

## 1898

### January

- 1 Made a bad beginning by not writing in this till the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday. The girls walked out from the boat in the snow before day, Patty and Sally Woolley coming from Louisville. Cold 20° at sunup. No one worked for me. Joe hunted hogs for Patty. Sent letter to Sarah to-day or yesterday. Got one from Julia.
- 2 Sunday. Colder 15° at sunrise and very disagreeable.
- 3 At sunrise 16° but pleasanter and not so very cold. Sent by Harry letters to the 3 Banks at Wash. and signed power of atty. to vote to Farmers & Mechanics and letter to Julia. Went to Burlington with Patty. Took the check for \$20. from Susie Tew (see Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>) and got it cashed by Mr. Revill. Met Mr. Hogan who gave me the tobacco check for 822. signed by Jas. L. Riley ( see Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>) and got that cashed too. Endorsed a note of Patty's in bank for \$200. for 6 months. Went to see Miss Furlong and ask about Hilda. Jesse worked ½ day at 8 ½ cts. for me—hauled 2 loads of coal from Corbin's 91 ½ bushels, and some fodder. Settled with Harry and paid him 1.00 in full to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Had the black Storer sow and the Phipps sow that had pigs twice turned in stock pen. Joe helped Patty at hogs. Sent Allan by Jess to be shod.
- 4 Milder, above freezing at sunrise. Went to Bellevue—road and snow thawing. Got letters from Julia and Sue. Wrote a letter to Mr. Conner to send with 13 sows Patty shipped to him.
- 5 Pretty bright mild day. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington with draft for \$75. and from Natl Metropolitan Bk. with draft for \$20. and paper to sign about voting stock. No one worked for me yesterday or to-day.
- 6 Raining and very foggy—little boat went up again so ice must be less. Sent by Harry Sarah's letter to Charlie and receipt to Natl. Bk. of W. and signed paper to Natl. Met. Bk. Turned out the black Storer and Phipps sows and had turned in Rover, White raw boned and spotted Storer sows. Got letters from Julia and Hilda.
- 7 At sunup 16°. Sent letters to Sue and Hilda—got letter from Mr. Conner with check for Patty's hogs, and letter from Farmers & Mechanics Bk. Georgetown with check for \$28. also postal receipt for the sub. to Co. Gentleman. Joe hauled fodder part of the day.
- 8 Much warmer, thawing fast. Patty and Sally W. went to Cin. on the early boat—sent letter to Julia by them. Turned out a bright pleasant day. No worked for me. Turned sows out and Phipps sow in.
- 9 Sunday. Raining a steady cold rain which lasted all day—the creek was over the bottoms and carried off fodder fences &c. The Phipps sow turned in yesterday was the one with spot in belt.
- 10 Sent letter to Belle Raymond. Joe worked part of the day for me—hunted sow, got up horses &c. Harry turned in Rover again to stock pen. Patty and Sally W. came down on little boat late.
- 11 Went to Bellevue. Paid Mike Corbin for coal. Did n't write in this till 13<sup>th</sup>. Think it was to-day I got letter from Julia asking me to go to Florida and to come up. The river was very high and fog heavy, weather very mild. No one worked for me.
- 12 So warm it was 67° the girls said and wet—has rained often this week. Turned the Phipps sow and Rover out. No one worked for me.
- 13 Sent note to Julia early. Got letter from Sally. Rather cooler. Joe worked for me part of to-day. He got sows out of corn and fixed fence holes and changed vinegar in barrels.

- 14 Went up on the early boat and via Aurora to Cin. Went out to Julia's and went with them to matinee to hear Ysaye the celebrated violinist—was charmed with his playing. I was cool when I went up on the boat turned warmer fast and was raining hard when we went back to Julia's after the concert. Put letter in box for Sally.
- 15 Raining when I waked up and kept on. Patty and Sally W. went up on the early boat. I went in town with Julia to do a little shopping and went with her to Dr. Sattler's. After lunch went in to Sally Woolley's. Patty gave me letter from Belle. Went to night concert with Sally Woolley to hear Ysaye again. Both were concerts of the Symphony Orchestra. Stayed at Sally Woolley's. Rained a little off and on.
- 16 Sunday. Went with Patty to Ft. Thomas to spend the day with Cousin Sandy Wetherill and family. Mr. and Mrs. Beckurts came to see us. Stayed at Cousin Sandy's till after dark and he took us back to Mrs. Woolley's. Mrs. Lon [Lou?] Cleary came to see us this morning at her mother's.
- 17 Came down with Patty and Sally W. on the early boat. River very high and muddy. Plenty of drift—river views beautiful. Mild day. Aunt Nancy had a spell and I had to send for Dr. Williamson for her. Got letter from Hilda.
- 18 At sunup 26° a bright pleasant day. Joe worked for Patty. George R. paid me for the stag hog. Sent letter to Julia. Aunt Nancy poorly. Turned in stock hog's pen the Phipps sow that had 9 pigs. Got T.D.
- 19 Disagreeable day rained off and on and towards night began to pour—so hard that the creek came over the bottom—rained all during the night in torrents and blew hard. Got letter and patterns from Sally. Flave Loudon came to tell me about his corn. He said he had let me have his half of 30 loads which made 15 loads of 25 ½ bus. total 382 ½ bushels which at .30 comes to 114.75. Of this I let him have an order for 2.00. (see Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>) and am to pay Doll Walton \$30. by Flave's order which will leave a balance due of \$62.75. Joe worked for Patty.
- 20 Blew gales all day—most disagreeable day and dreadful night last night. Heard that boats could n't run to-day. Went to Cordy Scott's late. Joe worked for Patty.
- 21 Mild as spring. Went to R. Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash the 3 drafts from Wash. Banks (see 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>) amounting to 123. also he cashed a check from Patty for 10. for money she borrowed. Put in the P.O. at R.S. letters to Amy Campbell and to Miss A. E. Barton. Got T.D copy. Went to Doll Walton's and paid him 30. for Flave Loudon on the corn I bought of Flave who gave Doll an order on me. Flave said he finished gathering his corn to-day. The river is very high. The heavy rain the other night washed out watergaps poles and washed hills very badly. Joe worked for me after he got done hauling to the noon boat—he brought out a barrel of flour for me from Corbin's. He hauled some fodder. Harry's school finished to-day. Got pair of shoes from Saner. Creek over bottoms.
- 22 No one worked for me. Rained all day hard—and wind blew a gale. Sally W. went early on the boat. At night it blew like a hurricane.
- 23 Sunday. Mild and clear—windy.
- 24 At sunup 26° and beautiful bright day. Sent for Cordy Scott who came. Sally W. came on the early boat. Joe hauled fodder for me till noon.
- 25 Thundered and lightened during hard rain. Raining before day—rained torrents during the day—hailed hard and blew like a young hurricane. Creek over bottoms again. Cordy came again and Harry took her home. Got a postal notice from U.S. Ex. Got letter from Amy Campbell with check for \$100. for the mare Fanny. No one worked for me.
- 26 Bright and rather pleasant. Mr. Jim Botts came to sell Patty 20 hogs. I got letters from Sally and Julia and Sue. Mr. Revill to cash the draft from Amy. Patty got Mr. Revill to return her

note (see Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1897) and gave him another for 200 till Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> which I signed. White sow with black spot on her tail in stock pen.

- 27 Before sunup 27°. Bright morning. Paid Flave Loudon in Patty's presence the 62.75 the balance on his corn (see 19<sup>th</sup>). Harry found the black sow that had 8 pigs in June with only 3 pigs. Dick attended to the shoats, last Oct. pigs. and Jesse helped him because Joe worked for Patty. Sent letters to Sally and Julia early. Put sow Betty in stock pen.
- 28 At sunup 28° and bright. Settled with Minnie Loudon up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month and paid her in full 6.50. Joe worked for Patty.
- 29 At sunup 31° pleasant. Turned out of stock hog's pen Betty sow and the big white one with black spot on tail. Joe worked ½ day—hailed manure out of yard—moved hog houses and put straw in them and hauled some fodder. Sent letter to Julia by to-day's mail—also Ex. notice to Cap. Aikin.
- 30 Sunday. Stayed home and got ready to go to Florida with Julia.
- 31 Started for Cin. on the early boat. It was cold and snowing and blowing hard when I got on—went via Aurora to Cin. where Julia met me and I went home with her.

## February

- 1 Started south with Julia and did n't get home again till March 13<sup>th</sup>. The notes of this trip are in another little book. During my absence the weather was mild except one cold snap. The cows had six calves while I was gone 5 b. calves and 1 heifer they say. Isabella's Dolly had 9 pigs March 8<sup>th</sup>. Dick says he heard turtle doves two weeks before I got home.

## March

- 13 Sunday. Came down on the Boston the 9 A.M. boat. Patty met me at the river and we came out. A bright pretty mild day. Thankful to my Mother to have a home and to get back to it well and safe, and to my darling. Found Sally Woolley here, also Jenny Anderson and her husband who were visiting the girls and waited to see me. They left about 2. Mrs. West brought me some pretty turkey peas. The grass is turning green and the peach buds very forward.
- 14 Bright cool 32° after sunup and a white frost—soon turned warm. Jesse Kelly brought out the trees I ordered from Stark Co. and I paid him 1.05 for them. Later set them out on the hill set 3 apple trees Baldwins and a little peach Belle of Georgia. By the garden gate set a Vandeman [Van Deman] Quince. Joe, Dick and Jess were sowing clover on wheat—finished before sundown. Saw in Lex. paper that Sarah was ill in N. Orleans.
- 15 Sent letters to Sarah and my Sally. Rained part of the day. Joe worked part of the day for me, part for Patty. Went to Bellevue—engaged of Mike Corbin 25 bus. oats at .32 and 16 bus. Northern E. Rose potatoes at .30. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 Thunder and a little shower about 10. Bright warm day otherwise. Joe worked for Patty. Had a hog house moved and Dolly and her 9 pigs brought over from the barn. Sent letter to Julia—got one from her. Heard the frogs. Minnie says she heard them Saturday. Jesse worked ½ day for me hauling fodder and manure. Harry reset some raspberries. At night it thundered and lightened [sic] and there was hail and a little rain.
- 17 At sunup 48°. Got letter from Sally. Jesse worked for me hauling manure. Joe worked for Patty. Planted a box of tomato seed.
- 18 Warm and rainy part of the day. Joe worked ½ day for me trimming hedge. Sent letter to T.D to go to-morrow. Quantities of daffodils in bloom.

- 19 Warm and towards evening rained. Joe worked from 9 to 11 for me trimming hedge. Sent letter to Isabella with 2.00. Gave Sally Woolley 15.00 for Festival ticket. Got postal from Hilda saying she got home Tuesday evening. Had no fire all day or at night.
- 20 Sunday. Cooler, towards evening rained again and all night so far as I know. Jesse says he worked 3 days last week.
- 21 Rained off and on to-day. Patty and Sally W. went to R. Sun on the boat. Joe worked for them. Dick attended to my steer calves and Joe helped. Got letter from Sally, Patty got letter from Joe H. saying his mother is recovering. Did n't write in this till 25<sup>th</sup>. Rained at night.
- 22 Went after Hilda and brought her down. Roads very bad and muddy. Think Dick hauled out 16 bus. Sent to Burpee 2.00 for garden seeds.
- 23 Rained all day—part of the time. River very high. Blk sow and 1 Phipps sow in stock pen. Got letter from Sally.
- 24 Cooler and cloudy. Joe cut hedge. Got letter from Julia inviting me.
- 25 Cold 32° at sunup white frost and skim of ice on buckets. Went to Bellevue—the river very high and rising over the bottoms on the other side. Paid Mike Corbin 16.50 for the seed potatoes and 8. for the oats. There were 16 bus. of the seed potatoes at 1.00 and 25 bus oats at .32. Joe worked for me part of the time and took Patty's s\_\_ier to Bellevue &c. Hilda and I went to see Mrs. Clore.
- 26 Did n't write in this till April 1<sup>st</sup> like a simpleton. Patty and Sally W. went to Cin. on the early boat. Rained most of the day. Jesse said he worked 2 ½ days this week. Joe said he worked 4 ¾. Sent letter to Julia by Patty.
- 27 Sunday. I walked around the place. It is like two rivers—on the other side on the bottoms looks like another. Rained towards night.
- 28 Can't remember much about the weather but it was chilly when we went over to see Katy Arnold. Got letter from Sally I think. Katy said Ernest was to move back home this week.
- 29 Tuesday. Sent to Bellevue twice for Patty and Sally W. They came later via Erlanger. The river was so high the B. and O. could n't run. The other stopped sooner and they had to come down on the Q and C. Patty got letter from Sarah in N. Orleans. Joe worked ¼ of a day for them and
- 30 Joe worked for Patty. They sent Harry to Burlington. I sent letter to Sally by him. It rained and snowed part of the time, snow melting as it fell. Turned colder.
- 31 At sunup 32°. Joe worked ½ day for Patty and I think the rest for me. Ice on bucket this morning. Went to Bellevue—they said the river was falling a little. Harry took Hilda to Mrs. Scott's and back. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Julia.

## April

- 1 At sunup 30°. The men worked at putting in oats and clover in sand field Joe, Dick, Jess and Flave.
- 2 The men worked ½ day at the oats. Jess said he worked 3 days this week. Joe    days. Jesse said 1 ½ days he was getting out locust posts. Harry turned out of the stock pen where they had been a week or so Betty the black sow and a Phipps sow. Hilda went to Burlington and took Ethel.
- 3 Sunday. Cloudy part of the time.
- 4 Charlie Burns came out to work. He made a hog house and a little chicken coop out of scraps and mended a gate. The men finished putting in my oats and clover they finished after dinner sometime. It drizzled a cold fine rain most of the day. At sunup it was 40° I think. Let Patty and Sally W. have the small one of my fattening hogs—it weighed 132 lbs.

- 5 At sunup 25° and snow over everything—sun came out afterwards. Joe worked for Patty. Dick hauled fodder to the cattle—a little. Sent at noon letter to Julia. Cold all day. Got T.D printed 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 6 At sunup 25°. Flave said he had worked 2 ½ days putting in oats, paid him. He worked ½ day to-day getting out posts. Joe helped him and went to mill this morning. C. Burns came and worked making a closet in the cellar. Patty and Sally W. paid me 4.75. for the hog they killed. Got check for 10.00 dividend from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington. Also letter from Julia. Chilly all day.
- 7 At sunup 28°. Bright but cool all day. Went to Bellevue twice. Got 6 bus. oats from Mike Corbin at .40. Settled up several things with Patty—paid her in corn for the corn I took out of hers, see April 25, 1897, that is settled. Joe worked getting posts ready for fence &c. and I think Flave helped. Got letter from my Sally and lovely photograph of her in lovely frame she embroidered the mat of.
- 8 Turned warmer and more like spring. Got scrapbook from Sally. Patty and Sally W. went away, Patty on her way to St. Paul. They went via Erlanger. Sent by Sally W. letter to my Sally. Joe and Flave worked setting posts for fence on pike in hog lot. Dick planted his potatoes. Had Rover put up. George Roseberry brought me 3.00 for Woolley and Selmes—for things he sold.
- 9 Mr. B. H. Ryle came and bought meat from George and gave me his check for 11.29 to Woolley and Selmes. Warmer 50° at sunup. George brought .35 he received for meat. Hilda came down to stay. Jesse says he worked 2 ½ days. Sowed seeds in boxes. Joe West put in his potatoes in his garden—the seed potatoes, including sacks, have cost me 16.50 this spring. What will the harvest be? Got letter from Mr. Conner about hogs and one from Julia. No one worked for me. Looked like rain with a very little sprinkle.
- 10 Easter Sunday. Charlie Burns came to give me an estimate about eavestroughs for sheep cellar shed. I gave him 10. to buy them with. Hilda went home this evening. Cloudy all day and sprinkled. George brought back 1.20 from Mrs. Bruce for lard. Hilda paid 1.82 for lard &c. from Mrs. Kirk.
- 11 My darling sister Belle's birthday. God rest her soul—mild pleasant day. Jesse and Joe worked—they ploughed and put in my potatoes and 6 rows of corn, and oats in the ground above the raspberry vines. Then they had to stop and go to fix the fence between me and the Arnold's on account of the shoats of the latter. I went to Bellevue—paid the girls bills at Huey's and Corbin's—and got them receipted by Mr. Clore and Ben Corbin in Mike's absence. Of Huey's bill 19.74 I owed 9.38 which I paid them—of Corbin's bill I owed 1.00 which I paid them. Mr. Gene Kelly brought down the eavestroughs for sheep cellar. Got letters from Patty and Sally W. and photograph from Susie Tew.
- 12 Dick sowed clover on the oats he put in on hill side, and then said he cut briers till noon. Joe and Jesse worked at the hog lot fence. Shipped 10 young hogs to Cin. to Mr. Jim Conner—the 11<sup>th</sup> gave out and had to be brought home. Joe and Jesse and Harry took them down. Sent letter to Mr. Conner and also to be put in P.O. letter to Sally W. inclosing Mr. Ben Ryle's check (see 9<sup>th</sup>). Pleasant.
- 13 Joe and Jesse fixed the fence of the fattening hogs and put in the sows and shoats—they worked at the fence till noon—then it rained and I think Joe worked at palings for fence stays &c. Got letter from Patty saying she got to her father's Sunday safe and well thank Heaven—also letter from my Sally, and from Sally W. an April Bookman with notice of Charlie's book. The rain was chilly and about sundown there was a piece of rainbow. 3<sup>rd</sup> Phipps sow in stock pen.

- 14 At sunup 35°. Chilly all day rained off and on. Joe and Jess worked setting posts for wire fence on pike. Dick and Flave repairing board fence on pike. Turned out Phipps sow. Took letter to Patty to Bellevue early.
- 15 At sunup 40°. Got yesterday's mail. Received from Mr. Conner (Rubenstein Harris and Conner) the return from the hogs shipped 12<sup>th</sup>. The 10 hogs weighed 2080 and sold for 3.80 = \$79.04—expenses 5.10 leaving balance of 73.94 for which he sent me a check on City Hall Bk. Got letter from Sue and note about the box. Joe and Jess worked setting posts. Dick and Flave worked patching fences.
- 16 About sunup 40°. Sent letters to mail to Patty, Sue and Sally W. Jesse says he worked 5 days for me this week. Ellen came up and borrowed 5.00 till July 4<sup>th</sup>. Only Jesse worked ½ day grubbing. Joe ploughed his garden. Jesse milked as Joe went away. Got letters from Patty and Sally W. Rather spring like to-day—fruit trees on cherry hill in bloom. Put vines on wire trellis yesterday and to-day as it is warmer.
- 17 Sunday. Warm spring-like day. Stayed home alone.
- 18 Cooler and drizzled off and on part of the day. Joe and Jesse worked. Joe ploughed and Jess grubbed in the garden and planted onion sets, peas, radish seed and spinach, they worked fixing hog lot fence again. I finished putting vines on trellis. Doll Walton's Hereford got in with my young cattle. Sent letter to Sally and got letter from Sally W. Rained.
- 19 Raining this morning in sprinkles. Sent to the Cap. A. Swan to have shipped for Louisville a basket of bacon boxes marked 84 lbs. to Ross. Joe chopped limbs off wire fence in woods and took the wagon to Bellevue for wire &c. Got barrel of flour and box of Ivory Soap. Got letter from Patty. 2 feather bed men came here to Cattleman & Brown they said. Settled with Minnie Loudon and paid her in full to 18<sup>th</sup> yesterday, 8.50. After noon gloomy and chilly, windy too.
- 20 Went to Burlington—and to Bank. Got Mr. Revill to cash the draft from Rubenstein, Harris & Conner for \$73.94 (see 15<sup>th</sup>) and the one from Wash. for \$10. (see 6<sup>th</sup>) and left \$50. in Bank—getting a certificate of deposit. Stopped to see Hilda. A chilly windy raw day. Yesterday the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Cousin Sandy Wetherill's Reg. left Ft. Thomas for Florida. Put in the P.O. Burlington letters for Patty, Sally and Sally W. Joe and Jesse worked on wire fence.
- 21 At sunup 38°. Pleasanter day. Heard that Mr. John E. Walton died yesterday. Went to Ernest's and dined with them, and to Bellevue. Got letters from Patty with Ex. receipt and from Sally W. War began between Spain and USA. Joe and Jess worked on wire fence. Turned several sows out of fattening pen.
- 22 Sprinkling. Sent Harry with 18 boxes bacon to Pendennis Club, Louisville—and letter to Sue inclosing Ex. receipt. Went to Erlanger to the funeral service of Mr. John E. Walton—stopped to see Hilda and dined there. It cleared off and was pleasant. Joe and Jess worked on wire fence in hog lot.
- 23 Raining—Flave said I owed him for 2 days work and I paid him 1.50. Sent by him letter to Patty. Jesse says he worked 4 ½ days this week and Dick ½ day. No one worked to-day. Got letters from Sally and Sue.
- 24 Sunday. Cloudy and misting rain. Hilda and Ella Scott stopped in passing.
- 25 Sent Alan down to be shod also Cy. Ernest sent for his lard 2 buckets, 53 and 58 lbs. Sent letter to Julia. Joe and Jesse worked at hog lot fence and moved some hog houses, and Joe made troughs.
- 26 At sunup 45°. Chilly wind most of the day. Went to Bellevue. Signed for a registered letter to Woolley & Selmes and directed it to Sally W. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Joe and Jesse worked at fence and gate post—rang Dolly &c.

- 27 At sunup 40° cloudy and chilly. Joe and Jess worked patching fence. Got letter from Patty saying Sally was sick, had measles.
- 28 Sent Harry with letter to Patty. Sent him for mail and got letter from Patty saying Sally was better—and one from Julia. Joe and Jesse worked—started to rebuild the wire fence through the woods—got out and set posts &c. I took Harry to burn the hedgerow Joe cut last year on cherry hill. Sent Patty in the letter 5.00 on account of Dolly. This evening the black Storer sow had 10 pigs and the Phipps sow that had the eight pigs twice had 8 pigs. It was too late to bother or count them.
- 29 At sunup 44°. Rawboned white sow has 11 pigs. Spotted Storer has 7 pigs. Warmer to-day and bright. Went to Bellevue got letter from Patty sent one to her early. Joe and Jesse worked setting posts for wire fence that is to be moved.
- 30 At sunup 44°. Settled with Harry and paid him in full up to yesterday \$15.50. Joe and Jesse worked ½ day on the fence row. Jess says he worked 5 ½ days this week. Went to Ernest's to see Mrs. Grant and Horace. Got letter from Patty saying Sally was much better. Warm pleasant day. At night I have no fire.

## May

- 1 Sunday. At sunup 60°. Rover has 9 pigs. Phipps sow with spot in her belt has 11. Warm all day, no fire in the house. Heard the first whip-poor-will to-night. Wind blew hard part of the day.
- 2 Warm and windy. Sent Harry down to the early boat with box of bacon for St. Paul. He went for the gutters too and brought them. Went for mail too I got 2 letters from Patty and one from Sally W. Only Joe worked for me. He worked in garden fixing paling beating carpet &c. Began to clean house. Sent letters to Patty, Julia and Oliver Wire Co. and Peter Henderson & Co. In letter to Patty sent 2.00 for Isabella on account of Dolly.
- 3 At sunup 55°. Only Joe worked for me. He worked in garden—planted melons, okra, spinach, beets, beans, cucumbers, preserve melon &c and replanted corn and planted beans in corn. I set out an English walnut tree in a line with the sugar maples. The foliage has come out very fast in the last few days.
- 4 Joe began to work on fence after he beat the carpet, but it rained and he worked on making axe handles I think. A cold miserable and heavy rain fell. Had the Phipps sow's 11 pigs brought down to shelter. Got letter and circular from Pittsburg Woven Wire Fence Co. I worked at house cleaning. Had fire at night.
- 5 Very disagreeable day—chilly and rainy part of the time. Sent letters to Sally and to Sally W. Got 2 letters from Patty and one from Oliver Wire Co. Pittsburg. George Roseberry came to look at meat. Put down two carpets upstairs. Joe worked at axe handles I suppose. Had fire this morning and at night.
- 6 One of the most intolerably disagreeable days I ever saw. Rained all day long with occasional snows that melted as they fell. Cold as charity, at 6 P.M. 37°. The creek was so high they could n't get the cows over to milk. The creek ran through the bottoms and every wheel track seemed a little stream. No one could work—it was a day to rest. I sat by a fire all day. Jesse Loudon's work. Jesse came up and we went over the books. Since our last settlement June 20<sup>th</sup> 1897 his work to the last of April this year comes to 62 ½ days.
- 7 Settlement with Jesse Loudon. Jesse and Dick Loudon came up and we settled with Jesse. His 62 ½ days at .75 came to 46.88. To this I add 4.85 balance returned on last settlement towards pasture. This makes 51.75. I charged him 10.50 pasture and he had received cash 17.00 making 27.50. Taking this from the 51.76 leaves me owing him to date 24.26. Cold raining and still disagreeable. No one worked for me.

- 8 Sunday—bright and pleasant. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Sent note to Hilda by Harry—1 little pig dead.
- 9 Sent letter to Sally and one to Kruse and Bahlmann Cin. Got letter from Patty saying her papa was sick in bed. Bright but cool. Joe cut briars on cherry hill. Harry cut some dock in sow lot. George R. came to get a bushel of corn.
- 10 Put up the white sow with black spot on her tail – her time will be out the 18<sup>th</sup> and on. Went over to Katy's. Joe worked at cutting briars till it rained after dinner. Jess the same cutting grape vines. Rained hard a chilly rain. Got letters from Patty and Sally W. Sent letter to Patty. Got answer from K. and B. about fence wire. Harry went to the little boat for calacanthus plant. Set out some English walnut sprouts.
- 11 Joe and Jesse worked at fence row and chopping dead trees near fence line. It rained after dinner. Went to B. took letter to my Sally, got one from Julia.
- 12 Rained this morning but was clear after dinner—no one worked for me. Got letter from Patty.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents. I hope they are happy together. Cool but bright. Joe and Jesse worked on the fence. Dick attended to the little pig (one of 3) and to 4 of Dolly's. My young sows got out of the pen in the road and wheat and the stock hog belonging to the Arnolds was out with them. Had the 9 head of young cattle turned in the pasture over the creek. Got letter from Sally W.
- 14 Sent letters to Sally and Julia when Harry took to the early [mail] a box to be sent to Ison. Got letter from Sally. Will Rice came to see me about line fence and I had the horses taken out of the big pasture. Went to ask W. Arnold about it. Joe and Jesse worked ½ day on wire fence. Harry ploughed my little corn and potatoes in garden. Sprinkled a little. Harry went over the river with Isaac. Jesse said he worked 2 ½ days this week. Joe says he worked 4 days this week. Jesse wanted the money due on our settlement see 7<sup>th</sup>. I gave him in cash the .26 and a cash order on M. J. Corbin for the \$24. because I could n't find my check book.
- 15 Sunday. Warmest day of the year 83° in the shade when I looked. Pretty in the woods—real spring day. George came and packed the 12 hams, 141 lbs in a barrel that Sally W. wanted sent. The sow we put up the 10<sup>th</sup> had pigs this evening Harry says 10—she is the Annie Lizzie's white one with black spot.
- 16 The sow had one dead pig this morning. Went with Will Arnold to look at the line fence next Mrs. Rice's. Will Rice's fence. Went to Burlington and to Bank—got the money I left there (see April 20<sup>th</sup>). Took to M. J. Corbin the 24. he paid Jesse Loudon and got my order. Dined with Hilda in Burlington. Stopped to see Betty Rice. Joe cut briars on cherry hill. Harry shipped the b. of hams on the early boat. Sent letters to Sally W. and Patty. Got 2 letters from my Sally saying Mr. Hal Minor was dead.
- 17 Lovely bright day. Took the carpet up in the dining room. Joe worked cleaned out chimney beat carpet and cut briars on cherry hill. I set out a few tomato plants.
- 18 Bright hot day. Joe worked in garden and cut briars. I worked cleaning house. Went to see Will Rice about the line fence. Sent letters to Miss Kate Minor and to Sarah, got them from Sally and Isabella.
- 19 Hot windy day, finished putting down the carpet in dining room &c. Went to Bellevue took letter to Patty. Got letters from Julia Foster, my Julia and little Julia and from Sue. Joe cut briars and tinkered at the house. Set out more tomato plants. Thundered. Got present from my Sally of silver lorgnettes.
- 20 Mr. Fred said he finished cutting thistles &c. in big pasture—paid him in full 1.63. Turned Anne and her 9 pigs into the sow lot. Joe cut briars. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Julia. Got

- letter from Sally W. Got letter from buddy. Harry and I set out 400 sweet potato plants. Joe says he worked 5 days this week. Warm growing weather with a sprinkle now and then.
- 21 Joe worked for himself—ploughed his potatoes. Harry ploughed mine and the corn and set out another row of sweet potato plants. Mrs. Acra and Miss Rue and little Sullivan girl (Vergie) stopped at the appearance of rain—only a sprinkle. I picked sage. Warm day. Harry shipped on early boat box of 30 boxes of bacon to Ison.
  - 22 Sunday. Bright pleasant day. Hilda stopped to see me. Sent by her letter to Sally W.
  - 23 Bright beautiful day. Joe and Jesse worked at the altered wire fence. Sent Harry to Bellevue and McVille—sent letters to Isabella and to Mrs. Rice. Harry hauled wood and ploughed, and set out some more tomatoes.
  - 24 Went on the early boat to Cin. and to Mrs. Woolley's to stay during the Musical festival. Lovely day. Stayed at the Woolley's till Sunday when I came home on the 9 A.M. boat May 29<sup>th</sup>. Went to Julia's Wed. and Friday. Weather pleasant during the week—some showers. Found letters from Patty and Sally in Cin. and was to return to them both. Festival fine. Patty [?] . While I was gone Joe and Jess worked at the wire fence. Jess says he worked 5 days that week. Joe worked then got his ground ready for tobacco.
  - 29 Sunday got home about noon. Lovely day—air fragrant with roses and honeysuckles. Cherries are beginning to ripen and people taking them. Hilda stopped here but I was up on cherry hill.
  - 30 Monday. Joe worked in the garden and then went to Solon Rice's to see about a stock animal. Had Kitty shod. Sent Harry to the boat with Ex. package for Patty. Got mail of the week—letter from Miss Kate Minor and flowers or the remains of them from Sarah. Set out tomato pepper and egg plants. Kate Arnold came over.
  - 31 Bright pretty day. Joe went on the hunt of a stock animal, in rain then hauled manure out of the yard and after dinner cut briars on cherry hill. Harry took Tom down and had him shod. I got letter from Sally. Set out more tomato, pepper and eggplant. In spite of all our rains it is now very dry. The pasture ground is in cracks the dust follows the plough and some are making a season and setting tobacco in the hopes of rain.

## June

- 1 Had the sows and shoats rung and turned out into the back pasture. Jesse helped ½ day. He and Joe also fixed the fence from the gate to the graveyard—after noon Joe cut briars. I went to call on Mrs. Burnett [Bennett?] and Mrs. Ed. Grant at Ernest's. Dry and dusty but the country looked lovely. Went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to Sally. Got letters from Patty and Sally W. Perfect moonlight night.
- 2 Bright hot day. Sent by Lee note to Mrs. Woolley. Had store room cleaned. Joe cut briars and weeds.
- 3 Warm and bright. Minnie said she joined the Christian church last night. Joe worked—cleaned out stalls and hauled some wood till noon, then cleared fence row next Mrs. Rice's from the pike. Sent letter to Julia. Picked a few partly ripe sour cherries.
- 4 Stock hog got out of his pen last night. Joe worked ½ day hoeing in garden and mowing in the yard. Went this evening to take Minnie to be baptized. She was baptized in the river about sundown (a beautiful scene) by Rev. W—king of the Campbellite Church. Got letter from Willie Dinsmore inclosing one from Clarence. Joe worked 5½ days this week. Jesse ½ day.
- 5 Sunday. Sally Woolley and Mary Frances Clenay came down on the boat—day warm and bright.

- 6 Hot day—herbage wilting in the heat. Joe and Jesse worked starting a fence on the line next pike and Mrs. Rice's. Put up a few sweet cherries. Got letter from Sally.
- 7 Sally W. and Mary Frances went to the early boat. Joe and Jesse worked at the fence. I put up cherries. Hot day.
- 8 Went to Bellevue to see about getting wire for fence—stopped at Betty Rice's. Got letter from Patty. Joe and Jesse worked at the fence. I put up cherries. Sent Harry for Hilda and Ethel who came. About sundown there was a good shower which did n't wet the ground far. George hauled a load of lard meat &c. for the girls. Paid Spaeth Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1.00.
- 9 Turned Dolly in stock hot pen. Harry went to Bellevue and got 2 bales of hog wire that Roll Aikin got. Ernest Grant brought a trimmer named George from Spaeth's, Aurora who soldered the gallery gutter—he worked within a few moments of 2 hours. Harry took him back to Ernest's. I am to pay Spaeth. No one worked for me. The men set out tobacco hoping for more rain—it came about sundown and after—a gentle pleasant rain, with very heavy thunder and lightning. Hilda and I put up cherries. Very hot.
- 10 There was a partial season this morning and I believe Joe helped Dick set out tobacco ½ day. After noon Joe and Flave worked at the wire fence and Joe took the stretcher to get it mended. I put up cherries. Turned Dolly out. It was very hot and thundered but no rain.
- 11 Joe and Flave worked at fence ½ day. Jesse said he worked 3 days this week. Very hot. Hilda and I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore. Put up cherries. Got letters from Sally in Chicago and Julia.
- 12 Sunday. Bright hot day. Hilda went home—sent by her letter to Patty. Went to see Mrs. Parsons who is sick.
- 13 Turned Patty's horses and Sally's and the colts back into big pasture. Joe worked—ploughed and hoed in garden and cut grass in graveyard. Mrs. Parson's son came for the hospital bed. Warm and a breeze and toward sundown two beautiful rainbows, the latter double.
- 14 Got letter from Patty of yesterday's mail. Joe took Blanche to Doll Walton's Hereford, then planted a few rows of corn and cut briers in big pasture. We cleaned house upstairs yesterday and to-day. Got letter from Sally W.
- 15 Sent Harry down to the early boat with basket containing 60 boxes bacon for Ison—sent letters to Patty and Sally W. Went to Ernest's with sacks of corn for Harry to grind for chicken feed. Clara Curry and baby, Bessie Grant and Mr. Curry were there from Baltimore. The country looked lovely but no rain yet. Joe cut briers in big pasture.
- 16 Cow little Acky has her tail hurt somehow. Joe cut briers in big pasture. Picked raspberries to-day. Warm and dry. Got letter from Sally W. about bacon.
- 17 Sent Harry down with basket of bacon to ship by early boat to Ross 50 boxes. Later sent letters to my Sally and Sally W. Cloudy and sprinkles. Joe and Flave worked at wire fence next Mrs. Rice's. Thundered and sprinkled.
- 18 Gave Dick Loudon an order on Gibson R. Sun for two cradles. Joe and Flave worked ½ day at wire fence. Got letter from Patty. Went with Minnie to see Mrs. Parsons.
- 19 Sunday. Bright hot day. Will Rice and his family came over.
- 20 Flave worked ½ day—they finished the string of wire fence next Mrs. Rice's—got hogs out of corn field and patched up old gate. Afterwards Joe worked making over cradle. Dick did n't get any in R.S. Sent this evening letter to Sally W. that came Sat. Got one from her. Cool this morning and day cooler.
- 21 Cool morning and evening—cloudy and sprinkled but cleared off. Joe worked till nearly 3 on the cradles then planted a little corn in the garden and cut weeds in the yard. Later they took Amy cow to Mr. Walton's. Sent Harry to ship to Milwaukee a box with a ham a side and 2 boxes bacon to M. Macy—for Sally W.

- 22 Cool only 50° at sunup—still dry as a bone. Joe worked—cut some grass and fixed mower &c. I went to see Mrs. Clore and to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 23 Cloudy all day—had 4 hands working, Joe, Dick, Jesse and Flave and they got in 5 loads of hay from the piece across the creek next Mrs. Rice's.
- 24 Hot windy day. Joe helped Dick cut wheat. I went to Bellevue. Sent Harry for Hilda who came down.
- 25 Sent by Harry letters to Sally and Julia. Got letter from Sally. No one worked for me—think they harvested wheat. There was a shower before 11 A.M. Hot day and hot night.
- 26 Sunday. Sprinkling when I got up. Afterwards clear and hot—at dusk began to rain. Hilda went home this evening, sent by her letter to Patty care of Amy. Ernest and Lily came later.
- 27 Good rain last night and this morning—shower in the afternoon. Hot day—no one worked for me. Joe set out tobacco and other things. Dick and Flave were setting tobacco too. Sent Harry down with May, Becky and Belle to have them shod—got letter from Patty saying she expected to come with the rest to-morrow. Tried to get the shoats up.
- 28 Patty, Isabella, Margaret Ames and Julia came on the early boat—Joe drove the wagon for them—with that exception he did n't work for me—helped Dick set tobacco and in wheat. Got letter from Amy C.
- 29 Sorted out the largest shoats and put them in the pen to fatten. Joe and Dick and Jess and Dump helped sort them. Joe worked the rest of the day for Dick in harvest. Went to Burlington with Patty and to Bank. She gave Mr. Revill a check for \$350. of which 200. was to pay her note of that amount she got Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Revill gave me the note and I destroyed it. She left the \$150. with Mr. Revill to pay Dr. Furnish's bill requesting him to ask Dr. Furnish to send her a receipt. I got Mr. Revill to cash a note for 30. that Patty sent me when I was in Cin. last month for money she borrowed when she left in April. Went to Hilda's. Pleasant day.
- 30 Joe worked helping Dick harvest. They finished except the edges where the machine went. I went to see Mrs. Parsons. Got letters from Sally, Julia, Sarah and note from Hilda. Did n't forget the day of my darling sister Belle's death, Lord love her soul. Joe said Dick paid him for harvesting and tobacco setting but I am to charge Dick for making over the cradles.

## July

- 1 Let Dick have 30.00 to pay for his harvest. Joe worked cutting thistles &c. in big pasture. Hilda stopped for a few minutes. Patty got some coal 20 bus.
- 2 Let Dick have 10.00 more to pay for his harvest. Joe worked  $\frac{3}{4}$  day till noon for me in the garden and then for Patty on tennis court. Joe took red cow Siegra's to Doll Walton's stock animal. Sent letters to the 3 Banks in Wash. Got letter from Nat'l Met. Bank Wash. with draft for \$10. Patty said it was 98° in Bellevue, 96 here.
- 3 Sunday. Hot as pepper all day long—thundered and some clouds. Patty sent for Dr. Furnish as Isabella has been under the weather since she came home. Belle Raymond got hurt yesterday on the old mower in the sheep cellar.
- 4 Much cooler—dry as ever. Joe worked in garden. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash., with draft for \$75. Isabella had her little fire works entertainment at night.
- 5 Still cooler. Joe worked—cleaned springs cut weeds in vineyard—and cut some timothy and went to Bellevue to get machine bolt made. Ernest and Lily stopped in passing. Sent letter to Sue.
- 6 Joe went to Bellevue and got a hay bed of mine. After dinner Dick and Jess helped him haul in two pieces of loads of hay, and then he cut weeds in vineyard. Sent letter to Sally. Turned warmer.

- 7 Did n't write in this till Sunday 10. Went to Rising Sun and to Bank. Got Mr. Perkins to cash my drafts for \$10. and \$75. (see 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) and paid Aunt Eliza's bills at Jones's 27.75 up to July 9<sup>th</sup> in full—also Seward's bill for coal 6.00 and got receipts for both. Hot day and very dusty. Got letter from Belle Raymond and Sally and Julia. Got news of the death of Cousin Sandy Wetherill in the battle at Santiago, Cuba. Joe helped Dick haul in wheat.
- 8 Got letter from Farmers & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. with draft for \$28. Joe helped Dick haul wheat. Sent by C. Burns 2.00 to pay Davis for Aunt Eliza's shoes.
- 9 Got bill from Dr. Stevenson R.S. for Aunt Eliza for \$25. Joe did n't work for me—tried to hoe the forlorn tobacco that is yellow and choked with weeds. Patty got the news of the death of Minnie Macomb, Mrs. Peters at Plauen Germany.
- 10 Sunday. Went to see Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Clore—stayed all night with the latter who is very sick. Cool bright day.
- 11 Patty started on the early boat for Cin. Sent by her letter to Mrs. Wetherill. Joe worked—fixed mowing machine, granary and patched wire fence. Ernest came on bridge business. Cool and dry as dust.
- 12 Thrashing machine came [with] Mr. Setters. He thrashed in the barn lot the crop from the field on mud road and by the figures they gave me it came to 327 bushels. He thrashed the other in the field and it came to 155 bus. total 482 bus. Joe worked helping and I had 3 other hands. A breeze blew and it was a beautiful day but dusty and dry.
- 13 Joe helped divide the screenings and build a fence round straw stack. Dick worked ¼ day for me he said. Then Joe worked ½ day for Dick helping Mr. Rogers thresh. Charlie Burns came out and put in window screens up stairs 9 of them said he charged 4.50. Sent Harry down to B. twice. Clouded up and even sprinkled a few drops but cleared off.
- 14 Hot as pepper again—grass actually burnt up. Joe worked for Dick to-day helping Mr. Rogers thresh. Got letters from Sally and Julia.
- 15 Buddy's birthday 70 years old—wish him all good luck. Hot as pepper—sprinkled this evening. Ellen came up. Harry found the smooth black sow with 7 listed pigs. Joe worked cleaning out springs and in garden. Patty and Sally W. came home this evening.
- 16 Very hot—Joe worked ½ day in garden. I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore. Like a furnace part of the day.
- 17 Sunday. Settled up with Sally Woolley—for the money of hers and Patty's I had in my charge and spent including what George brought what I sold meat and lard for and 7.44 that I paid for Joe for meat and lard it amounted to \$44.72. I signed over to her the draft for \$28.00 (see 8<sup>th</sup>) and paid her the balance 16.72 in cash. Our drouth ended with a fine rain that began a little after 6 a.m.
- 18 Sally Woolley went home on the early boat. Sent by her letters to Sally, Julia, Sarah and Sue. Cloudy and very hot. Mr. Clore (Pete) came out and I sold him my wheat for .70 a bushel. Dick sold his except 60 bus. he said. Set Joe to cutting oats with machine but he found they were not worth cutting. Had manure and ashes hauled out of yard. Then Joe ploughed and planted corn and he worked ½ day for me. He put his tobacco ground in corn after dinner. I went to see Doll Walton about seed wheat. Got letter from Sue and invitation from buddy. Ellen went home.
- 19 Sad unforgotten day. Joe took Louise to the Walton stock animal. Ernest and Lily stopped on their way to B. Got note from Hilda. Went to Bellevue—stopped at Betty's. Very hot. Joe cleaned out springs and cut weeds. Sent letter to T.D.
- 20 Very hot—had some sprinkles. Sent Harry for wheat sacks. Joe cut weeds and helped fill some sacks.

- 21 The men hauled the wheat to Bellevue. I had Joe and Flave working. Dick kept bus. out of his share. Betty and I went to Burlington and to dine with Hilda. Later went to the funeral of Sarah Moreland who was buried in the new graveyard. Very dusty.
- 22 Joe worked in garden and cutting weeds. Extremely hot—yesterday I got letters from Julia and Sue. To-day Julia Loving got a telegram calling her to Washington to see her brother who is ill. Went to tell Doll Walton about hogs.
- 23 Julia Loving started on the early boat. Joe worked ½ day—in garden and patching fence. Amy and Miss Harriet Eckstein came. Hilda came. Very hot and dusty. Sent letter to Sally by Amy.
- 24 Sunday. Very hot. Hilda and the girls went home in the evening.
- 25 Joe cut weeds—it rained about 3 P.M. a pleasant little shower. Went to tell Doll Walton about hogs again.
- 26 Ellen came up. We went to Ernest's to spend the day—Patty, the children and I. Joe said he cut weeds. It was not quite so hot.
- 27 Dick was hauling in the little dab of oats. Patty went to Big Bone and came back at night. Clarence Campbell came down on the little boat. Got letter from Sue. Joe cut weeds and went after Clarence's telescope. I went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Clore.
- 28 About wheat. Joe said Dick kept 28 sacks of wheat 60 bus. or upwards. Patty brought me from J. J. Huey & Co. the bill and check for the wheat, from the Lawrenceburg Roller Mills Co. The wheat weighed 427 20/60 and at .70 came to \$299.13 for which amount the Co. sent me a check on the Peoples Natl. Bk. Lawrenceburg signed John F. Sherriff. Had a good shower with thunder towards 4 P.M. Ellen went home. Hilda stopped as she was passing. She had with her Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings. Sent Kitty down to be shod. Joe cut weeds in big pasture till the rain.
- 29 Turned the 7 calves five steers and 2 heifers out to wean. Went to Rising Sun and to Bank. Mr. Perkins cashed the check for the wheat money received yesterday 299.13. I returned to Bellevue after dinner and paid M. J. Corbin on account \$75.00 also paid to Mr. Clore for J. J. Huey & Co. on account \$75.00 and left with him \$30 to pay for some seed wheat Doll Walton is to have weighed there at .75 a bushel. I paid at Heyn's R. S. a bill for canvas of 7.92 got by R. Loudon. Warm day. Patty with the children and Harry started after dinner for Big Bone. Probably Joe cut weeds—he fed hogs.
- 30 Gentle shower early. Got letter. Wheat settlement Dick Loudon came up to get his wheat money. The check was for \$299.13 of that I am to take out 42. for the 60 bus. at .70 that Dick kept which leaves 257.13 of which his half is 128.56. From that is to be taken the 40. I advanced him (July 1-2) and the 3.96 I pd. yesterday for his half of the canvas which leaves a balance of 84.60 which I paid him. Did n't write in this till Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 31 Sunday. Last night about 8 had a fine rain—day was cloudy but did n't rain. Patty and the children got home at night from Big Bone said it rained very hard on the way.

## August

- 1 It is three years since Til died. I hope he is happy now. Had a shower early and it cleared off. Joe cut weeds. Put black Storer sow in hog pen. Warm. Julia Loving got back from Washington.
- 2 Patty and I went to call on Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings and dine with Hilda. Warm day—had a slight shower at night. Joe cut weeds I think. Got T.D.
- 3 Joe and Jess piled rocks on clover field. It rained some after dinner. Got a barrel of flour from Corbin.

- 4 Cooler. Joe and Jess worked piling rocks. I went to Bellevue—paid Buckle's bill 7.20 and got receipt—paid Grant 1.80. Harry took the wagon and brought 23 sacks of seed wheat that Doll Walton left at Huey's for me—see July 29<sup>th</sup>. Took letter and paper for Sally. Got copies of T.D. Turned Blk. Storer sow out of stock pen.
- 5 Patty took Margaret Ames to Cin. on the boat to start her home. Joe and Jesse worked, they made a little rail pen for shoats and Joe ploughed my late garden corn and they piled rocks. Dick attended to shoats.
- 6 Did n't write in this till 8<sup>th</sup>. Patty came home this evening. Got letter from Belle Raymond at Julia's saying she was coming. Ernest stopped here. Dick hauled his wheat off—it weighed 51 bus.47 lbs. and he had 1.15 to divide. Jesse worked 3 ½ days this week.
- 7 Sunday. Hot day. Fanny and her twins are here.
- 8 Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Hilda and her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rawlings came to spend the day and dine. It sprinkled early and about 10 poured down—rained off and on afterward. Got letter from Sally. Joe began to work piling rocks—afterwards went to Bellevue to get bit &c. Think Jess piled rock till it rained.
- 9 Got telegram from Lizzie Flandrau saying that Cousin Tom Flandrau died yesterday morning at two. Sent letter to Lizzie and Patty sent telegram. Cousin Belle Raymond came from Cin. via Aurora. Damp cloudy day. Joe and Jess piled rock in pasture.
- 10 Very warm. Sister Belle's wedding day. The men piled rock. Got letter from Julia.
- 11 Went with Belle R. to Burlington to call on Hilda—she had been sick. Patty found the Phipps sow had come home with 9 pigs. The men piled rocks. Sent letter to Julia.
- 12 Cooler and pleasant. The men piled rocks. Ernest called and Dr. Furnish. Got paper with obituary of Cousin Tom Flandrau.
- 13 Jesse said he worked 5 days this week. I think they worked ½ day. Cool and pleasant.
- 14 Sunday. My big baby's birthday. Lord love her. She and Isabella rode to Burlington but Hilda was not at home. Cool and pleasant. Ernest and Lily called. Joe took old Siegra to Mr. Walton's.
- 15 Went to see Doll Walton to pay him for the balance on wheat. He said it was 48 bus. at .75 and came to 36.00. I paid him 6.00 which with the 30. left with Mr. Pete Clore (see July 29<sup>th</sup>) made the amount. I paid and told him about the 30. in presence of Isabella. Joe and Jesse worked. Jesse piled rocks. Joe too in the morning and cut bushes after dinner. Had spotted Storer sow in stock hog's pen. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 Dick brought me 18.15 melon money. Went to Bellevue and paid to M. J. Corbin 12.00 interest on the note for \$200. (see Aug. 28,1897) and got him to credit it on the note. Belle and I went to McVille and to see Mrs. Clore. Joe cut bushes. Jesse piled rock he said. The anniversary of my beloved mother's death. Lord love her precious soul. Very hot, a sweltering day. Got telegram from Sally saying she wanted me to meet her at the river tomorrow morning. Joe and Jess said they finished piling rocks and I told them to cut bushes and briers.
- 17 Did n't write in this for two days. Little sister came on the morning boat. Got letter from Miss Fanny. Joe and I think Jess began to cut bushes and briars but it poured down about noon and after that Joe corked at wagon bed. Got briar scythe and .
- 18 Joe had to fix water gap and then he finished wagon bed and I suppose cut bushes. I think Jess cut briers. Patty went up after Hilda and brought her down. Patty renewed the note that was due the 23rd of this month.
- 19 Jesse says he worked 4 ½ days this week. Did n't write in this till the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- 20 Sunday. Ernest and his father came down to see Belle. Patty and Sally rode up to Mrs. Eckstein's—took Harry—they brought Miss Harriet home with them at night. Very warm day. Hilda went home, Belle drove her.
- 21 Clarence Campbell went on the early boat. Very hot day. Joe cut briars. Went to Doll Walton's. Letter from Sue.
- 22 Belle left for Cin. on the noon boat. Patty, Sally and Miss Eckstein started for Big Bone—took Harry. Very hot day. Doll Walton sent for his sow and 9 pigs—put up another sow and one. Sent letter to Sue, got one from Julia. Mrs. Parsons sent home the bedstead. Joe worked. Did n't write in this again till 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 23 Girls got home from Big Bone at night. Had a good rain to-day. Joe worked at something.
- 24 Went down to send letter to Belle Raymond. Mr. Henry Clore came out and bought my 23 fattening hogs for 3.60. In the evening took the hogs down. The 23 weighed 4120 lbs. which at 3.60 came to 148.32 for which J. J. Huey gave me a check. I took the check to M. J. Corbin and gave it to him, to take out 100. He gave me my note for 200. (see Aug. 19, 1896) and made another for 100. which signed. I reserved the balance of the check. Joe worked. Miss Eckstein went home. I sent by her Belle's money she left here \$40. and Miss Eckstein sent it to Belle. Cooler. Ellen came.
- 25 Mr. Graham came on the morning boat. Hilda came as she was going home taking Emma Deck. Joe worked ½ day. Jesse has not worked this week.
- 26 Most of the people went to the Fair, Minnie and the rest. Dick milked at night. Got letter from Belle saying she got the money Miss Eckstein sent. Letter from Susie Tew.
- 27 Sunday. Company to call—Ernest and Lily, Dr. and Mrs. Furnish and baby—Mr. Clutterbuck and Susie. Mr. Graham went away.
- 28 Sally started home on the early boat. Sent by her note to Susie T. Went to see Mrs. Clore. Did n't write in this till Sep. 4<sup>th</sup>. Joe worked—I think he began to plough in the sand field and Jesse to cut briars.
- 29 Patty went to Cin. via Anderson's Ferry—came home at night. It was very hot. I think Joe ploughed and Jesse cut briars.
- 30 Ellen went home one day—this probably. Dick gave me some more watermelon money about 3.00 or so. Harry brought out the sack of coffee I think. It was so hot that Joe quit ploughing and cut weeds. Very hot. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.

## September

- 1 Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Got letter from Sally. Very hot.
- 2 Went to Bellevue to meet the morning boat. Susie did n't come on it. Heard that Mr. R. E. Kirtley was dead. Patty started for Cin. on the noon boat. Later Susie Tew came by land. Joe worked. I canned tomatoes.
- 3 Aggy Rice (Mrs. Spacey) called to see me with her child Levohn. Joe says he worked 5 ½ days this week. Jesse worked 5 days. It has been intensely hot this week.
- 4 Sunday. Rained some to-day and at night.
- 5 Patty came home on the early boat. Sent letters to buddy, Julia and Belle R. Still hot. Joe ploughed.
- 6 Rather cooler. Got letter from Julia yesterday. Joe ploughed in sand field. Sent letter to Sally.
- 7 Seems to have sprinkled last night, much cooler. Joe ploughed. Went with Patty to Ernest's for her to say goodbye. Patty rode out to Hilda's with Isabella.
- 8 Sudden and great change in the weather, at 5 P.M. 48°, and a few days ago it was 98 in Bellevue. Patty, Isabella and Julia started on the early boat for Cin. on their way to St. Paul. Heavy fog early. Dick's brother-in-law Conrad Oser who used to work for Papa, came to visit

them from . Patty's buggy wheels and harness came. Joe worked, drove the wagon with trunks and ploughed in sand field. I found the missing ladder. Joe brought out 4 spools of hog wire. Got letter from Belle R and one from Sally telling me that Will Armstrong died Monday. Harry took Patty's mares down and had their shoes taken off and he turned them and the colt out.

- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Very cool 48° at sunup. Mrs. West worked to-day picking grapes for wine. Joe worked—he first cleaned kitchen cistern, then hauled rails from wire fence row next Mrs. Rice's to the hog lot fence. The came up with 5 pigs. She is the one the Arnold's stock hog was with May 13 and was due about the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sep. She has been hid out several days. Got letter from brother Charlie.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday, may she remember me in paradise. At sunup 55° and a perfect day. Joe took old Lucy to the Walton's stock animal. Put up in the fattening lot 31 shoats. Harry took the roller back—and said he brought out Patty's break cart that came. Went to see Isadore Oser at Dick's. Got letter from Sally.
- 11 Sunday. 54° at 6:30 A.M. Bright day. Hilda came and dined with us. Isadore Loudon, (Mrs. Oser) came to tell me goodbye. Let George have meat .60 on Harry's work.
- 12 At sunup 48° but turned warmer. Harry started to school. He took Patty's buggy and mine to Mr. Birkle to have the wheels changed. He turned into the fattening pen another shoat, black sow with off fore leg white. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Patty and Isabella from Chicago. Minnie sick—did n't work. Mrs. West worked in grapes. Joe worked—he went after shoats that got out, cleaned springs, and gathered grapes.
- 13 Joe worked. He gathered grapes and tried to plough but quit and hauled rails and pieces from fence row. Mrs. West worked in grapes &c. It rained towards sundown slightly. Got letter from Patty in St. Paul. Sent letter to her. Sam Beatty and bride and Annis [Annie?] came.
- 14 Rover in stock pen. Warmer. Joe worked—hauled rails and tried plowing again. Mrs. West worked at wine making. Joe brought Lucy cow back from Doll Walton's.
- 15 Mrs. West worked making wine. Joe spent most of the day hunting shoats and fixing fences till it rained about 2.30 and he was going to work at wagon bed he said. Did n't rain much.
- 16 Mrs. West worked at wine. Joe went to see about shoats—hauled 3 loads corn to lower crib, tinkered kegs &c. Sent note to Ellen by Cap. A. White sow 'rawboned' in stock pen.
- 17 Much warmer. Ernest and Lily and Mrs. Manson and Miss Truman called. Mrs. West worked about half a day. We finished 2 kegs and put them in the cellar. I was \_\_\_ing with a mixture of some Concord and 1 pound of sugar to a gallon of juice. Joe worked ½ day—tinkered kegs and cut briars in vineyard. Went to Bellevue. Ellen came this evening. Let Flave have a side of meat, 18 lbs. at .08 = 1.44 to paid for cutting corn. Dick cut some tobacco this week. Georgie L. got 1 gal. vin. .30 on Jesse's act. Did n't write in this till 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 18 Sunday. Susie and I went to Bellevue to Mr. Ephraim Aylor's funeral, preached by old Mr. Ed. Stephens. After dinner we went to Ernest's. Hot but a pleasant breeze—ate watermelons at Ernest's.
- 19 Susie and I went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. I borrowed of Hilda \$20. paid Oct. 20. Joe worked ½ day for me. He painted kegs, fixed hog lot fence, crated wheel &c. Dr. Furnish gave Susie a health certificate. We went to Bellevue and McVille. Got letter from Patty and one from Pittsburg wire fence co. Saw in paper that Mac Wetherill had received his commission as Lieut. in the 6<sup>th</sup> draft. Joe began to dig his potatoes.
- 20 Susie left on the early boat for Aurora on her way to Cin. and Natchez. Joe worked ½ day for me gathering grapes—worked organizing the wagon to the river too—after noon he dug his potatoes again. Mrs. West helped to-day with the grapes & kegs.

- 21 Joe worked ½ day for me—painted kegs and finished picking grapes. After noon he worked for himself digging potatoes. Mrs. West worked with the grapes. I went to Bellevue—got posting from Susie and letters from Patty & Sue.
- 22 Rained last night and to-day, sometimes hard. Joe worked at wagon bed. Mrs. West helped with the grapes again.
- 23 Rained last night again, sprinkled this morning. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes except that for an hour or more he fixed hoops on kegs. Mrs. West helped with the wine again and we finished it. We put in the cellar 2 kegs of Norton's Virginia Seedling wine—the one nearest the cellar door has 1 pound to a gallon—the keg next to the closet has 2 pounds of sugar to a gallon of juice—made plenty of both kinds to fill up the kegs.
- 24 Joe finished digging and divided potatoes. He worked for me 2 ½ days this week. Went with Dick to look at ground he wants to clear for tobacco. Had the big white sow with black spot round her tail put in fattening pen. Got letters from Sally and Sally W. and postal from Susie. After dark it blew hard and rained hard during the night.
- 25 Sunday. Bright and warm.
- 26 Minnie came back to work. Sent by Mrs. West letters to Patty and Sarah. Let George Roseberry have meat .60 on Harry's work. Joe worked fixed fence first and ploughed in sand field. Ellen went home on the little boat. I took her down—got postal from Susie from Natchez. Hot day—looked like rain.
- 27 Another warm day—Joe ploughed. I canned peaches.
- 28 Warm day—hot at times. Joe worked ploughing. I canned peaches again. Got letters Patty and Julia. Dick began to sow wheat.
- 29 Hot as summer—Joe finished ploughing the sand piece and went over to Will Arnold's and got he said fifteen bushels of seed at .48. Dick was hauling in tobacco from over by the slough this evening.
- 30 Rained before day and after noon rained gently. Went to Bellevue took letters to Patty and Julia, and one that came from Ross for Sally W. Got letters from Sally, Susie T. and Lizzie Hodges. Joe hauled 3 more loads of corn to the lower crib—then went to Bellevue for lumber for gates and made a gate. Rained.

## October

- 1 Rained last night and still raining. Sent letters to Sally, Sue and Lizzie Hodges. Gave Georgy order on Huey on Jesse's account for 3.00. Joe worked ½ day on gates. Dolly had 7 pigs. I made chili sauce. Cleared off warm.
- 2 Sunday. Hot as summer 84° in the shade of the gallery at noon, 85° later.
- 3 Sent by Lou letters to Belle R., Mrs. Brown, to Sally W. and letter that came for her. Rained a little off and on and set in to rain at night. Joe worked, he put in some rye. Got check for 10 from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington.
- 4 Raining off and on. Joe worked at wagon bed and gate. I sewed on carpet rugs. Got letter from Sue. The best Phipps sow turned in stock pen.
- 5 Joe worked putting in rye. Dick and his hands are putting in wheat. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Mrs. West worked after dinner helping me with the wine and leaky keg. Cloudy and hot.
- 6 Gloomy strange looking day—sky clouded. Joe worked putting in rye in sand field. Dick was putting in his wheat.
- 7 Sent by Lou letter to Patty. Rained some this morning. Joe worked ½ day. After noon he finished putting in rye. Got another bus. of Will Arnold to finish. Cloudy—looked like rain

when it was n't raining. Dick putting in wheat. Got letters from Patty, Belle R. and Lizzie Hodges.

- 8 Flave Loudon got 14 lbs meat at .08 on his corn cutting. Joe worked ½ day helping shuck me some corn out of shocks—he has worked 5 days this week. Went to McVillie—gave Cap. Aikin a box to send Patty by express also told him to send for a keg for me. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally. Warm and cloudy. Harry got kegs.
- 9 Sunday. Let George R. have 6 lbs. meat .48 on Harry's wages. Beautiful warm day. Went to church. Hilda stopped a few moments as she went by.
- 10 Pleasant warm day. Took up the dining room carpet. Joe fixed and put away the wine kegs—cut the sweet potato vines—cut some briars and beat carpet. I got picture from Lizzie Hodges. Turned white sow with blk. spot on her tail into stock pen.
- 11 Blew hard this morning. Joe did n't work for me. We cleaned house.
- 12 Pleasant day. Joe cut briars in the sand field. Put the dining room carpet down—got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 13 Charlie Burns came out to work and Joe helped him. He began to repair the sheep shed and put up the eaves troughs there. Sent by Charlie letter to Patty. Pulled preserve melons. Cloudy most of the day and cooler—it was 50° at sunup to-day and 47° yesterday.
- 14 Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash the draft for 10. Got note from Ellen inclosing money order for 5.00 lent her. Flave Loudon said he had cut 250 shocks of fodder that at .08 came to \$15.00. He had got 32 lbs. side meat at .08 = 2.56 which left me owing him 12.44. I paid him to-day 11.00 and now owe him 1.44. Paid Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Got letter from Patty. Dick Loudon and I sold to Mr. Long the tobacco crop his and Flave's at 8 cents for all but the trash and 2 cents for the trash—to be stripped as soon as ready and delivered at Bellevue. Charlie Burns and Joe worked at the sheep cellar—it turned much cooler. Dick put one load of corn in the little crib—it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> I think. Dick brought my half of the potatoes he raised, about 7 bushels, mostly bad. Had a fire in the evening the first this fall.
- 15 Did n't write in this till 17<sup>th</sup>. Charlie B. and Joe worked to-day repairing cistern at barn, sheep cellar &c.
- 16 Sunday—beautiful day—warm and pleasant after being chilly. Katy came.
- 17 Harry did n't go to school—sent him to Mr. Brady and Mr. Clore's after jack screw, and after a barrel of lime and one of flour at Corbin's. Charlie B. and Joe worked. They fixed coal house put a door in the rear of little crib. Fixed blocks under it &c. After hanging the gate at the hog lot, on the pike they started to fix Dick's cistern but it rained hard and they quit. Charlie did some painting on my old buggy. I got a letter from Cousin Rebecca. It rained hard before and after night. Dick hauled me 2 loads of corn put one in each crib to-day. 52° at sunup. Rained during the night.
- 18 At sunup 44°. Raining part of the day and colder. Sent Harry down and had Kitty shod all round by Mr. Birkle. Sent by him to Mr. Huey the 23 sacks that the seed wheat came in. Let Dick have a poplar board 12 ft. X 9 ½ in. Dick hauled 1 load of corn to the big crib. Joe only worked after dinner helping shuck shock corn.
- 19 Mr. Henry (Pete) Clore came out and bought my 4 heifers at 3 cents and the bob-tailed cow at 2 ½ cents. Later he came and bought the 5 steers for 3.70. Charlie B. worked and Joe helped him. They repaired Dick's cistern and put a lid on top of it &c. Sent Harry down to Mr. Clore's with the jack screw. Got letter from Patty. Rather a pleasant day. Dick put a load of corn in little crib. Harry cleaned out nests in chicken house.

#### CATTLE

- 20 Took the 10 head of cattle to be weighed at Bellevue. The cow weighed 1020 pounds and at 2.50 came to 25.00. The 4 heifers weighed 2990 lbs. at 3.00 came to 89.70. The 5

steers weighed 4890 lbs. and at 3.70 came to 180.93 total \$296.13. Got a check for the amount from J. J. Huey & Co. Went to Burlington and took the check to Mr. Revill at the Bank to be cashed. Paid Hilda the \$20. borrowed Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>. Went to the court house and paid my taxes for last year and got receipt from Dep. B. B. Allphin for \$73.99. Went to see Dr. Furnish and paid him in full \$4.50. At the P.O. got the order Ellen sent me for 5.00 cashed—(see 4<sup>th</sup>). Later went to Bellevue and paid J. J. Huey \$50 telling him to credit it on my account. Dined with Hilda. Charlie B. worked and Joe helped him. They repaired Patty's furnace then Joe cleaned dirt out of wine cellar and Charlie patched the gallery floor and painted old buggy. They turned in stock pen, the Phipps sow with spot in belt and the smooth black sow. At night began to rain. Got letter from Susie Tew. Took letter to Patty to P.O.

- 21 Raining this morning. My largest of the 7 yearlings the spotted steer was found choked to death between the limbs of a down apple tree on cherry hill. Rained most of the day. Only Joe worked, he cleaned out wine cellar and began to make a sled. Chilly day.
- 22 Very disagreeable—rainy and chilly. Hilda came down to make a visit. Joe worked ½ day on sled.
- 23 Bright pleasant day. Took a walk in the woods and fields and walked to church at night.
- 24 Bright pretty day and mild. Joe worked—he helped Dick shuck shock corn—Dick hauled me \_\_\_\_\_. Charlie Burns worked—he painted on buggy and began to make me another cellar closet. Walked to church at night. Went in the morning and paid Mike Corbin \$17. for 200 bus. coal to be hauled.
- 25 Went down to Bellevue, got letter from Patty and lead for paint. Joe worked, he helped Dick shuck shock corn till noon. Dick hauled me \_\_\_\_\_. Afterwards Joe went to McVillie for Charlie and eaves troughs and helped Charlie put them up on the kitchen. Charlie went down to R. Sun this morning and got them for me. It rained this evening. Went to the Arnold's to pay Will for rye, paid him.
- 26 Joe hauled me 4 loads of coal from Corbin's. Unpleasant cloudy day. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Sally W. Dick put in lower crib part of a load of corn and brought up some pumpkins and turnips. Sent letter to Patty with 5.00.
- 27 Coldest morning this fall—31° at sunup and ice on the tub at the cistern. Joe worked ½ day for me hauling coal. After noon hauled coal for himself bus. Charlie Burns worked most of the day painting the porch. Went to Bellevue to church at night and came out with Susie W. Dick hauled me some corn loads. Mr. T. G. Willis assessor came.
- 28 At sunup 32° or a little below. Charlie B. came out to work—at cellar closet and fixing door on the kitchen cellar and at painting porch. Hilda came back. We walked to church in the evening. Joe worked putting in the 1 ½ bus. rye on Dick's potato patch. Sent by Charlie letters to Patty and Julia. Charlie put in stove lining.
- 29 Another cold bright morning, ice. Had the crepe myrtles put in the cellar. Chilly, turned milder and beautiful afterwards. Joe did n't work for me. He went over the river. Charlie B. worked—painted and varnished, cemented &c. Got letter from Patty. Had Belle Raymond turned out in the pasture, she had been up since July 2<sup>nd</sup> when she hurt her foot. Towards night turned raw and unpleasant and rained a little after night.
- 30 Sunday. Went to morning church with Hilda. Raw and chilly towards evening.
- 31 Hilda came back from Betty's and we went to Burlington. Joe dug sweet potatoes. Dick was shucking shocks corn and hauled some to lower crib.

## November

- 1 Charlie Burns came out and painted the porch roof and we settled. His work came to 11.25 of which he had received 1.85 leaving a balance of 9.40. I paid him 4.40 leaving the 5.00 to be settled when he gets a sow I am to let him have. Joe worked—finished digging sweet potatoes and after noon helped Dick shuck corn. At sunup 35°—turned out a lovely day. Hilda and I went to church at night.
- 2 Beautiful morning 49° at sunup. Charlie Burns came out and got the sow. Took Hilda down and got letter from Julia saying Henry was very sick. Rode down and took letters to Julia and to Sally W. the latter with 5.00 in it. Got letter from Patty—sent her one that came for her. At night walked down to church. Joe worked helping Dick shuck corn. It was a lovely day almost like summer.
- 3 At sunup 32° and ice on the tubs. Bright pleasant day. Joe worked helping shuck corn. Hilda came back and we walked down to night meeting. Got letter from Julia.
- 4 Almost like summer, beautiful day. Picked a bunch of violets. Took Hilda to church and then to Ernest's and we dined there. Took letters to Patty and Julia. Joe worked helping shuck corn.
- 5 Rained off and on, sometimes hard. Sent Hilda to church. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sally W. Thunder and hard wind. Joe shucked 5 ½ days this week.
- 6 Sunday. Much cooler—chilly wind. Went to church with Hilda and to see the Arnolds after dinner.
- 7 At sunup 30°. Hilda went home with her outfit. I found my fodder blown down badly. Joe helped shuck corn. Got letters from Sally, Sarah and Julia.
- 8 Pleasant day. Joe helped shuck shock corn. Dick said I could have his corn at .30. Went to church at night, walked.
- 9 Sent letters to Sally, Susie T. and a note to Sally W. It rained steadily all day and is raining at bedtime. Flave came in and said that of the corn he raised they had put in the crib 20 loads of which 10 were his. Joe went to election yesterday did n't work all day.
- 10 Sent Sally W. letter that came for her. Got two notes from Julia. It rained till noon then blew hard and turned colder. Sent my hogs off. Joe, Harry and I took down 33 hogs and left them with Mr. T. Wingate to be shipped. Sent them to Mr. Jim Conner and left with Mike a letter to Mr. Conner. Joe worked—finished sled and helped with hogs &c. Very disagreeable day. Dick and his sons stripped some tobacco.
- 11 A very pretty day mild calm and bright. Went to Aurora on little boat. Took Sally's box of jam—paid freight, got receipt and left it at depot. Bought door, 2 bunches shingles &c. Joe worked—helped Dick shuck part of a day drove wagon for me &c. I got a letter from Sally—also a note from a man named William Green about selling bones &c. for the girls—mean to tell them.
- 12 Joe worked ½ day. He and Harry R. sorted out 55 shoats including Betty sow and put them in the fattening lot. Joe moved some hog houses &c. It was 29° at sunup but turned out mild. Got returns from Mr. J. M. Conner about the sale of my hogs—28 weighed 5040 lbs. and sold at 3.40. \_\_\_\_\_ weighed 770 and brought 3.35. They weighed 5840 lbs. and the amount they brought was 198.17 and the expenses 14.79 taken from that leaves a balance of \$183.38 and they Rabenstein, Harris and Conner sent me a check on City Hall Bank Cin. for that. Went to Bellevue to see the baptizing. Mr. Hoover baptized 56 people, 31 men, the river being rising and muddy and the banks muddy too. Hilda and Ernest Lily and Frances came home with us. Got letters from Patty, one written in Chicago and the other St. Paul and a letter from Julia saying Henry is better. Harry took the things from Mr. Henry's to Mike's shed.

- 13 Sunday. Hilda, Ernest, Lily and Frances and I went to church. It rained a little most of the day off and on. Before night the Grants went home.
- 14 Mild as spring—sprinkled occasionally and cleared off cooler. Went to Burlington and took Hilda home. Went to Bank and Dr. Furnish cashed the check for the hogs (see 12<sup>th</sup>) and I left 100. in bank. Joe helped shuck corn. Got postal from Patty in St. Louis and letter for her. Put letter for Julia in Burlington P.O.
- 15 At sunup 29°. Pleasant bright day. Joe helped shuck corn. Went to Bellevue—took letters to Sally and Hilda, got one from Julia.
- 16 At sunup 31° turned warmer and towards evening rained. Joe shucked corn. Fattening hogs got out and Kitty disappeared. Ellen came up. Mrs. Alice Snyder and daughter and Permaline came out. Sent letters to Patty and Julia got one from Susie Tew.
- 17 Got Betty back in pen. Ellen went home. Joe helped shuck corn. Got letter from Patty saying to send for her Sunday.
- 18 Very mild. Joe helped shuck corn. Heard Hilda has been sick.
- 19 Flave Loudon said his corn came to 10 loads at 26 bus. a load or 260 bus. at .30 this came to \$78. which I paid him in presence of his mother and sister Minnie. Joe worked for himself—said he was going to fix a hole in the fence first. I went to Bellevue, stopped at Mrs. Huey's. Paid Mike for all the coal up to date including Joe's. Got letter from Julia and letters for Patty. Cloudy and raw.
- 20 Sunday. Warm spring-like day. Went to see Mrs. Susie Brady who is sick. Patty and Sally Woolley came on the mail boat. Harry went for them.
- 21 Joe worked part of the day for me moving sweet potatoes out of office shed. After this he rode around for Patty hunting hogs to buy. I went to Bellevue, McVile and Mrs. Sutton's place on a corn hunt. Then got Mr. Bob Brady to buy some over the river. It was 70° when I was at Corbin's and like summer—someone said the bees were out.
- 22 Rained, blew hard and hailed in the latter part of the night and this morning—turning cold 28° at 10 A.M. at 10 P.M. 26° very unpleasant. Joe did n't work for me—he went round hunting hogs to buy for Patty.
- 23 Bright cold day. Joe hauled corn that Bob Brady bought for her over the river—got one load and worked at other things for her. The girls bought some hogs 20 I think of little Joe Walton and began to kill—they said they had 4 killed. They went to R.S.
- 24 Thanksgiving day—bright and cool. Joe worked for the girls. I got a letter from Sally—sent letter to her yesterday.
- 25 Black Storer sow has 9 pigs. At sunup 18°. Bright cold day. Joe worked for the girls. Flave has been hauling corn for them since the first load Joe hauled.
- 26 Snow on the ground, light covering. 22° at 7 A.M. Joe said he would throw some fodder for the calves but he did n't work for me. It was too windy for Mr. Brady and Flave to cross.
- 27 Sunday. At sunup 14°. Cold all day.
- 28 Joe worked for Patty. Ellen came up. I told Jesse I wanted him to work for me in Joe's place, milk, feed &c. Flave hauled the last load of corn for Patty from over the river \_\_\_\_ bus. It snowed.
- 29 Sleeted and turned to rain. Jesse hauled a load of fodder to the barn and a load of wood. Joe worked for Patty.
- 30 Bright day. I took Ellen to the boat. Got letter from Sally with pie-type—letter from Julia and telegram from Charlie Goodrich telling of the death of Cousin Dick Marvin's wife. No one worked for me. Joe worked for Patty and Jess shucked corn. The girls went to R. Sun.

## December

- 1 Bright day 23° at sunup and turned mild. Joe and Isaac worked ½ a day for me patching up the wire fence above the clover field.
- 2 A beautiful winter day. Went to Burlington after Hilda, brought her back with me. Went to bank and got from Mr. Revill \$50. also got a check of the girls for 25. cashed for them. Almost like spring coming back. Jess hauled fodder and corn.
- 3 At sunup 22° and bright. Jesse says he worked 2 days for me this week, Joe only worked ½ day. Pleasant mild day.
- 4 Sunday. My precious own's birthday. Wrote her a letter. Snowing hard when I got up and still snowing at bedtime.
- 5 At sunup 24°. Sent letter to Sally. Cleared off—Hilda went home this evening. Harry took her. Only Jesse worked for me—he hauled a little fodder and took the horses to be shod.
- 6 At sunup 31° and bright but turned to snowing afterwards. Jesse worked—hauled fodder and got some wood. Charlie Burns came and worked at repairing Dick's kitchen, putting on new door &c.
- 7 At sunup 19°. Spotted Storer sow has 6 pigs. Charlie Burns came out and finished the patching at Dick's. He said he was owing me on the hog (see Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) and after deducting for his work a balance of .45 remained which he paid and we are settled to date. Jesse did n't work to-day. Sent letter to Sally. Snowed very hard a little while but cleared off—cold all day.
- 8 At sunup 14° and cold all day. Jesse worked—hauled fodder and wood. Sent letter to Sally.
- 9 Colder 9° at sunup. No one worked for me. Dick killed his hogs. Sent letter to Belle R. and note to Mr. J. M. Jordon.
- 10 At sunup 10° but a cold wind making it seem worse. Joe has n't worked for me at all this week. No one worked for me.
- 11 Sunday. Not so cold but windy and bright. Sent note to Ernest—Jesse 2 ½ days last week.
- 12 At 7 A.M. 32° and snowing hard. Snowed off and on all day, milder. Sent letter to Sarah—got one from Sally. Jesse hauled some fodder I think.
- 13 No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue and Mrs. Corbin's. The Swan quit on account of ice. At 9 A.M. 4° and turning colder. Got note from Elizabeth Jordan Kinney. Took letters to Sally and one to Julia L. inclosing 5.00 for Isabella. At night sent letters to Sally and Mrs. Kinney. Snow on the ground and frozen hard. Heard boat whistles at bedtime.
- 14 Walked to Bellevue—still colder—4° below 0 at sunup—asked J. J. Huey to make out my bill. Got letters from Sally with photograph and from Julia. Jesse feeds, milks &c.
- 15 Not quite so cold. Went to Bellevue in buggy—snow still on the ground. Took letter to Isabella with 2.00 for her mammy and one to Mrs. McIntosh (Mrs. Amelia) with 5.00 for K.J.T. Heard boat whistles this morning and to-night.
- 16 The girls sent George with a load to Erlanger. I walked to Bellevue—took letters to Julia and Sue and one to Aunt Eliza inclosing 1.00. Left her bundle to go. Brought home bill and orders of J. J. Huey to go over—he said I now owe them \$137.00. Sent Jim Beard on[e] message to Mr. White for the girls. Sally W. got news that their friend Mrs. J. Lytle Foster was low and she and Patty started for Hilda's on their way to Erlanger and Cin. It is much milder—thawed some to-day. Doll Walton brought me the weights of some hogs for Patty, 19 hogs 3100 lbs. Rained at night.
- 17 At sunup 37° thawing all day and muddy. Joe has n't worked any for me this week. Jesse said he had only milked and fed. Rode to Bellevue.
- 18 Sunday. Damp and thawing. Went to the burial of Bob Clore's son Huey at the old Bellevue graveyard. Lily and Ernest and the child came to make a call. Dick attended to pigs.

- 19 Very disagreeable—poured down last night and nearly all day. No one worked for me. Dick was stripping tobacco.
- 20 Jesse worked ½ day for me loading tobacco. Patty and Sally W. came home.
- 21 It is now 26 years since my beloved father died—may his rest be sweet. Dick hauled the tobacco to Bellevue and it was received by Ira Pope for John Long, 2190 lbs. of tobacco at 8 cts per lb, and 365 lbs at 2 cents. Of this 360 lbs at 8 cts. 110 at 2 cts was the tobacco that Flave raised, Jesse hauled the load on my part and hauled stems &c out of the tobacco barn. Like spring. I went to Bellevue. Boats running, very muddy. Got letter from Aunt Eliza probably to-day.
- 22 Warm muddy and windy with a misty rain towards sundown. Wrestled with Dick's account all day. Jesse worked—and Joe ½ day scant hauling manure out of stalls.
- 23 Thank Heaven have finished settling with Dick the first since Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1892. Bright pretty day. Settle with Richard Loudon in full to date and he owes me now 32.89. This evening Mr. D. E. Castleman lawyer of Burlington came down and told me that H. Long to whom we sold our tobacco had failed, and that his creditors were attaching the tobacco he had bought. He advised me and Dick Loudon to go and get the tobacco that was in the warehouse in Bellevue (see Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>) and to bring it home as soon as possible. They got up the wagons and I went down with Mr. Castleman. We met Mike Corbin and he told me to ask his wife for the key. She gave it to me and I gave it to Dick Loudon. Dick says a Mr. Dickens who has tobacco housed in the warehouse and has the right of entrance took the key and opened the door. They sent for Mr. Tom Wingate who came and showed Dick the hogshead in which our tobacco was prized and the bulks and Dick said he recognized the bulks and tobacco. The hands then began to load the bulk tobacco and we left directions for them to put out the hogshead before they returned the key, and I came back with Mr. Castleman.
- 24 It is now 26 years since my beloved father was buried. Sally W. went home on the noon boat. Sent letter to my Sally. Jesse says he worked 3 ½ days this week. Hilda stopped by.
- 25 Sunday Christmas. Patty and I had our dinner with Hilda for guest—she came to stay.
- 26 28° at sunup, cloudy—it snowed a few whiffs yesterday. Sally W. came on the boat this evening. Sent by Patty letter to Sutter, Tucker and Low, Albany, including 2.00 Sub. to Co. Gen.
- 27 Milder—flurries of snow. Hilda went to Betty Botts's. Jesse worked for me. During the afternoon they killed seven (7) of the largest hogs that we put up to fatten. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. The moon was in eclipse to-night.
- 28 Colder and bright. Got letter from Mr. D. E. Castleman about tobacco. Went to see Mrs. Ora Rice. Joe cut up and salted my meat.
- 29 Very mild and wind blew.
- 30 Raining and warm. Charlie Burns came and fixed floor in old smoke house with cement for Patty. Sent by him letter to Julia—got one from her and from Sally. Mr. and Mrs. Cleneay came on the morning boat. She brought the news it would turn cold and it did. Dick said he or they fixed the wire fence in the bottom to keep the Rice cattle out, in half a day yesterday and till 9 A.M. to-day. Ellen came up.
- 31 Colder 26° at sunup and turning colder 22° at 4 P.M. Skim of snow on this morning and snowed hard after noon. Got receipt from Co. Gentleman for sub. for 1899. Jesse says he worked 4 days this week. Dick says he worked 5 ¼ days this week—grubbing and fixing wire fence in bottom.