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May

1 May Friday. Quite pleasant indeed. Beautiful May Day full of sunshine and bird songs. Fannie, Fred, Harlan, and Homer, and I enjoyed a bright happy day. Tom Conly took us down to town this morning. We spent the day at Sister Jane's. Louisa Bratr (?) there spending the day also. Father in town at his new house Sister Mary and Cousin Bell & Jennie Murdock there papering. Father took dinner with us at the girls. Clemenes moved out of Father's property on Tuesday. This eve Father brought the children and me home. Mr. Mc here when we came – he had been up at the Sheep pasture this afternoon. Katy attending to business when I was gone.

2 May Sat. Gloomy most of the day. Smith Buek (?) called this A.M. Mr. Mc and his men putting rings in his hog's noses – rings were put in one hundred and fifteen head today. Mr. Mc very tired to night. Mrs. M – quite sick with sick headache I took care of her little girl today. Mrs. M- called for her this eve. Katy worked down home. Men in for supper at dark. Communion at the U.P. Church tomorrow. Their men elders were ordained on last week Mr. Waddle was among the number.

3 May Sabb. Gloomy...

4 May Monday. ...The evening pleasant Mr. Mc and the children and I at home. Every thing very pleasant.

5 May Tuesday – Smith Buek here showing his dry goods ... Mrs. Hoghin washed for us today....

6 May Wed. Quite pleasant ... I laid in a supply of dry good - got a handsome Cashmere dress. Mary and Bell in at their house - having painting done...

7 May Thurs. Warm. Mrs. Hoghin here cleaning house. Cleaned two rooms up stairs Mr. Mc and Charlie in the sheep pen all forenoon. This afternoon they left with sheep for Packer's. This P.M. Mrs. Miller and Fannie and I attended a meeting of prayer at Mr. (?) Wright's. I left Harlan and Homer at Mrs. M – with Lizzie. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." After supper Charlie walked down to town.

8 May Friday. Pleasant Katy cleaning the front room up stairs Father drove up to day and took Mr. Mc out to the old home place to look at hogs. Father's moved into Cedarville on yesterday Silas and Jennie are out at the old place. About five Father and Mr. Mc came with the hogs. After supper father went back home. Mrs. Miller coming.

9 May Sat. Charlie Mc here helping with the sheep. Cedarville General closed on yesterday. Bro Robert here this morning. Sister Betsey here spending the day. On yesterday Mr. Norton of Selma, dry goods merchant died. He was found dead in the woods near his house. He had gone to turn out a cord and in about two hours after they went out and found him dead. At noon to day Mrs. David Small's house was burned down. Mrs. Miller at town this morning called here this afternoon. Charlie Mc walked down home this eve.

10 May Sabb. Very bright and pleasant. One of Mr. Mc's most valuable mares and colt was killed on the rail road last night. When the eight O'clock train passed down they were (?) off the track. God teaches his children by his works of providence...

11 May Monday Quite warm Mr. Mc and Charlie around looking after sheep. Katy and I busy. Every thing quiet on the Patomic. After night Charlie Mc. and Mr. Mc (?) stacks back of the barn – having quite an (?) Fannie Fred and I out with them awhile.

12 May Tues. Warm. Henry our German took his exit from the McMillan plantation this morning. – he failed to appreciate us and we him (?). This forenoon Mr. Mc and Charlie left with sheep for Packer's pasture. Near noon Father came stopped with us for dinner and then the children and I went down home with him. Took supper at Father's. About five Mr. Mc came to town and went on to Xenia Father brought us home this eve. Charlie rode down to town and back again this eve. Almost eight O'clock a heavy storm came up. Charlie walked faithfully to see that it was well with sheep and well with the lambs & that all was well. Mr. Mc did not get home until eleven – he stopped in a barn about two miles this side of Xenia time of the storm. While in town to day Harlan got his hair cut at the barbers.

13 May Wed. Pleasant George Chambers who has been working at Weymoth's yard for the last two months came to us this morning and lived for a month. German Henry came around and took dinner with us. Charlie & Mr. Mc and all here. Chambers working at the cellar this afternoon. Mrs. Shingleak [I have no idea what this name is this is the best I can make out] from C here washing. Mrs. Kelly and Jance working in the woods below the men barn she has taken a contract for Mr. Mc. Planting corn this afternoon Charlie gone a fishing to night.

14 May. Thurs Quite pleasant. Charlie around with Mr. Mc to day. Bro Robert and Lizzie Lake Mcoll – called this morning. Had supper at five. Mr. Mc Charlie and her Miller at town. Mr. Mc met Assesson Joe C- at town and gave in the worth of his stuff & c. Mrs. Miller her stitching on my machine this eve. Another day has gone. Another night has come and every body tired and sleeping.

15 May Friday. Katy cleaning the parlor and hall. I attended to the kitchen dept. Our four children taking care of one another. Fannie called at Aunt Betsey's. Charlie here to day. Mrs. Miller here this P.M. Quite a heavy shower this eve.

16 May Sat. Quite gloomy and damp, Charlie Mc here. Father here this morning. I have been putting the parlor in order. Mrs. Miller here this P.M. This eve – Katy & Lizzie Irvn walked down to town. Bro Hugh here to night his two wagons of corn are ready for Madison County. Mr. Mc at home all day.

17 May Sabb...Heavy rain this afternoon...Our man George Chambers keeping house for us to day.

18 May Monday. The day pleasant. Patt McDonel came here & hired with Mr. Mc for a month he and George Chambers both with us now. Chambers is quite a penhion (?) looking man – wears glasses. Charlie Mc Helping with the corn planting Mr. Waddle here for dinner. Mrs. Shingbdek (?) here washing. Hugh and his colored boy went to Madison this morning – this has been a busy day.

19 May Tues. Pleasant Bro John up at Bro Hughs to help with the sheep washing. Mr. Mc and Mr. Waddle and Charlie with our two house men here for dinner. Katy in full command. The children and I spent the day at town Father came up for us this morning I helped to finish up their rooms I made my mark [mark is double underlined - Bennett]. This morning Uncle John McMillan died. Father and Mother drove out this afternoon to Cousin Henrys. Poor Mother is feeling very tired. Bro Silas and Jennie stopped at Father's. They went in to Xenia this afternoon. J.C. McMillan called at Fathers this eve. Synod on this evenings Train. I met Cassie Harbison at Fathers. Near dark the work all done. Father brought us up home. Mc. Mc at home with us this eve – Sweet home. Charlie at C- to night.

This is our dear Little Fred's fourth birthday. I got him a Little birth day present after his own heart. A wise hoop with a horse in the center. I could have him something much nicer but he was with me and this only would he have. I do hope my Little pet will be a good boy – and if he lives will grow up rife (?). A good man: it is good boys and men we need. – for there are too many bad ones now - _ the world is full of them.

20 May Wed. Chilly and very gloomy. Mr. Mc. and Charlie and Waddle & the others in for dinner. Mr. Mc Fannie Fred and I attended the opening meeting of Synod (?) at three O'clock this P.M. At our church. Sermon by the retiring moderator Rev. S. Young. Most of the member were present. Harlan and Homer staid with Lizzie at Mrs. M_s. Evening all at home.

21 May Thurs Pleasant. All of us very busy all forenoon. Charlie Mc and Mr. Waddle here for dinner with the other men. At two O'clock Mr. Mc and Fannie and I attended Uncle John

McMillan's funeral. The funeral services were conducted by the Synod. Uncle John was a native of Ireland and was ninety one years of age, 91 years, Uncle Daniel McMillan died on the same day of the month and was buried on the same day by the Synod eleven years ago. – Fred, Harlan, & Homer staid in town with Aunt Jennie(?) and at Grandfather's. Father and I took our three boys with us to the Cemetery. Fannie rode down with Uncle Silas & Aunt Jennie. When we reached home Katy had supper awaiting us. Charlie here this eve. This day has been beautiful.

22 May Friday. This has been most a beautiful day and very pleasant day every way. Had company drive out from the meeting of Synod to take dinner with us. Dan Dallas and wife & Martha Steele. Mr. Morton's brother Hugh Mr. Wm Scoot from Phila'a Rev. Mr. Smily from Sparta Rev Kaber_____ from Caulterville, Illinois I felt quite disappointed this morning that Katy had to leave once she was called home by her parents to go to Xenia to day. She went this morning on the Seven O'clock train Charlie took her down to town. Mrs. Miller came bright and early and took her place in the kitchen – dinner was a success [double underlined - Bennett] – had a pleasant home – our friends went back at two for the afternoon session Mrs. Miller here the reminder of the day. Mr. Mc drove up to the Packer Sheep pasture returned after dark. Mr. Mc us around the lamp Bro Hough with us to night.

23 May Sat. Pleasant Mr. Mc, Hugh, and Miller at C_ in pursuit of some fellows who passed and frightened the team on the pike. Mrs. Miller here morning and assisting with the work. She went down home for dinner. This afternoon Hugh returned to Madison. Jamie at the Sheep pasture again. – returned in time for supper – Eve all at home.

24 May Sabb. Quite pleasant Harlan and Homer with Lizzie at Mrs. M_S. Father, Fannie, and Fred, and I at church. Had sermon this morning by Rev. Scoot from Rebulican City Kansas. This afternoon by Rev. Nevin (?) Woodside of Brooklin N.Y. lept "The fathers where are they and the prophets do they life forever." Sab School appointed to meet at our School house at five this eve – but had no meeting. I am not feeling well have headache. Fannie went home with Aunt Mary from Church. Mr. Mc rode down with Bro Dan's to our church at half past seven and heard Rev Gaily of Phila'a Fannie came home with him. Katy returned this eve.

25 May Monday – The day beautiful. Katy in full command...

26 May Tues. Pleasant. Mr. Mc and I attended the meeting of Synod this morning left the children with Aunt Jennette. Took dinner at Father's with Ellen Ewing & Jane McCallen. Father staid home this afternoon. A colored woman taking charge of the kitchen there this afternoon and took care of the children for me. Mother and Sister Mary rode up to church with Mr. Mc and me. Fred with us. Meeting quite interesting. At the close of the meeting we came home – left Fred with Aunt Jane.

27 May Wed. Warm. The Miller family attending A Show at Charleston. Baking Cakes for the Supper all morning. This afternoon Mr. Mc and Fannie and I attended the closing session of Synod. Mother rode up with us to the church. Aunt Ivie at the girls taking care of our little folks. At the close of the meeting the Synod and Congregation walked down to Dr. Stnart's yard to a supper which was given by the Congregation. I went down to Aunt Jane's and brought Fred up. After the Supper – had Music and speeches – speeches from Woodside Steel, Thompson, Hunter, Gaily, Smily, Mcfott, and W on Young. And thus ended the meeting of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod at Cedarville. The evening beautiful. Soft (?) moonlight. The children are asleep and so is Mr. Mc and I will be soon good night. The day has gone with its pleasures and disappointments – and so will life soon pass away. We all felt tired when we got home to night – it is now near twelve O'clock.

28 May Thurs. Warm & very dry. Charlie Mc here this morning and drove to Clifton for W. Bro John called George Walker, Charlie and our two house men here to dinner this afternoon Mr. Mc out with the men at the Sheep washing, Fannie and Fred out for a while. Mrs. Miller ironing for me. She and Lizzie took my sewing machine down this evening. Katy and I busy all day. After supper Mr. Mc drove up to Packer's sheep pasture.

29 May Friday Quite warm. Charlie Mc and Patt left quite early with Sheep for the Packer pasture Mr. Mc took George Walker with him to assist with the Sheep washing. Took their dinners with them. Hugh and his wagons passed down this evening Hugh & Charlie Miller came into supper at a later hour Mr. Mc and his four men came in. Charlie staying with Willie to night.

30 May Sat. Very warm. Charlie at the Clifton mill this morning. George White washing the cellar. J.H. McMillan and Tom Conly in with the home folks for dinner. This afternoon Charlie out visiting his cousins. Mr. Mc putting things in order to be ready for the Sabbath. This eve he drove over to WW Thnns (?). The children out with Homer in his wagon. Mrs. Miller here.

31 May Sabb. Very warm. Mr. Mc Fannie, Fred, and I at church. Left Harlan and Homer at Father's with Mother and Aunt Ivie (?). This morning had sermon by Dr. Steel. – This afternoon Mr. Smily preached. Katy went down to see her mother do day. This quite a pleasant evening: had a nice shower: Fannie and Fed talked with me and recited questions. Harlan. Keeping the Sabbath after his own heart – been out walking back and forth through the yard: got two stings from bees while out.

June

1 June Monday. Much cooler this morning. Harlan very fretful all night – quite SO to day. J.H. Miller here this morning. Began shearing sheep. Walker and Haeket (?) here. Bro Hugh here for

dinner. At two this P.M. Bro John and Mr. Mc left for the Sheep pasture in Madison Co. Our four men in for supper.

2 June Tues. Not quite so warm. Our two men Shearing Sheep to day again. The farm hands out at work. Mr. Mc & Bro John reached home at noon. This P.M. they spent in the Sheep pen. Near sun setting John left for home with his Sheep. Mrs. Hoghin here washing.

3 June Wed. Warm. Mrs. Miller drove down to town in our conveyance. Our two men shear Sheep till noon. This afternoon – Mr. Mc and his men washing wool at the Creek. Katy and the children out with them after supper. After dark had quite a little shower. We have put in a full day ironing.

4 June Thurs. Had considerable rain on last night. Mr. Mc not well he has been in bed all day he dressed and walked out a little this eve. Our men washing wool and building fence. Fred and Harlan & Fannie very attentive to their Father. Poor Old Carlo laid under his bed all day. Katy and Fannie called at the Dan's for med. this eve.

5 June Friday. Warmer. Father called this morning. Our men (?) as they were on yesterday. After Supper Mr. Mc and the children and Katy and I took a drive down to town – while there a heavy storm came up – which detained us till near ten (?) O'clock. Father and Mother were out at Mr. Dallas's today.

6 June Sat. Had a nice rain last night. Pleasant to day. Mrs. Miller went down to Xenia this morning on the train. This afternoon Miller and Mr. Mc at the Packer Sheep pasture did not get home till late at which time Miller drove down to town for Mrs. M-. Katy at Mrs. Ms this eve with Lizzie.

7 June Sabb. Quite warm. Mrs. Miller kept Harlan and Homer for me. Mr. Mc, Fannie, and Fred & I at church. Katy rode down with us. Had sermon this P.M. by Rev S.R. St____t. Fred came home with us – he has been in town since Friday eve with Aunt Jane. This eve all at home.

8 June Monday. Still warm. Another shower last night. Mr. Mc and Miller left quite early this morning for the Sheep pasture took breakfast with Mrs. Packer. Tho (?) swarm of bees came off this morning which made things very pleasant. Packer & Walker shearing sheep. After dinner Mr. Mc around on the plantation Miller returned near noon with the sheep. Mr. Mc and his farm men boarding with us. Packer here to night.

9 June Tues. Very warm. Annie Miller called this morning. John Wright and Packer shearing. Bro John here for breakfast – he was at the sheep pasture to day. Mr. Mc at home all day. Mrs. M- here this eve.

10 June Wed. Warm Harlan and I at town this morning. Mrs. Miller rode down with me. She is spending the day with Sister Mary – none at home but her – the rest out at Silas's. Have four men shearing. And boarding with us. Mrs. Packer with us for dinner also – so were our two house hands. This afternoon it came up a heavy rain. As soon as it was over Mr. Mc left for Xenia John Bromey (?) and met with him – eve Sheep shears from Jamesville and Mike Noonung came this eve. Nothing but men men. I am nearly sick - Bessie Coldwell here with Fannie this afternoon. Mrs. Hoghin here washing to day. A heavy storm again to night which detained Mr. Mc – it was nearly twelve when he came.

11 June Thurs. Damp and cool. Old gent Braek came up on the two O'clock train this morning Sheep shearers – our two farm hands – Mr. Mc and Charlie Single who was passing and stopped in all eleven men took dinner and supper with us. Sister Betsy here spending the day: Bro Silas here for supper this eve. Mrs. Hoghin here helping Katy and I this afternoon. Our men with us to night. Mr. Braek says Wesley is at the Gil son house (?) [there a lot of undistinguishable humps - Bennett] – he was married a few weeks ago.

12 June Friday Much cooler. Mrs. Hoghin here helping us. All of our sheep shears with us: Mr. & Mrs. Jus (?) Townsley came up to spend the afternoon with us but concluded not to stay but wait till a more quiet day. I drove down to town late this afternoon. John Wright left us this eve for his home near Xenia.

13 June Sat. Pleasant. All our Sheep shearers here Bro Silas here to day shearing. George Chambers left on a visit to his sisters on the noon train Father and Sister Jane made a short call this morning. Mrs. Miller here helping this afternoon she and her family here for supper. Katy and Lizzie at Cedarville this eve. Old gent Braek left on the evening train. Our two men came from Jamesville and Patt only remains. A swarm of bees came off to day. Bro Hugh with us to night.

14 June Sabb. Quite pleasant Mr. Mc not feeling well none of us at preaching. Mr. & Mrs. Miller went in our Carriage to church and left their children here. Katy came home with them this eve. Had dinner at three. I tried to keep the Sabbath day. And for all to do their duty. [two blurred and crossed out words like Martha was going to continue writing then decided not to - Bennett]

15 June Monday Pleasant Geo Walker and our two (?) men, Harlan Thompson, & Sam Washington finished the sheep shearing. I drove down to town and took the children with me – came back before noon. Bro Hugh called this morning. Father (?) at Sister Betsy's and here. This afternoon I went back to town again was gone but a short time. Mr. Mc and those two men walking sheep. All finished at five this evening. After supper Mr. Mc at town. Having a showing this eve.

16 June Tues. Raining all morning Mr. Mc and those two men from Jamesville left about two with sheep for Packer and Madison Co. Mrs. Hoghin here working. Mrs. M. here this forenoon and this afternoon awhile. Katy out with Homer in his wagon this eve. Mr. Mc still gone.

17 June Wed. Pleasant. Mr. Mc did not get home till ten last night he missed a swarm of bees. This morning found them and hived them before sun up. Mrs. Miller out seeing about her school. Mr. Mc in the yard most of the day taking charge of the bees. I called to see Sister Betsey. Jennie Caldwell and Bessie and Earl were there so also was Nancy Am (?). Lizzie G. over at Dayton at a picnic. I bid Jennie and her children and Sister Betsy good by as they leave on the morning train for the west. Fannie spent the afternoon with Bessie. Bro Silas here for supper. Mr. Mc took the children and went down to see Betsy this eve. Sister Mary and Matt attending a temperance mass meeting at Springfield to day.

18 June Thurs. Pleasant Mr. Mc transferring bees. Mrs. Coldwell Washington taking off wall paper of the dinning room. A swarm of bees came off this afternoon and lighted upon the top of a locust tree and was taken down by Joe Brown. Aunt Ivie called this afternoon. Sister Mary Little and Bro Hugh here for supper. Mr. Mc at town this eve.

19 June Friday. Beautiful day. Susan Washing here cleaning the bed room. Father came up this morning and brought Mother up and went back home. Mother with us to day, Two swarm of bees came off to day. After supper Mr. Mc took Mother down home. Katy went and staid till he came back. Mr. G. called this evening. Nannie Ou died yesterday and will be buried tomorrow at ten O'clock. Bro Hugh here to night.

20 June Sat. Susan (?) Washing here finishing cleaning house. Harlan Thompson Sam Washington called here this morning. Bro John passed down from the sheep pasture at noon he and Hugh here for dinner. Hugh went to his home in Madison this P.M. Mr. Mc renovated beehives. Aunt Ivie came back from her visit to Selma here for supper and with us to night. Mr. Mc at town this eve. This has been a most beautiful day.

21 June Sabb. The day beautiful...

22 June. Monday. Warm. Mr. Mc across the county with Miller for corn. – did not return till this afternoon while he was gone a swarm of bees came off which were out on yesterday and returned to the hive to day again (?) - they came off the third time and were hived by Katy and I [word is smudged - Bennett] me. Mr. Mc and Miller at town to night. Katy washed today and this eve she and Fannie at Bro Dan's. Mrs. M- here a short time.

23 June Tues. Bright and Clear. Mrs. Miller here helping Katy watched the bees. Fannie, Fred, and Harlan and I attended Charlie Houston's funeral. Mr. Mc with us also. Jennette kept Homer for me at Fathers. Funeral large – he was buried in the Cemetery at Springfield. We took dinner at Sister Jane's. We left our children with Aunt Jane's and Father's and Mr. Mc and I drove down to Xenia. Did not get to C till late Mr. Mc bought a hay rake out. It is bright moonlight very pleasant. All the children came home but Fred – who true to his principle was tucked very sound asleep in Aunt Jane's bed.

24 June Wed. Our men cutting clover and hauling in. Mr. Mc amusing himself with the bees. Seemed to be enjoying himself. Swarmed a hive of bees by the rule laid down in his book for beginners. Mrs. Miller at town & returned this afternoon through the ra[i]n (?) – it began at noon and continued too all afternoon Mr. Mc in the house remainder of the day. As business (?) is suspended (?). [on the margin Martha writes] 24th Mr. Mc at C to day.

25 June Thurs. Men all out in the clover field. Mrs. Yully (?) cleaning the woods along the (?) taken another contract. Mr. Mc at home all day.

26 June Friday. Pleasant after the rain. Another swarm of bees came off. Mr. Mc present. Katy and I cleaned the dining room and kitchen. Bro Hugh here for dinner. Mr. Mc marking sheep. After supper he and Patt left with sheep for the Packer pasture. Mrs. M– here this eve.

27 June Sat. Pleasant Our men in the clover field. Mr. Mc at home all day. Father called this afternoon. This eve. Fred and I drove down to town. The rest of the children with Katy – Lizzie Inie (?) rode down with me. The (?) out in town to night. Fred and I came home through the moonlight.

28 June Sabb. Very pleasant Father and Fannie, Fred, Harlan, & I at church. Mrs. Miller staid here and kept Homer and watched the bees. This has been Harlan's first day at church since he was baptized – he was well behaved to day...The late Charlie Houston's father's died to day in Springfield at his home there. Patt brought a man from off the pikes into supper and is stopping with him to night. Bro Hugh at Church to day – here for supper and went home this eve.

29 June Monday. Pleasant. Our men from off the pike out with the men in the hay field. Katy washing I attended to the other work. This P.M. Mr. Mc drove to Xenia alone. Eve Mrs. Miller called I have been very busy all day.

30 June Thurs. Every body busy. This afternoon Mr. Mc out with the men in the clover field. Late this afternoon the children and I at town – took supper at Father's with Jennie & Nettie Little. Sister Jane there for supper also. Matt & Jennette at Sister Mary Little. Bro John here for dinner. Evening all at home.

July

1 July Wed. Warm. Katy and I busy. Mrs. Miller here and assisted with hanging blinds in the hall and dining room. Men came in late to dinner. After supper Katy Fannie Fred and Harlem went to across the rail road with the hay wagon for raspberries. I took Homer out in his wagon.

2 July Thurs. Still warm and dry. Katy and I busy. Mr. Mc at home all day. Sister Jane, Lizzie, and Mary Caldwell here for supper Charlie Marshal came in with Mr. Mc to supper. After supper the children and I drove down to town and took Katy with us to remain with her mother a week. Jennie came out home with us.

3 July Friday. Charlie Marshal cut our wheat this morning. Both of the men came in with Mr. Mc to dinner Charlie M- went home. Bro Hugh here for dinner also. Mrs. M- here this afternoon. Father drove up. Bro John Murdock received a son into their home this eve. I suppose they will call him Robert. This afternoon Fannie and Aunt Jennette across the rail road for raspberries. Bro Hugh here for supper – went to his home in Madison this eve. Mr. Mc at town. Jennette occupying the front room up stairs.

4 July Sat. Pleasant. Men in the hay field – across the creek – those of them into dinner. Bro John and Mr. Mc at Charleston this morning they returned at noon. John did not stop. Mr. Mc out with the men this afternoon. J.K. McMillan here for supper. Mr. Mc took Jennette down this eve.

5 July Sabb. Quite warm...

6 July Monday Very warm. Four men here for dinner. Bro John and Mr. Mc at Charleston – they returned near dark Nattie Wright called this eve. I have been very busy. No one here to assist me with the work.

7 July Tues. Warm. Patt finished his pavement in the stalls and left this morning. Mr. Mc at Xenia this afternoon. Dutch John went with Mr. Mc he has been here since Sabb week. Our men all away now Moses Jones here for supper. Mrs. Miller here this evening.

8 July Wed. Warm and very dry. Pain here whitewashing and cleaning house. Mr. Mc around home all day. A colored boy here plowing – and in for his meals. The other farm hands busy. Mrs. Miller drove down to town this afternoon. I am very busy having no help in the kitchen. The house Cleaner with us to night.

9 July Thurs. Pain completed his job this morning. Father & J.G. McMillan calling here. Jeremiah Buekly from the Soldiers Home here for breakfast and employed with us for a month.

Mrs. Hoghin here washing. Three colored men here for dinner. Bro Hugh came down from Madison to day. This afternoon men busy in the hay fields. I am very very busy all day Mrs. H- remained and helped me with the supper. Matt Smalle called this evening.

10 July Friday. Appearance of rain. Mrs. Miller drove down to town for me this morning. She assisted me with the work. Mr. Mc brought in nine men and boys, together, for dinner & supper. Jessie at the walks. Had supper near dark.

11 July Saturday. Raining right down this morning. Business suspended. Jessie at his (?). Mr. Mc and Mr. J. Smith this morning – he called to see Mr. Sam Baber. Bro Dan and Bro Hugh called. Mrs. Miller here. Mr. Mc at town this eve. Crissie Moodie at Father's this week. It has been quite wet all day Harlan is not very well this eve.

13 July Monday Pleasant Katy washing. Christopher Reynolds an Irish Carpenter here contracting for a job – he and Jessie here for dinner. Father called. This afternoon Mr. Mc and our four children drove down to town called at fathers took supper at Aunt Jane's Mrs. Mummc (?) and her two children Yermia (?) and Hugh from the city boarding there. After supper we drove out to Bo [I think Martha means Bro - Bennett] John's to see Mary Cousin Bell Rode out with us. Florence On is very sick.

14 July Tues. Pleasant. Katy busy. The Carpenter began roofing the porch this morning. Jessie working in the yard. After supper Mr. Mc at Clifton came home by Cedarville. Called to see Florence On.

15 July Wed. Quite pleasant this evening Harlan quick sick all day. Father staid in and helped our take care of him. I called at Waddle's this eve to see Nellie. Katy at Galbreath's. Mr. Mc at town this evening. Florence On died this morning at one O'clock.

16 July Thurs. Mrs. Miller here nearly all morning. Old Dutch George returned this morning. Carpenter still hammering away. At three this afternoon Mr. Mc and our four children and Katy and I attended the funeral of Florence On. (?) services conducted by Mr. Morton & J. H. Cooper. Mr. M- in his remarks said God was a loving father – that he saw the storm approaching and in mercy took his child to her heavenly home. That she was now with the Savior. Sister Mary & Katy rode down to the cemetery with Mr. Mc and Fred & Harland. We took supper at Father's, Fannie, and Fred at Aunt Jane's with Verna & Hugh Mummc (?). I called to see Mr. (?) McFarland this evening – he is quite low with lung disease. I called to see Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Cooper Also. – they are spending a few days in C.

17 July Friday. Mrs. Miller here this morning. Our three men still with us. This afternoon Mr. Mc and the children and I drove into Mary Little's to see Jennie her mother has brought her

home for a few days. Cousin Bell out at Silas's. We stopped a short time and drove into Father's. Sister Mary quite sick this afternoon. Mr. Mc drove over to the Yellow Springs I staid and attended to the work for them, at Father's, and in the evening he brought the children and me home. Mr. Mc did not get home till dark. Katy taking charge of things while I was gone.

18 July Sat. Quite pleasant. The Carpenter – Jessie and German George still with us. Katy doing her part well. Mr. Mc took the children and me to town left the carriage with us. Bro John called and took him out to his place for dinner. This afternoon he and Silas at Xenia. Sister Mary not able to be up – quite change of things – did not come home till near dark. Cousin Bell will come home from Silas's this eve. Aunt Ivie came home with me. Bro Silas brought Mr. Mc up home after dark.

19 July Sabb. Pleasant. Mr. Mc, Fannie, Fred, and Harlan and I at Church. Aunt Ivie staid at Sister Jane's and kept Homer for us. Harlan did not behave as nice as usual. I was very sorry. Mr. Morton gave us two sermons. Katy came back with us this evening. Bro Hugh at church this afternoon. Sister Mary much better to day.

20 July Monday. Appearance of rain Katy washing. I attended to the other work. Our three men still with us. Bro Hugh here for dinner this afternoon he and Mr. Mc at Cedarville. Hugh at Xenia this P.M. Stopped here for supper and went to his home in Madison to night. Mr. Mc returned from town about four bringing Bro Silas with him. Rain this eve. Mr. and Mrs. Miller at Xenia to day.

21 July Tuesday. Raining most of the day. Bro Silas here to dinner. This afternoon he and Mr. Mc at Springfield. Bro Dan here I met Mrs. Waddle Mrs. M-s this eve. Mrs. Hoghin began making soap to day.

22 July Wed. This afternoon thrashing at Mr. Palheaths our wheat was taken there to be threshed – men hauling the straw home. Six or seven of the men here for supper. Eve. all of us at home.

23 July Thurs. Pleasant. Katy went home this morning to wait on her mother. Mr. Mc at Packer sheep pasture. Sister Jane called this morning Mrs. Hoghin here to day again at the soap making. Jessie white washing Juut (?) trees. Miller came in with the men to dinner. After supper Mr. Mc and Fred at town. Fred had his hair cut.

24 July Friday. Mr. Mc cleaning the mower till noon. Our three men at out (?) work. Mrs. Hoghin here to day again. Mrs. Miller at town this morning Father brought her home. Jessie white washing the porch Mrs. Hoghin cleaned it for me. Men into supper at five. The Carpenter, Jessie Mr. Mc and all went to the hay field on double quick. Almost dark a heavy rain came on they were not done a minute too soon.

25 July Sat. Rain last night and damp this morning. Our three men still with us. James 8 (?). Mc. drove up and took Mr. Mc with him to Spring field. Late this P.M. I called to see Mrs. Miller she has been sick all day. The Children have taken care of one another Homer has been in his wagon most of the day. I have been very busy as a matter of course when I am alone.

26 July Sabb. Pleasant...I have been feeling sick most of the day. This even Father, Fannie, & Fred got the supper. Jessie and Fannie washed the dishes. Our three men here to day...

27 July Monday. Rain on last night – damp to day. Our three men with us. Mr. Mc at town returned a little after dinner bringing Katy with him. I felt quite glad to see her I have not been feeling very well today. Harlan not very well either. Hugh called this eve – he went back to Silas's again. Mrs. Miller here this eve. Mr. Miller left for Lancaster to day. Katy staying with Mrs. M- to night. Mr. Mc reassuring Harlan.

28 July Tues. Damp this morning. Harlan quite sick last night. Our three men, Bro Hugh, and Johnny Rass here for dinner. Mr. Mc at town looking for a girl for us – he returned after dinner. Bro Silas came with him – they took dinner at Sister Mary Little's. Silas went with Hugh to Madison to be gone a few days. Mary M- our sister – has gone out to stay with Jennie. I called at Mrs. M-s this eve. Met Mrs. Waddle there. It is quite cool to night we are having five in the bed room.

29 July Wed Pleasant very pleasant indeed. Mr. Mc at town this morning expected to have brought a girl out but was disappointed Bro Dan called. Mrs. Hoghin and Katy very busy washing and putting the carpet down on the dining room. Mr. Mc had his three men and two boys here for their meals they have been working in the hay field. This afternoon I left Fannie and Fred at home to take care of Homer for one. Harlan and I drove down to town. Father and Mother at home alone. Cousin Bell took Mrs. Mumc [there are four humps in the middle so I do not know what other letter is there besides “m” - Bennett] and her children out to visit Jennie and Sister Mary. I took supper at the girls – left Harlan there and Sister Matt and I drove out to Dan Hallyson – brought Ella home with me. Fannie, Fred, and Harlan, [~~crossed out - Bennett~~] Homer [~~written about Harlan - Bennett~~] were all on the stile waiting for me – they behaved nicely while I was gone. Charlie Mc and Tom Little called while I was gone.

30 July Thurs. Mr. Mc took Katy home to be absent for a week or two. Our harvest ended at noon. Our three men Jessie “German” George and our Carpenter still continues with us. Mr. Mc at home to day. This even Cousin Bell and Mrs. Mumc and her children called. Bartty Elliot of Clifton buried to day. Men do wither and fade like the grass.

31 July Friday. Quite pleasant Mr. Mc drove up to the pasture – he took dinner at the young Mr. Packer's to day. This afternoon he and Fannie Fred and Harlan and Homer and I drove down to town to see our dear Sister Jennie Mc. She came on yesterday on the two O'clock train from Bloomington she has been visiting there the last four weeks. It was real nice to see her again – have not seen her since the fall of 1867 many have been changes since then. We took supper with her at Sister Jane's. After supper we drove out to Bro John's, Mary is suffering much with a (?) breast. Mrs. Mumc's little children rode out with us. I called over at fathers this eve to see them.

August

1 August. Sat. Raining most of the day. Mr. Mc at Xenia to meet John Johnson. Bro Hugh went with him. Mr. & Mrs. Miller were at the Spring at the dentist. Ella and I quite busy all day. Our Children playing around home.

2 Aug Sabb. Warm. – Fannie, Fred, & Harlan and Mr. Mc and I at preaching had two sermons by Mr. Morton. Sister Jennie Mc & Lizzie Mc from Bloomington at church. Text this afternoon. The Lords my Shepherd I'll not want. The Heavenly Shepherd has high pasture ground which he takes his sheep to feed upon. One of the pasture grounds is the church. Another the Bride another the communion table. Mother and Sister Mary at church. Homer staid at Sister Jane's. Ella came back with us this eve. Mrs. Miller sick. I called to see her this evening.

3 Aug Monday. Pleasant. Our Carpenter around talking about a farther contract. This afternoon Bro John & Lizzie and Sammie here. Remained with us for supper. Bro Hugh called. Near dark Mr. Mc drove down to town.

4 Aug. Tues. Near noon Mr. Mc & Bro Hugh left for Springfield. Our three men with us. Mrs. Miller here this eve...

5 Aug Wed. Hugh with us last night. Father brought Mrs. Miller home from C- Sam G. called John Wright here – he and Mr. Mc talking about trading land &c. After supper Mr. Mc at Clifton mill...

6 Aug Thurs. Quite bright and pleasant McGuire (?) and our three men in for breakfast. Sam G. called. Ella and I have had a very busy day. Mr. S_lham Plinphen (?) and daughter Annie and Miss Ella Chrisman from London, Lizzie Mc. from Bloomington and Hugh's mother here for dinner. The girls had quite a Nice (?) time horse back riding this afternoon. Lizzie and Mother returned home about four. Sister Jane & Sue Caldwell & Mary here. Bro John also all remained with Mr. Phiphens for supper. Our carpenter Joe Brown laying the meat house – they laid the corner stone this afternoon. Jessie and George here also. Mr. Mc at Tom Spenser's this eve.

7 Aug Friday Bright and pleasant – all day. Mr. Mc called at Wildman's this morning took in John Wright wool. Wright took dinner with us. Mr. Mc went with Sam G- to Xenia this afternoon. About three I left Ella in charge and our four children – and I drove down to town stopped at Father's for supper. Mother out at John's to day. This is the day of the annual Kyle picnic. Held on the grounds at Wilberforce. Fannie, Fred, and I called to see Alice Nstic Mansfield She and her two children Bessie & Nellie has come in on a visit. She has changed very much in appearance. Mother came home before we came away. Our four men at work to day carpentering YC.

8 Aug Sat. Mr. Mc at town father here for dinner – went away before Mr. Mc returned. A lady called to see Mr. Mc this afternoon in regard to our school. Mrs. Miller here this eve. Men with us still.

10 Aug Monday. Began raining quite early this morning and continued to rain till after dinner. Bro Hugh here on last night and till after dinner to day. Fred has been feeling badly all day. Old Lincoln our watch dog bit at him this morning – sank his teeth through the flesh on his leg. We put a poultice of equal quantities of raw potato, scraped fine, had soap and white sugar – the poultice should be changed often. Apply till all the poison is drawn out. Mr. Mc rode out with _rech (?) called at McGuiues returned by Cedarville and took dinner with the girls. Charlie Mc Mc and Lizzie called this afternoon. Ella and I very busy baking. Near dark I packed Fannie, Fred, & Harlan's wardrobe and sent them to town to Aunt Jane's to be ready for the picnic tomorrow. Their Father took them down. Poor Homer and I here alone. John Guary a mason from the soldier home came this eve.

11 Aug. Tues. This have been one of the warmest days on record. To day our Sabbath School and other friends went on an excursion to Dayton to the Soldiers Home. Mr. Mc and our two children Fannie and Fred were among the number. We left Harlan and Homer in town. The train went out at half past six this morning we took our breakfast in C. We reached Cedarville after eight no night – had supper at Sister Jane's. Fred kept up remarkably well – he was a nice boy all day – he walked down from the train to night with his father like a little man and was soon asleep on Aunt Jane's bed – we left him there to night. Fannie conducted her self nicely too. She seemed very tired – if it had not been for the excessive heat we would have called our visit to the home a delightful one. So much there to be seen so much to enjoy. There are over 1,800 disabled soldiers there – they seem to have every comfort they could desire. Our company who dined together was Mr. Nstic and his daughters Clara and Alice Mansfield. Bro Silas, Jennie, and Cousin Bell, Rev. Mr. Clark a U.P. Minister, and Rev. Mr. Ross our R.P. minister and Sister Matt. Fannie and Fred seemed to enjoy the hour for dinner fine. In the afternoon Dr. Dumlop took Alice and Clara and I over the grounds and its different dept – in his coverage. He is a second cousin of Thins. I had quite a pleasant day with Alice which brought old times to

remembrance which are lost in the mists of the past. When we came home Harlan and Homer was waiting for us – poor little pets it has no doubt been a long day to them. I was very sorry Sister May was not able to go with us. Father and Mother went to Clifton County to day. Ella has been a very good girl I will write it down to her praise that she attended to her duties well. She has had three or four men to wait on. Clark from Springfield called to see Mr. Mc to day.

12 Aug. Wed. Our Carpenter, mason and Choer man, Jessie, all on the p[r]ogram Old Teague went to Springfield this morning. All of us at home. Had a shower this afternoon. Bro Hugh passed down two horses were killed with lightning in Mr. John Linson's pasture in Madison Co-dwing (?) the storm. Mr. Miller called this eve.

13 Aug Thurs. Not quite so warm. Mrs. Miller at Mrs. Barber's this morning. Our Agt called at Mrs. M's and done some repairing on our machine. Mr. Mc at home all day. Bro Hugh here for supper went back to Father's to night. The school board had an appointment for to meet here but failed to come. After the hour expired Mr. Mc drove down to town.

14 Aug Friday. Pleasant. A gentleman called this morning – and made arrangement for sketching our home. Mr. Mc suffering with a pain in his eye has been in a dark room all day. Bro Hugh came up this morning and brought Fred home from Aunt Jane's. Sister Jane called this afternoon. A swarm of bees came off to day.

15 Aug Sat. Pleasant. Mr. Mc at home – his eye still pains him. This P.M. Mrs. Miller here ironing. Sister Mary Little called this eve. Old George came back this eve – four men is our portion beside Brown and Miller who live in the houses. I could barely say that this has indeed been a pleasant week with one exception and that is too much work to be done – but I hope for a better day.

16 Aug Sabb.Father and mother returned from Clifton yesterday all of them at church but mother. This eve Katy Rasse's brother was shot and badly wounded – he was found stealing watermelons. This is a lesson for boys. The way of transgressions is truly had only those who obey God is safe. Our four men boarding with us. Ella returned this evening with us.

17 Aug Monday Warm. Mr. Mc around home all day. I am tired not able to begin or finish any thing O dear dear what's to become of us. Fannie trying to help Ella. Our mason finished his work in pantry – he has mad[e] a nice room of it. The Carpenter at the meat house. Jessie at the Welk's. Bro Hugh and Irvin Linson here for supper.

18 Aug Tues. Day of the meeting of Bible society. Met at ten at the M.E. Church. Mr. Mc. and the children stopped at Aunt Jane's as the light effects his eye. I walked up to the meeting with Cousin Bell. Sister Mary attending Normal School at Xenia. Mr. Mc and the children took dinner

at Aunt Jane's except Homer he staid with me at Grandfather's. This is the day of the Primary election. Mr. Mc up town this afternoon. J.M. Browghn on the ticket for recorder. Wm Weymoth for sheriff. I intended to have gont (?) to Bro John's but did not get started in time. We remained in town for supper. Bro Hugh and Irvin Linson at fathers to day.

19 Aug. Warm and dry. Mr. Mc up at the sheep pasture took dinner at Mr. Packer. An Irish girl from Selma called to get a situation to lighten my burden I gave her the washing to day. Bro Hugh and Irvin Linson drove up from town and took supper. Our four boarders with us still. The girl finished the washing and returned to Selma to night.

20 Aug. Thurs. Mr. Mc Back bro Hugh and Irvin Linson attended the Springfield fair to day. Our girl from Selma came and staid till noon if I had thought she would have suited me I would have been glad to have kept her. The mason and Jessie working at the meat house the Carpenter completing the wood work in the pantry. Brown and Miller hauling the house home from McGuers. Mr. Mc contemplates setting it across the pike in the orchard. Our six men all busy.

21 Aug Fri. Bro Hugh and Irvin Linson with us last night they went home to Madison this morning. Mr. Mc at town this morning and returned in time for dinner. This afternoon Sister Jane and Nettie Little drove up they brought Mother with them. All remained for supper. Mother seemed glad to be here – glad to be with the children. This eve J.H. McMillan called. Our four men boarding with us still.

22 Aug Sat. Damp after the rain which fell last night. This P.M Bro Silas came – he took dinner with us. Quite cloudy all day. Aunt Ivie called. After supper Mr. Mc and Jessie at the Sheep pasture. Our four men on the program – when Mr. Mc returned from the pasture he drove out to Bro Silas's with two hives of bees. Which were in the Masons way.

23 Aug Sabb. Cloudy to day again...

24 Aug Mond. Pleasant. Clark from Springfield, Bro Hugh, & colored Thompson here sa_ing (?) wool – finished at three. Near five Mr. Mc Clark, Hugh Joe brown and Miller left for Charleston the wool delivered there to night. Ella and I have been very busy. I am very tired to night – not able to meet half the demands. Our four men still with us. Hugh's Mattie here this eve. Two young gentlemen here applying for our school to day.

25 Aug. Tues. it seemed quite lonely without Mr. Mc last night. Near midnight Harlan fell out of bed and refused to be comforted because his dear father was not here. Our four men still on the program. Ella assisting with the work. Mrs. [crossed out - Bennett] Miller here awhile Nammie Barlen and Mrls (?) Fi___son [the middle has lots of humps, not sure what letters they actually are - Bennett] called. Mr. Mc returned late this afternoon and retired at once – he is much

fatigued and has quite a bad cold. I called to see Mrs. Tracy this evening again to know something positive about her washing for me. Bro Hugh went on to Cedarville when he came.

26 Aug. Wed. Mrs. Miller drove down to town this morning. This afternoon Mr. Mc. and Sister Jane at Xenia. The Carpenter cutting the sitting room mantle board down this P.M. Had coal hauled to day. The Kitchen and dining room work paramount.

27 Aug. Thurs. Pleasant – but very dusty – but that is generally expected. I beleige (?) dussing (?) the days of the Jamestown fair. Mr. Mc and our daughter Fannie, Aunt Jane, and Sam G. drove over in our carriage. Our three boys at home with me. Our four men with us. Ella and I very busy. Mrs. Miller called at morning, noon and night. Mr. Mc and Fannie reached home after dark.

28 Aug. Friday. Pleasant. Closing day of the fair. Mr. Mc, Fannie, Fred, Sister Mary, and Bro Hugh and attended it. Jamestown fair has lost much of its glory that is if it even had any. Our carriage being out of repair Fred and I came with Uncle John Murdock Sister Mary and Fannie with Bro Silas. Mr. Mc and Bro Hugh returned in the carriage. As a family we took supper at Father's. Harlan and Homer staid with Grandmother Murdock and with Aunt Jane. I met Alice Mstiec Mansfield at the fair – it was pleasant to be with her her [since the repeated word happens on a page turn Martha could have forgotten she had already written “her” and did not repeat the word for enforcing her point - Bennett] on those old familiar grounds once more. Sister Mary and I spent most of the day by ourselves. I feel very tired thankful for a home and night to rest. Ella has attended to our boarding house to day. Our three men here. The Carpenter at the fair.

29 Aug. Sat. Mr. Mc at home. Our regular quto [perhaps quota - Bennett] of men here Ella and I very busy. Joe & Sam Caldwell called this forenoon. This afternoon Amos Creswell passing in his buggy Mr. Mc rode with him to Selma. Mrs. Miller here this eve. J.H. McMillan called. Mr. Sam Barber called and took Mr. Mc with him to a school meeting at Mr. Jon Smith's. Our four children retired early. Another busy week has set in hope – hope of a better day.

30 Aug Sabb. Quite pleasant...

31 Aug Monday. The day beautiful – but have too much work depending on me to enjoy it. I am perfectly surrounded with work. John Wright, Mr. Sam Tarbox, and other here this morning. Mr. Mc in with our four men to dinner. Mr. Smith Brek here this afternoon doing some writing for Mr. Mc. Mr. David J Anderson from Xenia here and closed the contract for our School. After supper Mr. Mc at the Clifton mill. Bro Hugh with us for supper he went back to Madison this eve. Mrs. Miller here this evening. I have not but a minute to write – and not half a minute to rest.

November-December 1874

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November-December 1874 journal paints a beautifully intricate picture of who Martha McMillian was. During these two months, Martha shows readers she is more than just a farmer's wife to James McMillian. She is a sister, a mother, a friend, a neighbor, an employer, and a writer. All the while, she delves into different aspects of humanity which we, in today's world, experience in mundane life. Martha's ability to navigate daily, mundane life and find the beauty in everything around her is an attribute everyone should master.

Different themes which Martha gravitates to during her early years of journals include, but are not limited to: farm life, change and transitions, death, and sickness; however, during November and December of 1874, Martha writes with a strong focus on sickness. From the end of November until the end of 1874, James McMillian, lovingly called Jamie by Martha, is found in and around the farm more than recorded in the month of November. When he suddenly falls ill in early December, family and friends are surprised and worried. During this illness, James was plagued with restlessness and many visions all around him, which scared Martha; additionally, Fannie, Martha and James's eldest, fell sick during the second half of December. Throughout the fog of sickness, Martha still found the beauty of nature which God brought to each day, one time even stating, "The Sun came out beautifully for a very little while this morning" (16 Dec 1874). Even through the struggle of watching her husband hallucinating and having her little daughter Fannie sick, Martha never lost sight of the little things in life, like the weather, which brought beauty and joy to her otherwise clouded days.

Within the pages of her life writing journal, Martha records the many struggles in life trying to find the good, heavenly pieces of the world – one such struggle was the sickness of her

husband and daughter. Similarly, people today are still plagued with sicknesses of many kinds, or they are taking care of loved ones who are sick. There are those today which are extremely ill like James McMillian was, and others are mildly sick like Fannie McMillian. Either way, every one of us need to find the beauty and the joy in the everyday struggles just as Martha does in her November-December 1874 journal.

Martha E. McMillian Journal
1874

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November 1874

1 Nov. Sabb. Quite windy. Mr [illegible] & Mr Mc Mr Andrew and Fannie and I at preaching left Harlan at Janes with Fred. Homer at Grandfather's. Mr Morton at Crieismother assisting Mr Boyce with Communion. Robert Nesbit preached for us to day subject of lecture the rich man and Lazarous. God teaches us that he afflicts men whom he will one day expect. This parable represents two extremes in human life. This eve at half past six I left the children with Katy and Wm and Mr Mc and Mr Andrew and I attended preaching at our church again had Sermon. by Robert Nesbit text Being Confident of this very thing that he which has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Christ-JesuS.

2 Nov. Monday. Pleasant. Katy washing I attended to the other work. Jonathan Will-iamSon & Mr Collins in the sheep pen for a length of time to day but for no purpose. At half past one Mr Mc and Wm into dinner. J. Harvey Mcmillan here this eve_-"Every heart knows its own bitterness" none but God knows how my heart aches this eve_- Mr Andrew has just returned from town - Mr Mc has left for Vermont - he went on the eight Oclock train this eve - poor Fannie staid awake till the train passed up _ We locked our room Securely and the children and I occupied the Same bed - no other way than this would Satisfy Fannie.

3 Nov. Tues. In my heart there is a Sadness but the Sun rises and Shines down upon this earth with all its beauty and brightness that ever it did _ The business is progressing as if the "proprietor" was still here - how long it will continue So is another question. Mr A. At his school as usual. Old "German" George returned and has began a term of corn husking = Moore from the tenant house across the rail road husking corn till noon from AmeS Creswells. Wm at town this Afternoon _ brought Ashes home for the hogS. After supper Mr Andrew at C_ to attend to some business for this firm I mailed a letter for Mr Mc Busgatts town Pa. this eve. Fred has never fully realized till this evening that his father has indeed gone - he is quite anxious to have our beds arranged in our Sleeping department So we can all be together - he Says he cannot sleeps by himSelf. Lizzie Irvin called this afternoon.

4 Nov. Wed. Katy finishing the ironing - it has been quite pleasant to day. Mrs Bond called - her Sisterinlaw Mrs B from Hocking County want away on the Seven Oclock train this morning - Wm looking after things generally. Billie Assiting Old George with the husking - This eve I took a drive up the pike. Bro Sans are haveing Company this evening - Cunningham Jackson has brought his wife home - Moore here husking corn. We had quite a little fire on the rail road this evening Mr Andrew Wm and Bond and Soon even called to the rescue there was about fifty [illegible] of fence burned - Mr Andrew and B Wm havent drove to town where they came in - Responsibilities are increasing I am beginning to feel Home Sick or Something else.

5 Nov. Thurs. Quite Gloomy Mr Andrew "began exercises of the day" by going accross the rail road to see if all was Safe - Moore absent - Bond came in and took his position - Wm drove up towards his Sons - Returned After night - Father Here this morning. Brought Sister Jane up - made a short cake and returned to C- Mr Jonathan Williamson & wife Mrs M[illegible] Mcmillan and Tergah called - Mr W_ seemed quite disappointed that Mr Mc was not at home - Sister Jane and the children around looking after this that and the other thing - finished soap making this evening - Mrs Bond here this evening - Mr Andrew at the school mak-ing an attempt to start a book keeping class.

6 Nov Friday. The day beautiful in the extreme. Sister Jane went down to town this morning took Fannie Fred and Harlan with her. When they returned Mother came with them. Had quite a pleasant day with Mother Sister Jane flipping around in every direction all day - Katy in the kitchen everything pleasant. After Supper Mr Andrew took mother and Sister Jane home - when he returned he bought a letter from Mr Mc he is at Brugettstow Pa - Says he will be home tomorrow - I am glad of that - his presence will be acceptable -

7 Nov Sat. Pleasant indeed Mr Andrew drove down to town and

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[Beginning of Next Page] and took Sister Jane and Matt with him to Xenia. Katy and I quite busy to day. Near Sun Setting our work all done - Katy Ross leaves us this eve her term of work ended. She has been quite a good girl - we shall always remember her kindly. Mr and Mrs Bond have this evening awhile - I am expecting Mr Mc every minute. Fannie staid up as long as possible and finally got a pillow and laid down by the fire to wait her fathers return - Mr Andrew returned after the eight Oclock train came down - but returned alone - I can not help but feel a good deal disappointed - for I thought he would certainly

be here - Poor Fannie opened her eyes and asked has father come and dropped to sleep again She and Fred & Harlan have been waiting for him since noon but now they will have to wait longer. Mr Joe John-Son Mr Wm Thorn and Mr John Williamson called to day.

[Written in the final page of the 1874 Journal:

Jesus blood

"If all the sins which man have done. In thought or will, in word or deed, Since worlds were made, or time begun, Were laid on one poor sinner's head, The stream of Jesus precious blood Could wash away the dreadful load."

How glad I would be if every man woman and child, in this world had these lines printed upon their hearts.

M.E.Mc
7th Nov. 1874.]

8 Nov Sabbath. Nannie Bond came up and Staid with Fannie and Homer while Mr Andrew Fred and Harlan and I were at church. Had two sermons by Mr Morton. This Afternoon text "Happy is that people whoes [*sic*] God is the Lord" The only true happiness in this world flows from our communion with God-Jesus from his divine love and favor. The religion of Jesus calls the whole nature of man in to exercise. Every individual ought to work awhile, Study awhile and pray Awhile each day. Work while it is day for Soon our life on earth will be ended. Soon we will be called to meet our God. After Sermon Rev Mr Cowan A Cohinizatis man delivers an address for that Society. he asked aid to help Send three thousand and colored people to Libera [*sic*] - these asked to [illegible marking] - I gave three dollars for Mr Mc. Haveing a nice shower this ever. Fannie and Fred recited their questions and retired early they do not seem to forget that Father is gone - in their prayers they asked God to keep him good and bring him home again

9 Nov Monday. Rained consider - Last night. I called at Bonds this morning Mr Pack called. Harlan and I town drove down alone - Nannie Bond came up and staid with the children while I was gone - Father drove up while I was away. Cousin Belle waited uptown with Harlan & me. Sister Jennette came home with me and is with us to night. Mr Andrew suspended school in time to be ready for the noon train for Xenia - he attended Bayrd Taylors lecture these to night. Wm taking the suspension of things - he is still husking corn from Ames Creswells.

10 Nov Tues. Pleasant. Mr Andrew came up from Xenia in time to resume his School duties. Sister Jennette assisting me with the work. Mrs Bond here this after-noon - Jennette and I have alone this eve. The children retired early. Mr Andrew drove down to town to see if Mr Mc had come - returned bringing two letter from him - he is at W.L. - Anchors Bungettshow Pa. The other letter from Dr D.R. Caldwell. He and family at Stone Chapel MO. He addresses me Dear Aunt - I like the name. It is now late all I have retired but before I retire I guess I will pen a few lines to my dear Jamie who is over the hills and far away. This has been such a lovely day - What a beautiful Autumn we have had. How thankful I am that it has been So pleasant while he is away - When God clothes this world in such beauty and light is it any wonder that the earth is called to rejoice-

11 Nov Wed. Very pleasant indeed Mr Andrew drove down to town this morning to put a letter in the office for me for Mr Mc to be ready before the train goes out - Sister Betsy visiting us to day - She and Jennette here while I drove up to Thomas's cider mill - After dinner Jennette took Fannie Fred and Harlan with her and drove down to town - they met Grandfather driving up and Harlan came back with him and even back with him to town again and returned with Aunt Jennette. Mr and Mrs Bond here this eve - Mrs B- assisting in the kitchen dept. Mr Andrew not at home this eve - Sister Betsy went home early this Afternoon.

12 Nov. Thurs. Pleasant. Day of the Annual Cider Apple butter making Sister Jennette and I faithful till ten Oclock to night - Mrs B- here and assisted us awhile to night. Mr Andrew drove down to the train for Mr Mc but as usual we did not come - I am so very tired and sleepy I guess I shall not sit up to study over my disappointment - Wm took a load of wood to the girls this morning - I must rest - good night.

13 Nov Friday. Jennette and I quite busy bakeing. Fred Fannie and Harlan busy at their play - Homer sleeping over the floor often a fashion of his own. Nannie Bond here and cleaned up the kitchen dept. About four Fred and I drove down to town Mr Andrew went with us to take the train for Xenia in Harving Company at fathers to night Uncle Gavin feels Lisella McMillan & Cora Blais[illegible] there I called to see them - As I drove out of town I called at Millers gate - Bro John and family called to night they seemed much disappointed that Mr Mc was not here. It is quite cool this evening -

14 Nov. Sat Rather gloomy. quite a contrast from those beautiful days we have enjoyed the past week or two - Arch brought us word that Mr Mc is in town - he arrived last night at twelve O'clock - Sister Jennette took the express down for him Wm down down in the other wagon - and returned in a short time with four Rams - Old Black Span-nard being the principle character - Mr Mc arrived in an hour or so afterwards and was met with open arms by the children And All the Rest of the Family. Charlie Mc and Collin came with the rest of the sheep from the train. Mr Andrew came up on the evening train here for supper and with us to night. Bro Hugh came from Madison this eve and with us also. All bright and happy around the fire. Old George went away this morning - Sister Jennette and Matt attending Mr and Mrs Kens Silver wedding this P.M.

16 Nov [Transcriber's note: This is actually Nov 15]. Sabb. Rather cool. Old George returned this morning - Mr Mc Fannie Fred Harlan and I at church - left Homer with Mrs Bonds Mr Andrew went down with us. Had two Sermons by Morton - This P.M. text According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Nannie and Bill B. here awhile tonight - Mr Andrew read to us -

17 Nov [Transcriber's note: This is actually Nov 16]. Monday. Rain on last night and this morning. Nannie Bond began a term of work for us this morning - How much I do hope her stay with us will be a pleasant one - Mr Pack here looking over reets[?]. Remained with us for dinner - Bro Silas with us also - This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia Father called to see us. Nannie wash-ed I attended to the other work - John Wildman called this eve - Mr Mc returned after night. Auntie Mc Collum died to day at one O'clock she is to be buried tomorrow - long has she waited to be taken home for sixteen long weary years she has counted the hours - but she has laid it down at last - And to night she is at home - home in her fathers house in heaven - Home - Home is heaven.

18 Nov [Transcriber's note: This is actually Nov 17]. Tues. Rain - Rain - Bro John and Little Dave Mc here for dinner - This is the day of John Mitchels Sale over London but too wet for our fous to attend. On the sixth of this month Henry Bayles died in despair - died to fill a drunkard's grave - O the dark - mess and misery of his family - & the darkness and misery of his soul - no hope - no hope without a Saviour. "When Coldness wraps this Suffering Clay, Ah, whither strays the immortal minds" _____ Aunt Ivie came this afternoon and is with us tonight - This has been quite a damp day - we had almost constant rain.

18 Nov. Wed - Very gloomy. Mr Mc at town this morning - Aunt Ivie went down with him - She leaves this week for Sidney Ohio - Bro Silas here - he and Mr Mc in for dinner - Fannie went with her father and returned again - This afternoon it continues very gloomy - Jonathan Williamson and H.H. Mcmillian here looking at sheep -

19 Nov. Thurs. Quite gloomy. "The melancholy days are come, The Saddest of this year_-the beautiful Summer and Autumn as are past -_ And winter with its stern cold face is before us - Mr Mc has been at home all day -_ mostly in the sheep pen - John Kyle and J.D. Williamson called to see him. This afternoon Fred and Harlan and I at town Fannie and Homer Staid with Nannie I called to see Mrs. Miller - did not reach home till after dark - but that did not matter when my sons were with me. Mr Andrew here as usual.

20 Nov. Friday. Old George went away this morning and came back this evening - Mr Mc and Wm here alone for dinner. Mr Mc drove up to Mr Gernells with sheep - returned in time for supper - Blowing & snowing any thing but pleasant to be out. All at home around the fire. The order of the evening in the kitchen dept. is Stiring off pumpkin butter

21 Nov. Sat. Mr Mc and Wm accross the rail road this morning Sam G_ called _ So also did bro Hugh When passing - This P.M. Mr Mc in the sheep pen - Mr Andrew out with his gun till dinner and out with it again this afternoon. Sister Mary and Matt here and spent awhile with me - Aunt Jane sent out Harlan's water proof cloak - This eve Sister Rachel called I rode down with her as far as Mrs Bonds - and came back through the moonlight - After supper Mr Mc and Mr Andrew at town. Old George made a final leave this morning.

22 Nov. Sabb. Raining most of the day. Mr Mc Fannie Fred and Harland and I at church. Mr Andrew not feeling well he remained at home with Wm. Nannie and Homer at Bonds - Mr Mortons subject of lecture was Christ being brought before Pilate and being Condemned - his lecture very impressive - This P.M. text "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire. This Sermon was powerful O how terrible it is to neglect the Saviour - for without him there is nothing but everlasting sorrow. O who would be in hell. O who would sit down forever among the last - to dwell forever in the eternal darkness of God's wrath. After preaching we took Sister Jennette down home - Bro Hugh with us to night. After Catechism and prayers Fannie Fred & Harland retired - Mrs Bond came up this evening - I tried to talk to her

about things pertaining to the Kingdom so as not to break God's day by idle conversation - for how few remember Gods day as they should. To night the rain is just pouring down.

23 Nov Monday. Wind still blowing furiously and has been blowing all day. Little Dave Mc with Mr Mc in the sheep pen came in with him to dinner - This afternoon Mr Mc drove up to Mr Parkers & returned after dark - Nannie washed I attended to the other work - Snowing this P.M. Mr Andrew here as usual. Billie B. started to school. Wm F Bond feeding to day -

24 Nov. Tues. Rather more pleasant. Mr Mc and Little Dave Mc at Madison with a load of Rams. Bro Silas here this Afternoon. It is quite clear to night - the moon is shining brightly. The children have all retired -everthing [sic] very pleasant - but we are lonely-

25 Nov. Wed. Pleasant to night - Mr Mc & Davie returned at eight. They bought the sheep from Madison - they were very tired and hungry. I have been quite busy all day sewing &c. This Afternoon Sister Betsy with us. Nannie and I making preparations for Thanksgiving tomorrow. After supper Mr Andrew at town. Davie with us to night - R. S. Ustic & John M. Bromegan have made assignments at different times this last few months.

26 Nov. Thurs. Thanks-giving day. This welcome day has come again - How much I delight in this day. how much I love it. This is the day to remember the blessings of the year and of all the years which are past. And how many blessing we have had to enjoy - they are more than can be numbered. But while we rejoice and are glad we have great occasion to be sorrowful. - Sorry for our sins - and sorrowful because so many of our friend are still in the dark and who have not faith to look away to where the light shineth. Mr Mc Mr Andrew Fannie Fred & Harlan and I at church - Homer staid with Grandmother Murdock. Had a nice sermon by Mr Morton_ "O give thanks to the Lord for he is good," was this text. Mr Andrew went with us. And as a family we took dinner at Aunt Janes & took them a Turkey for the occasion Bro Johns and Silas's were at father & called and spent some little time with them. Fannie staid at Aunt Janes to night - the rest of us at home around the lamp. The Smalls received a daughter into their family this morning.

27 Nov. Friday Quite pleasant. Mr Mc around the sheep pen most of the day. Bro John Mr Parker and J.H. McMillian here for dinner had roast turkey served. This afternoon Mr Mc and bro John went up to Thomas's silo. While he was gone Bro Silas and Dan Dallas

called. Nannie bakeing - I have been busy all day. Fred takeing care of Harlan & Homer. After supper Mr Mc at town - Mr Andrew at J.S. Williamsons I am very lonely-

28 Nov. Sat Quite a constant days rain Mr Mc Sister Jane and Katy Bratton and I at Xenia. This is the day the Agricul " Board meets - they elect officers to day - very rough and stormy when coming home - blowing and snowing very dis-agreeable indeed - Fred staid with Aunt Jane to night - the other children came home -

29 Nov Sabb. Snow on the ground still snowing this morning. Mr Mc Mr Andrew Fannie Fred and Harlan and I at church - Homer staid with Nannie at Bonds. Mr Morton text. This P.M. "But now man see not the bright light which is in the clouds, but the wind passeth and cleaseth them. Fannie came home this eve.

30 Nov. Monday. Snow on the ground. Quite cold. Mr A- at his school. Nannie washing I attended to the other work. The children in the house all day - they amused them selves playing rail road. Had quite a nice little dinner all to our selves - and I felt just selfish enough to enjoy it. This afternoon Mr Mc at town and at Harrisons mill - I have accomplished a great deal to day and am feeling very happy to night. On yesterday Old Morris Halley was buried in the Cemetery at Xenia.

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1 Dec. Tues. Snow still on the ground not quite so cold. Mr Mc at home all day - The children at their play. I have been busy putting things in order. This eve Mr Mc called at the Wrights. After supper he and Mr Andrew at town. Everything has gone on quite pleasant to day.

2 Dec. Wed. Snow going off fast. John Wright called. Mom here for dinner - This Afternoon Mr Mc attended Joe Whites Sale near Cedarville - and from there went but to bro Silas's. he returned after dark - Mr Young from Spring field. Agt. Of Farmers Insurance Co. with us tonight. He and Mr Andrew with us around the fire

3 Dec. Thurs. Much like a spring morning - how much I enjoy bright days - Father and Sister Jennette called - Mr Mc at home All day. This Afternoon. Fannie Fred and Harlan and I drove over to Mr Wright to p[illegible]uting - Subject. Examining your selves if you be in the faith & I met Mrs John Wright and her two little children Arthur and Otter to day for the first time. They have moved into the house with Nathin and his wife - As we came home we called to see Mrs Waddle. While I was away Sister was here and spent awhile with Mr Mc and Son Homer.

4 Dec. Friday. Gloomy. Fannie Fred and Harlan & Homer and I at fathers reached there just in time for dinner. This Afternoon Fannie Fred & I went with Cousin Bell to the closeing exercises of the Cedarville Schools. Parks Jackson Mr Green Wood of Yellow Springs & Annie Miller Mellie Callett Mrs Holmes and Sister Mary teachers. Charlie Mcmillan among the schollars - This is his last day at Cedarville at school - he leaves for his home in Chatteruaga next week. Matt came to the school this after-noon also. Exercises consisted of declar-ation. Recitation and music - H.P. Jack-son is a fine singer one peice they sang was "What is Home without a Mother" it was beautiful. This has been an unusual bright day - dont know when I have enjoyed a visit home as much Poor Mr Mc has been at home all day bro John here for dinner - Hugh's Dave and bro Hugh here this eve for a while Mr Andrew at town.

5 Dec Sat Quite gloomy all day. Mr Andrew went to X - on the noon train Mr Mc Charlie Mc and Sister Jennette and went down to Xenia also - we went in the express - Agricultrial Board met to day again. I bought a mirror for the sitting room to day. Bro Dan has been attending court this week - Charlie came out with

him this evening. Fred staid with Aunt Jane to night She has got a full suit for him Coat pant he feel his importance - dont like to talk about wearing dresses any longer now. And it is not likely he will have to - Fannie has been an excellant good girl to day. She staid at home with Nannie and helped take care of Harlan & Homer. I brought Fannie a baby doll to day. I am feeling tired and sleepy to night

6 Dec. Sabb. Rain on last night. and gloomy to day. Homer staid with Nannie all the rest of us at Church. This afternoon Mr Mortons text "Gather not my Soul with SinnerS" To die the death of the righteous we must live the life of the righteous. As a general thing those with whom we associate and love in this world will be our companions through eternity - These words implies a belief in the immortality of the Soul. It is the body which dies and the soul passes to the eternal world with all its powers which it possesses only greatly increased. Every individual however poor possesses a treasure of more impor-tance and value than all of this world. The Soul is not only immortal but Soon must find an abiding place in the eternal world - for these bodies must Soon return to dust - we must all be gathered to the grave - And again there will be a gathering day in the day of judgement. Here the tares and the wheat grows together. Then then the harvest will have come. And Oh in that great harvest day there will be many painful separations There will be Separations in families in church and between beloved friends O the horror of that hour when a husband shall be on one Side and the wife upon an other - or when the parents shall be gather upon one side and the children upon the other - But O the glory and everlasting blessedness of that family which shall be gather as unbroken band upon God's right hand to dwell forever in the glorious home in heaven. This has been a blessed Sabbath one long to be remembered.

7 Dec. Monday. Snowed considerable last night and snowed some little to day Mr Andrew brother john brought him out this morning - broth here for break-fest -

[Transcriber's note: Break in text on 7 Dec with line doodles]

Bro Hugh Irvin Linson and little Dave Mc here for dinner. Nannie washed I have been very busy all day. Mr Mc accross the rail road this eve - he took the gun with him. After supper all around the fire.

8 Dec. Tues. Snow still on the ground every thing quiet around our home. Nannie attending to the kitchen dept. I have been quite busy putting things in order - This afternoon father here inviting us to his house to dinner tomorrow. This eve Sister Jennette and Smith Buck with us - Having quite a talkative time discussing the origin of great men - Buck claims that they rarely ever come from obscure families Mr Andrew claims that they rarely ever arise from any other. S. Buck staid with Tom Crowford on last night. Tom has just returned from Va. His mother is dead she was burried on Thanksgiving day or the twenty Sixth of last month.

9 Dec. Wed. Rather Pleasant. Mr Mc has been at home all day - Jennette and I busy sewing by the sitting room fire - everything bright & cheerful. Mr Andrew took Sister Jennette down this evening - Mr Mc writing to H. L. Archer to night. The children have all retired early. -

10 Dec. Thurs. Snowing a little Very chilly & disagreeable. Mrs B_ called this morning Sister Betsy here spending the day with us. After dinner Mr Mc drove out to bro Johns remained for supper and returned after night - Mr Andrew at town this eve. A gentleman from off the pike by the name of Peerson passing to his sons in Xenia stopping with us tonight he is an army sailor has been out on the ocean for twenty nine year-

11 Dec. Friday. Gloomy quite wintry Mr Mc did not get up this morning he is feeling quite sick - he has been in bed all day - his head and stomache pains him. Bond & Wm takeing charge of things. Mr Andrew closed his school at noon - he is attending a debate in their society at C - and to go to X on the evening train - Sam Galbreath called this morning and invited us to his house to dinner John Wright and Young Mr Wilson called to see Mr Mc this afternoon. It is now near twelve Oclock I have been up all this time with Jamie - he is taping on the lounge in the sitting room. I brought it down for his benefit to day - I hope he will be better again morning. Good night journal - good night Jamie.

12 Dec. Sat. Quite gloomy all day. Mrs Bond called this morning. This afternoon father and Mr Waddle called. Mr Mc has been in bed all day. This evening I put everything in nice order and made a fire in the grate and he moved into the bed room again. Our children have been in the dining room all day. This eve they retired early. Bond took his daughter Nannie to town this eve - Nan Scoot called to see Mr Mc

13 Dec. Sabb. This morning the Sun Shine was beautiful which seemed to promise a pleasant day but long before noon all was clouds and gloom - And then the rain began to pour down I could not help but compare it to our lives - Some all Sunshine others all gloom - Some lives bright in the morning and in the evening clouds - But O give one the life that is bright in the evening - That Scripture which Saith in the evening time it shall be light has always been dear to one - if the morning and noon of life is cloudy O the blessedness and glory of the light in the evening time - our last years as we approach the setting of life's Sun. O the blessed light which illuminates the way to that home of eternal blessedness beyond deaths dark inner - O That blessed light which that babe of Beth-leham brought to a lost world - for he is light - in him there is no dark-ness at all. Mr Mc has been in bed all day. The children with one around the fire. The Bond family drove out this morning. Nannie there Keeping house for them. Mr Andrew came up with bro Dans from church How little good its seems like I have done to day either for my self or my children or any one.

14 Dec. Monday. Quite gloomy - Old Mr Gibson called to see Jamie. Sister Betsy with us. Father made a short call left sister Matt with us and went back - Mr S. Dallas & Son Dan called. All have for dinner - Charlie Mc Came and bid us good by - he goes to Chatteringa tomorrow - Bro Dan called this eve - Mr Andrew took Sister Matt down home, we pack Harlans word babe and he told us good by and went to town to stay with Aunt Jane till his father gets better - So we can have more quietness now - Matt was saying that Rev Nevin Woodside of Brooklin was married a few days ago to a lady of his Congregation - it is now near mid-night - Mr Mc seems very restless he see so many strange sights around him when he closes his eyes to sleep - and to sleep is impossible. Fred is sleeping with him - Fannie on the lounge - Homer in the cradle What a busy day I have had. Nannie put out the washing and I attended to the other work - to dinner and all and waited on Mr Mc beside

15 Dec. Tues. Mr Mc has been in bed all day. Bro Dan stopped in when going to Xenia to see about those Davis hogs - which we lost. He seemed to think Mr Mc quite sick - thought one should call a Doctor in at once. When he awakened this morning he began telling me what scenes he had passed through in the night. He had been in Fayette County and a great many places - And was surrounded with all sorts of objects in his sleep - I could not help feeling almost alarmed I sent for Sister Betsy to come - She has been with us all day. Bro Robert and Miller here this morning This afternoon John Wright & Joe and Sue Called - This

eve bro Dan came back from Xenia and brought Sister Matt with him - After night Mr & Mrs Bond and Mr Waddle were received in the sitting room He is very nervous and restless It is now after midnight while I write - how very sad and lonely I feel - O how much I wish he was well again - If he could only sleep - It is now after three O'clock in the morning - Since I wrote the other page I laid down on the bed a few minutes when Sister Matt told me to come to Jamie. He had been sleeping for near two hours - the first sleep he had since he has taken sick - and when he awake he seemed transformed into another being - in his sleep he had been carried through fields of light and accross rivers and over mountains for thousands & thousands of miles from home. And never stopped till he came to the gates of the heavenly world. And the glory and brightness with which he was surround was indescrib-le In his journey to that city all along those numberless miles over which he passed the way was Strewen thick with temptations but he would not stop for any of these but pressed straight forward. In his course he passed through beautiful scenery and by beautiful buildings and if any of these were in his way they parted and let him pass through. When he awaked he seemed transformed into another being He seemed wonderfully impressed with the glasses of heaven and with the love of Jesus - And felt disappoint to know that he was still here. He said if that was what heaven was he was willing to all and go he said he saw it all plain now - And was willing to trust all to God his soul business and everything and he knew all would be well. Mr Andrew left a few minutes ago for the Yellow Springs for Dr Thorn. Wm went up for Dans - bro Dan and Sister Jane is here now and will stay with us till morning.

16 Dec. Wed. The Sun came out beautifully for a very little while this morning. The remainder of the day it has been very gloomy. Mr Andrew returned from his trip a little before daylight - About Six the Dr came. Jamie has been awake all day - he sees all sorts of objects around him. We have done all we could to keep him quiet. Bro John & Bro Dan, father John Wright Mr Waddle Sam G. have all been here to day to see him but did not go into his room. This afternoon Mr & Mrs Morton here they had prayers with Jamie. Mr Morton seems to live very near to the Savior for when he prayers Jesus seems to be right in our midst. After supper Mr Andrew took Sister Matt down home. Sister Jennette and Mary Little with us to night Bro Dans wife called this evening. This is Jammies birth day.

17 Dec Thurs. I sat up the latter part of the night alone. Jamie certainly put in a restless night. there has been no sleep for him. He thought it was raining and snowing right down on him. And to day he has continued about the Same. Lizzie Galbreath here and spent the day. helped to take care of Homer and Keep him quiet. Silas here awhile to day went into his room but Jamie took no notice of him. Sister Matt came back this morning. Dr Thorn called this afternoon. Bro Dan Mr Galbreath father and Frank Reid called. Bro Hugh here for supper and with us to night. Mr Andrew at town this evening.

18 Dec. Friday. Bright and pleasant all day. I sat up last night till four this morning. Jamie put in another sleepless night. And has been very restless all day. He still seems to wander in his mind. Dr Thorn called this morning. Nannie Scoot brought Sister Betsy up this morning and took Fannie and Homer down to stay with Lizzie Galbreath and took Fred to Aunt Janes at town so we could keep things more quiet here how strange and lonely home seemed to day. Jamie sick and not knowing where he is or anything and the children all gone. Everything seems so very uncertain this morning I can scarcely tell how I do feel. I must try and rest some to day. It is now after seven Oclock. Sister Mary Little and John Bromegan with us to night. Father, Mother, bro Hugh Mr Luis Townsly bro John Joe and Sue Caldwell & J.H. Mcmillan and Mr Morton called to day. Mr Morton had prayer with us. This evening Mr Waddle and Mr and Ms John Wright and bro David and Sister Nancy here awhile this eve. Sister Jennette & Matt here also. Mr Andrew went away this eve. None of the children here but Fannie and Homer. No Sleep apparently for Jamie to night. For what he says he thinks he is far from home and is away off in the woods. He wants to know where he is and where the rest of us are.

19 Dec. Sat. This has been a bright bright day. About twelve Oclock last night Jamie quieted down and went to sleep and awakened this morning a new person with mind and eyes all clear. He knew he was at home and where he had been and where we all were. And there was a new life opened for him and for us all. About eight Oclock Dr Thorn called. He seemed much encourage. Jennette and matt still with us. Both faithful to the end. Bro Dan Wm Hegmouth John Wright and Tom Crowford called Joe C - drove up to Rabt Trisdall to attend to a little business for us. Took dinner here as he passed down. Ella Hally here and her Sister all day with Fannie helping to take care of Homer. This eve Sister Jennette went down home and Sister Mary Murdock came up she and Sister Nancy Torrence with us to night. Mr Waddle called this eve - Mr Bond here and sat awhile Mr Andrew returned

from Xenia this even. It is now after mid-night. I guess must retire soon.

20 Dec. Sabb. O what a change from this day week ago. What a long strange week it has been. I felt almost sick this morning and took a walk to Bonds and when I returned I felt much better. Mr Andrew took Sister Mary to Sab School this morning Sister Matt and Nancy T- with us to day. Mr & Mrs John Wright called to day. Dr Thorn called this morning. Bro Dan stepped in. Mr Andrew brought Sister Jennette with him from church. Mr Morton called and had prayers with us. Mr Morton took Sister Matt down home. Mr Andrew attended church and took Sister Nancy home. Sam and Lizzie G- and bro Dan here awhile to night. Sister Mary L. & Sister Jennette sitting up with Jamie to night. This is our darling little Homer's first birth day. papa had him brought to his room this evening. God bless our darling boy and keep him safe forever.

21 Dec. Monday. The day has been beautiful indeed. Jamie rested well last night and quite well to day. Father brought Sister Matt this morn-ing Dr Thorn called. Bro John & Silas called to see Robert Tindal and stopped here for dinner. Bro Hugh called when passing to Madison Mr Luis Townsly and Mr Packer here. Ms Bond here and took our washing down home. This afternoon Joe C- and Mrs miller here Fannie brought Lizzie G- & baby wagon for Homer to try to keep him more quiet He is getting his eye and stomach teeth and is very fretful. It is now after four Oclock Sister Matt has gone down to see Sister Betsy. She is still sick. Bro Dan here this eve. Mr Andrew went down to town to attend to some little [sic.] buisness for us. It is now after two Oclock in the morning Sister Matt and I still up with Jamie he is still comfortable.

22 Dec. Tues. Raining last night and raining some little to day. It is very gloomy & cloudy. Robert Tindal drove out ninety one of the hogs this morning quite a number of men around when selecting them. Bro John & Silas and Arch & Bond & Wm Harris went with them to Selma. Dr Thorn here this morning. Father called and Sister Jennette went home with him. Bro Joh here for dinner. Mr Morton here this afternoon and had prayers. Read from the fifth verse of the twelveth cahap [sic] of Heb. To the close of the fourteenth verse of H- Mcmillan called to night. Sister Matt here Jimmie Little and Mr Andrew sitting up to night. Wm Wegmoth called today & so did Tom Little

23 Dec. Wed. Bright and pleasant Dr Thorn called this morning. Mr S Barber here to see Jamie. This after noon Bro John Bro David & Sister Nancy & Bro Dan here. This evening Mr S- Dallas with us for supper and taking care of Jamie to night. Mr Waddle Silas and Jimmie here this eve. Mary Little here this for evening. Mr Andrew at town for us this evening.

24 Dec. Thurs. Bright but the wind blow-ing too much to be pleasant. Dr Thorn called as usual this morning. Bro Dan here - Mr Morton here and had prayers with us. Mr Andrew came down from School and took dinner with us. he had expected some of his friend from Xenia to visit his school He is haveing an examination. Joe C- & John Wright here. Mr Andrew bid us good by for a week as he is to have a little vacation. Matt went home this eve and took Fannie with her to have her Christmas in town tomorrow. Jennette came to stay with us to night. John Wright here sitting up. This afternoon at two Oclock Kasea Kyle and Richard Tates were married. On tomorrow Henry Kyle return from the west with his bride.

25 Dec. Friday. Bright Sunshine quite pleasant Sister Jennette here to day. Dr Thorn called this morning. Bro john and Bro Dan called. Sister Jane came up. Our three children having their Christmas at town. Late this afternoon Sister Mary and Matt came. On yesterday the Cedarville Schools closed. And Sister Mary gave up her place as teacher. Matt remains with us. And jennette went back with Mary. On Wednesday Cousin Bell went down to the city. Matt went down to see Betsy this eve. Jimmie Littles Dans Willie with us to night.

26 Dec. Sat. Mild but gloomy Sister Matt with us to day. Young Dr Thorn called as the Old Dr Thorn is [illegible] to be out this morning. Mr Andrew & Wm Watts from Xenia called. Near noon bro Hugh came and some tramps passed and lifter his carpet sack from the stile he & Wm followed them to C- and had them arrested and recovered his goods. Mrs Morton called this afternoon Lizzie C. brought Jennette up and Matt went back to town. John Wildmans little daughter buried to day. Davie Little and Collin with us to night.

27 Dec. Sabb. Very very gloomy rained some little. The children still absent. Bro Hugh came up this morning he & Davie & Collin here for breakfast. Young Dr Thorn called this morning. Mrs Bond called. John Wright came into day. Joe C- here and brought Sister Matt. Jennette went back with him to town. Mr Morton came up after preaching. Had prayers with us. A prayer of thanksgiving for God's goodness in sparing Jamie and prayed that

his life be a blessing to the church and to his family. Jas J. Mc and Arch with us to night.

28 Dec. Monday. It has rained nearly all day and has been very gloomy all day. Young Dr Thorn called this morning. Fannie still continues better. Sister matt with us to day. This afternoon Henry Hugh went into see Jamie. Wm took the carriage to town and has been around there most of the day. This eve he returned bringing Sister Mary & our dear little Harlan with him. It has been two weeks to night since he went away and were becoming quite anxious to see him. Sister Mary with us to night.

29 Dec. Tues. A little snow fell on last night. Bright and pleasant to day. Young Dr Thorn called this morning. Jimmie Little here and took Mary down home. She took Harlan back to town - On last night he would not be comforted till we let him sleep with papa. Jimmie returned bringing Aunt Jennette & Fred with him. Our home bright and cheerful - Sister Jennet and Matt both here this eve sister Jennette and Billie Bond took Matt home. Jennette and I here alone to night. W. R. Coopers having a silver wedding to day.

30 Dec. Wed. Cold. Everything quite pleasant about our home. Young Dr Thorn called this morning. Mrs Sarah Thorn Huff one of the Drs patients buried to day. Bro Hugh and Irvin Linson called. Sister Mary Little her and spent awhile with Jamie. He sat up about half an hour in the rocking chair by the fire. He is very weak not able to stand nor walk alone. Sister Jennette has been quite unwell to day.

31 Dec. Quite cold to day but bright and pleasant. Our Dr did not come this morning as Jamie still continues better. bro John here for dinner. Bro Hugh called sister Jennette feeling much better. Nannie at her mothers assisting with the work. Robert Tindal called this afternoon.

1874. will soon be gone - with all its worried scenes of both sadness and happiness - it had its beginning and it must have its ending and So shall we as well. Farewell to the year 1874. Farewell - Farewell.