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## Notes on the 1897 Journal

Rankin MacMillan

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January 1 - Martha records where all her family is located.

Jan. 15 - James and Martha's 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Jan. 26 - Martha's 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday. - Corn 20 cents a bushel; potatoes 25¢ a bushel delivered to Springfield.

May 23 - Martha starts an afternoon Sabbath school at the Macmillan school house.

June 10 - Horner graduates from Cedarville College - the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class - a class of five members.

July 2 - Fannie arrives with her young sons, Donald & Malcolm.

July 10 - Fred arrives from Chicago; Harlan from Springfield - so all the family at the farm at the same time.

July 29 - Fred returns to his work in Chicago.

August 11 - Rev. Thomas Mackenzie arrives from N.Y. and on

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - with his family (Fannie, Donald, Malcolm) return to Port Jervis <sup>N.Y.</sup> (over)

Sept. 6. - Paul starts 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at McMillan school.  
Clayton and Jason return to Selma High school.

- Hogs sold at Selma for 4 cents a pound.

Sept. 8 - Clara leaves for college at Monmouth.

Sept. 16 - Homer leaves for New York to attend Union Theological Seminary

Sept. 20 - Fred now located in Breesey, Iowa - working with  
the Wabash Railroad.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Just good rain since August 24. Had a killing  
frost on September 21.

Nov. 12 - Threshed wheat out of barn, and the wheat that  
had been left in ricks in the field. All 20 men that  
helped were fed dinner and supper.

Dec. 31 - Martha again records where all her family is located.