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January

- 1 22° at sunup. Sent letters to the 3 banks in Washington. Got letter from Patty. Bright pleasant day. Ernest sent note. Joe said he hauled fodder and cut hedge.
- 2 Got letters from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft for 75.00 for and from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash with draft for 16.00. Sent letter to Sally for Patty. Joe hauled fodder and cut hedges.
- 3 22° seems colder. Went to Burlington. Mrs. Reilly cashed the checks that came yesterday and I went to Hilda's and paid her the 20 (see Oct. 23rd). Put letter in B. P.O. for Julia. Katy came over. No one worked for me.
- 4 12° above 0. Ernest, Lily and Frances came. Bright day. Got paper to sign from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown Wash. D.C. and corn plasters.
- 5 Sunday 12° above 0 at sunup. After dinner Ernest and the rest went home. Bright day. Sent by Harry 1.00 to Margaret to buy coal.
- 6 Bright mild day. Went to Bellevue—got M. J. Corbin to witness paper from F. & M. Bk. Georgetown and put it in P.O. with one to Pres. Bk., Natl. Bk. Wash. acknowledging draft for 75.00 (see 2nd). Got letter from Farmers' Mechanics' Nat'l Bk. Georgetown with draft for 28.00. Took this check to M. J. Corbin and he took pay for the 5 loads of coal 25.25 and credited it on my account and gave me the change 2.75. I paid Mr. Birkle to date 6.55 and got receipt. Got letters from Julia, little Julia and Mrs. Brown. Harry brought me Ex. package from Pauline F. Joe cut hedge. I went to see Mr. Mike Clore who is sick.

+229 ½ bus.
- 7 Bright mild day. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Paid C. Burns 1.50 in full. Stopped to see Louisa Aikin. Had Alan shod before at Birkle's. Went to see Betty. Got paper from Patty from Wash. and letter from Gibson's Rising S. about clover seed &c. Harry packed a barrel of hams for me. Joe cut hedge. Harry hasn't been to school this week.
- 8 Went to Aurora—shipped to Sally barrel with 8 hams and two boxes preserves. Put in P.O. there letter to Sally with freight receipt and one to Julia. It was a mild day, felt like early spring. Joe says he cut hedge.
- 9 28° at sunup, bright. Joe took the meat out of salt and hung it to smoke. He cut some hickory to smoke it with. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty in Wash and from Sally. Spring-like day.
- 10 Joe cut and hauled some hickory wood and tinkered a little. Mild cloudy day. Sent letters to T—D. to Lucy J. and to Willie Rucker.
- 11 No one worked for me. Bright 27° at sunup.
- 12 Sunday—gloomy day, flakes of snow sometimes.
- 13 Sent letters to Sally, Harriet Young, little Julia and Ben G. Harry went to school again. Began to smoke the meat. Joe said he hauled fodder.
- 14 Got letter from Patty from White House and from Julia. Chilly windy day 21° at sunup. Joe said he hauled hedge brush.
- 15 Day like spring 44° about noon. Joe hauled manure. Went to B. took letters to Patty and Sue—got one from Sue. Went to McVile for boiler. Gave C. Burns 1.00 to take to Margaret Marshall. Stopped to see Louisa Aikins. Did n't write in this till the 20th.
- 16 Joe hauled manure I think or fodder.
- 17 16° at sunup. Joe worked—hauled manure till noon, then went for Hilda who came. Got letter from Sally.
- 18 Milder. Harry took Hilda to church, then went to R. Sun. He said he stopped to see if C. Burns had been to R. S. and he had n't and gave the 1.00 (see 15th) to Harry to take to Margaret. I also sent

another 1.00 by him to Margaret. He brought news that the R. Sun authorities had had Aunt Eliza's house pulled down. Joe worked ½ day I think.

- 19 Sunday 16° at sunup, bright day. Hilda went to church.
- 20 Milder, like early spring. Joe hauled fodder till noon and took Hilda home. Fanny told me she and Will had parted.
- 21 Raining, rained or snowed all day. Joe said he would work on axe handles. Sent letters to Sally and Pauline F. Got paper from buddy. Disagreeable day.
- 22 28° snow on the ground, a skim. Mr. Hubert Conner came and I engaged 2 pear trees 2 cherry trees 3 plums to come to 2.70 and 3 hundred strawberry plants at .65 a hundred 1.95 he to deliver. Walked to Mrs. Corbin's. Got letter from Mr. Spencer Mayor, about Aunt Eliza's property. Joe [stops here]
- 23 32° at sunup, snow thawing. Joe hauled fodder from the bottom. Went to see Mrs. Doll Walton and gave her 2.00 for Doll for the 2 calves of Liegra & Blanche. Got letters from Julia and little Julia. Sent letters to Julia, buddy and Sally.
- 24 34° trying to snow. Sent letter to Julia with 1.00 to finish paying for watch. Did n't write in this till 27th.
- 25 Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and Isabella.
- 26 Sunday—foggy misting. About sundown set in to rain hard—there was thunder and lightning too.
- 27 Cold 14° at sunup and rain frozen. Joe fixed holes in wire fence, hauled manure, &c.
- 28 10° at sunup cold all day. Joe did n't work. Sent letters to Patty and Belle R. Got letters from Sarah, Harriet Young and Mary C. and paper from Julia with notice of the death of Harriet (Mrs. J. W. Horson[?]) Saturday. Also got T—D. Did n't write in this till 31st.
- 29 Blizzard for this country—snow and sleet—horrid day.
- 30 Last night was dreadful. The snow and sleet slapped down on what snow there was. Harry got the 2 horses up. I walked to Bellevue—took letters to Sally and to Julia. Heard that Louisa Aikin died to-day. Stopped at Betty's. Milder.
- 31 28° at sunup, snowing again. Joe has only fed, &c. this week. It is too bad for regular work. Went to Bellevue and to the burial of Louisa Aikin, who was buried in the new graveyard. Put in P.O. letter to Sarah. Snow was thawing a little to-day.

February

- 1 Thawed a little again, not much. Got letter from Sally. No one worked.
- 2 Sunday 26° at sunup and turned cold at 8 P.M. 10°. Snowed last night on top of the snow and was snowing some this morning. Sun came out bright so the sign is for groundhog winter.
- 3 1° above 0 at sunup. Cold all day but the sun came out.
- 4 9° at sunup, cold piercing wind all day and at 8 P.M. still blowing and 8° above. Last night snowed some more. No one worked, Joe fed, &c. Sent letter to Jenny Anderson and to Belle B. inclosing Mary C. letter and T—D. to Sally. Got letters from Patty, Sue, Lucy Johnstone and little Julia.
- 5 Forgot to write cold, windy, horrid.
- 6 22° at sunup, milder all day. Walked to Bellevue, put in letters to Sally and Mary C. got letter from Julia at P.B. and 2 from Belle R.
- 7 12° above 0 and bright. Sent Joe down to Dony's Cook's with hospital bed for his son who broke his leg. Cold disagreeable day.
- 8 2° at sunup, bright but very cold. Sent letter to Hilda by Harry. No one has worked for me regularly this week—too cold.
- 9 Sunday, 2° at sunup—horrid weather, still keeps very cold. Boats stopped on account of ice. Bright day.
- 10 14° at sunup, cold all day, the weather is getting very monotonous.

- 11 Mardi Gras. 20° at sunup and trying to snow again. Walked to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally. Stopped at Betty's. It snowed as I was coming back and kept on.
- 12 20° at sunup. Snow fresh between 1 and 2 inches. Sun came out, turned milder saw it up to 33°. They began to get corn out of the little crib to feed.
- 13 8° above 0 cold all day. Walked to Bellevue. River full of ice. Got letter indorsed from Susie T. Left 2.00 with Mike Corbin to try to send Margaret Marshall. He sent it the 18th.
- 14 6° above 0 at sunup. Joe hauled 2 loads of corn from the crib to the barn. It stayed cold all day below freezing.
- 15 12° at sunup, cold all day but bright. Harry went to Erlanger to take teacher. Got letters from Patty inclosing note to sign and from Julia.
- 16 Sunday 14° and air full of fog.
- 17 Went to Burlington—took Patty's note (see 15th) to Mr. Revill and signed it. He gave me the old note and another he had sent for interest that he cancelled. Went to see Hilda. To-day the thermometer got above freezing 34° for the first time for days. Got letter from brother Charles.
- 18 7° above 0 at sunup, bright day. Went to Bellevue, sent letter to T—D. and to Patty inclosing the 2 notes and one to Julia. Kept cold all the time to-day. Went to McVile and left 1.00 with Charlie Burns to send Margaret—river still closed.
- 19 5° above 0 at sunup, cold all day. Got letter from Sally and postal from Lucy J.
- 20 Not so cold, towards evening began to sleet and kept on for hours. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from Julia.
- 21 28° at sunup rose to above freezing during the day, cloudy and damp. Sent letter to Lucy Johnstone.
- 22 20° at sunup, saw it 45° later. Went to Bellevue—sent Post office order for garden seeds and sent for sample of ear mark. Snow began to melt, river closed. Did n't smoke meat to-day—wood gone, been smoking since Jan 13 anyhow. Harry went to R. S. and took Margaret the 1.00 I left with C. Burns (see 18th) plenty of ice in river.
- 23 Sunday, thawing all day. Snow going fast.
- 24 Fanny says there was a shower last night. Cloudy misty and thawing all day. Sent little letter to Patty. Made meat sacks. Saw Joe hauling some fodder from bottom.
- 25 35° about sunup. Harry said he heard a boat last night. Had the meat taken down and the hams and shoulders sacked. Blanche was turned in with the Hereford. Went to Bellevue—got postal from Willie T. at Liege.
- 26 Rode to Bellevue—river high boats running. Sent letter to Julia. Joe was hauling fodder and manure out of stalls. Snow going fast.
- 27 Joe did n't work for me. Helped his brother move. Rained off and on during the day and blowing hard and raining at night. Sent letter to Sue. River rising boats running. Had the shoats rung.
- 28 Rained a little then cleared off—about sundown it thundered for some time then about 6 P.M. there was a thunder storm with vivid lightning like that in summer and hard rain for half an hour or so and strong wind. I went to Ernest's after dinner, road very bad, deep mud, river high and rising. Got letter from Sally and sample of Ear marker from Chicago. Joe tinkered round at different things, patched fence. The thermometer was 52° at sundown. What a climate!

March

- 1 Turned colder. Got letter from Julia.
- 2 Sunday. Snowed off and on all day, very disagreeable, ground white.
- 3 28° at sunup, cloudy and cold all day. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Joe did come tinkering fixed corn crib.

- 4 Very disagreeable—set in to snowing hard about noon. Went to Bellevue. Garden seeds from Burpee came. River still rising. Wes Gaines came by and I sent 2.00 by him to Margaret Marshall. Ground white with snow 1 ½ or 2 inches.
- 5 28° at sunup. Sun came out after a while, thawed a little. Got letters from Patty and Sue. Sent letter to Sally Woolley.
- 6 22° bright, my birthday. Heard the doves cooing for spring. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sue, also from Margaret Marshall and card about stark trees. Sent letter to Harriet. Joe hauled some fodder.
- 7 Cloudy and warmer. Walked to Mrs. Doll Walton's. Joe and Dick sawed poplar wood. Rained all night probably.
- 8 Raining this morning. Got letter from Fanny Gibbon. No one worked for me.
- 9 Sunday, mild day.
- 10 Lovely spring day, mild and bright, doves and frogs singing. Went to Bellevue. Got birthday letters from Patty and Sally and letter from Julia. Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Joe and Lee Omer worked sawing stone wood.
- 11 Warm and bright part of the day, sprinkles after breakfast. Fanny got back about noon, no one worked for me. Got T—D. Went to the funeral of America Lacy in the new graveyard. She died suddenly yesterday. Heard field larks sing. Got a bolt of canvas at Corbin's 64¼ yds at 3½ = 2.25.
- 12 Cloudy and mild and showers. Went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. Paid 2 cts. She lent me 10.00. Saw robins and a bluebird. Mr. Conner came and bought some hens of me. Left word that they came to 55 lbs. and 3.85. Beautiful rainbow this evening.
- 13 Went to McVillage ferry to try to go to R. S. Could n't get over the river and came back. Got another bolt of canvas at Corbin's 64 ¼ yds. Fanny's things came down on the Workman's and Joe and Lee Omer went after them. Joe worked ½ day, then ploughed his potato ground after dinner. Lee Omer split some of the wood they sawed. Had the sides put in the box in the old smoke house and the jowls in a barrel. Harry trimmed and grubbed in the yard. Cooler. Put in P.O. letter for M. Marshall.
- 14 Put in P.O. letters to Patty and Julia. Went to Rising Sun to see about Aunt Eliza. Paid Margaret 5.00 three of it to go for coal last winter and 2 to pay for Aunt E. up to the 29th. At Gibson's, got 2 bus. clover seed 12.45 including sack on credit. (pd. April 11th). After I got home, went to see Mr. Bob Brady about his shoats in the wheat. Got letters from Sally and Susie and Jamie Tew. Sent letter to Susie by Harry who went to Burlington after Hilda who came down. Joe was working for himself. Let Noah have 1 bus. corn for .75.
- 15 Raining slightly sometimes. Lee Omer said he worked 3 days this week. Hilda went to church. Got work cushion from Sue. Found my T—D. of 9th in Enquirer. This has been a spring like week. No one worked.
- 16 Sunday—rained some last night. Went to church with Hilda.
- 17 Windy and colder 29° at sunup. Had the 7 shoats turned out of the pen. Joe began to sow clover on the field next to log lot. Then hauled wood, worked ½ day. Snowed occasionally, fast. Hilda went home. Sent by her to mail T. D. for Sally inclosing copy in Enquirer. Sent to Bellevue letter to Sally and Jamie Tew. Got letters from Julia & Sally Woolley. Cold and disagreeable. 18° degrees at 8 P.M.
- 18 15° above 0 at sunup, 13° in Bellevue. Took letters to buddy, Sue and Bell R. Left word for Mr. Mauer. Joe finished sowing clover on field next hog lot and hauled wood.
- 19 19° at sunup. Joe worked ½ day. He hauled a load of corn to the barn, &c. I went to see Doll Walton about corn. Dick is making plant beds.
- 20 Doll Walton came and bought 4 loads of corn at .75 a bushel. His hands hauled 3 loads to-day. Mike Corbin weighed the first load 2140 lbs. net. Mr. Mauer came out and trimmed vines. Sent Harry to Corbin's for a bushel of clover seed. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and notice from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Milder, 25° at sunup. Joe [incomplete]

- 21 Doll Walton got the 4th load of corn. 32° at sunup. Chilly all day. Mr. Mauer came and finished trimming grapevines. Joe sowed clover on mud road and ploughed strip in garden.
- 22 Isabella's birthday, sixteen. Lord love her sweet life. Bright pleasant day. Joe worked ½ day, made trellis for my vines in the garden Mr. Kirtley gave me and fixed pens for turkeys. Went to Bellevue got fruit trees Mr. Herbert Comer sold me. Bought of Mike 8 bus. seed oats. 60. Doll Walton paid me for the corn \$91.70. Paid Mike Corbin \$50.00 on last year's bill. Got letter from Susie Tew. Got 22 yds. more of canvas for Joe at [incomplete]
- 23 Sunday. Pleasant bright day.
- 24 Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to Isabella inclosing 5.00 also letters to Hilda, Susie Tew and Margaret Ames. Got letter from buddy. Sent Harry down to get 8 bus. seed oats at 60. Planted out the Conner trees. 2 Keiffer pears, 2 cherry trees one of them Dye House and 3 plum trees 1 in yard, the rest up above the vineyard. Joe turned the cows on the pasture. He and Lee Omer worked cutting up ash trees in the new ground.
- 25 Dick turned his cows on pastures. Joe and Lee Omer worked on the trees again. I planted seeds in boxes. Harry trimmed raspberries, &c. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Sally. Found turkey pea flowers. Tried penning turkey hens.
- 26 Another mild day. Joe worked ploughed the garden and hauled wood. Lee Omer worked too I think. Harry planted some radish and spinach seed and worked in yard, &c. A turtle dove was in the nest in the cedar where one sat 5 times last year.
- 27 Cloudy, sprinkled sometimes. Sent letter to Julia. Harry got onion sets and planted them. Joe worked—finished hauling wood off tobacco ground. Went to Bellevue to get seed potatoes and have Cy looked at. Cy's shoulder is swelled. Got letters from Julia and Lucy J. Worked in yard. Mr. J. Hogan came and bought some tobacco at 7¼ for leaf and 3½ for the rest.
- 28 Raining off and on. Went to Hilda's—paid her the \$10 (see 12th). Brought Susie Tew home from there. Put in B. P.O. letters to Patty and Sally W. Joe worked, after noon helped Dick load tobacco Jesse's crop.
- 29 They hauled 2 loads of tobacco to Conner & Hogan Burlington. The weights were
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| Leaf | 2630 lbs. |
| Tips & trash | <u>2290</u> |
| | 4920 lbs. |
- At 7¼ for leaf and 3½ for trash it came to by Conner's figures 270.80. Jesse got his half and Dick brought me a check on Boone Co. Bk. \$135.40. Dick then loaded up what he raised on the pike. Rained last night. We went to Bellevue. Got letters from Julia and Mrs. Brown. Noah West paid me 2.50 for 3 bus. corn the .25 over to go on the rest he is to get. Ed Botts bought 5 bus. corn and pd. 3.75. Sent by Harry to Margaret Marshall 2.00. Mild day. Turkeys laying.
- 30 Easter Sunday. Thunder rain hard wind and rather colder, very disagreeable day. A little snow fell before day.
- 31 Dick and Joe went to Burlington with the load of tobacco. Weights were:
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| Leaf | 815 lbs. |
| Tips & trash | <u>300</u> |
| | 1115 |
- Dick got the cash \$69.60 and I got my half of it. Our crop this year then amounted to 6036 lbs. Went to Bellevue. Got M. J. Corbin to take the check from Conner & Hogan for 135.40 (see 29th) and credit me with 100.00 on last year's 1901 bill, he paid me the balance.

April

- 1 Mr. Bill Snelling came and got 20 bus. corn and paid for it 15.00. Sent note to Hilda, got letter from Sally. Still cold.

- 2 Still raw and chilly, at bedtime 31°. Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. with draft for \$16.00 and letters from Patty and Sally. Ernest came to call.
- 3 28° at sunup. Joe raked stubble off of clover. Went to Bellevue, took letter to Patty.
- 4 Orin Phipps came and bought 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Went to Bellevue, paid Mike Corbin 30.45 on 1901 bill and he said the balance was now \$68. After dinner took Susie out to Burlington to stay all night at Hilda's on her way. Put in Bellevue P.O. letters to Julia and A. M. Cin. Milder 38 at sunup. Joe worked for himself, began to put potatoes in the garden, went to Corbin's and got 4 bus. 1.50 per bus.
- 5 32° after sunup. Joe worked for himself, he put in potatoes in my garden. Jesse came and I settled with him in full including calf 10.00 and paid him 11.13. Rained a good rain at night. Johnny disappeared.
- 6 Sunday.
- 7 Lucy cow had a b. calf red with white face and underneath and white spot on top of shoulders. Cold windy and rain. Joe worked hauling rock and trash off clover. Sent Susie's glasses by mail and letter to Fanny G. Flower seeds from Patty came.
- 8 Cold 29° after sunup and ice in chicken water. Sold Mr. Rouse 2 bus. corn he paid 1.50. Went to Bellevue and McVillie, returned 3 sacks to Corbin's. Mike said the thermometer was 28° early and did n't go above 40°. It misted rain a little raw and disagreeable. Got letter from Sue. Joe and Lee Omer worked getting trash off clover and fixing fence.
- 9 Not so cold but mostly cloudy. Went to Bellevue to see Mr. Sandford about horse medicine. Got letter from Isabella—said Sally had left for St. Paul. Had carpet in the little back room upstairs taken up. Went to see Fred Archer about his shoats. Joe and Lee Omer worked hauling trash off clover. Harry planted some peas.
- 10 Plesanter. Harry took Kitty to have her shoe put on and Belle to have her hoof fixed and turned them in big pasture. Joe worked, sowed clover on oats ground, attended to horse's shoulder. Went to see about watergap, &c. Got letter from Susie Tew. Dick planted potatoes. Mr. Conner brought 300 strawberry plants. Excelsior and Saunders, 150 each. Harry and I set them out, a row of Excelsior next the grass in vineyard, then Saunders then Ex. &c. the last (4th/row part of each and not finished). Settled with Mr. Conner in full for trees and plants. Johnny has been gone since last Friday evening.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Rained and cleared off windy. Went to R. Sun. At the bank, got the draft (see 2nd) cashed. Went to see about Aunt Eliza and paid her taxes. Saw the Mayor Mr. Spencer and he told the Treasurer Mr. Thompson to credit 1.50 on her state tax for the brick he sold off Aunt Eliza's lot. I paid the bal. of .72 and city tax .65 and got receipts. Pd. Margaret 2.00 for Aunt Eliza. Fanny cleaned house. Paid Gibson for clover seed see March 14. Put in P.O. at R. S. letter to Sue got one from Julia. Joe worked.
- 12 Joe did n't work. Chilly, windy day. Mr. Acea got 5 bus. corn paid 3.60. Lum Popham got ½ bus. bread corn .40.
- 13 Sunday. Chilly. Drove of hogs in pasture.
- 14 Joe worked, fixed wire fence next to Mr. Roger's. Got hogs out &c. and hauled rock off clover. Cleaned house a little. Got letter from Patty. Chilly day 33° at sunup.
- 15 Charlie Burns came out to fix the sheet iron over the meat. Mr. Tim Sanford came and got 2 bus. potatoes. 33° at sunup, heavy frost. Joe cleared off bark and harrowed his corn ground.
- 16 Cloudy and not quite so cold. Had the manure and ashes hauled out of yard and told Joe to cut briers round timothy. Went to see Jane about taking Aunt Eliza, and to the sawmill. Found our little Johnny dead in Mr. Rogers' field and went and got him and had him buried. Went to Bellevue, got telegram from Sally that she expected to come to-morrow and letter for her from Frank. Also got T. D.
- 17 Did n't write in this till 20th. Got up and went in spring wagon to meet Sally who came from St. Paul. Bright day. Dick and Joe worked patching fence.

- 18 The goring heifer red with 6 teats had a b. calf red with white spotted head. Sent for Hilda who came down. Joe and Dick worked patching fences again. Mr. Boone Rogers got 15 bus. corn and paid me for it 11.25.
- 19 Got letter from Sally Woolley, and copies of T—D.
- 20 Sunday—Ernest and Frances dined with us.
- 21 Joe was working for himself. Warmer.
- 22 Hot and wind blew hard all day. Sally said it was up to . Lily called. Joe worked for himself.
- 23 Sold young Mr. Rouse 2 bus. corn and he paid 1.50. Took Sally up to Aurora and put her on the train for Cin. It turned much cooler. Joe worked for himself in his corn ground. Had fire in the evening.
- 24 This was to be the wedding day of Frank's sister Louise Cutcheon, and Sally was to go to Grand Rapids. Her picture that Isabella drew came to-day. Joe worked for himself. Dick had to get a new drill and went to R. Sun and got a Campbell Drill for 10.50 at Gibson's. I told him I would pay for a fourth of it. Let him have .50. Joe worked in his corn and went to drill. Dick worked ½ hauling rocks off his new ground. A bright pleasant day—worked in the yard. Harry prepared ground for flowers, trimmed trees, &c.
- 25 Blew like Dakota all day. Joe worked for himself. I planted vine seeds and had the yard cleaned, trees trimmed, &c.
- 26 Blew during the night and there was a sprinkle of rain—blowing a gale now. There was a singular dust storm—the ploughed ground was blown off in clouds of dust. Got letters from Sally in Cin. and from Patty telling me of the death of Amy's sister Mrs. Colborn, also from buddy saying he got garden seeds. No one worked for me. Had fire at night.
- 27 Sunday. Joe wanted to settle up and I went over our account since Nov. 2nd 1901 and the figures are in his little book or rather mine with his name on it. Bright cool day—fire at night.
- 28 Let Mr. Rains have 1 bus. corn .75 he to work for it in hay. Cloudy and chilly. Joe began to work in the garden, planted 6 rows of Stowell's Ev. corn and the muskmelons and watermelons. F. Favorite and H. Honey. Towards 11 it began to rain, a cold gentle rain. I began to clean the parlor. Joe said he worked on tobacco sticks.
- 29 Rained hard in the morning, turned warmer. Last night plenty of thunder. I think Joe trimmed tobacco sticks till noon. Then he worked for himself. Mr. Bob Brady got 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Went to Bellevue and to McVile to see about Charlie coming to fix ceiling. Got letter from Julia and cards of Miss Virginia Nicholls marriage.
- 30 Warm and bright—took up dining room carpet. Joe cleaned, spring chimney, fixed cistern, beat carpet &c. Mr. Gene Kelly and Mr. Ed Botts came and got 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Yesterday Noah West's' son got 1 bus. and did not pay the bal. of .50 due. Mr. Acra came and got 2 tubs and paid me 2.50. This has been a very cold dry month and windy beyond comparison till the good rain of the 28th and 29th. The peach buds are killed. I have seen a very few peach blooms at Dick and Joe's. The trees seem injured, some dead.

May

- 1 Mr. Linneus Kelly put in the pasture 3 steers two of them 2 year olds the other a long yearling. Cooler. I think Joe cut mulleins. Mr. Jim Botts got 1 bus. shelled seed corn paid me .85. Put down dining room carpet. Got letter from Sally in N. York.
- 2 Warm pleasant day. Had crêpe myrtle taken out of the cellar. Mr. Doll Walton sent his steers down and put them on pasture at 1.00 a head a month 13 head. Charlie Burns came out and patched the ceiling in Patty's room—tinkered up different things and put up Joe's ewes' trough. Joe dug a ditch in the slough and helped put up the trough and cut weeds. I cleaned house. Pd. Joe 18.11 to April 29th.
- 3 No one worked for me. Perfectly beautiful day. Went to Rising Sun to see about Aunt Eliza. Agreed to pay Margaret 1.50 per week to take care of her and paid her 3.00 in full to 10th. Paid Gibson 2.63 for

my ¼ of the corn drill Dick got. Got letter from Hilda. Put in R. Sun P.O. letter to Julia. Warm 86° yesterday 88° in Bellevue.

- 4 Sunday. Beautiful warm day. Went to see Mrs. Doll Walton, and to tell Bob Brady about his shoats and he came and got them. The flower seeds Sally and I planted are coming up, also the vine seeds planted the 25th.
- 5 Bright and warm. Dick attended to the two calves Lucy's April 7th and red heifer's 18th. The red heifer with a white face with a round red spot in it has a calf a b with white block on face. Sent Alan and Tom and got them shod. Sent letter to Patty. Brought old Siegra and her calf Thursday and Jessica over to the back pasture. Joe did n't work for me, he has been gone since Sat. Harry planted some bush beans.
- 6 Joe worked for me—in the garden till noon, then cut mulleins &c. He planted corn, butter beans, pole beans, beets, &c. Harry planted seeds too. Mr. Ben Cason came and bought 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Got letters from Julia, Sue and Amy Campbell. Very windy.
- 7 Cooler. Planted okra and Harry planted carrot seed, &c. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. Mr. Roland came and got 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Planted more flowering vines yesterday and today. Joe worked for himself.
- 8 44° at sunup and foggy and chilly, sun rose pale in a mist. Turned out one of the most beautiful days I ever saw. Heard a whip-poor-will this evening for the first time this spring. Cleaned house, put the carpet down in Patty's room. Joe worked for himself, replanting corn. Dick and he had finished planting corn. Harry made watermelon hills in a row that washed out and I replanted.
- 9 56° at sunup, windy and rather chilly. Went to B. to see Hilda, cleaned house. Later set out 21 tomato plants some Ponderosa. Joe worked for himself. Mr. Rains got the 2nd bushel corn.
- 10 Chilly, bright day. Joe worked for himself he ploughed the potatoes in the garden the second time. Mr. C. Berkshire got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. I worked in the yard, planted flower seeds, &c. Sent by Harry to Margaret for next week 1.50. Set out more tomato plants—Matchless and Combination. Went to Mrs. Doll Walton's and stayed all night to sit up with her. It rained a cold rain.
- 11 Sunday—came home about 6 A.M. Still raining off and on. Turned rather warmer. Harry found Dolly with a heifer calf.
- 12 I went to Cin. to Aurora in spring wagon and by the St. Louis train to Clifton to Julia's to go to the Musical Festival. It began on Wednesday 14—there were 5 concerts, the last Sat. night the 17th. I remembered my beloved parents' wedding day the 13th. In Mr. Foster's grounds I saw the seventeen year locusts in numbers.
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- 15 Harry says the spotted heifer I named Pink had a b. calf with a white head and legs and stripe on the back, the rest red. Joe said he worked for himself all the week. I went to Dr. Clancy the 14th and had my teeth repaired. The weather was cool two days and warm the rest and beautiful. Sent two letters to Sally from Clifton.
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- 18 Sunday—came home on the mail boat, got home about noon. Joe's corn up and things look fine but need rain.
- 19 Joe worked in the garden—ploughed, hoed, &c. Mr. Bob Brady sent and got 10 bus. corn and paid me 7.50. Went to Bellevue—got barrel of flour for myself and one for Joe. Stopped at Betty's. Got letter from Jennie Anderson. Had the stock turned in the back pasture. Harry planted some beans, Joe preserve melons, Hubbard Squash.

- 20 Had Dolly's calf (July 3, 1901) turned in the big pasture. Joe worked ½ day cleaned spring and moved lumber at the barn, &c. About 11 A.M. there was a fine rain—it poured for some time. I set out tomato plants as I did yesterday.
- 21 Bright warm day—fog in the morning. Joe set out tobacco—a fine season. Dick set out a few rows. I went to B. took letters to Julia and Sally W. got letters from them both. Set out cabbage plants.
- 22 No one worked for me. Went to get sweet potato plants got 400 and Harry set them out. About 7 P.M. and later there was a good rain. Kim Phipps got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. Mr. Harry Acra engaged 5 bus. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Bright hot day—the 17 year locusts are plenty, singing in the woods.
- 23 Rained all night probably and rained nearly all day, part of the time in torrents. The creek was over the bottom from hill to hill a rushing river. All the corn was under water and the ground washed out and carried away in places. The corn was up well and had been ploughed over nearly all of it. Water gaps fences and things gone, washes in every direction and gullies made even in the woods. Such is life. The water poured down the garden, washing out soil and plants—such is life. Joe worked part of a day on tobacco sticks. Harry cleaned the pantry.
- 24 Mr. Acra came and got 5 bus. corn. Paid me 9. It rained hard again and blew hard. Mrs. J. W. Gaines came in out of the storm. Dick and Joe were setting tobacco. I went to B. put in P.O. letter to Sally.
- 25 Sunday. The sheriff and aids came on the hunt of Louis Ebberson who went by.
- 26 Rained slightly sometimes. Ernest and Frank Grant came to call. Harry got home towards evening. I made an attempt to continue house cleaning. Got letter from Patty at Orange. Sent letters to Mrs. Brown and Susie Tew.
- 27 Went to Petersburg to see old Dr. Grant who is very poorly. Dined there. Joe worked. Went to Bellevue for bolts, fixed watergap up road, cut clover, &c. It cleared off very cool, chilly driving at 7 P.M. 55°. Sheriff &c. on the hunt of Louis again.
- 28 Worked in the garden. Harry put poles to the beans. I hoed strawberries and melons. Sent the buggy and old buggy to Mr. Birkle to fix. Went to see Mrs. Doll Walton. Joe has been ploughing his corn. Got letter from Julia. So cool there was some frost last night, some beans bit.
- 29 Went to Burlington for Hilda and to Bellevue. Cool and bright. Mr. Bee Walton sent for bus. seed corn. Lum Popham came and shelled 2 bus. corn. paid me 1.50.
- 30 Pd. Lee Omer 1.00 and settled in full to date. Joe ploughed for himself till noon. Joe, Dick and Al all worked ½ day getting in the clover Joe cut Tuesday, loads. It sprinkled a little off and on and turned warmer. Hilda went to the R. S. Convention at Bellevue Church.
- 31 Hilda went home. Fanny went off on the little boat, no one worked for me. It was warmer. Little sprinkles.

June

- 1 Sunday—Ernest, Lily and Frances came and spent the day.
- 2 Rained some last night. Joe worked for himself. Went to Bellevue. Fanny came home on the boat. Dick attended to 2 calves, Spot's born May 5th and Pink's May 15th.
- 3 Joe worked ½ day for me in the garden. Everett helped, they planted sweet corn, ploughed, &c, and Harry hoed. I set out a row of tomato plants. Joe ploughed the strawberries and sweet potatoes, melons, &c. Looked like rain most of the day but did n't rain. Fanny cleaned my room.
- 4 Warm and bright. Joe cut clover. We cleaned the store room. Yesterday I got a letter from Patty from Chicago on her way to St. Paul and a letter came from Sue for Isabella. Joe said afterwards that Everett cut the clover.

- 5 We cleaned the big passage. Doll Walton came and borrowed 38 lbs. of fence stay wire. Joe worked for himself. I went to B. got letters from Sally, one being a letter from Sarah inclosed. Warm beautiful day.
- 6 Had hands to help get in the clover hay. Joe worked and Dick with 3 horses and his hands Lee Omer and Al and also Dump and Henry & Everett Rains. They got in loads. Another beautiful warm day. We finished cleaning the house, thank Heaven.
- 7 Went to Bellevue, took letters to Patty and Sally, got letters from Patty in St. Paul and Susie T. Sent by Clarence Castelmann 1.50 to Mag Marshall. Mr. Rains came down and got ½ bus. potatoes—he got 1 ½ bus. corn from Dick while I was gone. I paid him for yesterday's work for both. Rained last night as they are setting tobacco. By to-day's mail got notice from H. F. Klausman Agt. Aurora of the things Sally sent. About sundown or from between 5 and 7 there was a very hard rain with heavy thunder and hail—big as marbles or partridge eggs. Set out egg plants. Louise has b. calf white face and legs and mixed white and red.
- 8 Sunday. Went to the river to meet Isabella and Julia Loving who came on the mail boat. Raining this morning but cleared off cool.
- 9 Turned Louise's steer calf (July 26, 91) over into the big pasture. Sent letters to Patty and Susie Tew. Got postal from Sally. Dick Loudon brought me 3.75 from Mr. Harry Acra for corn (see May 24th). Told Mr. Fred he could cut some briars and weeds.
- 10 Did n't write in t his till 12th. Went to Aurora in the spring wagon to get the barrel and bale sent from N.Y. Cool this morning—turned warmer. Got letter from Julia. Rained in the night.
- 11 Warmer—sent parts of letters to Patty and Sue. Set out Chinese peppers.
- 12 Harry took Belle and Beck down to be shod. Very hot—looked like rain. Harry hoed in the garden sweet potatoes, &c.
- 13 Very hot again. Went to Burlington for Hilda who could n't come being laid up with a sore toe. Had some cauliflower set out.
- 14 Mr. Rouse got 2 bus. corn, paid me 1.50. Joe has not worked for me this week. It was very hot. Got note from Susie Tew.
- 15 Sunday. Very hot day, looked as if it would storm. George Roseberry came and drove Beck and Belle together. Isabella and I went to Ernest's after dinner.
- 16 Had Harry working in the garden—he ploughed, hoed, replanted, &c. I worked in it too. Joe worked for himself.
- 17 Went to Rising Sun to see about Aunt Eliza—paid Margaret in full to 21st. Margaret's baby died yesterday. Beautiful day—the country looked lovely. Joe cut clover. Got letter from Julia.
- 18 Made soap. Got letters from Sally and Susie Tew. Ernest, Lily and Frances came to call. Cool, cloudy, sprinkled.
- 19 Sent letter to Julia—went down to meet Susie Tew who came on the Swan. Cool and cloudy. Sent Cy to have a shoe put on. Had 25 more sweet potato plants set out besides 100 I had set out Tuesday.
- 20 Looked like rain all day and sprinkled. Harry hoed some in the garden and set stakes to some tomatoes. Cooler. George drove the mares.
- 21 Cool and breezy—after dinner Joe, Dick, Lee Omer, Everett worked getting in clover from next the Arnold's, got in loads. Very cool this evening.
- 22 Sunday. Very cool still. George drove Beck. Sent letters to Sarah and to photographer H. C. Norman Natchez.
- 23 Joe worked ½ day getting in hay. Everett ½ day raking hay. Henry Rains worked to-day and Mr. Rains ½ day in the hay and Dick, Lee Omer and Alpha and Dick's team ½ day getting in hay off the hill on the pike. Cool and bright. 47° at sunup. Got letter from Patty. Turned Blanche's calf Carrie (Dec. 24) out to wean this evening.

- 24 Cool all day. Joe worked till 7.30 a.m. getting hay unloaded and cleaning spring. Dick and hands got what hay was left in the field. We went to Hilda's to spend the day—went to call on the Revill's and Mrs. Furnish. Dick was cutting wheat.
- 25 Did n't write in this for two days. Canned and made raspberry jam.
- 26 Sent letter to buddy—got letters from Belle R. and Julia. Susie Walton came and paid me 1.70 for the 2 bus. seed corn Mr. Bee Walton got. It rained in the evening and also at night.
- 27 Joe worked ½ day for me. We got up Pink and Louise to break and Joe milked them both, then he fixed the kitchen cistern and patched up wire fence in big pasture. Mr. Rouse got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. Went to Bellevue—sprinkled occasionally. Put up canned raspberries. Got letters from Julia, ____ Belle and
- 28 Rained very hard most of the day. Dick attended to Louise's calf.
- 29 Sunday—Raining hard and blowing hard. I went with Susie and Isabella to see Mrs. Walton after dinner—rained again.
- 30 The day of my beloved sister Belle's death. Lord love her soul. Raining off and on. Joe said he worked piece of a day on tobacco sticks. Roads washed, fields gardens and all gullied. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally.

July

- 1 Cool. Looked like rain but was clear afterwards. Dick had the machine cutting wheat. No one worked for me. Got letter from Jamie. Sent letter to Far. and Mech. Natl. Bk. Georgetown.
- 2 Turned warmer and there was a hard rain toward sundown with a rainbow. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. with draft for \$16.00. Sent letter to early mail to Jamie Tew. Dick was cutting wheat. Took the buggy down to Mr. Birkle to repair.
- 3 Joe worked for me—cut clover in the field on the pike little dab of timothy I think on the mud road and broke up a weedy spot in the garden. Hot to-day.
- 4 Went to B. to get the buggy at Birkle's. Took letter to Belle R. got one from Patty. Took to M. J. Corbin the draft for \$16.00 (see 2nd) endorsed it and left it with him. Got 10.00 on it so he could n't let me have the balance. Let Lee Omer have 5.00 and George 5.00. Very hot last night and to-day.
- 5 Got letter from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28.00. Joe worked to-day, also Mr. Rains getting in clover hay. Dick and his team and hands Lee Omer and Alpha helped—they got in a load after dinner and then Dick and Alf went to get in timothy on shares. Very hot. Lee Omer brought back 1.25 (see 4th).
- 6 Sunday—hot day. Jamie Tew came on the boat.
- 7 Joe hauled manure out of yard, then worked for himself. Went to Ernest's to hear from his father who is at the point of death. Very hot day. Got letter from Patty. Mr. Corbin sent me by Harry the 6.00 balance on the draft (see 4th). I sent order.
- 8 Very hot, sweltering. Harry took Alan down and had him shod. Got picture of Concord.
- 9 Ernest sent me a note saying his father died last night. Dick's cow has a _____. Let Dick have 10.00. Went to Burlington, got Mr. Revill to cash my two drafts (see 2nd & 5th) and left 100. in bank and took the balance of 3.00. Brought Hilda home with me. Put in B. P.O. letter to Patty. Went to Bellevue to see Betty. Got letter from Sally. No one worked for me. Rained at night.
- 10 Hilda and I went to Dr. Grant's funeral in Petersburg. A beautiful cool bright day. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 11 Cool and pleasant. Harry worked in the garden a little with melon vines.
- 12 Mr. Cason came and got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. Still cool and bright.
- 13 Hilda went home, Jamie took her. I went to Mrs. Walton's on an errand. Beautiful bright day. Harry told me that little Ellen dropped dead in Cin to-day. George R. came and drove the mares.

- 14 Susie Tew went away on the Swan. Sent by her letter to Julia. Mr. H. Acra got a tub of corn, paid me 1.25.
- 15 Sent Tom to be shod. Joe worked ½ day cleaning out springs. Got postal card from Susie T. Cool at night.
- 16 Sent letter to Mrs. Brown, got one from Hilda. Isabella and Jamie rode to Ernest's. Doll Walton came to see me about beef club. Joe worked ½ day for me ploughed and chopped weeds in the garden, planted corn. Had strawberries and sweet potatoes hoed. Cool nights and mornings.
- 17 Turned hot again. Ernest came by and he sold his cattle to Mr. Utz for 4.60. I gave Dick Loudon an order on Corbin's for 2.00 for Mr. Rains—this to be charged to Dick as it is to pay Mr. Rains for work in Dick's oats. Joe worked ½ day for me—he made a rail pen for stacks in the barn yard. Dick brought me a barrel of flour from C.
- 18 Hot day—no one worked for me. Rained last night.
- 19 Remembered as I always do. Hot day and rained hard several times and at night. Mr. Rains got 1-½ bus. corn. Dick L. got 1½ bus. corn too. No one worked for me.
- 20 Sunday—cool.
- 21 Turned Louise and Pink into the big pasture. Very cool and cloudy. Wes Gaines came and I sold him a white faced with spots heifer for 4 and the Jersey steer I got from Dick for 3¾, and he paid me 10.00 on them. Sent letters to Sarah and Julia—got letters from Julia and Susie T. Rained showers.
- 22 Cool and misty, turned warm. Went to B. got letter from Mrs. Brown. Joe worked ½ day for me, cut timothy and chopped thistles back of the house.
- 23 Turned Amy into the back pasture. Went to Burlington and to Bank. Paid Mr. Revill \$200. that had been put to my credit (see Sep. 18, 1901)(and July 9th) and (Note Aug. 23 1897) got the note of Patty and mine that was due Aug. 2—next, brought it home. Settled this note with Patty Sep. 3rd. She paid me in full what she owed 60.30 the rest went to repairs lumber, &c. last summer. Put in B. P.O. letter for Patty, got one to-day from her. Joe worked ½ day getting in two parts of loads of timothy. Dick Loudon and Everett helped and afterwards they put away farm implements in the sheep cellar.
- 24 Joe worked ½ day after dinner helping haul wheat in. Turning warmer.
- 25 Joe worked ½ day helping Dick with hauling wheat. Mr. Rouse got 2 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. Much warmer. Isabella and Jamie rode to Ernest's and Owsley and Frances came home with them to spend the day.
- 26 No one worked for me. Got letter from Sally. Hot still.
- 27 Sunday. Patty came on the boat via Cin. from St. Paul. Hot again.
- 28 Hot, rained a little at night. Got letters from Julia and Belle R.
- 29 Hot still.
- 30 Found Amy with a b. calf, white face and hind legs and some other white. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Bud Goodridge at the Bellevue church. Mr. _____ and Hilda stopped to call as they went by. Joe worked ½ for me, ploughed late corn/ sowed turnips, &c.
- 31 Went to Rising Sun and paid Margaret 6.00 in full to Aug. 9th. Saw the Mayor Mr. Spencer and told him about what Margaret said of their making Aunt Eliza give a note and mortgage for 22.00 on her lot. A black man Alec Mitchell, the Mayor, Mr. Steele and a witness named McHenry, Mr. Steel's son as his representative went with the Mayor to Aunt Eliza's and in her presence and mine destroyed the note and mortgage. No one worked for me—hot day. Rained a good rain after dark with thunder. Got letter from Frank telling me to meet Sally in Aurora the 5th.

August

- 1 Tilden left us seven years ago. Joe worked for me ½ day—he made a rail calf pen and put in the new cistern top. Yesterday I bought a bucket pump at Gibson's—6.00 to be paid for at my convenience.

Sent Harry down for it to-day to the Swan. Sent letter to Julia. Very hot to-day. Sent letter by Jamie this morning to Frank.

- 2 Got letter from Sarah. We went to the cliffs after dinner.
- 3 Sunday, intensely hot. Water failed in back pasture since Dick turned 9 hogs in on wheat July 31. Patty sent for Dr. Williamson who came to see Julia Loving. Every appearance of a storm at night but no rain here.
- 4 Cooler and cloudy. Went to see Joe's tobacco and the springs. He was working for himself but said he cleaned out a spring.
- 5 Went to Aurora to meet Sally who came from New York, and from Cin. on the 8:10 train. It was raining when we left and rained off and on with a good shower when we were in Aurora. Dick wanted me to take his calf for pasture and I gave it to Amy to raise with hers born July 30. This calf is red mostly with white and red face and a tail with a tassel red black and white. Joe was tiering off in the sheep cellar. Dick found his calf July 9th.
- 6 Patty, Isabella and Jamie went to Big Bone, taking Harry—all rode. Cooler and pleasant. Wes Gaines came and got the steer and heifer I sold him (see July 21st). They were weighed by Mr. Clore in Bellevue. The part Jersey steer weighed 860 lbs. and at 3- $\frac{3}{4}$ came to 32.25. The heifer weighed 1065 lbs. and at 4 it came to 42.60 total 74.85. Wes Gaines had paid me 10. on them the 21st and he gave me a check from Huey to Mike Corbin and he cashed it. I paid him \$28 of it on his 1891 bill the balance on which is now 40.00 and took the balance 36.05. Got letter from brother Charlie.
- 7 They went to call on Hilda—cool day. I got letter from Julia saying Will was married for the 3rd time. Also got postal from Willie T.
- 8 Turned much warmer. Doll Walton began on the beef crib, my share was 9 lbs. to-day.
- 9 Patty went to Aurora to take Jamie Tew with them to the train on his way home. Rained hard off and on.
- 10 Sunday. Hot and had a rain in the afternoon. Sally and I went to Ernest's.
- 11 Frances came and spent the day and Ernest dined with us. Much cooler. I got postal from Jamie—forwarded his letters.
- 12 Patty and Isabella went to Rising Sun and later to Burlington and brought Hilda down. Mrs. Doll Walton came to see me. Very cool to-day.
- 13 Miss Sadie Kirtley came, also a Miss Marshall and spent the day and Patty took them to the river. Lily and Mrs. Sutton drove down and Patty went to Ernest's on an errand. Cool still. I got letter from Jamie Tew. Sprinkled.
- 14 Patty's birthday. Lord love her. Bright hot day. Charlie Burns came and painted the gallery and porch. Let Mr. Cason have a bus. of corn for .60.
- 15 Blanche's heifer, Howard has a b. calf red and white with red head and white shield in the face. Joe began to house some tobacco in the sheep cellar. The thrashing machine came. Roland McCarthy told me they thrashed 260 bus. of wheat. Joe said he turned Lucy cow in to the stock animal. Settled with Harry in full to date and with Fanny to the 11th. Charlie Burns came and finished painting the gallery and porch floors. I paid him and gave him 5.00 to get 150 ft. of flooring for Dick's kitchen. Got beef.
- 16 Fanny and Harry went to Lawrenceburg Fair. Cloudy and warm.
- 17 Sunday. Remembered my mother's death. Lord love her soul. Hilda went home. Got the young heifer Blanche's calf that I named Howard up with her calf.
- 18 Turned all the cattle in the back pasture except Carrie into the big pasture on account of failing water. Rained showers this morning—cleared.
- 19 Some German books from Jamie came. Did n't write in this till the 24th.
- 20 Hot.
- 21 Dick attended to the 3 calves Amy's, the one I got from Dick's and Howard's.

- 22 Joe cleaned springs in big pasture. Got 15 lbs. beef. Mr. Walton came to see me about the water in pasture which is giving out. Turned very cool.
- 23 Cool this morning. Joe fixed the springs again, but to no purpose for the water has given out. Mr. Walton (Doll) came again to see about it.
- 24 Sunday—papa's birthday, Lord love his soul. Cool beautiful day. Frank Cutcheon came on his way from Denver from Aurora. Dick gave me 21.45 watermelon money. Took Doll word about cattle.
- 25 Frank went away via Aurora. Doll Walton came and took his steers out. Went up to Mr. Linneus Kelly's and he sent and got his 3 steers (see May 1st). Went to Bellevue pd. Mike Corbin \$40 the balance due on my store bill for 1901 and brought the bill home. He said the bill for this year to date is 109.75. Got letter from Julia. Turned warmer.
- 26 Dick is cutting tobacco on the pike. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Julia and to photographer H. C. Norman Natchez and to N.O. Picayune. Warm.
- 27 Did n't write in this till 29th. Warm and dry.
- 28 The springs are failing still and it remains very dry and dusty. Canned tomatoes.
- 29 Mr. L. Kelly came and paid me 8.40 for pasture for the 3 steers (see May 1st). Sent the heifer I bought of Jesse to be weighed. Mr. Clore sent the weight 630 lbs. It is for me to furnish the beef club for me and Dick Loudon's shares and he is to pay half of it. 3½ got lbs. meat. Dick pd. 1.00 on his half Sep. 5th. Dick and I had the wheat hauled to ship to Cin to . Joe drove the wagon to haul 2 loads. There were 120 sacks—of that Dick let Mike Corbin have 2 sacks and Lum Popham 1. Got letter from Sarah.
- 30 Went to the funeral services of Mr. Moody Sr. who died Thursday. Dick L. brought me .65 for my half of Lum Popham's wheat. Very dusty and dry. Last day of Boone Fair. They got telegrams from Frank about coming.
- 31 Sunday—Patty went to Aurora and Harry with the wagon. Frank and Pauline Ferguson came from N. Y. Very hot dusty and dry.

September

- 1 Rained this morning early, a good rain with heavy showers. Doll Walton wanted to put some sheep in the big pasture till he could make arrangements with them 160 head. Warm and cloudy part of the day. Got letter from Julia and from Picayune about cook book.
- 2 Joe hauled manure and ashes out of yard. He is housing tobacco. Doll Walton sorted out 40 head of sheep which I had turned into the wheat field. I am to pasture them at 12½ cts. a month per head. Clarence Campbell came this evening. Turned cooler. Sent letter to Picayune.
- 3 Dick brought me 4.15 watermelon money. Turned cooler still.
- 4 Sally and Frank went to Cin on the Swan—on account of his eyes. Cooler at 9 P.M. 56° and chilly. Mr. Souther, Sec. of Farmers' M. Ins. Co. of Boone came and told me my house was insured in that Co. news to me. Did n't write in this till 7th.
- 5 Got telegram sent from Aurora by Mr. Downie from Sally in Lexington saying that Joe Humphrey's wife had died the night before and that Sarah had gone to Nashville. Cool. 46° at sunup. Got beef 8 lbs. I think.
- 6 Got by mail another telegram from Sally saying they would leave this morning for York Harbor Maine. Not so cool 56°. Patty went to Burlington to send Frank's mail, among them a letter I wrote yesterday to inclose his telegrams. We put up tomatoes.
- 7 Sunday, at sunup 52°. Patty, Isabella, Pauline and Clarence with Harry started off on a driving trip towards Lex. I went to the church with Hilda and afterwards to the funeral of Bob Clore in the new cemetery. It was dusty and warm.
- 8 Warm—went over to the pasture springs and Hilbert cleaned out two. A telegram was brought from Aurora for Frank on law business. Fanny went to L.

- 9 My dear mother's birthday. I rise up and call her blessed. Rained a little early and turned cool. Got letter from Sally in Lex. and from Patty at Warsaw. Sent to P.O. by Joe West letter to Sally and package of mail for Frank telegram letters, &c. Beautiful but chilly. Letter came from buddy for Patty which I read as directed, letters for all three. Sent letters that came for Clarence to Amy to-day.
- 10 46° at sunup. My darling little sister's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Dick and Joe both housing tobacco. Got letter from buddy on business, also telegram from Patty in Frankfurt Sep. 9 and letter from Sue and photograph from Norman Natchez. Hilda came.
- 11 Went to Bellevue—took Hilda to church, went to see Mike Corbin about the wheat he shipped for Dick and me and got the bills. The wheat weighted 13260 lbs. = 221 bus. and brought 67¼ a bus. = 149.73. Expenses came to 9.46 leaving 140.27 to be divided. I left mine with Mike Corbin till further notice. Dick said he got his half. The men began to cut Joe's corn in sand field. Saw C. Burns about fixing windows in tobacco house. Got letter from Patty at Frankfurt and from Sally and one from buddy for Patty.
- 12 Rained off and on all day—a cold rain 57° at 9 P.M. Got letter from Clarence C. in Cin. Sent letters to Patty, to Sarah and to buddy on business. Got beef lbs.
- 13 Doll Walton came and gave me a check on Boone Co. Bk. for \$48.95 for pasture for his 13 head of steers (see May 2nd and Aug. 25th). Went to Bellevue, got telegram from Patty and letter from Frank. Sent letter to Norman and returned photograph for exchange. Joe said he and the Hall boy had cut corn 1¼ day. At 9 P.M. 46°.
- 14 Sunday—38° at sunup and frost. Went to church with Hilda.
- 15 38° sunup, saw some frost. Took Hilda to Burlington and brought her back. Went to the Bank and a young boy, a Gaines probably, cashed my check (see 13th) for 48.95 and I took it and went to the Sheriff's office and young Allphin gave me my tax receipt for \$70.30. Beautiful bright day. Joe finished housing his tobacco, has already stripped some.
- 16 At sunup 41° warmer to-day. Charlie B. came out to put windows in the tobacco house by Dick's. Had Siegra and Howard turned into the big pasture. Joe worked for me cut corn and hauled wood and went to Bellevue for flour and salt. The Picayune cook books came.
- 17 48° at sunup. Turned warmer. Joe cut corn in brick yard bottom till noon then dug his potatoes in the garden. Got telegram and two letters from Patty and letter from buddy on business.
- 18 55° at sunup. Cloudy and rained at evening. Got telegram from Patty at Georgetown.
- 19 Rained at night and misted rain most of the day. Patty, Isabella, Pauline and Harry got back this evening from the trip to-day. Shakertown, Woodford, &c. Got beef again.
- 20 Dick went to Mr. Roland's and got 25½ bus. seed wheat at .70, \$17.85. Mr. Roland came and I paid him 17.75 and he told me to pay for the weighing, but I concluded to take the .10. M. J. Corbin paid me \$10 of the wheat money, see 11th. Sent by Patty to Burlington letters to Sally and Sue.
- 21 Sunday—went to church with Hilda. She went home later. Warm day.
- 22 Went to see Mr. Lavell and Mrs. Marshall baptized—river clear, low and lovely. Turned Amy in big pasture. Patty said my hams she sent to N. Y. came to 21.75 she paid me 20. Later the 1.75. Cloudy and warm, sprinkled. Sent letter to Julia.
- 23 Joe West put my part of the potatoes he raised in the garden in the wine cellar. Hot day, sprinkled sometimes.
- 24 Rained at night and in the morning. Got telegram from Sarah and I went to Erlanger to meet her but she did n't come.
- 25 Doll Walton took out the sheep from the big pasture 40 head for Will Botts. Went up to Burlington but no Sarah came. Rained off and on light showers. Joe was moving his tobacco which is house burning some.
- 26 Rained last night, cloudy to-day. Mr. Andy Acra came and got 20.50 that Will Botts left here with me for him yesterday. Got a letter from Sarah saying she could n't come. 5 moonflowers opened tonight.

Joe and Cleveland worked fixing the fence and water gap in the pasture on mud road. Got beef lbs. Clara Smith came out.

- 27 Went to R. Sun to bank—got Mr. Perkins to give me a draft on N. Y. for \$30 and put in a letter to Sally and put in P.O. there, returning this to Sally. Went to see Aunt Eliza paid Mag. in full for her till Oct. 4th. Paid Gibsons 6.00 for pump. See Aug. 1st. It rained as I was coming home. M. J. Corbin paid me 30. of the wheat money (see 11th and 20th).
- 28 Sunday. Rained some. Ernest and Frances dined and she stayed.
- 29 Patty, Isabella, Pauline and Julia went on the Swan. Patty to start Pauline from Cin to St. Paul and the others to N. York. Telegram from Frank came later, not urgent. Foggy morning. Ernest came for Frances. Joe and Cleveland worked cut corn and hauled rails to fix pasture fence on mud road. Doll Walton turned two-year-old heifers in there. Sent letter to Sarah by Patty.
- 30 Raining and rained nearly all day. Ernest came to get and bring wagon. Patty came home on Swan—said she put Isabella and Julia on the train yesterday and this morning got a telegram that they had arrived in N. Y. and Sally and Frank met them. Also that Pauline had arrived in Chicago. Patty saw a white pelican on a barn.

October

- 1 Cloudy all day. I think Joe cut corn.
- 2 Dick got his hogs 9 head out of the back pasture where he put them July. I put mine 6 in the fattening lot, one did not come down. Joe and Cleveland worked they hauled rails and fixed the hog lot fence and hauled some sand before noon they cut corn. Harry took Cy and Kitty to be shod. Got letter from Nat'l. Met. Bk. Washington with check for 16.00 dividend also letters from Julia and Sue. Chilly and very damp.
- 3 Charlie Burns came and worked—fixing the kitchen hearth and grate stone and patching floor. Joe helped him and also hauled flooring from the river. Got letter from Sally. Went to Bellevue and got the balance on the wheat money, see Sep. 11 20-27. The check was:

	140.27
3 4/5 bus. Mike took	<u>2.35</u>
	2)142.62
	71.31
	<u>40.00</u>
Mike Corbin paid me bal.	31.31

No one worked for me warmer. Got letter from Pauline.

5. Sunday—chilly cloudy day.
6. Charlie Burns came and worked and Joe helped him. They put a floor in Dick's kitchen, patched stall door, put hinge on barn crib door and tinkered around. Cloudy and chilly.
7. Charlie Burns came and worked. Joe helped him. They put a new platform on the barn cistern and tinkered generally. I settled with him in full to date. He paid for the paint he got. Not so chilly 47° at sunup and bright day. Patty rode to Ernest's.
8. Heavy fog and then a beautiful day. Joe cut corn in the garden and weeds round wire fence. Went to B. with Patty. Hilda in Covington. Got all the 7 hogs in the fattening lot.
9. Beautiful day. Got letter from Susie T. Joe cut corn till noon, then cut trees off sand field.
10. Joe stripped tobacco to-day. No one worked for me. Dick Loudon hauled in the potatoes and I let him have my half 17½ bus. at .35 a bus. Paid Cleveland for beef again, cutting corn 8.25.
11. Turned out Lucy's calf to wean—it was found April 7th. Settled with Flave and Lee Omer for their cutting corn. Flave had 58 shocks at 7 cts and it came to 4.06. Lee Omer had 108. He had received 3.00 and got 4.69. Dick said I only owed him for 16 shocks. Sent by Joe West order on Gibson for cutter for plough and saw set. Pd. April 17, 1903. Cloudy and warmer.

- 12 Sunday.
- 13 Went with Patty to see Louise West baptized by the Christian preacher also Mr. Lowell. Rained and blew hard that night and like April this morning. Joe stripped tobacco. Turned cooler.
- 14 39° at sunup, cool wind. Patty went to Cin. Harry took her to Aurora. Sent letter to Sally by her. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Sally and Julia. Joe shucked in his corn. Dick hauled me a load of corn to the lower crib. He began to sow wheat. I forgot that yesterday Patty shipped 6 of my hams and paid me 19.75.
- 15 39°—bright day. Joe hauled the little crib 2 loads of corn. Dick is putting in wheat. Patty came home on the Swan. I got note from Sally W. Ernest and his family came to supper.
- 16 Warmer. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Sally Woolley. Did n't write in this till 19th.
- 17 Beautiful total eclipse of the moon last night. It rained and blew at dark but cleared off and the night was fine. Warmer. Went for Sally Woolley but she did n't come. Joe hauled me 2 loads of corn to the crib. Pd. H. from 3rd to 17th.
- 18 Patty went after Hilda who came down. Got letters from Sarah and Julia. Sally Woolley came down on the Swan. Warm, beautiful weather.
- 19 Sunday. Hilda went to church and after dinner went home. The last few days have been strange weather for this time of year—warm and at night the katydids sing like summer. Did n't write in this for two weeks.
- 20 Patty, Sally W. and I went to Cin. via Aurora and I went to Julia's and Patty to Annie Anderson's to visit. I went with little Julia to see Joe Jefferson twice in Rip Van Winkle and in the Rivals. The 22nd I went to lunch at Jenny Anderson's with Annie A., Sally W. and Patty. The 23rd I went with Julia to lunch at Mary's and Patty and Sally W. came home. Fanny came home.
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- 24 I came home via Aurora and on the Swan. The weather was perfect this week, warm and beautiful. I found a letter from Sally.
- 25 Patty and Sally W. went to Burlington and I sent by them letter to Julia. Joe said that he and Cleveland worked 5 days getting wood.
- 26 Sunday. Went to Burlington for Hilda who came home with me.
- 27 Went to Bellevue twice once to meet Louly who did n't come.
- 28 Sally W. went to Aurora, telephoned and returned. Louisiana Gibson Maxfield and Mr. Howard Flanagan came on the Swan. It turned cool.
- 29 Cold 34° and ice on bucket of water. Mike said it was 31° at Bellevue. Patty and her company all went to Big Bone. Stayed chilly.
- 30 Cool morning and rained a little. Patty and Sally W. came home from Walton and Louisiana came back on the Swan.
- 31 Mr. Graham came via Aurora, got here to breakfast. Later I took Hilda home and brought back a tin box of papers she wished me to keep for her. Warmer and beautiful weather. This month of Oct. has been lovely. Flowers are blooming, the grass is green and the air mild and delightful. It is hard to keep up one little fire and the house is open all day. We have had unusual vegetables corn and field beans delicious.

November

- 1 Sally W. and Louisiana went away on the Swan. Warm and beautiful.
- 2 Sunday. Lovely day. After dinner Mr. Graham went away via Aurora. Patty went to Ernest's and walked home.

- 3 Harry returned via R. Sun. It was cloudy and sprinkled but turned out beautiful. I went to Bellevue, got letters from Julia and Sally W. Joe buried my cabbages, then worked for himself shocking corn. Put a load in the crib, said it made 9.
- 4 Patty went to Aurora on her way to Cin. and St. Paul. Harry drove the spring wagon. It was a beautiful day, Election day. Joe hauled 1 load of corn to the crib. Went to Bellevue, two letters came for Patty.
- 5 Rained nearly all day, right hard at times. Harry shipped on the Swan a barrel to Sally Woolley, in it were shoulders of mine 42 lbs. and hams 43 lbs. He also shipped 3 boxes of empty bottles (Big Bone) to A. McLaughlin, Hamilton. I picked over apples.
- 6 Mild and cloudy, the men stripped tobacco. Harry cleaned chicken house. We had for dinner tomatoes, corn and cornfield beans out of the garden, all good. I saw strawberries in bloom. Went to B. got my watch that Mike brought me from Cin. also letters from Patty in Chicago and Susie Tew. Told Patty to forward 3 letters to Patty. [?]
- 7 Mild pleasant day. Harry planted the onions I got of Mrs. Corbins. Dick put a load of corn in the lower crib, said it was the 3rd he had put there. Joe was stripping tobacco.
- 8 Sent little note to Henry L. got tel from Patty. Turned out the calf I got of Dick to wean and turned Amy and calf out together. Got letter from Patty at St. Paul, the telegram was from there too. No one worked for me. Bright pretty day. Dick said he put another load of corn in big crib.
- 9 Sunday 34° at sunup. Turned beautiful. I have been out bare headed and handed gathering nasturtiums and cosmos flowers for vases. A wonderful fall.
- 10 Turned Amy's shorthorn steer calf into the back pasture and the Dick calf with her and the one that is her own. Sent Harry to Doll Walton's and he got ½ bus. rye. Showers this morning. Went to B. and stopped by the Arnold's. Warm. No one worked for me.
- 11 Joe was bulking his tobacco in the barn. Dick put a load of corn in the lower crib. Went to B. put letter to Patty in P.O. got one from Sue. Went to Mrs. Doll Walton's. Warm as spring, let fire go out.
- 12 No fire to-day. Sent Harry to have Alan and Tom shod. Dick put 2 loads of corn in the back part of the little crib. Harry got another ½ bus. of rye from Doll Walton and Joe and Cleveland worked ½ day and put it in. Got note from Hilda.
- 13 Summer still. Morning glories in bloom and strawberries. Sent letters to Sally and Hilda. Got one from Mr. Graham. Went to B. Sent Harry to mill for sawdust. Joe put 1 load of corn in the little crib.
- 14 Joe finished gathering corn put a part of a load in the crib. Dick put one in and said he put one in yesterday. Went to B. got letter from Patty. Warm and windy and rained a little after dark. Had a beautiful blue morning glory to-day. The flowers are in full bloom nasturtiums and cosmos and one rose. We had corn tomatoes and cornfield beans for dinner.
- 15 Went to Burlington for Hilda who came with me—put letter for Patty in P.O. there. Got pictures of Mr. Graham and daughter. Lovely warm day.
- 16 Sunday. Turned out the calves of Louise and Pink to wean. After Hilda got back from church, it rained and kept on.
- 17 Still raining—dark day. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia and J. Wilkinson Elliott Springdale, PA about the roses Mr. Graham sent.
- 18 Took Hilda back to Burlington to get ready to start for Phil. Brought home her little box of papers. Stopped to see Miss Sadie Kirtley. Sent Harry to B. and he brought the box of rose roots out. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 19 Got letter from Patty written Monday saying buddy had had two more attacks. Cloudy but turned bright. Planted the rose bushes Mr. Graham sent me 15 I think. Sold Mr. Conner 4 turkeys that came to 4.57. He paid me 5.00 and is to get a turkey or chickens for the rest next trip. Did n't write in this till the 24th.
- 20 Lovely bright warm day. Packed boxes for Sally. Think I sent letter to Patty.

- 21 Rather cloudy but pleasant. Went to Aurora and sent Sally by B & O 4 boxes. Put the receipt for them in a letter and put it in P.O. there. Sally got boxes Dec. 2. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Sally.
- 22 Rained last night and nearly all day. Mr. Rouse and Mr. Riddell stopped to see about telephone poles—no one worked for me this week.
- 23 Sunday. 32° at sunup and ice on milk jar. Flowers partly frostbitten.
- 24 Raining—and rained all day.
- 25 Did n't rain. Cloudy and cooler. Sent letters to Patty, Julia, Belle R., Mr. Graham and T—D. Got letters from Patty and Hilda in Haddonfield.
- 26 Rained all day and seemed chilly. Towards dark flakes of snow flew.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day. 34° and snowing. Had the crêpe myrtles put in the cellar. This evening sent letters to Sally and Sarah. Got letter from Patty.
- 28 Saw ice on the water barrel—sun came out but it was chilly. Went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. Got letter from Mr. Graham.
- 29 Raining again I think. Disagreeable wind. Got letter from Jamie T.
- 30 Snowed this morning that melted, was chilly and gloomy. Sent letter by Harry for Hilda. Dr. W. came to see Ruth again.

December

- 1 28° at sunup. Sent letters to Patty, Mrs. Brown and Mary Cochran. Sent Kitty and Alan to be shod. Got letters from Patty and Sally and photograph from Isabella. Joe West worked getting ready for hog killing. I went to Bellevue and to McVille to see little Julia Aikin. Aunt Susan came down on the Swan. Blanche has a calf b. red and white with white face.
- 2 Misting rain early—about noon set in to rain hard and rained till night then a hard wind blew. I had my 7 hogs killed. They had been fattening two months. Joe and George R. helped. Dick L. killed 9. Had Flave and Jess and Elbert helping. Flave helped my hands for a lardbucket. The branch and creek were up and it was a dreadful day for such work but was rather cool.
- 3 Joe cut up meat and salted it, quit to bulk a little tobacco. I went to B. took letter for Patty, got one from her and from Julia. Got barrel of flour at Corbin's 4.40—Joe's barrel 3.90.
- 4 Mr. Tom Sandford came out and tried out the lard. Joe helped cutting up fat, &c. Lily Grant came to tell me goodbye. Sent Harry down with spareribs and 4 backbones for Tom Clore to sell and to get the work horses shod. He brought me a letter from Isabella and one from Sally Woolley with check for 24.50. She said 9.60 belonged to Ernest for hams she got of him. I went to B. afterwards and Tom Clore cashed the check. I went up to Ernest's and paid him the 9.60. The balance 14.90 she sent me for hams and shoulders see Nov. 5th. It was raw and chilly and after dusk it sleeted. This is my precious own's birthday. I woke up in the dark thinking about and have been thinking of her all day. This is the day she and Isabella were to start for St. Paul.
- 5 There was snow last night, the ground is white 32°. Cloudy and chilly all day. I made sausage, Harry helped. No one worked for me. Doll Walton took his 10 heifers away.
- 6 32° bright and cool. Sent Harry to ship 2 buckets of sausage meat to Julia and Sally W. via Swan. Got letter from Sally saying they expected to start for St. Paul yesterday and that the boxes got there the 2nd. Went to Betty's. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Sent to P.O. by Harry letter to Sally written 4th.
- 7 Sunday. Rather pleasant.
- 8 18° here and Harry said it was 13° in Bellevue. Aunt Susan started home on the Swan. Got letters from Patty and Sally in Chicago also invitation from Gen. and Mrs. Bates to the wedding reception of Texas (Miss Henrietta) to Mr. Dunn McKee for the 2nd. Also some French books from Patty and Pauline. Sent Joe to haul the coal from Tom Clore, he hauled 82½ bus. at .13 = 10.73 and Tom credited me with 4.05 for the bones he sold.

- 9 24° and bright and cold all day. Went to Rising Sun. Paid Margaret 10. for Aunt Eliza's board. Went to see Julia Aikin. Got announcement cards of the marriage of Willa Voorhies daughter Mary Howard and Mr. Wm. Francis Voorhies Dec. 3. Joe said he worked hauling fodder.
- 10 39° misted rain all day. Charlie Burns came out and worked mending the plate of the sheep cellar shed, the manger of a stall, my trunk and tinkering in general. Joe helped him and quit at 1.30 to bulk tobacco.
- 11 Raining off and on. Doll Walton came and paid me the pasture for the 10 head of heifers (see Sep. 29). He took them off pasture the 5th. Two months and 6 days came to 16.50 he deducted 1.94 that was owing the beef club and gave me a check on Boone Co. D. Bk. for the balance 14.50. Went to B. and McVille. Got letters from Sally in St. Paul and from Julia.
- 12 Perfectly horrid day, cold, steady rain. Sent letters to Sally and Sally W.
- 13 Cloudy and chill—disagreeable. Sent letters to Mrs. Bates, Julia and Belle R.
- 14 Sunday—sunless, cold with a keen wind, very disagreeable. After dusk sleeted.
- 15 Raining, rained all day. Creek over bottom in places. Cold and disagreeable. Got letter from Julia.
- 16 Went to B. Took the check from Doll Walton (see 11th) to Mike Corbin, endorsed it and left it with him till he could cash it. Sent letter to Julia, got one from her. Wind blew hard turning colder, horrid.
- 17 Sun came out and it was a bright day. Got letters from Hilda and Patty. Harry went down and got the package Patty sent by Ex. with his clothes, &c. Joe said he hauled fodder.
- 18 31° at sunup, bright, mild day. Went to Bellevue, river high. Sent letter to Country Gentleman (Luther Tucker & Son) Albany N. Y. with P.O. order for 1.50 to pay my sub. for next year. Got from Mike Corbin the money 14.56 on the check I left there (see 16th) and put in P.O. letter to Isabella with 5.00. Also sent letters to Patty and Hilda. Found strawberry flowers. Joe hauled manure from stalls and fixed wire fence above clover field. He said Cleveland worked ¼ day.
- 19 Mild and cloudy. Went to Bellevue and to the funeral of Robert Henry Ingram. Put in P.O. letter to Julia L with 2.00. Got letters from my Sally and Sally W.
- 20 Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Got two letters from Julia. It rained towards night and all night perhaps.
- 21 Sunday. It is thirty years since papa died. Lord love his soul. A gloomy sunless day misting sometimes.
- 22 Made a kettle of soap. Sent a letter to Julia. Got book from Sarah Bayou Triste [by Josephine Nicholls, daughter of Caroline Guion of Terrebonne days] and a photograph of Sara from Lucy. Dull, gloomy weather, still misting rain.
- 23 Sun came out after noon. I went to Bellevue. Borrowed 5.00 of Mike Corbin for Harry, am to pay it as soon as I get my interest (Paid January, 1903). Got letter from Sally in Chicago telling me she sent me a box by Ex. also letter from Sue. Dick said Clay Hensley offered 6 all round for his tobacco and I agreed to take it and he too.
- 24 Sent Harry to the Swan with big bucket of lard to be shipped to Sally Woolley—sent letter to Sue. Got letter from Patty and also some packages of Christmas gifts. It turned colder and snowed some at night. I never forget that my beloved father was buried Christmas Eve.
- 25 Christmas. 18° and skim of snow. Stayed cold all day.
- 26 Sent letter to Sally. 14° at 7 A.M. Snowed a little off and on—got some Christmas gifts, also letter from Mary C.
- 27 18° at 7 A.M. Snowed occasionally. Ernest and Lily and Frances spent the day. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Sunday, chilly gloomy day.
- 29 Snowed last night. Snow looks about 3 inches. Got letter from Sally in Washington, got via Swan a dress from Sally, also low shoes from Patty. Got letter from Hilda. Went to Bellevue. Sent word to Doll Walton about his sheep.
- 30 25° at 7 A.M. 6° at 10 P.M. Clear day.

31 2° below 0 at sunup, saw it 25° above later in the day. Bright and clear. Mr. Johnny Hogan came and offered 6½ all round for Joe's tobacco.