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January

Tuesday, January 15, 1867

Murdocks-Plenty of snow, excellent sleighing - bright moonlight - Evening - James and Sam G(albreath) took tea with us - after which we went to preaching at U.P. church. On our way home, called at Mr. Morton's were married.

'Blessed be the tie that binds-

In union sweet according minds.'

Tonight James and I stand upon the threshold of a new existence while the future like a great unfathomed ocean is spread out before us, 'forward to the setting sun.' Oh! may we glide along its bosom in unity, peace, and love - until at last we reach its sunset shores, and amid the burst of angel song pass forever behind the bright curtains of immortality - Oh! how different we will be: 'Then it will be heart to heart; and love the sweetest flower will bloom in perfection in the sunlight of a Savior's approbation.'

Yes -

'We'll find the Joy of loving, As we have never loved before, -
Loving on, unchilled (?), unhindered,
Loving once and evermore'" (1-2).

16. Jan. Wed. Murdocks - Evening - James and I drove up to Mother McMillan's, through a hurricane of a snow storm. All the family together with Jennie and ? received us very kindly (2).

17. Jan. Thursday. Mother McMillan's - Very cold. All at home. Jennie sick (2).

18 Jan. Friday. Not so cold - Mrs. Galbreath here for dinner. Evening - James and I went to father's (2).

19 Jan. Saturday. James and I came back about twelve. Afternoon - took (Matt? - Martha?) with us to Dr. Caldwell's. Cold (2).

20 Jan. Sabbath. Cold and Stormy. James and I, together with Matt and Jennett went to church. Dr. Morton preached (2).

21 Jan. Monday. Snowing. Morning - James and I went over to father's. Afternoon - James gone home (2).

22 Jan. Tuesday. Murdocks - James brought Jennett, Matt, and Jennie to our house for dinner (2).

23 Jan. Wednesday. Murdocks Evening - James called for me and took me home (3).

24 Jan. Thursday. Jim and Jane have gone to Xenia. Jennie and ? have gone to spend a few days at Mrs. Galbreath's - Evening - James and I, together with Matt and Jennett went (others?) for tea (3).

25 Jan. Friday. Raining and thawing - Joe and Sue Caldwell were here for dinner (3).

26 Jan. Saturday (Birthday). Cold - Jim took Matt and me to the examination at the church. Evening - Jennie and Cassie? came home - Robert McClelland, ? Caskey, and Maggie Mc? called. My Birthday (!) Oh, how our years haste by (!) just to think I am twenty three today - just exactly twenty three (!) (3).

27 Jan. Sabbath. Cold - All at church but Mother and Jennie. Mr. Kitchen, ---- -----, preached this afternoon (3).

28 Jan. Monday. Cold. Harv McMillan and wife were here for dinner. Evening - James and I went to father's (3).

29 Jan. Tuesday. Very Cold. Murdock's - James went home this morning (3).

February

11 Feb. Monday. Cold - Jonathan Smith and Jim were at Xenia this afternoon. James brought me a beautiful ring. A sweet token of affections - Love everlasting - endless. Evening James and I drove over to father's (5).

12 Feb. Tuesday. Murdocks - Snow going off - Morning - James has gone back (5).
(skips the 13th and 14th)

15 Feb. Friday. Murdocks. Cloudy. James has come to night.

16 Feb. Saturday. Clear and windy. James and I came home this morning. Evening - Jane went to see Mrs. Mitchel? (5).

25 Feb. Monday. Pleasant - Hugh Murdock and John Dunlap here for dinner. Jim was over at Crawford's. Evening - James took me to Cedarville. Hugh met me there and took me out home. James begins surveying tomorrow. I guess (!) (6).

March

17 March. Sabbath. Windy and Cold - All at church but Mother, Jane, and Anna. Evening - I went home with father's folks, tonight - (8).

21 March Thursday. Drizzling rain - Murdocks - Jim brought Anna and Jane to our house for dinner. Eve - I returned home with them (8).

April

5 April Friday. Wind and snow - Morning Matt and I attended Mr. Gambles's examination. Matt remained in town - I drove home alone. Evening James and I attended their exhibition - brought Matt home (10).

10 April Wednesday. Rain- James busy with his sheep. Sowed clover seed this morning. Evening. The Torrence family here for tea (10).

13 April Saturday. Calm and pleasant - James and I drove in to Xenia. Reached home at noon. While there spent a very few minutes with my dear friend Mary Park - she seems just the same as when we were at school. I introduced her to James. Afternoon - Jim and Sam at a sale near Selma (11).

16 April Tuesday. Rain. Rain. James has been out all day making arrangements for his flock. There is no doubt of it but James is a shepherd in the highest sense of the term - a shepherd of sheep I mean (!) (!) (11).

17 April Wednesday. Pleasant - Afternoon - Jennett and Matt at Cedarville. Mr. and Mrs. Galbreath here for tea. Evening. Bright moonlight. James and I drove over to father's. - returned at one o'clock a.m. (11).

18 April Thursday. Pleasant. Mr. Mitchel Sen. from London, took dinner here today. Evening - Will McKleroy called- had supper after which he and James went to town. James retired at twelve. " --- --- -----" ! (!) (This comment is scratched out) (11).

20 April. Saturday. Pleasant. Morning - Dr. Caldwell called. Afternoon and Evening - James at Cedarville - while there, Jas. Armstrong and lady got off the train . James took them over to Clifton (12).

21 April. Sabbath. Pleasant - All at church but mother and Jennett. Evening - I came home with our folks from church. Eve - a few rain drops. Easter (12).
(She skips 22 and 23)

24 April Wednesday. Rather cool. Evening - Jane brought me home to mother McMillan's. When I came James was at Xenia (12).

25 April. Thursday. Cool. Frost last night. Morning - Mrs. Galbreath called for mother and Jane and took them to Mrs. Little's. Afternoon - Dawes? gone home. Riley and Jennie here for tea. Mr. File? Mc called and took tea also. James is busy arranging his fences. Eve - Matt and I called at Dawes'(12).

27 April Saturday. Rather cool. Rain last night. Hugh's Jim here to assist James with his sheep. Afternoon - Matt and I attended the examination at the church. As we came home called at Hugh's. Eve - walked over to Mrs. Galbreath's on a little errand when coming home met James going into Cedarville * (then three marks) (13).

28 April Sabbath. Rather cool. All at church but Jane. Had only one sermon. Afternoon - James, Matt, and I were at the U.P. church at a Sabbath School Convention - heard addresses from Messers Allison, Finley, Collett, Morton and Harris - a large audience - meeting interesting. Eve - rain (13).

May

11 May Saturday. Pleasant. Morning - Mother called at ? on Mrs. Winters. Jane and Jennett at Xenia. Jim Little and Callan here for dinner. Evening. James at Cedarville. Twilight - Oh: (the next part is scratched out and there is a rip on the page. Here is what I think I can see. Wood) --- -- happy - James is such a dear --- (page tear) Oh! --- we always be this ---. (14-15).

12 May Sabbath. Pleasant. All at preaching but Jane - Had two sermons from J.H. Cooper Afternoon - a very little rain. Eve - attended U.P. church - heard a sermon from Park Jackson. I came home with our folks from church (15).

13 May Monday. Rain. Murdocks. Afternoon Mary and I were at Xenia (15).

18 May Saturday. Pleasant. Murdocks. Mary and I, together with Father and Mother were at Xenia. I called at the U.P. Seminary saw my dear teachers --- ? and Bartain - I also saw Mag Mc ? and Mary Park. O Mary is such a dear girl. I do love her so much - Notwithstanding the fact that I am a girl no more yet she seems to be as loving and confiding as ever. After sunset - James came after me - I packed my tr? and went home with him. - James is so ??? (scratched out and a hole in the page) and ???? (scratched out and another hole in the page) that he has now every ? of (page rip) --- --- - How much pleasanter it is to be together week out and week in than to be away

and lonely. Mother McMillan's - Jennie and Mrs. Riley were here - they had come during my absence (15-16). (Wood - Martha scratches out her feelings for and reflections about James.)

26 May Sabbath. Morning rain. All at church. Forenoon. Mr. Morton preached. Afternoon. Our old (curt, cut, or cant) and dryed U.P. brother performed (17).

June

3 June Monday. Pleasant. All at home. Eve. Some peddlers with us tonight (18).

5 June Wednesday. Warm. Jennett, Matt and Jennie at Mrs. Little's. James and men in Xenia at the Horse Fair. I was out on the grounds but a very few minutes. Spent the greater portion of the day with Mrs. J (McJ?), the remainder at the U.P. Seminary at which places I took tea. Mary Park gave me a book to read - written by Mrs. Stowe entitled "House and Home Papers." James came by father's - "deposited" me, took supper and went home alone (19-20).

6 June Thursday. Warm. Murdocks. All at Xenia but Mother - were out at the fair in the afternoon (20).

7 June Friday. Pleasant. Murdocks. David started for the west on the 7 o'clock train. Afternoon rain. Eve James came (20).

13 June Thursday. Warm. James and I, Matt and Sam G- went to Xenia in the carriage. Matt and I took dinner at J.C. - Afternoon attended the Sabbath School state Convention at Trinity Church (21).

14 June Friday. Pleasant. Mother and Jane at Hughs'. Afternoon. Mary and Bill? here. Eve - James and I drove down to Cedarville and called on Alice - James came around and took us to the saloon- all passed off pleasantly - ride home delightful (21).

17 June Monday. Cloudy and damp. Sheep shearing still progressing. Silas and a Silversmith, from Cedarville, with us tonight (22).

18 June Tuesday. Pleasant. Matt at C- helping with the church cleaning. Still shearing sheep. Silas and the above mentioned personage with us tonight again (22).

19 June Wednesday. Pleasant. Afternoon - Matt and I called at N. Wright's to see Clementine. From there we went to Cedarville. Eve - Sheep shearing is ended. I have just finished a work on the "Art of Conversation." Taking all its merit and demerit into consideration I liked it pretty well (22). (Wood - 1860 - "Art of Conversation" in *The Ladies' Book of Etiquette, and Manual*

of Politeness. A Complete Hand Book for the Use of the Lady in Polite Society by Florence Hartley - Chapter 1 and page 11; 1863 - *The Art of Conversation and Other Papers* by Thomas De Quincey begins with the chapter "Letters to a Young Man Whose Education Has Been Neglected.")

20 June Thursday. Bright sunshine. Sam Little Riley and Tommy here for dinner. Afternoon. James and I left home with the intention of attending a picnic at the Yellow Springs - but upon driving down to Cedarville changed our notion - James going with Tom C. to Xenia and I driving over to Clifton alone with the expectation of going over to the Springs with Jennie C. and meeting James there, but was disappointed in everything. In the eve a company assembled at Riley's - refreshments - "Ice cream and strawberries." James and I arrived home about 12 P.M. (22-23).

25 June Tuesday. Real pleasant. Mother and Jane at Mrs. Little's. Eve. James at C- I have at last completed *The Luck of the Hernshaws, or Story of Social Life in the West.* (? I cannot find this text. Wood.) My greatest objection is its being entirely destitute of a religious element throughout - otherwise it's worthy of one's time and attention being beautifully written and ending nicely (23-24).

27 June Thursday. Pleasant. Mrs. Galbreath sick. Matt there. Canning cherries (24).

28 June Friday. Pleasant. Morning. I went in with Jane to Xenia to attend the examination of the U.P. Seminary. Stopped at J.C.'s. Noon. Mary came on the train. ?, Jennie L-and ? ___ ___ here for dinner. Afternoon. They, together with J? and Matt attended ? picnic. Eve. James came down to the Commencement. Called at J.C.'s for Mary and the exercises were held in Mr. Ewing's church. Alumni supper at the U.P. Seminary, James and I were there. Mary came with us, stopped at J.C.'s that is when returning from the Alumni supper ?. James and I drove up home. The mid-night air was real chilly - too much so for comfort - we arrived home a two A.M. (24).

30 June Sabbath. Pleasant. All at church but Jennett. Eve - I came home with our folks from church. Murdocks. 5 o'clock. Attended mission Sabbath School with Mary. Taught a class of ___ young ___ - "Africans by birth" and "___" too I guess(!) To be a teacher in Sabbath School is a position of such grave responsibilities that I shrink from the thought of it - although I know such feelings are not right yet I can not help it - (24-25).

July

3 July Wednesday morning. Pleasant.James harvesting - he began yesterday.

4 July Thursday. Very pleasant. Forenoon. All at home. Hands at work in the harvest field. Afternoon. Hands at liberty to celebrate the glorious fourth. Matt sick, from the affects of ice cream. 3 o'clock p.m. James and I drove over to Jamestown - spent the evening at ?. ? mother very sick - We arrived home at 11 o'clock (26).

8 July Monday. Pleasant. Harvested here till dinner. A.L. Marshals this afternoon. James over at Galbreaths with his mower. Began drawing Washington's monument. ? (26).

11 July Thursday. Pleasant. Harvesting - Matt at Cedarville. Afternoon. Quite a number of hands here. Eve. Rain. James at Cedarville with Sam G - (27).

13 July Sat. Pleasant. Harvesting. A number of hands here - finished the field "adjacent" to the house. Eve. James and I at Cedarville, while there ? C. and I took a little drive (27).

14 July Sab. All at church. Mother and Jane, James and I were at the "Old Sides" to hear Mr. Wright. Afternoon. James and I left Mother and Jane and went up to Morton's church (27).

18 July Thursday. Mrs. Little, Lizzie and Mrs. Galbreath here for dinner and supper. Forenoon. James at Marshals' cutting grass. Afternoon. Hands here putting up hay across the railroad. Jane and I took a picnic ? out to them in Mrs. Little's carriage (28).

19 July Friday. Pleasant. "Our" hands at Dan's helping with the hay. Jane and Mother at Mortons'. Jennette at Hughs'. Eve. Jim and I went over home (28). (Wood - I think that Jim is abbreviated James.)

20 July Saturday. Pleasant. Murdocks. James went to Xenia this morning with Jonathan Smith from C- I am to remain here today. Father and Mother at Xenia also. "Night" near ten O'clock. James comes for me to take me home. Pleasant ride home (28).

21 July Sabbath. Clear - All at church but Jennett. Afternoon Matt attended the old sides. Eve. Remained for prayer meeting (28).

22 July Monday. Pleasant. Matt and Mrs. G - went over to Jamestown to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sparr. Ca?? went with them and remained. James still cutting for Marshal. Some of the hands with Torrence in the forenoon. Afternoon. Mr. Torrence with us putting up the wheat (28-29).

August

1 August Thursday. Rain - Murdocks. Father, Mary, and Bell gone to Clintons. I expect to stay with mother while they are away. Afternoon. Working at my drawing and talking to Crissie and

Effie. Eve. Silas away. No one at home but we women. Never felt so lonely in my life - although Crissie and I have been enjoying ourselves nicely repeating poetry and reading "old Essays" which are (past and gone) or (past and game) or (fast and gone) or (fast and game) (30).

2 August Friday. I took Effie and Crissie down to Hanna Nesbitt's this morning. Eve. Silas at Cedarville. Mother and I all alone. We retired at half past nine (30).

3 Aug. Sat. Murdocks Pleasant. Silas away at Mr. Reid's. Mother and I alone. Afternoon. Spent a little while at my drawing. Four o'clock. Father and Bell returned. Mary will not be back for a week or so. Eve. Silas and I started out for mother McMillan's but met James a little distance from our home. I "packed" myself in his buggy and we drove back to spend a little while with our folks, after which James and I came on home (31).

5 Aug. Monday. Harvest is ended (!). Afternoon. Mother and Matt at Cedarville to see Little Irma (31).

6 Aug. Tuesday. Afternoon Very heavy rain in the sunshine. Eve- James, Matt and I went down to Cedarville and spent awhile at Dr. Caldwell's. Irma is very sick. Matt stayed with them all night (31).

7 Aug. Wednesday. Very warm. JCs, Mortons, ?, Cooper, and Matt and Lizzie L. here for dinner - and the greater ? - for supper. Eve. Jennette went down to Riley's with Lizzie L. Later still - Jim and I went down. Irma very bad. Five minutes of 11 o'clock she died - James and Sam sat up till morning - Jennette and I retired after one o'clock (31-32).

8 Aug. Thursday Morning. At Dr. Caldwell's. James, Jennett, and Sam gone home. I remained to help attend to things. Afternoon. 3 o'clock. Funeral service commenced at the close of which a storm came up which prevented the people for some little time from going to the cemetery. Eve. Jennett and I arranged the supper. Quite a number from London here. 9 o'clock P.M. Jennett here all night. James and I drove out to father's (32).

11 Aug. Sabbath. Pleasant. All at preaching but Mother - had only one sermon. Eve - half past seven. All except mother and Jennett went to the U.P. church to hear the Rev. Cunningham Jackson lecture on the Bible cause. Audience quite large (33).

13 Aug. Tuesday. Rain. All at Bible Society but Mother, Jennett, and me. Noon Negro Bob came. Eve - Jennie and Dave here Ca? also (33).

15 Aug. Thursday. Very Pleasant. James and I, Matt and Jennie attended a Convention Picnic at Clifton. Had a very pleasant time. Eve. J. Whitelaw Reid and his two ladies together with James

and I called at Dunlaps - had a splendid good time. Ahem (!) (!). Black Bob came back to day to stay. Dave returned from his first trip west at noon (34).

17 Aug. Sat. Jennie and Matt at Mrs. Torrence's. James left home for the purposes of attending a sale but was disappointed in the day and drove around with ? McElroy instead - took dinner and supper with the said McElroy. Eve. completed my picture or rather my drawing of Washington's Monument (34-35).

22 Aug. Thursday. Murdocks. Dave and father, Mary and I were at Xenia. Eve. James brought Dave out from C- stayed a little while. Having the toothache I did not feel overly gay (35).

23 Aug. Friday. Pleasant. Murdocks. Dave goes to Cincinnati this afternoon. I took him into the train. Called around at Dr. Reid's office and got a tooth extracted, afterwards drove out to John's. Mary and I arranged things for Lizzie and J?T?ommy - he expects Mary and Lizzie home next week from Matt's (35).

25 Aug. Sab. All at preaching but Mother and Jennett - Mr. Morton being absent we attended U.P. church. Riley Mc and Dave went to Bloomington or to Clifton, to church, I mean (36).

27 Aug. Tuesday. Morning. Riley took Rice? to C - . James taking wheat to Clifton. Mrs. Little here for dinner (36).

September

2 Sept. Monday. Murdocks. Pleasant. Forenoon. Mary and I at C- I called at Dr. Reid's and had two teeth extracted. Afternoon. Tom C - called for Mary? H - to take a little drive to the Cliffs (37).

17 Sept. Tuesday. Very warm. Matt and I drove ? to Springfield. She got one tooth extracted. I three filled (40).

22 Sept. Sabbath. Pleasant. All at church but Jennett. Eve. I went home with our folks. 5 o'clock P.M. Mary and I attended mission Sabbath School. I sat in the Bible class (41).

29 Sept. Sab. All at preaching. Had only one sermon. James and I went out to father's from church. 5 o'clock P.M. All but Mother went to hear Mr. Morton preach at the mission school. His sermon is the winding up of the school - it closes to night (42).

October

2 Oct. Wed. Morning. Jane at C - Mother visiting at Hugh's. Father brought us some things - here for dinner. Night - raining.

3 Oct. Thurs. Cloudy and damp. Matt and Jennett at C - cleaning their house. Night - raining.

7 Oct. Monday. All at preaching but Jane. Sermon by J. H. Cooper. Eve. Mrs. G - called. Night - Dan here for ? ? or so making arrangements for Mother's leaving (43).

8 Oct. Tuesday. (Wood - Martha is about 6 months pregnant at this point. She never mentions the pregnancy in the journal) Sam here for a load of goods. Jennett and Matt at C - Afternoon James at the election. We put up our stove this morning. Some way or other I can't help feeling but that housekeeping is going to be more real than I ever dreamed of and for the life of (space) I can't help sighing and (and wishing ___ it wasn't time). (Wood - part in parentheses was partially scratched out.) but then that isn't noble or womanly; so I must try and banish such feeling forever from my heart and look ? the bright side of the picture and catch the sunshine as I go along. ? Mitchel here for dinner (44).

9 Oct. Wednesday. Rainbow in the west this morning. After breakfast - came up a heavy rain which continued till dinner time. Afternoon. Arch and Hugh's Jim here for a load, also Mr. Galbreath and Sam. Mrs. G - went down in the Spring wagon. Jennett went down with James in the buggy. Mother went home with Mrs. G- to spend the night. Eve. No one here as yet but Bob and I. Dear me! but it is lonely. Everything seems waste and desolate, but then I expect when this feeling is gone I will think it a grand life. After twilight - James has returned from C- He and Bob and I took supper alone. and some way or other it seemed more pleasant than one would imagine. Hugh's Dave came back from C- while we were eating (44-45).

10 Oct. Thursday. Cool and Cloudy. Gathering apples to day. Dave Torrence and Jane here for dinner. Eve. Half past eight. Silas and Jennie Little called (45).

11 Oct. Friday. Damp and cloudy. Jane here. Father, Mother, and Mary here for dinner - also Coon and Torrence. James and father brought in some of our new furniture (45).

13 Oct. Sab. Cool and cloudy. James and I were at church. Sister Mary was not well today and was at home. Eve. It seems so queer for James and I to spend the entire Sabbath evening alone. We resumed our Bible reading this eve. Commencing at "The Acts of the Apostles." In my estimation this is of the most pleasant ways the Sabbath evening can be spent (46).

15 Oct. Tuesday. Morning very pleasant. James at Xenia, went by father's, left me there until his return. Near eight o'clock at Night - James returned from Xenia - took supper at father's - reached our home at ten o'clock (46-47). (Wood - This is the first time she calls the McMillan farm "our home" and not Mother McMillan's).

16 Oct. Wednesday. Very pleasant. Morning. Matt and Jennett here - Mrs. G- and Lizzie Caldwell here for dinner. Coon also. Afternoon. Jennie C - called. Father brought us our chairs this afternoon. Eve. John Mary and Sam G - here for supper - stayed till ten (47).

18 Oct. Friday. Matt and Mr. Torrence here for dinner. Dave hauling wood to C - . Night sensation (47).

20 Oct. Sabb. Pleasant. Mr. Morton in Logan C - to day assisting with communion. Forenoon. James and I at U.P. Church. Heard a Collins. Afternoon at Old Side Coverters, heard a McF? (47).

22 Oct. Tuesday. James and I took dinner at Weymoth's. Father and Mary were there also. Eve. Called at Mother's to supper (48).

23 Oct. Wednesday. James at Clifton at Mill to day. Edgeworth here for dinner and supper. Eve - Lizzie Lake called. Mrs. Coon was found dead in her yard this evening. From appearances it seems she was burned to death this morning - her little child was found in the house. Afternight - James, Edgeworth and Dave have gone over. No one here but Bob and I. O I am so sad and lonely, the least sound makes me shudder (48).

24 Oct. Thursday morning. Of all the nights I ever experienced last night was the most wretched. I kept the lamp dimly burning all night in my room - waiting every minute for James' coming - but alas! he did not return till morning. After breakfast - Tom Crawford and Edgeworth took breakfast with us. Joe Caldwell called. Quite a number here for dinner. After dinner, James and the rest of the men have gone back to Coons - they are expecting the Coroner. Smith B? called. Eve - Edgeworth and James at town - Edgeworth here for supper. Wm. Weymouth married last night at half past four (49).

25 Oct. Friday. Edgeworth here on last night. Morning - I was down at C - brought my carpet home, did some shopping and brought Jane home with me - she and Edgeworth and some stranger, a p...p (pump?) maker here for dinner. Eve. After supper, James took Jane back to C - did not return till after ten (49).

28 Oct. Monday. Rain. Mother, Mary, and Jane Caldwell here for dinner. They ? at my carpet. Eve - Sam G - called a few minutes (50).

29 Oct. Monday. Damp and cloudy. James around attending to his stock. Dave and Christie husking corn. Afternoon and Eve - James at C - (50).

30 Oct. Wednesday. Bold gloomy and wet. James and I at Xenia took Jane and sister Mary with us - got quite a supply of carpets (50).

31 Oct. Thursday. Damp and cloudy. Coon here this morning to settle accounts. Afternoon. At Weymouth and ? reception. Quite a large company. Dinner very fine - Sister Mary was there. Had a very pleasant time. Returning home - called at Mother's and Mrs. G's - Mrs. G has not been well for a few days (50).

November

1 Nov. Friday. Pleasant. James over at Clifton - took dinner at Joe C's and spent the afternoon at J. ? Robert and I cleaned the kitchen and pantry (51).

2 Nov. Sat. After breakfast. Mr. Marshal and Jim Mitchel called. James at Coon's sale until late in the afternoon. After an early supper went to C - returned after nine with J. Mitchel - as they expect to sit up to guard property and keep a sharp lookout for Coon. I expect to sit up for a while also as I dislike going upstairs alone to bed. Tis after midnight - how slow the hours pass! (51).

3 Nov. Sabbath. Cool and damp. James and I were at home all day alone. Robt not well. Eve. Sam G - here stayed with us all night (51). (Wood - This is the first church service Martha has missed in this journal.)

4 Nov. Monday. Morning. Moved the stove into the kitchen from the dining room. Afternoon. Packed the wool in the parlor. Eve - James at C - He and Edgeworth here for supper after his return (51-52).

5 Nov. Tues. Edgeworth here last night. James took the carriage down for Jennett and Matt. Aunt Matilda's John here for dinner. Afternoon Jennett put down the carpet in the dining room (52).

6 Nov. Wed. Jane Jennett and Father and Mary here for dinner. Jennett put the sitting room carpet down fixed up our bed in the sitting room. Mary stayed with us to night she expects to remain for a few days (52).

7 Nov. Thurs. After an early dinner James and Edgeworth went to Xenia. Afternoon John called. Mary and I commenced papering the front sitting room. Christie and Dave hauling gravel.

(Wood - Christie, Dave, and Bob/Robert seemed to be some of the regularly-employed hired people who work on the McMillan farm.) (52).

8 Nov. Friday. Mary still here helping me on with my work. Afternoon. James at Clifton at Mill. Dr. Caldwell and Harv Nesbit called. Christie and Dave still hauling gravel (52-53).

9 Nov. Sat. Pleasant morning. James at C - did not return till afternoon. Mary and I finished the papering the front sitting room. 3 O'clock. She and I drove down to Jefferies furniture shop- met father there so she went home with him and left me to drive home alone. I drove up to Dawes? and made a short call there. Eve - James has taken his hogs away this afternoon (53).

10 Nov. Sabbath. Bright sunshine. Dave at the U.P. church, James at the Old Sides - Bob and I at home alone - James did not return till late, it being the day of their Communion services were quite long (53).

11 Nov. Monday. Snow falling lightly. Old Lucy here ?. John, Joe C - and Jane here for dinner (53).

13 Nov. Wed., Dave and Christie husking corn! James around on the plantation. Eve. - James and I at father's for tea. Took Jennett in the buggy with us. Lizzie and Jennie Little Matt ?? Jennie Caldwell and John and Mary were there also (54).

14 Nov. Thursday. Jane and Mrs. G - and Liz Caldwell here for dinner. Afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Mc here - James and J.C. drove up to Selma returned in time for tea. Eve. Jane spent a little while at Dawes? (54).

15 Nov. Friday. Jane was with us last night. After breakfast she returned to C - Matt with us today. Having the wood sawn. Quite a number of hands for dinner and a few for supper (54).

16 Nov. Sat. morning. Matt and two of those wood sawers here last night. After breakfast, returned home. The hands came in and spent an hour finishing out in the wood. Noon - Jane here for dinner. Eve - James and Bob at C - Dave and I here alone (55).

17 Nov. Sabbath. Forenoon James and I at our church had only one sermon. Afternoon. attended a Sabbath School convention at the U.P. church. Had addresses from Messers Allison, Johnson, Cooper, and Rev. Morton, Harner and Ford. Audience quite large, meeting rather interesting (55).

18 Nov. Monday. Dave at house today helping to butcher. Joe Caldwell here for dinner. Afternoon James and Will McElroy out bringing hogs for Jas. McElroy - did not get home till after ten. Edgeworth came home with him (55).

19 Nov. Tuesday. After breakfast Edgeworth returned to C - . James and I at Xenia getting some ?. James has splendid taste even better than I ever dreamed he had. My cloak and bonnet suit me exactly. We got our two pictures framed - The Winter Scene and Gray's Elogy. I prize them ever so much. As we returned home we took supper at Mother McMillan's. The children met there this afternoon and Eve to sign a deed (56).

21 Nov. Thursday. James and Sam G - at the Yellow Springs at the Neff house at the sale - did not return till after night. I was over home and spent the day - went alone in the buggy. Mary made my calico dress for me on the machine. The singing is to be there tonight. It has been so dreary and misty all day - still there is something about it so pleasant that it is rather agreeable - to my self at least (56).

22 Nov. Friday. Misty and gloomy. John Mr. Torrance, Jane and Matt here for dinner. They are making their apple butter. After supper Bob took Jane down to Galbreaths. Dave has gone with his mother to Springfield (57).

23 Nov. Sat. Morning. Jane called - James busy with his sheep and the colored man who is to occupy Coon's house brought a load of corn over. Noon. Joe Caldwell here for dinner. Afternoon Cristie hauling wood. Dave and James husking corn. Eve. James and Dave at C - Bob and I here alone (57).

24 Nov. Sabbath. James and I at church. Carlo went with us (57).

25 Nov. Monday. Damp and cool. Bob took the carriage down for Jane. Making apple butter. Afternoon. Bob rode out to the carpet weavers. Edgeworth and Jane with us tonight. Edgeworth here for supper (57).

26 Nov. Tuesday. Cloudy and chilly. After breakfast - Edgeworth went to C - Fast? John McMillan called. Jane still here helping me finish the butter. Mrs. G - and her beautiful grandchildren here for dinner. Afternoon - Jane dressing turkeys for market. James at C - John Hampills? old farmer and at our house. Eve - Edgeworth here for supper. Jane went to spend the night at Mrs. G's (58).

27 Nov. Wednesday. Rain. Jane, Mrs. Galbreath and I at Xenia. I spent the great part of the day at JC's. I was quite wet coming home. James at Cedarville, Clifton and John Forbes. Took dinner at Riley C's (58).

28 Nov. Thursday. Thanksgiving day. James and I at U.P. church. Mr. Morton preached. Took dinner at Mothers. Rachel there also, She put her name to that deed this afternoon. James and I drove out to fathers stayed about half an hour - ? ? in C- tonight (58).

29 Nov. Friday. Morning rain, continued till dinner. Forenoon. Sam here with James remained till after dinner. Bob and I washing. Afternoon turned to snow. James at C - did not return till after night. A dutchman with us tonight. he came along after dark, asked for shelter so we took him in (59).

30 Nov. Sat. Concluded to keep the dutchman for a while on trial. Morning. James at C - Afternoon. Dave left us. James has been gone all day did not return till five. Been quite busy putting away my ?. Eve - Our dutchman quite unwell (59).

December

1 Dec. Sabbath. Quite cold and has been ever since Friday eve. The dutchman quite sick all last night. James and I were up with him till 12 o'clock. We fixed up the lounge for him in the dining room this morning so we could keep him warm. Did not go to church till the afternoon and then James and I found that preaching had commenced so we drove out of the church yard and went down to Riley C's and mother's a few minutes (59-60).

2 Dec. Monday. Cold. Quite a number hands here helping to butcher - Matt and Jane here for dinner. The dutchman seemed much better this morning- concluded not to stay with us any longer but to go to Columbus and look out for work that would suit him better (60).

3 Dec. Tuesday. Not quite so cold. Little Dave Mc with us last night left before breakfast. Matt went down home with Dan's Matt this morning. Jane is still with us - Miss Smith is still with us today also helping us to finish up the work. James at Daws helping to butcher. Eve. James at C- (60).

4 Dec. Wed. Pleasant. James and Cristie out arranging the stock. Afternoon. I took Jane back to C - . Cristie took a load of wood down to Mother's. Jane and I drove out to the carpet weavers but did not get the carpet. When I came back to town, Matt and I drove down to Jeffries. Did not get home till later (61).

8 Dec. Sabbath. Very cold. James and I at preaching. Rev Ritchie, agent of the American Tract Society, preached this afternoon. A collection was taken up for him (62).

9 Dec. Monday. Forenoon. James out on the plantation. Afternoon. James at C - (62).

10 Dec. Tuesday. James over at Clifton took dinner at Jn Forbeses. Eve. came home by C - took supper at Mother's. Did not return till near ten (62).

12 Dec. Thurs. Morning - Snow. It is quite cold. the snow falling fast and the winds ? it in every direction. Afternoon - we fixed up a fire in the dining room and moved into Winter Quarters. James at home all day looking after things generally. Eve - Jon Mitchel called with our mail (63).

13 Dec. Friday. Calm and cold. Sleighing very good. The air is vocal with the music of the sleigh bells. Forenoon quite busy sewing. James out on the plantation. Afternoon James and I took a drive to C - We called at Mother's. Jennie C - was there also. She and Matt went down to the post office with us afterwards. Jennie went out with James and I for our carpet. Before leaving town we concluded to go out home - we only stayed for about half an hour. Some way or other I couldn't help thinking of the days of "Honey Moon" half the time while out today. Everything seemed to recall them so vividly. That is if there are such "days" some way or other I don't believe there are. If we make the most of life and study its true philosophy well; the moon shall shine brighter and brighter as the years go by making our life's picture sparkle with many a rosy hue (63-64).

14 Dec. Sat. Morning. Jonathan Smith and Sam G here - They together with Jane went with James to Xenia today. Mrs. Christie here helping me put down the carpet in the front sitting room. James did not get home till after night (64).

15 Dec. Sabbath. James and I went to church in the sleigh (64).

16 Dec. Monday. James at home all day. Fast? Jns. Mc Millan here for dinner he and James put up the blinds in the front sitting room this afternoon. Joe Caldwell called. Eve - James and I had our first sitting in the front room, this eve, it is so very cheerful. I like it ever so much. Dr. Holland says - home is the temple of our sweetest kinsman? love - It is here characters are shaped into manhood or womanhood - the highest earthly estate. It is here that ___ are to work out the problem of our lives. It is a place of dignity. Therefore give it honor; make it beautiful; make it ___ (!). Could we only do this. After all there is something in a true life worth striving for - worth our highest efforts (64-65).

17 Dec. Tuesday. Forenoon. Jane came to help me make Bob's clothes - Afternoon. James and I went down to town in the sleight. Took some little provisions to the Morton's. Called a few minutes at Mother's - around to the drug store. I called on Alice while there. We expected a colored girl to come up on the train from Xenia today for our service but were disappointed. Near dark - Jane went over to spend night with Mrs. G. Eve. Silas and Jennie Little called sat till ten o'clock (66).

18 Dec. Wed. Morning. Jane came back from Galbreath's. Amos Creswell called. Fast? John Mc came here to work today. Afternoon - James took Jane down home. The colored girl came today James brought her home with him this eve. Cristie hauling corn from Hempills (66).

19 Dec. Thursday. Pleasant. James at home all day. Ria washing. I attended to dinner. Before sunset Silas and Mary came - Oyster supper here tonight - quite a number at it. Mary stayed all night did not retire till near 3 o'clock A.M. (66).

20 Dec. Friday. Morning - did not have breakfast till after nine o'clock - Silas came for Mary before we sat down to eat - they started for home a short time afterwards. Cristie finished hauling corn from Hempills today. Noon - James and I took dinner at Mrs. Galbreath's given in honor of Lieut Gage. quite a little company was present. Eve - James and I drove down to C - sleighing very nice or at least it was so warm and pleasant that it seemed almost like Spring, so therefore, I guess it was the evening that was so nice not the sleighing (66-67).

22 Dec. Sabbath. Last night the rain fell in _____. James and I at church. Jon, Mc, Bob and Ria at home (67).

23 Dec. Monday. Pleasant. Bob and Maria washing - _____ (someone else added in four -penciled lines here - Wood) Cristie has been sick yesterday and this forenoon. Afternoon - Cristie here at work. James at C - took supper at Mother's brought some potatoes home from C - Little Dave Mc here for supper spent the eve with us (67-68).

25 Dec. Wed. Christmas. Quite gloomy and damp. Rain most of the time. Cal Wilson called for cream for the festival which is going on at Cedarville. James over the greater part of the forenoon at Galbreath's did not get back till John Mc and I were nearly through with dinner. My Oh! one would hardly think it was Christmas, everything seems more quiet than usual. Eve. dark and cloudy. A little after four James started to C - came back before seven in a pelting rain. brought two books? for presents for Maria and Bob. This evening one year ago James came out home to see me - now we are married and "keeping house" What a change (!) yet it is a pleasant change much happier; ever so happier now than then. All is perfect confidence and assurance tinged with misgiving, or at least this was my experience. Byron says: -

Ah love was never yet without

A pang, and agony, a doubt,

That rends my heart with ceaseless sigh -

While day and night roll darkling by.

Now I believe that these or rather his sentiments are true. If we were only conversant with heart histories we would find them to be so (68-69).

27 Dec. Friday. Forenoon. busy sewing. Sam G. called - after an early dinner he and James went to Xenia. James returned before supper (70).

28 Dec. Sat. Pleasant. James and I went into C - this morning- he attended a congregational meeting at the church while Jane and I took H? and the buggy and drove out home - Father took our buggy and came into the meeting after Jane and I got there. Mary made Bob's coat today on the machine. It was late before we got started home, did not get to C - till dark. Lost my muff in Ced- but James found it again, for me (70).

29 Dec. Sabbath. James and I at preaching took Bob with us. Mr. Morton preached this forenoon Text - "We spend our years as a tale that has been told." Afternoon - Mr. Morton preached - text - "Prepare to meet thy God." Rev. Cunningham Jackson was in the pulpit in the afternoon - made the closing prayer (70-71). (Wood - This is the first time she records the texts of the sermons from Sabbath preaching.)

Last day of 1867. Quite cold. Jane is still with us. Mr. S. Anderson called - We are all at home. Just to think that another year has gone with its many dreams and bright anticipation as well as with its blighted hopes and shifting clouds and darkness. It has gone! yes, it has gone to the eternal burial ground of the past where side by side with a thousand more it sleeps mantled in its robes of white. The past the beautiful years of the past are painted with many a rainbow tint of beauty which throws a hallowed Light over our life's --path and carries us back on memories wings over the hills and far away to listen to the robins songs and gather the flowers of long ago. But while our years glide by so swiftly they leave their footprint upon each heart and upon each brow. It is sad, yet true every year brings it changes -

Yes - For -

Change seems written all around us

All things earthly fade and die -

But no flower ever fadeth

In that home beyond the sky.

Adieux to the -

Old Year.

M.E.M.

Extra Information about this volume: Wood

1. Pages torn/cut out of the back that had writing on them. One can see fragments of the writing on the remaining paper.
2. A few accounts and records of payment in the back.
3. Calculations and indecipherable writing within the front cover.