shock corn in sand field. Dick hauled 1 load to big crib. One of Rover's fine boar pigs died to-day—seemed to have fits. Got receipt from R. Clarke Co 4.00.
- 4 Spotted Storer ate up one of the Phipps sow's pigs and 1 of the white sows was gone. She has now 9 pigs. A demon seems to be in the sows. Joe helped shuck shock corn. Dick hauled me 1 load to big crib from sand field. Sue and Susie went to Burlington—sent letter to Hilda. Doll Walton came and I sold him my 2 largest steers for 3.75 to be delivered in Bellevue Sat. morning. 35° at sunup—beautiful day.
- 5 At sunup 55°. Dick put load of white corn in little crib. Joe worked ½ day shucking shock corn. It rained a little and they worked in their tobacco after noon. I went to Bellevue.
- 6 At sunup 44°. Sent my largest 2 steers to Bellevue to Doll Walton. They weighed 2130 lbs. which at 3 ¾ came to \$79.87 for which he John J. Walton gave me a check on Boone Co. Bk. J. J. Huey lent me 20.00 because he could n't cash the check and I paid it to Flave Loudon on his corn to be delivered. Sue and I went to Burlington and Mr. Revill cashed the draft for me. Went to Bellevue again, paid J. J. Huey the 20. he lent me this morning. Went to see Charlie Burns and paid him 19.75 in full to date. Bright pretty day cooler. Joe worked to-day helped drive steer helped a little shucking corn, buried cabbages, carried in sweet potatoes &c.
- 7 Sunday. Raining when I woke up and rained all day.
- 8 Sent letters to Sally and Isabella. Got letter from Cousin Louie R. Susie got telegram to go to Natchez. We went down afterwards to Dr. Williamson to get a health certificate for her. It

rained all day. Joe stripped tobacco for himself. He fed the hogs to-night. Harry has chicken pox.

- 9 Rained during the night and blew hard with rain this morning. The little boat Swan began to run again as the river is rising. Went to Aurora with Sue and Susie to put the latter on the train to go south. Joe worked for me this morning—got up horses went to Bellevue with trunks &c. I got letter from Sally W. Sent from A. postal to her and to Miss Cochran. Cloudy with sprinkles all day. Joe said he got 10 bus. corn from Dick to feed hogs.
- 10 Joe helped shuck corn. Sent by Sue letter to Patty to Cin. Dick brought to big crib a load he said was his corn. Got letters from Patty and Sarah. Dick says he put in 2 more loads one of which was his.
- 11 George Roseberry brought the corn to pay for the 8 bus. wheat at .88 (see Oct. 10th) at .30 a bus. there was due me 23 bus. and not quite a half—besides that there was 2 bus. over for which I pd. George .60. Ellen came up. I sent letters to Fanny Gibbon and one that came for Patty. Joe worked he helped shuck corn and as it turned colder moved some of my potatoes into the cellar. Dick put in big crib 2 loads.
- 12 At sunup 28°. Sent letter to Sarah by Lou. Ellen went home this evening. Joe helped shuck corn. Dick put 2 loads in little crib. Hade crepe myrtle put in the cellar. Had a letter from Sally.
- 13 At sunup 30°. Joe worked ½ day helping Dick shuck corn. Dick put in the little crib 1 load that was mine.
- 14 Sunday. Raining this morning and mild as spring. Ernest and Lily came to call. Ernest said his stock hogs had cholera.
- 15 Raining off and on, and very mild. Joe took the wagon to Bellevue and got 2 loads of coal from J. J. Huey. He said the first load was 48 bus. and the second 52 bus. 40 lb. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to come the 16th. Got letters from buddy and Hilda.
- 16 Rained all night I think the branches and creek running free. Dolly is in the stock hog's pen. Did n't write in this till Thursday. Joe worked stripping his tobacco till it was time for him to go to the little boat. Patty and Sally W. came on the little boat. Patty from St. Paul. Got letter from my Sally. Joe went for freight to night boat.
- 17 Colder 26° at sunup. Joe worked for Patty hauling out and putting away freight and putting flour in the wash shed &c. and Flave helped him. Dick put 1 load corn in little crib.
- 18 At sunup 26°. Joe worked for Patty. Sue and Margaret started home. I took them to Aurora and put them on the cars. Got things for Patty and ordered eaves troughs for her &c. Dick said he put 1 load yellow corn in big crib, gathered from his shock corn part of the time.
- 19 At sunup 30° and turned warmer. Forgot to write that yesterday Mr. Cresser came and Patty had 1 of the hogs killed a barrow that weighed 250 lbs. To-day Joe worked for her. Joe set up lard kettle and worked on making walk [?]. Dick put 1 load of corn in the little crib.
- 20 At sunup 46° and mild all day. Joe helped Charlie Burns work for Patty—at pen—eaves troughs, putting doors on wash shed &c. Flave worked for her too hauling gravel and things from the river &c. Turned Dolly out of stock pen—turned white sow with 9 pigs into the sow lot. Took up carpet in dining room. Sent 10 hogs down to be weighed for Patty and Sally W. one of them smaller than the others, they weighed 2360 lbs. Sent them by Flave and Jess. Dick put 1 load of corn in little crib. Dick said the corn he sold Joe was 25½ bus. which at .30 came to 7.65. I gave Dick an order on Huey for 2.65 on this.
- 21 Sunday. Lovely mild day. Did n't write in this till 25th like a fool.
- 22 Patty had 10 hogs killed. Mr. Cresser came and set in to work. Joe helped and Charlie B. worked for Patty. It rained and then turned cooler. Ethel worked and I put down the carpet in the dining room. Gave me check for the hogs they bought. The hogs came to 83.52. I had

spent of the money Patty left for different things 20.25 so they gave me a check for the balance 63.27 on First National Bk. Cin. This did not include the cement for her cistern 3.60. This 3.60 they paid 27th.

- 23 Coldest morning this fall 20° at sunup—and bright and pretty. Got letter from Sally probably to-day. Joe helped Patty. Minnie sick—Ethel worked. I went to Bellevue.
- 24 Went to Rising Sun after Ellen to cook, came on the little boat. Chilly and turned milder. Patty got a load of coal from Huey's. Joe helped Patty.
- 25 Mild and from about noon on rained. Harry said Dick put a load of corn in little crib for me. I saw them haul a load to Dick's. Joe worked for Patty. Joe got order on Corbin this evening for load of coal. Suppose I have everything wrong since Sat. by not writing. Got postal from Hilda. Thanksgiving.
- 26 No one worked for me—towards noon there was a very heavy rain that flooded the bottoms partly and carried off a lot of fodder shocks. Mr. Cresser went home in the morning. Sent letter to Julia and to Sally later.
- 27 Went to Burlington, took the check for 63.27 (see 22nd) and another for \$50. signed Woolley & Selmes that they are to take and Mr. Revill cashed both. Then I went to the court house and paid the Sherriff C. C. Roberts my taxes for 1897—\$73.83 and got receipt. The rain of yesterday was a very washing rain. Stopped to ask Susie C. about Katy. No one worked for me. Dick put some corn 1 load in for fattening hogs and he said he put a load in barn crib.
- 28 Sunday. Cloudy and mild.
- 29 Minnie came back to work. Received from Sally Woolley 2.45 from Mr. Moody on the 4.00 he owed me on the heifers he bought. Sold Woolley and Selmes 10 hogs which weighed 2225 lbs. at 3.20. This came to \$71.20 and deducting from this the \$50. check they gave me in advance (see 27th) left a balance of 21.20 for which they gave me a check. I had seven of my largest hogs killed for my own meat. It was ° at sunup and turned cold and clear. Got letter from Sally and paper from Cousin Sandy Wetherill with pictures of himself on a march.
- 30 Coldest day this fall 18° at sunup. Did n't write in this till Friday Dec. 3. Think Mr. Cresser was sent for after night.

December

- 1 Joe cut up my hams shoulders and sides—let Patty have bones and sausage meat. Went to B. got letter from Susie Tew.
- 2 Charlie Burns and his hand came and worked part of a day. They pulled down the hay shed. It was cold and towards noon began to sleet and was very disagreeable. Dick and Joe killed hogs—for themselves. I got Charles Flandrau's book 'Harvard Episodes' with compliments of the author.
- 3 Patty and Sally W. went to Cin. on the early boat. It rained when they left, cold rain, and kept on. No one worked for me—the men cut and salted their hogs.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life. Wrote to her and sent by Mrs. West—got letter from her. Rainy disagreeable weather. Ellen went home. Got bills from R. S. for Aunt Eliza's coal and shoes. No one worked for me.
- 5 Sunday. 29° at sunrise—blew last night and unpleasant this morning.
- 6 At sunup 32°. I went to Bellevue to meet the first boat but the girls did n't come. They came afterwards. Joe worked for them killing hogs.
- 7 At sunup 36°. Joe worked for the girls. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Julia.
- 8 At sunup 40° and like spring. I went to R. Sun—got Mr. Perkins to cash the check for 21.20 (see Nov. 29) and paid Elliott and Seward's bill for Aunt Eliza's coal \$14. and got receipt, also

paid Davis for her shoes 2.00 and got his. Patty had hogs killed warm as it is. Joe worked for her.

- 9 At sunup 47° and just like spring. Mike said the thermometer went up to 66°. Went to Bellevue paid Will Grant .80 and Mr. Birkle 6.05. Sent by Swan box of jam to Sally. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Joe worked for Patty. Jess put a load of corn in little crib. Got bill from W. G. Hillet & Co. for \$15.00 for coffee Patty got for me in Cin.
- 10 Another spring day—went up to 67°. I paid Patty and Sally W. 15.00 for the coffee and they said they would send a check for it. No one worked for me. Charlie B. fixed the flue of the scalding shed. Got letter from Sally. Did n't write in this till the 13th.
- 11 Still very mild. No one worked for me. Sent letter to Julia—got one from Hilda.
- 12 Sunday. Mild and cloudy went to see Mrs. Clore. Ernest and Lily and child stopped on their way past.
- 13 Mild ° at sunup, by noon rained. Did n't write in this till the 16th. No one worked for me.
- 14 Very pretty day. Sally came on the little boat in the morning. No one worked for me.
- 15 Rather raw and chilly. Charlie Burns came out and made me a little house for stock hog, patched up chicken house &c. No one else worked for me.
- 16 Sent letter to Julia. Cloudy day. No one worked for me.
- 17 Raining this morning and rained nearly all day—no one worked for me. Mr. Moody paid me 1.15 by Sally Woolley which with the .40 from Flave and the 2.45 (see Nov. 29th) make the 4.00 for the heifers now paid in full.
- 18 Colder ground frozen hard and 18° after sunrise. Walked to see Betty Rice whose sister Sue Bush died last night. Sally Woolley went home on the noon boat. No one worked with the exception that Joe helped drive hogs to Bellevue. I sold Patty 16 hogs that weighed 2880 lbs. at 3.20 that came to \$92.16. The hogs averaged 180 lbs. Sent letter to Isabella by Sally W. Did n't write in this till the 24th so things may not be just right.
- 19 Sunday—beautiful, winter day.
- 20 Bad day, rainy and chilly. Patty went to Cin. on the early boat. Joe worked part of the day for me. He found Blanche with a calf and hauled some fodder I think. They killed hogs afterwards and Joe helped. I sold George Roseberry my stag hog that weighed 420 lbs. which he is to pay for. Think I rode to Bellevue. Got letter from Cousin Sandy Wetherill either to-day or to-morrow. Sent by Patty letter to Julia Loving.
- 21 Went to Bettie's to the funeral of her sister Mrs. Susan Bush. Patty and Sally Woolley came on the early boat.
- 22 Ellen came. Doll Walton came and gave me a paper from Flave telling me to pay \$30. to him J. J. Walton of Flave's corn money. Snowed after dark a little.
- 23 Skim of snow on the ground. My Sally left for Chicago on the early boat to meet Frank on his return from the south. Dick took the tobacco to John Hogan who was buying with Mr. Jas. L. Riley. We sold it to John Hogan Joe's crop for 8 all round and Dick's for 7¾. They had it on two wagons his and mine and he said they took it to Bullittsville. Joe worked for me some after dinner dragged out some fodder, took off screen door &c.
- 24 Cold, 12° at sunup. I did n't forget Papa to-day. Patty and Sally added up the things they got for me—sugar, coal oil groceries &c. and they came to 26.20. This deducted from the \$92.16 they owed me for the 16 hogs (see 18th) left \$65.96 and they gave me a check for it. This I took to Mike Corbin who cashed it put to my credit on my account 30. and paid me the balance 35.96.

Settlement with Minnie Loudon; I had been over Minnie's account from our last settlement and was owing her up to Dec. 20th 15.03 and I paid her that to-day.

Tobacco business: Dick Loudon brought the weights of the tobacco;

Dick's	3150 lbs.	3150 lbs at 7 ¾,	\$244.12
Joe's	<u>550 lbs.</u>	550 lbs at 8,	<u>44.00</u>
	3700 lbs		\$288.12

Later Dick went back after the checks and brought back 3, one for me for \$143.50 signed Jas. L Riley another for me for \$22. unsigned and one made out to himself for \$121.50 and one dollar which we divided, Mr. Hogan having made an error of one dollar in his figures having put Dick's crop at 243.11. I took out of Joe West's half of tobacco 22. the 19.54 he owed me and paid him the balance. Did n't write in this till the 28th (see July 1) Not so cold.

- 25 Christmas. Stayed at home with my poor lonely Patty. No one worked for me. Got book from Mr. Graham &c.
- 26 Sunday. Pretty day—bright. Sent Harry for the picture Cousin Sandy sent me and the books Julia sent me.
- 27 At sunup 32° I think—bright day. Joe worked part of a day for me before noon—he hauled fodder and straw and changed pig houses—after noon he took the horses to Bellevue and left them to be shod, by Mr. Birkle. Charlie Burns came out and fixed Dick's flue. Mr. John Hogan's brother came and I gave him the unsigned check for 22.00 (see 24th) to take back to be signed.
- 28 At sunup 30° and trying to snow. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for 143.50 (see 24th) and paid him \$70. on account. Went to J. J. Huey and paid him \$60. on account. Sally Woolley came on the little boat. Stopped to see Betty. No one worked for me.
- 29 Sent letters to Sally and Susie Tew and later to T.D. Disagreeable day—tried to snow and rain occasionally. Joe hauled some fodder after dinner before they began to kill hogs. Got letter from Harriet Young.
- 30 Warmer—cloudy. Went to Bellevue put in P.O. letter to Co. Gentlemen with 2.00 for subscription. Sent early by Joe letters to Cap. Wetherill, Clarence D., Sue and Harriet Young. Got letter from Susie Tew with draft on N. York for \$20. Like a simpleton did n't write in this till Jan. 3rd. Rained a cold horrid rain. Patty and Sally W. went down on the mail boat at night to Louisville.
- 31 Had my meat hung—the pieces of 7 hogs—42 in all. Mr. Cresser and George hung them. Joe worked—hauled fodder &c. Snow on the ground 2 or 3 inches. Sent letters to Susie Tew and Sally—not certain what day.

Hard Soap

3 boxes Babbitt's Lye
 3 gallons water to a box
 14 lbs. grease to all

Boil lye before putting in grease and when the soap is about done add .05 worth of washing soda.

1897

April 24 – half of Flave	
Loudon's tobacco	\$38.64
Half of Joe West's tobacco	52.43
Half of R. Loudon's tobacco	69.63
May—butter	1.00
May 5 “	1.30
9 “- 2 lb.	.20
12 th butter, eggs, gobbler	2.30

19	1 bus. seed corn	.30
21	butter	1.48
28	eggs	.12
31	butter	1.50
June 4	butter	.90
	eggs	.12
11	butter 1.20 eggs .10	1.30
19	butter .75 eggs .07	.82
25	butter .85 eggs .09	.94
July 2	butter .80 eggs .06	.86
9	butter	.65
16	butter .35 eggs .10	.26
23	butter .60 eggs .05	.65
30	butter .70 eggs .05	<u>.75</u>
		176.34
August		
13	butter .90 eggs .14	1.04
17	Watermelon	1.90
20	butter .45 eggs .20	.65
24	Watermelons	4.00
27	Watermelons	.52
Sep. 1	Watermelons	2.62
3	butter .45 eggs .20	.65
10	eggs .35 butter .38	.73
11	watermelons	2.09
17	eggs .35 butter .38	.73
19	watermelons	.54
	eggs	.33
Oct. 7	½ bus. wheat	.40
14	Heifer	31.05
15	eggs	.13
	eggs	.08
Wheat money Oct. 20		82.30
	eggs	.13
Nov. 6 th	2 steers	79.87

Alan McAulay foaled at Woodburn
 Dam Mollie Friend, dam of Henry G. 228, sire Belmont

1897

Oct. 13th 1 load new wagon – 18th 2 loads old wagon, 23rd 1 load old wagon. 27th 2 loads in old wagon. Dick said one was Flave's. Nov. 3, 1 load in big crib from sand field. Nov. 4 1 load in big crib of same. 5th 1 load white in small crib
 10th put in big crib 1 load Dick said was his, 1 more he said was his 1 that was mine
 11 put in big crib 2 loads, said one was his
 12 Put in little crib 2 loads said 1 was his
 13 Put 1 that was mine in little crib

- 17 Put 1 load in little crib
- 18 Put 1 load in big crib
- 19 Put 1 load in little crib
- 20 Put 1 load in little crib

Mem. for Patty

Patty left Sep. 1896 \$100.

Of this I paid the stonemason 4.50 for the foundation. Borrowed of it to pay for wheat \$18. Paid Mr. Ed. Berkshire Oct. 7th for 6 shoats \$18. Pd. Oct 8 Paid McHenry's bill 48.60 out of check Patty sent for \$50. rec. Oct. 5th.

Oct. 13th Bought from Mr. Acra 10 shoats for which I paid \$30.

Oct. 22nd pd. C. Burns \$15. and he took to pay for lumber.

Paid the 18. borrowed for seed wheat Aug. 27—1897

April 25th gave G. Roseberry order on Huey for 5.00 for Harry's work

May 9th gave G. Roseberry verbal order on Corbin for 2.00 for Harry. Patty pd. Harry 2.00 for shoes. I let George have seed oats.

April 3rd gave George order on Huey for 1.50 on Harry's wages.

May Let George have 1 bus. corn on Harry's wages.

June 1st Gave George order on Huey for 2.50.

June 13th Gave George order on Huey for 1.50

4 M shingles for wine house 4025. Settled with Harry in full to July 10th.

Mott's Patent 30 gals. Wm. Resor & Co. 317 Pike St. Cin. S.H.W.

The Stearns & Foster Co. 14 & 16 W. Canal

30 gal. furnace Miller's Mott's Pat.

Sally heard about Colorado Root to chew for cough – and to use as snuff for catarrh.

Opened bl. sugar May 10 1897

Mr. J. Lillard says May 10, 1897 .08 toll for 2 horse wagon, .06 if wagon empty, .04 for buggy, .03 for horse—denied all this later.

The Rossmore 4th Ave. Louis

Hilda's address;

Care Miss E. B. Dunlevy 1209 Moyamensing Ave. Phil.

Care Miss Mary L. Prince, Stanton College, Natchez

A letter from Aunt Nancy Oxford July 2nd, 1870 speaks of receiving the news of Nannette's death.