

1904

January

- 1 37° at sunup, warmer and rained a little. Mr. Harry Acra came and got 10 bus. corn and ½ bus. Potatoes—paid me 5.30. We went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin paid me 15. on the check, see yesterday. I put in P.O. a package for Sophie Herrick and letter to Julia. Got telephone message from Julia, also letter from Sally W. Rained towards evening and turned to sleet.
- 2 Ice over everything and ground a glare of frozen sleet. Snowed hard off and on. 20° this morning and later 15°. A horrible day, clear and bitter cold at night. Gave Harry an order on Corbin for 2.50. Sent by him letter to Sally. Got letter from Nat'l Bk. Washington with draft for \$75. and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with draft for 12, also from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. a paper to sign (proxy for voting).
- 3 Sunday. 3° below 0 at sunup. I gave Hilda (Mrs. Brady) the draft for \$75 that came last evening payable to her order, to pay for the 75. she lent me (see Nov. 7th 1903). Hilda went to church and afterwards home. At 3 P.M. 16° above. Sent by her letters to Sally and Sally W.
- 4 4° above 0 at sunup—cold all day. Dick brought Mr. Thomas with a paper about keeping the P.O. that I signed. Sent by Harry letter to Belle R. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Julia Sue and Julia Loving. Sally wrote from Lakewood.
- 5 0 at sunup. Went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin paid me the balance on the check (see 1st) after taking the .20 for weighing the corn 11.05. I met Mr. Clutterbuck and gave him 1.00 to bring me some coffee. Saw in to-day's paper a notice of the death of Hart Gibson, in St. Paul. Got Mike Corbin to witness the proxy to vote stock (see 2nd) and put in P.O., also letter to Sarah.
- 6 10° above 0 at sunup, cloudy and gloomy. Sent letter to Sally with 5.00 and one to Lucy J. inclosing one to Sarah. Got letter from little Julia. Lily came to exchange one of the hams I sent Ernest.
- 7 15° above 0 at sunup, milder and thawed some. Sent letter to little Julia Foster.
- 8 Thawing to-day. Mr. Parsons sent Gilly Wiesikle down to get 20 bus. corn. Mr. Parsons is to pay .50 a bus. in two months. Sent letter to Mary C. and okra to Sue. Got letter from Isabella.
- 9 24° at sunup. Thawed and was bright. Preserved the Colorado melons. Got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 10 Sunday. Gloomy chilly day, sprinkled a little. River still closed.
- 11 29° at about sunup. Sleeted most of the day—perfectly horrid. Sent letter to Julia, got letters from Patty and from Sophie Herrick postal from Hilda and package of towels.
- 12 Another gloomy horrid day—sleeted and rained. Sent letters to Patty, Harriet Y. and Sophie Herrick. Got letters from Sally and Julia.
- 13 Snowing off and on and gloomy day.
- 14 Snowed more last night and turned colder 14° at sunup. Went to Bellevue on the big sled and got barrel of flour. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Sue and calendar. Snowed hard part of the day. 24° at 8.30 P.M.
- 15 Milder and bright, but at sunup 13°. It thawed some. Miss Pearl Botts came and got 2 bus. potatoes paid 1.50.
- 16 Pleasanter. Sent Harry for Hilda who came after dinner.
- 17 Sunday. Hilda went to church and after dinner went home. Sent letter to Sally. Blanche has calf b. with white face and feet and white and red.

- 18 17° at sunup, cold all day. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. Amy Cook came for the hospital bed.
- 19 20° at sunup, moderated. Got letters from Lucy Johnstone and Sally Mallory.
- 20 Cloudy, gloomy day.
- 21 Raining when I got up and rained most of the day, sometimes hard. Got letter from Sally.
- 22 Rained a little and turned colder. Got letter from Julia at Palm Beach.
- 23 30° at sunup and had snowed a skim. Went to see Mrs. Louly Walton.
- 24 Sunday—15° at 8 A.M. cold wind all day. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Ernest brought me Mr. Lanier's (Charles Lanier Winslow, Lanier, & Co. 59 Cedar St. N.Y. for 61.50[]). The hams came to 57.00 and I paid Ernest the expenses, see Dec. 29.
- 25 18° at sunup. Sent letter to Julia, got one from her and from Mrs. Brown. Cold disagreeable day.
- 26 18° snow and wind blowing very hard. The snow was frozen on the window sills so the shutters would n't open—horrid weather. Sent letters to Patty, Mrs. Brown and Lucy J. No mail on account of the state of the river, the first time it has missed this winter.
- 27 8° below 0 at sunup—no mail to-day. Harry says the river is full of ice yet.
- 28 8° above 0 at sunup. Went to Bellevue. The mail came—I got letters from Patty, Sally, Belle R. and Sally W. all [sic] from Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with check for 28.
- 29 Sent letter to Sally—got photograph of Isabella from Patty. Rained some in the middle of the day.
- 30 Gave Joe order for barrel of flour 4.75. Went to see Ty and the swelling on her leg. They say it has been there ten days or more. Fanny told me to-night she was going away before long. Hear steamboat whistle to-night.
- 31 Sunday—did n't write in this till Tuesday.

February

- 1 10° above 0. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Julia. Snowed some off and on.
- 2 34° at sunup—hard wind all day and rained a little and snowed a little and turned cold again. Mr. Eugene Kelly got 5 bus. corn for which he is to pay .50. I got letter from Julia. They say Lou Loudon and Ed Kelly were married to-day in Rising Sun.
- 3 8° above 0 at sunup. Sent note to Sarah. Doll Walton came and I sold him the Hereford stock animal bought of him and old Lucy cow, he is to pay 40 for them.
- 4 7° above 0 at sunup, cold all day. Sent letter to Sally and got one from her.
- 5 32° at sunup—got much warmer thawed and felt as if it might be spring coming. Sent Sally letter, got one from Patty at Lakewood. Doll Walton came and got the Hereford and old Lucy (see 3rd) and gave me his check for \$40. Sent Kitty to be shod.
- 6 Warm and springlike, misted rain in the morning then clear and windy. Went to Burlington, met Mr. Eugene Kelly who paid me 2.50 for 5 bus. corn he got. Went to Bank in B. took the check Doll Walton gave me yesterday \$40 and Ernest's see Jan 24th. Left 90. in bank and got cert. deposit and took the balance 11.50. Paid Mr. Will Riddell 1.50 for Recorder this year. Hilda came home with me, we also went to Bellevue.
- 7 Sunday. Last night there was a rain storm with such thunder and lightning, creeks and branches running over and ground washed badly. Hilda went home after dinner.
- 8 24° at sunup. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Sue and Enid Yandell, Paris. Sent letters to Patty and Sue. Sent by Sandford boy 5.00 to Margaret Marshall.
- 9 24° at sunup, cold all day and keen wind. Got letters from Lucy J. in La. and from Julia. Tom Clore bought 2 bus. potatoes and paid me 1.50. Fanny went to her brother's.

- 10 17° at sunup, keen wind. Sent letter to Sally with Lucy's—got note from little Julia and one from Margaret about A. Eliza. Mr. Smith stopped to ask about corn.
- 11 12° above at sunup, cold all day. I got letter from Sally. Went to Bellevue.
- 12 12° above at sunup, bright day. Mr. Smith from near Burlington came and got the corn at the lower crib a large load probably over 60 lb to be weighed in Burlington. Mr. Sam Hall came and got of the same 25 bus. tubbed and gave me a check for 12.50. Mr. Jim Botts came and got 20 bus. tubbed and paid me 10. Joe West worked till noon anyhow putting hay in rack and helping to sort corn. Sent by Mr. Bob Brady note to Hilda. Mr. Owen Conner came to look at tobacco. Sent note to Julia Foster (little Julia) and got letter from Patty. Heard thick ice had stopped the Swan. Patty's letter was of the 10th and she said she had received from Mr. Carl Taylor the legacy of 10,000 dollars left her by her father.
- 13 Did n't write in this till Monday. Got letter from Mrs. Brown.
- 14 Sunday – Sun came out milder ~~colder again~~. George R. came and attended to the horses.
- 15 Colder again. Sent letter to Patty, got one from her and two from Julia.
- 16 4° above 0 at sunup. Cold all day. Mardi Gras. Sent letter to Julia—got one from Mr. J. E. Smith (see 12th) with weight of the corn he got 55-1/7 bus. and check on Burlington Bk. for 27.32 he having pd. .25 for the weighing out of the corn money. Mr. Bee Walton came to see if he could get corn.
- 17 Bright day 6° above 0 I think. Joe said he and Leeomer were going to saw wood. Got letter from Sally.
- 18 Perfectly horrid day 26° at sunup, sleeted off and on all day and at night snowed. Sent Harry down to Mr. Corbin's for a load of coal 40 bus. Mr. Parsons brought me 10. for the corn he got (see Jan 8th).
- 19 18° above 0 bright. Sent Harry down with letter to Sally and also to Margaret inclosing 2.00 and sent 5.00 to Sandford boy to take her.
- 20 Cold and bright—got letter from Julia.
- 21 Sunday—rained hard most of the day a chilly disagreeable rain. Harry saw Aunt Eliza and brought me a note from Mag.
- 22 Milder, thawed so that the water ran in streams in the pike and washed the hills. Snow and sleet gone off the hills. Went to Bellevue, took Mike Corbin the check Mr. Hall gave me for corn 12.50 (see 12th) and the one Mr. Smith sent 27.32 (see 16th) and paid him for the 40 bus. coal (see 18th) and a bal. of 1.20 on what I bought in the fall (see Oct. 28th) and told him to credit me with 30.00 on my account and he paid me what was left. River high with ice in it and piled on shore and banks muddy.
- 23 Dolly and Pink both have heifer calves. Yesterday Mr. Cason got 1 bus. potatoes and pd. .75. Sent Harry to R. S. with things for Aunt Eliza and 2.00 for Mag. Mild pleasant day. Hilda came down with Zen. Mrs. Mary L. Lillard died this morning. Got letter from Harriet.
- 24 Went with Hilda to Mr. Lillard's in the afternoon. Rather mild. The Swan made a trip Harry said and I heard boats.
- 25 Hilda and I went to Mrs. Lillard's funeral at their house and to the burial in Hilda's lots by the vault. A cold horrid day and snowed a skim, one of the most disagreeable days this winter. Yesterday Harry said Gilly Wiesickle got 1 bus. potatoes and pd. .75. Got letter from Sally and Julia L. Dick and Joe and I sold the tobacco to Messrs. Thompson & Wingate. Joe got 7½ and Dick 7¼ all around.
- 26 Gloomy, chilly day, trying to rain. 28° at sunup. Hilda went home. I sent by her a letter to Sally.
- 27 Milder, and cloudy. Went to Bellevue.

- 28 Sunday. Looked as if it had misted rained a little early, cloudy and gloomy all day, very muddy and mild. Mary Huey and Genie Moody called to see me. Went to see Mr. Fred who is sick.
- 29 Warm and cloudy, rained a little towards sunset. Joe hung the meat—mine on the north side of the smoke house. I went to Rising Sun in a skiff from McVille, to see Aunt Eliza who is low. Sent for Dr. Stevenson who came to see her and said she could not live long. Paid Mag up to last Sat the 27th. Also paid Gibsons to date and got receipt. Got letters from Patty Julia and Lizzie Hodges. Went to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for 28. (see Jan. 28th). I dined at Mr. Will McConnell's in R. S. by invitation.

March

- 1 Mild and spring-like. Went up to Ernest's after dinner and to Bellevue. Mr. Jim Botts pd. me .75 for potatoes. Sent letter to Patty, got one from Sue.
- 2 Cordy Arnold Scott called to see me. I went to see old Mr. Fred again. Joe and Dick each took a load of tobacco to Petersburg. Joe said his weighed 1740 lbs. Dick's . It was a very mild cloudy day after dark showers. I went to Bellevue, took letters to Sue and Julia, got letter from Julia. I stopped at Dell Bott's to see Mrs. Agnes Grant.
- 3 It rained and then cleared and turned colder. Sent letters to Lizzie Hodges and Sally Mallory and note to Pauline.
- 4 20° at sunup, bright day. Joe and Dick hauled tobacco to Petersburg. Sent letter to Sally.
- 5 29° at sunup, bright mild day. Went in the buggy to Petersburg, dined at Mrs. Agnes Grant's. Joe West hauled the last (5th) load of his tobacco and delivered it to Messrs. Thompson and Wingate. Joe West's tobacco 6730 lbs. at 7½ all around came to \$504.75. Mr. M. F. Wingate gave me a draft for the amount on the Farmers & Shippers Leaf Tobacco W. H. Co. Cincinnati, O. Spot cow has a heifer calf red and white, white hind legs and white shield in face.
- 6 Sunday, my birthday. Rained more or less all day, mild. Harry saw Aunt Eliza last night and said she could not speak. Aunt Eliza Hawkins died about 5 P.M. The two Margarets (Marshall & Coleman) told me she died very easy and peacefull[y].
- 7 Went to Bellevue and Mike Corbin told me of Aunt Eliza's death. Margaret had sent word. Came out home and got ready and went to R. S. on the Swan. Went with Margaret to Mr. Steel's and made arrangements about Aunt Eliza's burial. They had set the time for 2 P.M. Tuesday. Was invited to spend the night at Mrs. Will McConnell's and did so. Got letters for my birthday from Patty and Sally and little souvenir from Julia letter from Sue. Rather chilly, river high and rising, drift running.
- 8 After breakfast went to Margaret's again to settle about the burial, &c. and came home on the Swan. Got home at noon. Got letter from Julia. Dick Loudon took his last load of tobacco to Petersburg. His tobacco weighed 6285 lbs. and at 7¼ came to 455.66. Mr. M. F. Wingate gave Dick in his name a draft like mine (see 5th) for 455.60 and gave him a nickle he said. Went around with Joe West to show him about land he wanted to rent to crop. Mr. H. Acra got and paid for ½ bus. potatoes.
- 9 28° at sunup, heard turtledoves, bright mild spring day. Went up in field where Joe is making a plant bed below the woods. Went to Burlington, got Mr. Revill to cash the draft for Joe's tobacco (see 5th). I left 100. of my half in the bank. Went to Bellevue later and paid M. J. Corbin my account in full to date 123.49. Brought back and paid to Joe West his half \$252.38. Went to see Hilda. Put in B. P.O. letter to Sue and in Bellevue P.O. postal to Sally.
- 10 Mild and pleasant. Found Jenny cow with a heifer calf dark red and white, red head with white spot in forehead. Dick Loudon took his draft for tobacco (see 8th) to Burlington and

- brought me a certificate of deposit for \$227.80 my half. Went to see Mrs. Luly Walton. The wind blew hard and towards four P.M. it rained hard. Mr. Jim Gaines got 1 bus. of potatoes pd. .75. Joe was making plant beds. River high.
- 11 36° and snowing fast. Sent for Hilda who came down. Sent letter to Sally. Settlement with Richard Loudon. We had not settled since Dec. 16th, 1899. Dick's work came to 71.87 and he had received in cash orders and sundries 90.23 and he paid me 18.35 in full. There was no mention of pasture. He let me have a calf Aug. 5, 1902 for extra pasture to that time.
 - 12 Mr. H. Acra got and pd. for 2 bus. potatoes G. Wiesickle ½ bus. Disagreeable day. Hilda went to church. I got letters from Julia, Sue and Mrs. Graham inviting me to St. Louis in June. Think Joe helped Mr. Rue haul tobacco.
 - 13 Sunday. Raw chilly day. Hilda went home after dinner. Rained a little at night.
 - 14 Very bad day, wind blowing a gale all day and trying to snow off and on and chilly and rain. Sent letters to Sarah, Sue and Mrs. Graham. Got one from Sue.
 - 15 27° and a skim of snow. Harry hauled coal again 30 bushels. Got letter from Patty and picture cards from Julia. Dull, dark day.
 - 16 32° at 6 A.M. About noon cleared off and was bright and warmer. Joe began to cut hedge after noon. Sent letter to Sally, got one from Julia. Mr. Cason got 4 bus. potatoes pd. 2.00.
 - 17 Mr. Maurer came out and trimmed vines till noon—it rained so he went home after dinner. Joe was cutting hedge this morning. Mr. Kelly sent by Joe White and got 1 bus. potatoes paid .75. Rained harder towards night, a cold rain.
 - 18 Gloomy and chilly. Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter for Isabella with draft for \$12 (see Jan 2nd) also letter to Sally W. Paid Mike Corbin for the coal (see 15th) also W. W. Grant in full to date and sent postal order for garden seeds to Atlee Burpee. Went to see Betty Rice.
 - 19 Above freezing early. Dick attended to the 4 shoats. Mr. Maurer came and trimmed the grapes. It showered after dinner and was a mild spring-like day.
 - 20 Sunday, mild day, seemed spring-like. It rained at night.
 - 21 Mild and pleasant, sprinkled some. Mr. Maurer came and finished the vines. Pd. him in full 2.25. Sent letters to Harriet Young and Julia. Got letters from Patty 2, Sally, Julia and Pauline Ferguson. Patty was sick said she had had tonsillitis.
 - 22 My darling Isabella's birthday. Lord love her, 18. Went to Rising Sun. It was warm this morning and sprinkled before I started but seemed to clear off. After we got to R. Sun in the buggy via McVile there was a rain hail and thunder.
 - 23 Did n't write in this. Had the rose by the house near the cistern dug up divided in three and planted in the yard. Warmer towards evening. Joe cut hedge.
 - 24 Harry took the wagon down for the things I bought at Gibson's. 1 bus. clover seed, a bucket pump, a Syracuse hill-side plough. Got notice from Farmers & Mechanic's Natl. Bk. Wash. about April dividend. I went to Ben Slayback's on Doll Walton's account of his wife Louty's death last night. The Boone paper that came to-day says the smallpox is in Burlington.
 - 25 Wrote to Hilda yesterday. Sent the paper to Patty by mail to go to-morrow. Trimmed roses on porch and others. Warm. The first daffodils are in bloom.
 - 26 Another big rain last night, creek over bottoms again, still raining this morning. Joe sorted potatoes. Everett helping, finished 7.30. Rained till nearly noon. I went to the burial of Mrs. Louty Slayback in the new graveyard. Went on to Bellevue, got the garden seeds from Burpee. Plenty of daffodils in bloom. I found plenty of turkey peas that must have been out a day or two. Saw a butterfly in the woods and heard the frogs to-night. After dark, strong wind with much lightning and after 8 P.M. rain with thunder and lightning. Grass turning green fast. Raining torrents.
 - 27 Much cooler and raw, disagreeable day.

- 28 Sunday 28° at sunup and trying to snow off and on.
- 29 26° at sunup, daffodils frozen stiff and a sprinkle of snow on the ground. Chilly all day and had to keep up a good fire. Got letters from Julia and Sue. Joe was grubbing in the field on the pike and Everett breaking weeds.
- 30 Still cold. Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Went to see Wilber Scott who is very low, he was thrown from his horse Sunday. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Patty and Julia. Dick sowed bus. clover seed on wheat.
- 31 47° and set in to rain. Sent letter to Julia. I heard that Wilber Scott died last night. Hilda telephoned for me to send for her and Harry went after and she came in the rain. It poured most of the day.
- 32 Rained again part of the day. Joe took the old hay rake he broke to Will Grant to mend. Hilda went to Mr. Lillard's. I walked in the woods to see the plant beds. Mild. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Harry said he used up all the wood to smoke meat.

April

- 1 Went with Hilda to Mr. Lillard's to the funeral of Wilbur Scott aged 22. Mr. Atwood conducted the service and the Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebeckah went through their ceremonies and the casket was placed in Hilda's vault. It was a very large funeral, long procession and crowd in the graveyard. Warm in the morning but turned cold and rained. We did n't get home till 5.10. Sent letter to Sally.
- 2 Chilly but bright. Went to Bellevue with Hilda and stopped at Mrs. L. Snyder's to get some plants. Got letter from Patty and one from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for 12.00 dividend. Hilda went home after dinner. I walked to where Dick, Jesse and Leeomer were making a plant bed 90 ft. x 30. Joe was making plant beds, too. The granddaughter of Mrs. Lewis Adams the new postmistress of Grant was in the office.
- 3 Easter Sunday. Ernest and Lily spent the day with me. Chilly day we sat by the fire. Harry took the sow to Doll Walton's.
- 4 Sent to Mike Corbin and got a peck of clover seed. Gave Joe West order on Corbin for the flour. Dick and his hands finished the big plant bed in the woods. I went round the fence on big field on the pike and Harry fired holes. 28° at sunup. Harry took Alan down and had him reshod and a shoe put on Kitty. Got letter from Julia in Clifton. Went to Bellevue to see C. Burns about work. Had rhubarb plants set out that Mrs. Snyder gave me. Joe began to plough in the sand field.
- 5 Charlie Burns came out to crate Patty's table, put in new cistern pump, &c. The pump box was wrong and he could n't put it up and he took it back to return. Mr. Fred grubbed in clover field. Dick ploughed for potatoes below the graveyard.
- 6 Raining and kept up most of the day. Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Got letter from Sally.
- 7 Dick and Joe finished sowing the wheat ground with the peck of clover seed. A bushel and a peck have been sowed on the wheat. Then they repaired the bridge by the sycamore and worked on the fence in the big pasture. Harry shipped Patty's extension table by the Swan care Roll Aikin. Then he went for Charlie Burns who brought up the cistern top and a bale of barbed wire from Gibsons that is to be paid for. Charlie fixed the pump and tinkered. I paid him in full. Got letter from Patty. Mr. Cason got 2 bus. little potatoes, paid me .80. Mr. Fred grubbed in the clover field. Sent letter to Patty by Charlie. Milder day and clear.
- 8 Rained last night and part of to-day. Joe and Dick worked at the big pasture fence. I went to Bellevue, bought garden seeds, &c. Very windy after it quit raining. Harry took down the meat and hung the 10 hams in sacks marked D with black thread. Put the 10 shoulders in

- sacks with a piece of colored paper with the word shoulder 1904 based on them. Put the 10 sides and 5 jowls in boxes in the old smokehouse. The meat looked in perfect condition.
- 9 Most disagreeable day—chilly and rained off and on. Leeomer and Everett sawed ½ day on oak. No one else worked. Joe hung his hams and 2 shoulders in our wine house. Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Mr. A. Acra got 2½ bus. little potatoes pd. 1.00.
 - 10 Sunday—another disagreeable day—cold and rain and raining off and on—even snowed furiously about 11 A.M.
 - 11 My beloved sister Belle’s birthday. Lord lover her sweet soul. Sun came out and it was better, but windy. Joe and Dick worked at the fence in the big pasture and in the bottom. Everett and Leeomer sawed wood in barn lot. Fanny came home. Got letter from Sue. Harry sold 2 bus. potatoes to Mr. Goodrich and Marshall boy got .80. Mr. Fred said he grubbed.
 - 12 Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. A. Rice about line fence. Got letters from Sally, Sarah and Isabella. Sent Harry to get 30 bus. coal, later pd. Mike for it 3.90. Joe was ploughing tobacco ground. Cold and raw.
 - 13 Raw and chilly. Went to Mr. Clyde Berkshire’s and got fruit trees from Stark’s. pd. 2.15. There were 5 that I ordered and 2 small ones thrown in. Planted them on the hill inside of the garden except two plums Gold and Wickson that I put in the front yard. Joe worked ½ day for me ploughing in the garden. I went to see Mr. Rains but did n’t see him about working. Went to tell Mr. Rue about sheep in pasture. Cold all day rained at night.
 - 14 Joe ploughed the rest of the garden before noon. I worked in the yard and garden. Got letters from Julia and Sally W. Bright but chilly.
 - 15 Dick got 10 bus. seed potatoes out of mine. I have sold mine at .75. Sent letters to Sally and Sally W. Harry set out onion sets and cleaned the yard.
 - 16 Cloudy, chilly day
 - 17 Sunday, 28° at sunup and bright. Sue and Margaret came on the Louisville.
 - 18 Still cold and 32°. We three went up to Ernest’s to spend the day to meet Ed and Mrs. Grant. Joe was gone to Cin. Went to B. got letter from Sally.
 - 19 40° at sunup. Chilly. Worked out part of the day.
 - 20 Cold disagreeable day. Got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Julia.
 - 21 34° at sunup. Did n’t write in this till Sunday. Harry cut his leg with the axe.
 - 22 Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Julia.
 - 23 Warm spring day—lovely. Louise has a b. calf white and red. Ernest and Lily stopped by.
 - 24 Sunday. Pleasant and mild. Some fruit trees blooming. Sprinkles of rain.
 - 25 Old Mrs. Eggleston Georgy Loudon’s mother died between 1 and 2 A.M. this morning. She was 8 . Rained hard off and on and turned cooler.
 - 26 Chilly and rainy. Went to the burying of Mrs. Eggleston in the new cemetery and to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty, of the 23rd she said the table got there all right and sent directions about the mare Becky.
 - 27 Rained off and on. Dick said he would try to fix the fence on the mud road. Got letter from Julia saying her Mary was taken with appendicitis Sunday and was very ill. Chilly, disagreeable day. Got letter from Hilda.
 - 28 Went to Burlington and Hilda came home with me. Telephoned Julia. Got letter from Sally and book. Dick and Joe sawed a tree. Cloudy chilly and misted rain sometimes.
 - 29 Got letter from Frank. Sent one to him and to Julia.
 - 30 Got telegram from Frank about sending Becky. Sent letter to him. Dick, Joe and Lee Omer worked in the morning fixing gullies in the barn lot.

May

- 1 Sunday. Hilda went home. Frances Grant came to spend the day and Ernest and Lily came by for her. We heard that Mr. J. W. Gaines was buried to-day.
- 2 Cloudy but mild. Leomer says he has worked 6 days since I pd. him Mar. 28 that he helped fix fence 2 days sawed wood one worked on gully in barn lot ½ and grubbed. After dinner Joe worked on the garden ploughed, laid off and planted corn, cymlin peas, Lima beans and bush beans. Harry set out the rest of the onion sets and planted radish, lettuce, beet, spinach. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Julia and Mary C. Borrowed 5.00 of Mike Corbin.
- 3 Lovely spring day. We went to Hilda's to dine. At the bank I got \$50 of what I had there and my bank book. Sent by Joe 5.00 to Mike Corbin (see yesterday). Got letters from Patty, Julia and Harriet Eckstein. Sent letter early to Mary C. Heard whip-poor-will.
- 4 Harry started before 7 A.M. for Cin to take Patty's mare Becky to Harriet Eckstein's to be sent with her sister's horses to N. York. Sent letter by him to Harriet. Beautiful spring day warm and bright. Got letter from Frank, he says about my taxes in reply "The taxes which were overdue when Judge Flandrau died I paid also the penalties. The taxes that are coming due amount to about \$118." Planted okra. Joe is planting corn in the sand field.
- 5 Harry got home on the boat last night. He left Becky with Harriet's coachman. A warm beautiful day. I with Harry tried to burn off the hillside next Mrs. Rice's across the creek. Harry brought back of Patty's 5.00, 2.46. Got buggy from the shop.
- 6 Warm and lovely. Everett raked the piece of clover across the pike finished at 10.15 afterwards hauled the clover off. Warm. Doll Walton stopped to see about pasture.
- 7 Went for Hilda who came home with me. Went to Bank and got from Mr. Revill a draft on N.York bal. for 120. and put it in a letter to Frank Cutcheon that I put in the P.O. in Burlington. Got Sue's checks cashed. Fanny went to Lawrenceburg. Bright beautiful day. Had crêpe myrtles taken out of the cellar.
- 8 Sunday. Ernest and family dined with us. Hilda went home after dinner. Showery and warm—everything coming out fast.
- 9 Joe worked in the garden till 9 o'clock. Sue and Margaret went away. Harry took them to Aurora ferry as the ferry boat was not running. Fanny came back on the Swan. I went to Bellevue and got the lorgnettes Sally had sent, and a letter from Patty. Joe planted the melons—Hubbard squash and peas. I set out in the garden 10 tomato plants. Showered last night lightly and this morning and turned cooler. Stopped at Mrs. Corbin's.
- 10 Went to Cincinnati via Aurora and to Julia's in Clifton.
- 11 The Musical Festival began. There were 5 concerts ending Sat. night 14th. The weather was cool and lovely—it only rained one night. I went to Dr. Clancy's and his son Dr. Arthur attended to my teeth.
- 12 I got a letter from Sally returning the draft I sent Frank to pay my taxes with (see 7th) Sally saying she had paid them out of her own money. Dick put his heifer on pasture. I also got letters from Patty and Margaret while in Clifton. Dick attended to two calves this week.
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- 15 Sunday. Came home on the Louisville and got home about noon. Bright and chilly.
- 16 Frost this morning in the low grounds the men said. Bright and chilly. Sunday. I got letter from Sue.
- 17 Chilly cloudy weather, went to Bellevue. Sent postal to Julia and letter to Mary C.
- 18 Chilly and misting rain. Got letters from Julia and Mary C. Doll Walton stopped to see about pasture.
- 19 Rainy and cold. Sally sent a copy of the appraisement of her father's estate

Total personal property \$149,347.11
Total Real Estate 31,350.00
Total Appraisalment 180,697.11

- 20 Turned warmer and the sun came out. I planted some hollyhock seeds and Harry planted some beets seed. Doll Walton turned into the big pasture 13 yearlings all with a crop off the right ear. Herefords.
- 21 Sent letter to Sarah by Harry to R. I. Got letter from Julia.
- 22 Sunday. Nina and Mary Cochrane came on the mail boat from Cin. on their way from California. Bright warmer day.
- 23 Sent letters to Julia and to T—D. Went to Bellevue—left with Mike Corbin 10. for Charlie Maurer to get me some hay. Got letter from Julia. Thundered and showered this morning—hot at night.
- 24 Went to Burlington to take Mary and Nina to see Hilda, spent the day. Went to Bank in the courthouse and returned to Mr. Revill the check draft Sally sent back (see 11th) and he credited me with it. Got 60. Thundered and rained in the morning. Turned very warm. Joe went down to Bellevue and got the 10 bales of hay that came on the noon boat.
- 25 Joe worked in the garden till 7 A.M. He furrowed out corn and planted corn, also replanted butter beans, peas, &c. Mr. Raines came to see about ditching. ___ and ___ put his cow in pasture yesterday. We had a good shower or two to-day. Patty went to Ernest's. I got letter from Sally W. Harry planted spinach and radishes. We had a few strawberries.
- 26 Did n't write in this till 31st. Good weather.
- 27 The same. I heard from and wrote and telephoned to Julia.
- 28 Planted flower seeds nasturtiums, also replanted melons, planted cucumbers, &c. Bright pretty day. We have strawberries now. Got letter from Sally.
- 29 Sunday. Very hard rain with thunder towards evening. Watching skin [?].
- 30 Patty started for Cin. on the Daisy. It rained again off and on.
- 31 Raining hard this morning. Patty came home. Did n't write in this till the 16th. Gave Patty check for 35. on B. Bk.

June

- 1 Went to Aurora on the new boat Daisy and got the ____ from there to Lawrenceburg Junction and got the train from Cin. Expecting to have the car ____ to Sally's train from N.Y. at Indianapolis but our train went on ahead and I got to St. Louis near 6 P.M. and Sally an hour later. Mr. Graham came for us and took us to his house 5745 Lindell Ave. where I visited for the first time. We began going to the Fair. I did n't keep an account of the days. Mrs. Graham took us all round the Fair grounds one day in a carriage. It rained sometimes hard and the grounds were muddy part of this week.
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- 5 Sunday. Perfect day. Weather cool for the season. Mr. Graham took us to dine at his Country Club. Beautiful. We went to Mr. Brookin's house by invitation to see it and his portrait by Zorn.
- 6 Began going to the Fair again. Beautiful cool weather.
- 7 Mary Castleman says she began to work for me. I got Mr. Graham to cash a check for me for 20. on the Burlington Bk. one day this week. Little Julia F with Polly and Henry L. were in St. Louis for the Fair and telephoned us twice.
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- 10 Pink Hamilton (Mrs. Louis Bailey) came to see us. We went to the Fair for farewell. I left on the 8 P.M. train and Sally was to leave at 11 for N.Y. after a most agreeable visit and the Fair's finish. Had a comfortable trip home. Hilda came down this week.
- 11 Got off at the Junction and went down to Aurora. Patty met me there and we came home in the buggy. Fanny Strader was off on her bridal trip. Came home Mrs. John Lee. Mary was installed as cook with her frost bitten Arthur as _____. Patty had taken up the dining room carpet and put down new matting. The girls were cheerful, the flower seeds up and home seemed sweet. Found letters from Sue and Fanny G. and law papers from Supreme Court of Lawrence Co. N.Y. about Macomb purchase.
- 12 Sunday. Perfect day. Ernest and Lily called.
- 13 Will Arnold put in the big pasture 18 head of three year old steers—4 black, 2 roan and 12 red—all _____. Found Howard and a red heifer with calves. See calf list in this book. Had some cherries picked on shares.
- 14 Canned cherries. Fanny and her family left on the evening boat for Ripley O. Turned warmer.
- 15 Patty left for N.Y. and Nina & Mary Cochrane for Austinburg O. all on the Swan. Found Amy with heifer calf white and red with white legs and face and head. Harry took Belle R. to Mr. Conner's—he had brought his horse here before. Hard rain towards evening.
- 16 Rained hard again off and on till noon. Joe went for plants and was setting. Cy had a bad spell of colic after noon, very sick had him ____ with whisky. Got letter from Patty and postal from Sally. Turned cool towards evening.
- 17 Did n't rain. The men were setting tobacco. Mary went to Aurora with Ethel. I sent letters to Sally and Julia—got one from Hilda. Harry took the cart to Mr. Grant.
- 18 Ernest brought 3 hams that he said were Patty's and I marked them for her and had them hung up with mine. Sent by him letter to Sue. Got letter from Patty on the train and from Julia. Let Dick have 5.00 to pay his setters. Hot and felt like another rain.
- 19 Sunday. Rained off and on and was warm.
- 20 Found the heifer of Blanche named her Nancy with a calf white and red 3 white legs and a white foot and white head and ____ &c. Sent Harry for Hilda and letter to Mr. Brown. Hilda came down. Harry took Belle to Mr. Conner's and left her there. Then Harry went to Uncle Jake's for sweet potato plants and got a few. I went to Bellevue with Hilda got letters from Patty and note from Mrs. Graham. I had in the garden tomatoes, peppers &c. and Harry hoed a little. Towards 10 P.M. it began to rain again.
- 21 Rained hard last night with heavy thunder. Harry set out the rest of the sweet potato plants, went for mail. Got dress pieces from Sally. After dinner Hilda went down to see the men about her vault. Later I went to see Mrs. Williamson who is sick. Warm day.
- 22 Hilda and I went to call at Ernest's. We went to Bellevue later and saw Mrs. Williamson. Sent early note to Mrs. Graham. Put in P.O. letters to Sally and Lucy Johnstone. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Turned cool.
- 23 60° at sunup. Joe worked in the garden till 9 A.M. Everett also ploughed up weeds some. Harry and Arthur planted corn, replanted it, planted crowden peas, hoed things, &c. Dick Loudon got from Bee Walton 20 lbs. navy beans at 250 a bus. Had turned into the big pasture 12 steers, 1 of 1901—9 of 1902 and 2 of 1903. Heard that Mrs. Williamson died this morning. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 24 Harry went to mill in Petersburg and got meal and chickenfeed. We went to Bellevue and to Dr. Williamson's. Got letter from Patty. Wind blew very hard and it sprinkled. Hilda went home with Susie Walton.
- 25 Hot day. Hilda came home this evening. I set up some cabbage and pepper plants.

- 26 Sunday. Hilda went home this evening. I sent by her letter to Sally and Patty and a paper and a letter that came for Patty.
- 27 Looked like rain. I worked and weeded all the nasturtiums. Harry set out some cabbage plants and a row of tomatoes. It sprinkled and at 10.30 began to rain right hard, a chilly rain that lasted for hours. Got letter from Sarah and note from Lily Grant.
- 28 Rained hard again part of the day. I trimmed melons, &c. Went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letters to Patty inclosing Sarah's to Julia to Sally W. and to Rubber Store with 1.00 for can rubbers. Got letters from Patty inclosing one from her step, from Sue and from Silas and his wife with invitation. Went to see Mrs. Louly Walton in Bellevue and to Florence Clore's to see Betty.
- 29 Pleasant day. Lily and Frances Mrs. Lizzie Graves and Betty Rice spent the day with me. Rained a little at bedtime.
- 30 Raining hard at 5 A.M. and appears to have rained during the night. The day my beloved sister Belle died, Lord love her sweet soul. Got letter from Patty. Went to see Mrs. Louly Walton. Got letter from Lucy and the wrong can rubbers.

July

- 4 Sent by Harry letters to Belle R. and Laura D. Went to Bellevue—got letters from Patty and Mary Cochrane. Sally moved last week to Long Island. Dick cut wheat. Joe and Mrs. West went away to a funeral. It looked like a storm and sprinkled. I hoed flowers, egg plants and peppers.
- 5 Rained a little in the morning—was cloudy most of the day. I had the garden ploughed and hoed and some beans planted in corn. Went to B. later. Warmer.
- 6 Joe came back this evening. Mr. Rogers came after his hogs that were here. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Mrs. Brown and T—D.
- 7 Harry hoed in garden and planted some beans in corn. I planted 2 hills cucumbers. Sent letter to Patty and one that came for Nina C. Got letter from F & M. Natl. Bk. with draft for \$56.
- 8 Harry planted the last corn in the garden and some bunch beans. He took Alan to be shod, Mr. Grant put 3 shoes on. Harry brought back Patty's cart that Mr. Grant fixed. It was very hot to-day and there was thunder lightning and a shower after sundown. Lily stopped by. I went to R. Sun on the Daisy. Got Mr. Perkins to cash my three drafts (see 2nd and 7th) and left 30. in Bank. Put letter for Julia in P.O. and package for Mary C. in Grant P.O. Got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 9 Went to Burlington and pd. the Sheriff B. B. Allphin my taxes \$70.65 and got receipt. Hilda came home with me. Sprinkles of rain occasionally. I pd. Hilda 10. she let me have when she was down before.
- 10 Sunday. Warm and looked like rain.
- 11 Hilda went home right after breakfast. Mary was gone to see her sick sister. Joe worked for me for a wonder—he fixed machine and cra_____—cut the little piece of clover and cut rye. Dick worked ½ day in rye and Leeomer too—and Everett ½ day. I went to George and Jack Coons and they worked ½ day too in rye. Arthur also helped.
- 12 Mary came back. It is cloudy and sprinkled. Dick, Leeomar, Joe, Everett, George and Jack Coons and Mr. Rains worked. Arthur ½ day. They finished cutting rye by noon. I paid Mr. Rains 3.00 and he gave me back 2.00 for pasture. It cleared off and was warm and breezy. Got letters from Patty & Julia.

- 13 Went to Doll Walton's and engaged of him a Hereford stock animal full blood but not registered at 35.00. Doll says he was 2 years old July 4th. Will Arnold took his cattle out to-day and brought me his check for 18.00. Got letter from Sally and T—D.
- 14 Sent Harry and Arthur for the 'animal' and they had a lively time with him. Turned him over in the big pasture with the milk cows and Howard. Turned Blanche's and Pink's calves out to wean.
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- 16 Went to Burlington after Hilda. Went to Bk. and got Mr. Revill to cash the check Will Arnold gave me (see 13th). Put in B. P.O. letters to T—D. and to Mary C. Hot and looked like rain but no rain. Got letter from Patty.
- 17 Sunday. Hilda went down to the river and took the boat for Carrollton. Very hot.
- 18 Very hot day. Sent Harry down to get a barrel of flour and have Cyclone shod.
- 19 Sent Harry to Mr. Conner's for Belle R. Mr. Conner sent word that I owed 1.50 for pasture. Remembered this day as ever. Got letter from Patty saying they had had letters from Carl Taylor Mrs. F's lawyer [sic] and she had made the division she promised. Also got letters from Julia and Fanny Lee. Very hot day—thundered but cleared as usual.
- 20 Sent Harry with letters to Patty, Sally and Kohmascher's with 1.00 for can rubbers. Had turned in big pasture Dolly, Jersey, Nancy and Fanny and their calves. Went to see Mr. Cason about Carl's colt for Patty. Harry went to clean out springs in big pasture. Hot and dry.
- 21 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letter from Kohmascher's with can rubbers. Put up blackberries. Harry got a little wood. It looked like rain with heavy thunder but only sprinkled or a very light shower. Hot.
- 22 Cloudy and foggy in the morning. Harry ploughed the corn &c. in the garden and Arthur hoed. Not so hot.
- 23 62° at sunup.
- 24 Sunday. Cool day. Still very dry. Sent letter to Sue.
- 25 55° at sunup. The sow has 6 pigs a motley group. I think 4 are sows. The sow looked as if she would die. Did n't write in this till Thursday. Went to Bellevue—paid Will Grant's bill 12.15 and got Patty's bill 8.70—and letter from Patty.
- 26 Went to Mr. Cason's and told Mrs. Belle Cason that Patty would take Carl's colt at 100. and she said all right. Got letter from Sarah. Sent Patty letter.
- 27 Flora brought the quilt Katy made for Sue for me to send to Sue. I had the sow and pigs put in a pen.
- 28 Had a little shower in the night and some showers this morning. Joe worked for me to-day Dick ½ day. Joe began to cut briars in vineyard and then they fixed fence in barn lot &c. Will Arnold's cattle were taken off to-day. He got 5 cts. Got postal from Hilda and letter from Sally Woolley—Pointe a Pic. P. of Quebec.
- 29 Went to R. Sun on the Daisy. Went to Bank and got from Mr. Perkins my 30. (see 8th) pd. Joe 13. for the children's milking from Jan 3 to Aug 3 of 1904—am to pay him 1.00 more on it. Got letter from Patty and Harry got one from her about the Cason colt. Sent Harry up for him and he brought the colt down. † His name is Hector—he is black with hind feet white—a white dot in forehead, blaze in face with a right white spot in blaze on his nose.
- 30 Bright and breezy—still drier. Got letter from Sally. Paid Joe the 1.00 on the milking to Aug. 3rd.
- 31 Sunday. Hilda came home on the mail boat at night. Sent by Harry letters to Julia, Nina C. and Sue. Oppressively hot. George R. came and they drove Patty's colt. Had the sow and pigs turned out of the pen.

August

- 1 I do not forget that my beloved Patsy has been a widow nine years. Lord love his soul. Hilda went home. I sent letter to Sarah. Very hot, cloudy but no rain. Put some of the hams in clean sacks.
- 2 Went to Ernest's after dinner, got letters from Julia & Sue, in Bellevue. Put in letter to Belle R.
- 3 Harry cleaned out spring in calf lot and reset the barrel. He took Patty's colt Hector to be shod and had a shoe put on Kitty. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Cloudy but no rain.
- 4 Went to look at water in pasture. Harry cleaned out springs. After dinner he went to R.S. Joe cut weeds in vineyard and went to cherry hill to see about cattle. Clouds but no rain again.
- 5 Joe and Dick worked for me. They set a cask tub in the spring in the bit pasture and fixed the fence on cherry hill on Doll Walton's line. Harry got a bale of wire at Al Roger's. The drouth worse and worse. Got letter from Patty from Pointe-au-Pic Canada and from Julia.
- 6 I think Dick and Joe worked ½ day. Got letters from Sue and Lucy H. I went to Bellevue and to McVille. Very dusty. 58° at sunup and turned warm. I pd. Al Rogers for the wire got yesterday.
- 7 Sunday. Went over to see about spring. Intensely dry and dusty. Crops and gardens ruining.
- 8 60° at sunup—clear and drier. Harry and Arthur fixed the springs and I went to Mr. Walton's to tell him to take his cattle out. Joe and Dick cut weeds.
- 9 54° at sunup. Turned hot later. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got letters from Mary C. and T—D. and copies. Doll Walton came and got his steers. I canned peaches and had the springs fixed. Joe and Dick cut weeds.
- 10 My beloved sister Belle's wedding day. Clouds and it looked like rain, after dark with much thunder and lightning there was a very light shower. I canned some nothing beater peaches. Joe and Dick cut weeds till Jim Beard came after them to help thresh. I got letter from Patty at Pointe-au-Pic and one that Frank sent me from St. Paul about my lots there. A letter came for Patty. I sent Sally T—D.
- 11 Joe and Dick hauled my rye. They did n't begin till after Dick got back with coal. Arthur helped. Everett and Lee Omer went to help Mr. Rogers thrash. It was hot and the slight shower or sprinkle hardly laid the dust. Harry fixed the spring a little. I pulled a few pitiful muskmelons from vines partly dying. Sent Patty's letter and one to Julia.
- 12 60° at sunup. The thrashers Mr. Bentler's machine came. Dick had 97 bus. and at 5 cts. it came to 4.85 which I let him have. I had 62½ bus. rye at 6 cts. came to 3.75 which I gave Dick to pay Mr. Bentler also 1.50 to divide between Flave, Elbert K., and Roland McCarty. Also I pd. Dick 33 cts. for coal left over at his valuation. And am to pay Mike Corbin for 6 bus. Went to Bellevue and got Al Rogers to cash a check for 15.00 on Burlington Bk. Cy horse had another spell of colic. Sent Harry out for Hilda who came.
- 13 Nearly everyone on the place went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. Hilda to church. Mr. Atwood resigned and they elected three new deacons—'swing corners and change partners!' Got a letter from Sally.
- 14 Sunday—my darling big baby's birthday, I wished her good luck and all blessings. Hilda went to church again, hotter and drier.
- 15 Hilda went home after dinner. I sent by her letter to Patsy. I gave Hilda (I.H. Brady) a check for \$25 on the Burlington Bk. for money she let me have when she came down. Harry and Arthur went over and fixed the springs again.
- 16 Mr. F. A. Utz came and bought my 3 yr old steer at 3¼. It was weighed at Mr. Jack Walton's and only weighed 995 lbs. and came to 32.33. The weighing was .10 and Mr. Utz sent me a check on the Erlanger Bk. for 32.23.

- 17 59° at sunup and one of the hottest afternoons we have had—90° in the shade of the gallery when I looked and so sultry it seemed much hotter. It thundered but did n't rain. I followed the hollow down to papa's old fishpond and it was dry. I remember my mother's death. Lord love her precious soul.
- 18 Dick and Joe hauled wheat to Petersburg. I kept 30 bus. for seed and of the sacks they hauled Dick 17 Joe 17 Dick took 30 bus. the remainder was divided. Mr. Belden's receipt was for 18 bus. 40 lbs. of wheat at .95 = 17.70 and he sent me the cash by Dick Loudon. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. There was a good sprinkle about 3 o'clock, but all the prospect of rain passed off.
- 19 Did n't write in this till Sunday and only remember that there was a light shower and that Harry and Arthur went to play base ball. Got letter from Hilda.
- 20 Went to Burlington to see Hilda whose cousin Mr. Hill had died. I went to Bank and got the young man there to cash my note from Mr. Utz. (see 16th). Put in B. P.O. letters to Patty and Sally. Light showers or sprinkles.
- 21 Sunday—very hot, about 4 P.M. a good shower the best we have had for weeks. Sunday—Dick said the heifer I was pasturing that he gave Lou last week came back.
- 22 Hot and cloudy but did n't rain. My sow got in Joe's corn and I went around the wire fence and had it patched up in spots by Harry—and then Joe went round it. Will Arnold came and told me that my cattle have the disease of the eyes that the cattle Mr. Conner sent Mr. Rogers brought into this country and that one of my steers is blind. I put up a few pears from the yard.
- 23 Went over to see the blind steer and Harry and I drove him to water—saw another with one eye sore. Mrs. Ella Brown of Lawrenceburg Mary Coon's daughter came to see me passing by with her daughter Frances and Ethel the daughter of Annabel Coons. Went up to Doll Walton's but they were gone and to Bellevue & McVillie. Got letters from Patty and Mrs. Brown. Turned cool.
- 24 My beloved papa's birthday. Lord love him. Cool 52° at sunup—turned warmer. Went to Doll Walton's and settled with him for the 'stock animal' I bought see July 13th. Doll calculated the pasture of his 13 yearlings 2 months and 19 days and said it came to 17.12 which taken from 35.00 left 17.88 which I paid him. We drove the steer to the spring and examined the springs. Much warmer.
- 25 Hot day with clouds and thunder but no rain. Went to see the cattle and springs and drive the steer to water—he is still blind. Mr. Fred cut weeds & briers after dinner near Joe's house.
- 26 Did n't write in this till 29th. Went to see about the blind steer of course. I got letters from Patty and Sally one of these forgotten days and sent letter to Mrs. Brown. Can't recall.
- 27 Sent by Harry to Bur. letter for Patty from Fanny G. Cool mornings now, still dry. Got letter from Susie Tew. Went to B. and Mr. Corbin's.
- 28 Sunday. Mary's host came down. Drove steer to water.
- 29 Dick brought me 7.96 watermelon money. He also brought me a barrel of vinegar for which I am to pay him 5.00. Mr. Will Ryle came and bought 15 bus. rye for which he paid me 11.25. I put up pears. Sent letter to Sally and to Susie Tew by Josephine. Cool morning and warm day. Have been away on a visit to Lexington and Woodford and have not written in my book until now Sep. 16th and must try to set down what I can recall.
- 30 Went to Burlington dined with Hilda and went on in the stage to Erlanger and took the 4 P.M. train for Lex. Got there at 6.45 and went to Sally's. Mrs. C.D. Chenault corner Limestone and Fifth Sts. Found Sarah gone to Cin and Newport on business and stayed at Sally's.

31 Sent postal to Sally I think, or letter. Louisiana and her aunt came to see me.

September

- 1 May Wetherill (Mrs. B. F. Van Meter) came to see me to-day I think. Sarah got back to Lex. on the evening train.
- 2 I think Lucy came up and we went around town &c.
- 3 Went with Sarah to call on Mrs. Tobe G. and then on to Ingleside to stay all night.
- 4 Sunday. Went back to Sally's and then with Sarah out to see May Van Meter and Dr. V.M. and the two children Margaret and Isabella.
- 5 Went with Sarah on the train to Pisqah and Lucy sent for us and we went to Sumner's Forest.
- 6 Lucy took us to Spring Hill to see the Harts & Camdens and to Versailles to see Ridy Field, &c. I got a letter from Sally before this.
- 7 We went back to Lex. and found Sally Chenault sick in bed.
- 8 Came on the early train to Burlington, dined at Hilda's—found her poorly—telephoned to Bellevue to have Harry to come for me—he came and I got home after dark.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul—the anniversary of buddy's death. I hope he has had a year of perfect peace. I found the house as I left it, thank Heaven. Harry said Patty's colt had scared and broken her cart while I was away. It had not rained during that time and I told Dick and Joe they would have to clean out the spring in the sand field. Dreadfully dry and dusty. The blind steer could see out of one eye. Mr. Sullivan sent me word to save him 12 bus. rye. Went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin gave me 2.78 left for me by Mr. Jap Sullivan for pasture.
- 10 Mary and all went away—and I worked at Chili Sauce. Last night Harry drove Patty's Ty in my old buggy and says she kicked and hurt her off hind leg badly. She was very lame and stiff. He broke both buggy shafts.
- 11 Sunday—went to B. for Hilda who came home with me—better but still poorly.
- 12 Went to Bellevue to take Hilda and on to McVille to get damsons. Got letters from Patty and Sally that were forwarded.
- 13 Put up the damsons. Mr. William Toohy of Rising Sun came to see Hilda (Mrs. I. H. Brady) and I saw her pay him ninety dollars in full for his work and altering her vault and he gave her a receipt which I read. During the night there was a thunder shower that laid the dust and cooled the air.
- 14 Went to Bellevue twice—got letters from Sally, Julia, Sally W. and Susie Tew. Susie Tew came on the Swan. Turned much cooler at night.
- 15 44° at sunup. Hilda went back to B. with Mrs. Susie Brady. Susie and I went to Mrs. Schwartz's sale (see 19th) and I left with Ernest 5.00 in case he bought me some tobacco sticks. Mr. Bud Goodridge came and engaged 10 bus. rye and paid me 6.00 on it.
- 16 I got letter from Patty. 44° at sunup. Mr. Dave Aikin came to patch the barn roof. Harry had brought out from Mr. Corbin's 2 bunches of shingles when Susie came. Mr. Sullivan came and got 12 bus. rye and paid me 9.00 for it. Sent letter to Sally Chenault. Mr. Aikin worked.
- 17 Joe went to Mrs. Schwartz's for the 550 tobacco sticks Ernest bought for me. We, Susie and I, went to R. Sun on the Daisy. Harry went down later for boards and paint that C. Maurer was to get in Aurora but they did n't come. He hauled out 2 thousand shingles from Mike Corbin's. 52° at sunup. Got letter from Sarah. Put letter for Sally in R. Sun P.O.
- 18 Sunday 64°. Rained after breakfast more than for weeks and remained cool and cloudy. Aunt Nancy sick.

- 19 62° and heavy fog. Sent letter to Sally by J. Lily Grant brought me 3.65 change—she said the tobacco sticks cost 1.35 see 15th. Mr. D. Aikin came and worked on the windows in the ends of the big barn, &c. Harry took another trip for lumber that did n't come. Patty's colt kicked Kitty and gashed her hip. Warmer. Made Chili Sauce.
- 20 Mr. Aikin came out and worked on the roof of Joe's house. Harry went to B. and got the lumber. It sprinkled several times. Mr. Watts came and got the tax list. I got letters from Patty and Sue Grigsby.
- 21 Turned out Spot's and Louise's calves to wean. Also Thank's calf. Mr. Aikin worked on Joe's home. Harry went to Bellevue and got 2 more bunches of shingles—also hauled sand bricks lumber &c. to Joe's.
- 22 Sent letters to Ridy Field and Sue Grigsby. Mr. Aikin worked. Went to B. to see about boat.
- 23 Went to Aurora on the Daisy to take Susie Tew on her way to N. Orleans. Sent Harry for Hilda who came. Mr. Aikin worked on Joe's chimney. Went to see Mr. Rue about hogs. Mr. Ed Botts came while I was away and got 5 bus rye.
- 24 Dick attended to Nancy's calf. Did n't write in this again till 28th. Mr. Aikin worked here at Joe's. Rained very hard after sundown.
- 25 Sunday
- 26 Mr. Aikin worked—painting the kitchen &c. Sent for bricks to top out Dick's chimney. Got letter from Sally and postal from Susie in N. Orleans. Hilda has been going to church.
- 27 Harry went down for the bricks, and said he got 194. I sent for 200. We went to Burlington in the spring wagon, took Hilda home and met Ridy (Mr. Field) and Sue Grigsby who came from Lexington. Mr. Aikin worked at Dick's house. Harry brought out with the bricks 2000 more shingles from Corbin's. It looked like rain.
- 28 Mr. Aikin worked at Dick's house. We went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. Hot again.
- 29 Mr. Bud Goodridge came and got his 10 bus. rye and pd. me the balance 1.50 (see 15th). Very warm—hot. Mr. Aikin finished working at Dick's and made kitchen steps and topped kitchen flore [sic].
- 30 Mr. Aikin worked fixing kitchen floor and painting gutters and roofs. He said he had worked 12 days which at 1.25 a day came to 15.00. I had paid him 5.00 the 24th and paid him 10.00 in full. We went to Bellevue and McVile. I got letter from Susie Tew.

October

- 1 Went to Bellevue got postal from Patty.
- 2 Sunday. Ernest Grant called on my visitors. He said it was 90° two days last week.
- 3 46° at sunup. Went to Burlington to take Ridy (Mrs. Field) and Sue Grigsby to the omnibus en route to Lexington. Dined with Hilda—gave Bob Carver 1.50 for his brother in-law Albert Conner to pay for Belle's pasture. Went to Bank and got 25.00 from Mr. Reville. Joe was cutting tobacco in the hog lot. Bright pretty day.
- 4 Pleasant day 42° at sunup but turned warmer. Went to Bellevue and McVile and got Aunt Nancy's jug. Left with Mike Corbin 1.50 to pay C. Maurer for bricks. Stopped at Betty's. Got letters from Julia and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with check for 12.00.
- 5 Warmer, rather cloudy. Went after peaches. Arthur, Mary's husband wanted his money for corn cutting. I counted his shocks 194 and at 6 cts. they came to 11.64. I had pd. him 3.50 on it and paid him the balance 8.14 also .30 for a little topping he did yesterday. Arthur wants to leave and says he is going? Rode Kitty for the first time for over two weeks. Mr. Pope came yesterday and to-day about old corn. Sent Harry to meet the Swan and get cement—it did n't come. Got letter from Sue.

- 6 Windy and turned cooler. Sent letter to Julia. Went to see spring in pasture found them more dry than in Aug. Sent Harry down to see about cement that came. Got letter from Patty.
- 7 42° at 6 a.m. Went to Bellevue and stopped at Lanora Huey's. Got letter from Patty, also cement. Sent letter to Sally early. Not so chilly this evening. Mary gone to Aurora.
- 8 Mr. D. Aikin came and patched up Joe's cistern. pd. him .75 for it. I got letter from Ridy Field and paper to sign from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. about merger.
- 9 Sunday. Went to see Henry Raines who is sick—saw pitiful springs. I cooked these three days. Warm as summer.
- 10 Mary and Arthur! came back. Harry and Arthur cleaned the kitchen cistern. Dick got a side of meat, 18 lbs at 10. I think Joe hauled in the last of his tobacco—he showed me where lightning had struck the big barn some time and split a post and burst off pieces. Joe hauled a load of corn for himself his first he said and gave me 2 barrels tubs to return some I lent him last week. Hot wind all day—really sultry.
- 11 Rained last night and turned cooler. Had the 6 pigs noses rung. Went on a hunt for peaches and to Bellevue. Got postal from Hilda and letter from Florence C.
- 12 Joe put a load of corn out of the bottom in the crib—it was sappy and damp. Mr. Pope came and got 20 bus. old corn and pd. me 12.00 for it. Put the sow and 6 shoats I bought of Mr. Rue see Oct. 6th 1903 in the fattening lot. Joe helped put them in. One day before this got Memorial Address from Cousin Rebecca. Harry and Arthur hauled the old corn out of the crib to the hog lot crib and barn.
- 13 44° at sunup. Turned cooler at night. Went to see Will Arnold about seed wheat. Joe was digging his potatoes—began yesterday. I got Mike Corbin to witness the Bank paper in Bellevue and put it in P.O. (see 8th). Got letters from Patty, Sally Cousin John B. Dinsmore, Sue Grigsby. Mary Castlemann went to see the doctor. Had a little fire to-night, the first this fall.
- 14 Had no cook. Joe hauled in his potatoes. Had fire at night again.
- 15 Sent by Arthur letters to Cousin John B. and to Sally. Went to B. later—got letter from Sally about hams. Sent postal order to Century Mag. Co. 4.07. Pd. M. J. Corbin the balance on bricks freight &c. for C. Maurer 2.10 in all. Cool at night, fire again. Joe cut 8 shocks of sugar corn in the garden. I gave him order on Corbin's for barrel of flour 6.25 and one for myself 6.75.
- 16 Sunday. Bright pleasant day. Fire in the evening. 38° at sunup. Springs very low.
- 17 Mary came back. Sent letters to Sally, Hilda and Cousin R. to thank her for the Memorial addresses. Joe took the wagon down to get the wheel fixed and brought back a load of coal ___ bus. Dick came to talk about renting. I rode over to look at the clover that was sowed on the wheat ground &c. Dick was digging his potatoes. I also rode to count the shocks of Joe's corn in sand field. Harry packed six hams for me to send Sally. There were 2 hams and 6 shoulders left in this year or rather last year's killing. Harry took Alan down and got him shod all round. He brought me letter from Patty and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. with check for \$200.00 also proxy to sign for St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Warmer, no fire to-night.
- 18 Sent by Harry to C. Maurer and shipped on the Daisy to go by Ex. a box for Sally containing 6 hams to go to Locust Valley. A beautiful summer-like day. Rode around to count the shocks of Joe's corn and went to B. Turned Amy's calf out to wean.
- 19 Went up to Ernest's—got him to witness the proxy for Title & Trust Co. (see 17th) and sent it to P.O. later. It was like summer and the country beautiful though parched. Dick was digging potatoes and Mr. Fred cutting briers over in the field next W. Arnold, who came about steers. Got books from Patty, Cousin Rebecca's book.

- 20 60° at sunup—morning glories beautiful. Had Hubbard squashes, egg plants, tomatoes, and pepper picked as it felt like frost. Got letter from Cousin John Dinsmore. Went to Bellevue.
- 21 Went to Rising Sun on the Daisy—went to Bank and Mr. Perkins cashed my two checks from Washington (4th and 17th) and left in Bank \$75. On my return I paid M. J. Corbin my store bill in full to date (from March 18th) \$111.23 and also paid him 12.50 for 100 bus. coal (see 17th) of which Joe has hauled one load. The wind blew hard, the river was rough and after I got home, it rained a cold rain. Sent letter to Julia by Josie. Got card as receipt from Century Mag. Co. (see 15th). With the rain this evening there was heavy thunder and a strong wind, later cleared.
- 22 Frost this morning but not enough to kill flowers. Dick attended to the two pigs. Joe gathered a load of corn out of the sand field and put it in the barn room. Went to Bellevue and Mike Corbin returned 1.50 that was on the bill that I had paid for things he got in Cin. Got letter from Julia.
- 23 Sunday—bright day.
- 24 Took up the matting in the dining room. Dick put his potatoes and my share in the wine cellar. It blew hard all day was chilly and turned warmer. Joe was gathering shock corn for himself in the sand field. Dick came to talk about renting and sowing wheat. Arthur said he and Mary were going to Mr. Clay Duncan's.
- 25 Dick was sowing wheat. It was milder and still. A yellow girl named Susan Riley came to see me about working for me—said she would come. Got letter from Patty. Put the old carpet down in the dining room. Joe shucked shock corn in the sand field.
- 26 To-day, Mary and Arthur went away moved to Mr. C. Duncan's. Susan Riley came. I sent Harry to Burlington to get her trunk and things. Got letter from Hilda and one from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with check for \$24. Also a clipping from Sally about Col. A. M. Miller.
- 27 Cool morning, chilly but bright. Went to Aurora in the buggy. Put in P.O. letter to Sally. Went to Bk. and got Mr. Davis to cash the check for 24. that came yesterday. Joe was shucking shock corn. Mr. Fred came and said part of Mrs. Rice's line fence burned up last night.
- 28 28° at sunup—the first killing frost. All the flowers killed and ice in the tubs at the cistern. Let Dick have another side 19lbs. Went to Bellevue. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Got sacks of feed for pigs from Roll Aikin.
- 29 20° at sunup. Beautiful day. Went to see about springs and where Mrs. Rice's fence was burned. Settled with Joe West about the fodder he cut and his third of the fodder. I had counted the shocks in sand field and they were 171 in field on pike 86 total 257 shocks—his third 85 he charged .10 a shock for = 8.50. He says he cut 104 shocks .6 6.24 total 14.74. I paid him in full 14.75 and .60 for 6 shocks in his garden. Went to B. pd. W. W. Grant in full 4.15. Put in P.O. letter to Sally inclosing ex. receipt for hams (see 18th). Dick put some cabbages in the garden my share probably.
- 30 Sunday—pleasant day—smoky around the horizon. Mrs. Annie Rice's son came to see me about the spring near her fence.
- 31 31° at sunup. Joe worked for me he hauled 4 loads of coal from Mike Corbin's. A lovely fall day warm and bright. Got letter from Patty on her way to St. Louis. Went to see Mrs. Louly Walton. Harry set out onion sets.

November

- 1 Beautiful warm bright day. Joe hauled me 1 load of coal from Mike Corbin. Rode up to see Mr. Bee Walton about shoats and to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to Patty.
- 2 Joe hauled me 1 load of coal from Al Rogers and I went down and paid him 5.27 for it. A beautiful warm day—32° at sunup.

- 3 Foggy but mild pleasant day. After noon Joe began to sow rye in the field he had in corn and tobacco. Dick was shucking corn. Leomer said they had put 4 loads in the back part of the crib when I was there. Sent Harry for sawdust and went to B. for boxes. Got letter from Patty in St. Louis. Mrs. Adams was moving the P.O. to Mrs. Deck's house.
- 4 Foggy. I think Joe sowed rye half a day.
- 5 Went to Flora's and to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to Hilda, got one from Sally. Joe said he finished sowing rye in that field. It looked like rain this morning with a thick fog but cleared off chilly.
- 6 Sunday—bright pretty day. I rode around.
- 7 26° at sunup—foggy. Everett found one of my heifers, Cherry's March 22 dead on cherry hill. Found it near a buckeye bush probably poisoned.
- 8 Tuesday. Election day. Got letter from Hilda. Pres. Roosevelt and Judge Parker candidates. Pretty day.
- 9 Joe and Everett worked after their dinner putting in rye below the graveyard. I went to Bellevue—chilly and very foggy—after dark rained a cold rain.
- 10 Rained more off and on all day and very chilly. Picked two nasturtium flowers and green leaves that escaped the frost. Sent letter to Patty. One came for her from Mary T.
- 11 Sent Patty's letter. Clear and chilly. Got letter from Belle R. Lily stopped by.
- 12 26° at sunup—very foggy and heavy frost, cleared off. Went to B. and got Mike Corbin to cash a check on Burlington Bk. for 20.00. Got letter from Cousin John saying they expected to get here the 19th.
- 13 Sunday. Cloudy windy and chilly at times about noon snow was in the air.
- 14 Sent letters to Sally Sarah with memorial of buddy and to Julia. Went to B. later and also to Belle Clore's. Joe sowed some rye after dinner—was gathering corn before. Milder than yesterday. Susan sick.
- 15 26° at sunup. Mr. M. F. Wingate came with Mr. Jim Thompson and bought my 8 best steers at 20. a head and Mr. Wingate gave me his check on Farmer's Bank Petersburg for \$160.00. I had to sell them having no hay and more cattle than feed. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty and from Nina Cochran, also notice of letter in Cin. P.O. Joe put in some rye after his dinner in bean patch I think.
- 16 28° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty and returned can to P.M. Cin. Sent Joe West to hunt hay. He went over the river. It was a lovely spring-like day. I made citron preserves.
- 17 Dick with his team and Joe hauled baled hay for me 4 loads in all from a man named Wiman they said over the river mixed clover and timothy at 8.50 a ton. Joe began to feed it this evening on as my little clover cut July 11th was used up. Joe engaged 5 tons and is to get another ton if he can. It was a mild pleasant day. I went to McVillie and Bellevue and then to Ernest's. Got letter from Patty. Harry broke the shaft of the buggy at the toll-gate and went down and got it fixed. I got letters from Sally, Julia the one the P.M. sent card about and ex. notice of a package Patty sent.
- 18 Warm lovely day. Joe and Dick hauled a load apiece of the same baled hay—got back about 11. I went to B. and got the weights—it came to 12110 lbs. Gave Charlie Maurer the Ex. notice to get my package. Found violets in yard & garden.
- 19 Went to meet the Daisy at her 10 A.M. trip. Cousin John Bell Dinsmore and his wife (Helen Matteson) came from St. Louis—they live in Sutton Nebraska. It was a mild lovely day. Put in P.O. letter to Nina C.
- 20 Sunday. Heard that another of my fine two-year-old heifers was dead on cherry hill.
- 21 Mr. Thompson came and got the 8 steers he and Mr. Wingate bought see 15th. Heard to-night that a heifer calf was down in the big pasture. Dick got a side of meat 153 lbs.

- 22 Sent Joe to see about the calf—he found it dead. My cousins left on the Daisy noon trip for Aurora on their way back to St. Louis and Nebraska. Harry told me he expected to marry Susan Riley to-morrow. I went over the river on ferry boat and to see Mr. Nieman about hay—went to Rising Sun to take the check Mr. Wingate gave me to Bk. (see 15th). Endorsed it and left it with Mr. Perkins and got 60.00. Went to the mill in R. Sun and gave a check for 57.46 to Mr. S. M. Seward for the hay Mike weighed. In Bellevue paid Mike Corbin 16.30 for the balance of the coal I had hauled. It was strangely foggy in the morning but was beautiful on the river later. Got letters from Sue and from Lizzie Hodges and invitation from Annie Anderson.
- 23 Harry and Susan went to R. Sun on the Daisy to be married he said. Joe put in rye this morning and after noon Joe and Dick hauled one load each of baled hay from Mr. Nieman's over the river. It was foggy and frosty and then turned warm and pleasant but has been very smoky for days. Went up to see the dead heifer on cherry hill. She was red with a little white streak on her back and white underneath—white and red face—white spot on all four feet and 6 teats.
- 24 Let Richard Loudon have 10.00. Thanksgiving day, pleasant. Katy Arnold came and stayed all night. I went to Bellevue and to see a spotted heifer calf that died in big pasture. Put letter in P.O. for Sue.
- 25 Katy went home. A party of seven travelers all female but one boy stopped here and stayed all night. It turned cooler.
- 26 Harry and Susan came back married on the 23rd by John Green colored preacher in Rising Sun. Harry got a certificate signed by the clerk and preacher. I got a letter from Patty—they moved back to N.Y. this week from Long Island. Colder.
- 27 Sunday 19° at sunup. Very chilly and still bone dry. Harry showed me his license and certificate combined.
- 28 Disagreeable chilly day. 28° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. Went to B. after boxes. Sent Harry to take a box with a ham to the Daisy with a note to Cap. Maurer and 1.00 to send box by Ex. to Mrs. Parish N.Y. Got letters from Sue telling about Willie and from Hilda.
- 29 Turned warmer 57° at sunup. Sent letters to Sally and Hilda. Went to R. Sun on the Daisy—paid the clerk of Mr. S. M. Seward for the 2 loads of hay the men got the 23rd. It weighed 2 tons 50 lbs. and came to 17.21. He deducted .80 for the weighing and I paid him 16.41 and took his receipt. Stopped and paid Mike the .80 for 8 loads. Got Ex. receipt for box sent yesterday.
- 30 Sent Patty Ex. receipt. Got letters from Patty and Sally. It was a chilly day. Dick and his sons killed hogs and Joe who had come home helped them. Harry put straw on the strawberries.

December

- 1 A mild bright day. Joe and Everett sawed up a dead tree in the hog lot and after noon Joe got the scalding tub and furnace ready. I went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to T—D. Got card from Isabella for the reception Mrs. Parish is to give her the 12th letter from Willie Tew telling me of his engagement to Miss Eleanore Scott of N.Y. and letter from Julia. Harry hauled manure on the asparagus bed and on some fruit trees and roses. Very smoky—the sun set red as a rose.
- 2 Smoky chilly disagreeable day. After dark it seems to have sprinkled. Joe went for his own business and got me a barrel of salt at Corbin's. Harry hauled some water. Went to B. put in P.O. letters to Isabella, Sally W. Lizzie Hodges, Willie Tew and note to Annie Anderson.
- 3 Very disagreeable day. Cold drizzle part of the day.

- 4 My precious own's birthday, bright pretty day. Walked round to look at springs, grain, &c. Went to B. and put in P.O. letter to Sally. Went to Kate Corbin's a little while. Got circular from the St. Paul title & Trust Co.
- 5 We all killed hogs. I had 6 killed the 6 the sow had when I bought her Oct. 6th 1903. Dick killed 4 Joe 7. They helped and Dick's boys and Everett. I had George Roseberry. Went to Bellevue and got 2 tin lard cans. Got circular from Co. Gentleman and the account book brother Charlie kept my business accounts in sent by cousin Rebecca. It was a frosty day and snowed and sleeted about 10 or 11 A.M. but melted—remained chilly.
- 6 Did n't write in this till the 8th. Joe cut up and salted my meat and George did up lard for Joe and for me he was here after dinner [only?]. Had sausage ground.
- 7 Mixed sausage. Went to B. sent 2 buckets on ___ by C. Maurer to send by Ex. To Julia and Sally W. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca and paper from Lex. With notice of the death of Tobe Gibson—he died Sunday. ___ time got Mike Corbin to cash check for 10.
- 8 Sent letter to Sally. Got one from Patty. Went to show Joe what dead trees he could cut. 30°--bright pretty day.
- 9 Sent Harry down with some sausage meat. Got letter from Sally. Joe hauled fodder for the first time. After dark it snowed.
- 10 Snowing hard—3 or 4 inches of snow on the ground. Joe said he would bring the other cattle over and haul more fodder. Susan sick again and I had to cook. Got note that Sally sent me from Mrs. Graham saying that Mr. Graham was dangerously ill at St. Luke's Hospital after an operation for gall stones. Wrote notes to Mrs. Graham and Sally and gave them to Leomer to take to Bellevue to boat.
- 11 Sunday. 12° at sunup. Ernest said it was 8° at his house—he and Lily and Frances dined with me. Susan got up after breakfast and cooked for us.
- 12 26° at sunup. Sent by Harry letters to Julia and Mrs. Graham. Later Harry went to Aurora. I got letter from Sally and from Julia and from E. J. Parker Pres. of the National Metropolitan Citizens Bk. of Wash. 615 Fifteenth St. N.W. formerly National Metropolitan Bk. Susan sick again. To-day was Mrs. Henry Parish [reception] at home to meet Miss Selmes Isabella debut.
- 13 Still cold latter part of the day bright. Harry took Susan to Burlington to see Dr. but did n't get him. Sent paper to Isabella—got letters from Hilda and Sue.
- 14 10° above at sunup, became bright after a while. Got news of the death of my dear friend Ben B. Graham 'Uncle Ben.' The papers said he died Sunday night (see 10th). He was born Dec. 26th 1845. May he be with Anna and their children in Paradise this night. In him the children and I have lost one of the best friends we had on earth. Got letters from Patty and from Julia with a notice of Mr. Graham's death. Patty was in bed with a gouty foot the 10th. Also got a photograph from Cousin John B. Dinsmore. Harry said it was 6° at Bellevue.
- 15 8° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty returning something and paper to I. the second time. Cold all day. Susan still too sick to cook.
- 16 Susan still poorly. Sent letters to Mrs. Graham and Julia. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Cousin John B. and Mrs. Parish. Not quite so cold at bedtime snowing hard.
- 17 Snowing and not so cold. I walked to P.O. and sent registered letter to Pres. E. J. Parker with my certificate of stock in Natl. Met. Bk. to have it exchanged for certificate in the new Bk. Natl. Met. Citizens Bk. Took copy of it. Dr. Hopkins came here to see Susan. She cooked to-day. The river is gorged and boats have quit of course.
- 18 Sunday—a windy chilly, gloomy day.

- 19 30° at sunup. Went to Burlington and got from Mr. Revill draft on N.Y. for 12.00 which I inclosed and put in the P.O. for Isabella D. Selmes—also letter to Sally. Got cash 23 total 35. Chilly driving. Joe bulked down some tobacco.
- 20 Milder and thawing. Got letter from Mrs. Graham. Katy Arnold came over.
- 21 The day my dear father died. Lord love his soul. 18°. Went to Bellevue before sunup. Put in P.O. letters to Sue, Sally and Fanny Strader. Sent by P.O. order 1.50 to Co. Gentleman for sub. for next year. Went to Mr. Gene Kelly's and he paid me 2.88 for sausage, 32 lbs. Everett hauled me 2 loads of coal from Mike Corbin's 81½ bus. I let Joe have an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour. Paid March 10, 1905. Got receipt from E. J. Parker for the Bank Certificate see 17th. Bright and thawed some.
- 22 16° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. A sudden and great thaw to-day. Snow melting like rain. Will Rice from Indiana called to see me.
- 23 Warm—snow nearly gone. A few sprinkles of rain. Got Christmas books, calendar, candy. Lily stopped in passing to see me.
- 24 Did n't write in this till the 27th. It rained hard last night and off and on during the day. Harry and Susan went to Burlington on a visit to her family beyond. Got Christmas things from Sally and
- 25 Sunday. Christmas. A rainy gloomy day.
- 26 They say it thundered last night rained off and on to-day and warm.
- 27 Rained a little and about noon hard with a strong wind—then turned colder and blew very hard blowing at bedtime. Got from E. J. Parker (see 21st) Certificate 141 for 2 shares of stock in the Natl. Metropolitan Citizens Bk. Washington in exchange for the Certificate I sent him of stock in the Natl. Met. Bk. also Trustees Certificate of my share in the assets. Got letters from Patty, Julia, Sally Wooley, card from Annie A. Christmas presents from Harriet, Lucy, Sue Grigsby box of candy from Patty and book from Mrs. Graham and _____. Walked to Belleview and stopped to see Mrs. Corbin. Got T—D.
- 28 Blew like Dakota all night and turned cold fast 14° at sunup.
- 29 Cold 13°. Harry and Susan came back from their trip to see her family.
- 30 Went to Bellevue and to Ernest's. Put in P.O. letter to Patty and receipt for Bk. Certificate. Got letters from Sally, Sue and Julia.
- 31 Went to dine with Lily and Ernest by invitation—it being the 14th wedding day. Like spring again. Went to Belleview—got