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M. E McMillan's journal for 1913. At the Old Home on the pike

[**Transcriber note:** At the top of each left hand page is the following: "At Claytons at the Old Home" followed by the month and "1913"]

New Years Day. 1913. I will begin this book by quoting a few lines from Jason's pen in the church bulletin

We have just past that unsure boundary which marks the flight of time And I pray that the unseen realities of life may be felt by all, and that the swift passing of time may have some solemn sobering thoughts for us as our course flows a swift gliding steam into the ocean of eternity. But let us go forward without regret and without fear, content to be used by God in His own way. Let us learn the lesson of [illegible] "Brook"

You little brook so clear and bright,  
You hasten on from morn till night;  
I wonder, as I watch you flow,  
From whence you come and where you go.  
I come from out the rocky [?] Bower  
My course leads o'er the moss and flower  
My sparkling mirror ripples clear  
The bright blue Heaven's atmosphere.  
My mind is happy, free from Care.  
Though driven on I know not where  
For He who calls me to the Sea,  
The same I think will leader be.

This was the day of the annual church dinner – Clayton and Edith there – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me – He was a happy boy to day. This evening our little family at home around the lamp. The congregation tried to give a donation to Rev Taylor and Prof McChesney to day. Davis from the tenant house and Albert from his quarters in the wool house at the husking.

2<sup>nd</sup> January Thursday. Miss Benline busy. Edith and baby Rankin went to the new wash woman on Bumgarner house Mrs Threshler [?] for the washing. This is her first washing. Uncle Hugh here to dinner. This P.M. Clayton and Edith and Rankin on a business trip to town Miss Benline busy.

3<sup>rd</sup> January Friday. A heavy snow last night – This A.M. Clayton at town and brought Aunt Mary out with him. Later Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie and Walter, Ralph and [illegible] and Walter Morton and Jennie and their son Paul here to dinner – Edith had quite a fine dinner for them. We had a nice day with them. Aunt Mary with us to night. James Little went back to his place in Kansas New Years evening.

4" January Saturday Quite a winter day – snow on the ground – Edith and Miss Benline busy. Aunt Mary here – After dinner Clayton took her down to the annual meeting of the Sabbath School. I went down stairs yesterday for the first time since last week – I went down to dinner to day. My limb is enough better but still I am obliged to keep to my crutches.

5" January Sabbath. Rain and sleet on top of the snow – Roads are impassible – All at home. No church for the folks on this pike to day. Billie Sunday began his meetings in Columbus this day week ago – we have his sermon here to read to day. Miss Benline with us. It seems gloomy without. We nee sunshine in the Soul to day.

6" January Monday Rain last night and showers off and on to day. The snow and ice mostly gone this morning and I was glad. Davis feeding. Albert in his dept in the wool house. Edith and Miss Benline busy. A lady – a traveling Saleswoman "a lady" here to see Edith. This Eve Edith took Rankin and went along with Clayton when he took the washing to Mrs Threshler.

7" Jan. Tuesday. Rain last night and rain to day. Very dark and cloudy. Uncle Hugh and Clarence McMillan here to dinner. Miss Benline busy. Edith began weaning Rankin yesterday. Miss Benline taking a good deal of the care of him. This evening she left him with Miss Benline while she went to town with Clayton to call on Mrs Harry Owens.

8" January Wed. Rain last night and very gloomy all day. This P.M. brought the clothes home Later Clayton at committee meeting Edith took Rankin and called to see some of the folks at town. Miss Benline and I here alone. A letter from Fred – he and Mr Jackson left for New York Monday.

9" January Thursday. Very gloomy – Aunt Mary came out with Miss Lillie Ross, the teacher this morning. All the Schools and churchs quarantined for the preset on acct of a death – diphtheria – Albert came in to do the chores and board in the family. On last night Dr. Charlie Baskin came over from Dayton and rode out with Dr Witter in his Auto- Charlie B- and Aunt Mary with us to night [**Transcriber note:** The following in the left hand column] Edith took Charlie to the train this A.M.

10" January Friday. Very gloomy Rain all P.M. Clayton helping in with the corn – along with Davis and Albert – He went to town along with Warren Arthur. Aunt Mary with us to day and to night again. Edith and Miss Benline busy Rankin is in Miss Benlines care.

11" January Saturday. Very gloomy – Everything damp and dripping – and sprinkling rain. Clayton looking after stock – Davis ad Albert on the program. This P.M. Clayton called to Bumgarners. When he came back he and Aunt Mary went on a flying trip to C- Later Albert took Clayton and Edith to the 8 Oclock train – They go to Columbus to visit Clara – and to the Rev Sundays meetings and to Cox Inaugural Monday. Miss Benline here with Aunt Mary and

Rankin and me. Rankin looking to Miss Benline for his all – Albert here taking care of the chores.

12" January Sabbath. All the churches in Cedarville quarantined on acct of the diphtheria scare. We are here by our selves to day. Aunt Mary called at Davis to teach the S.S. lesson. This has been a gloomy day. The sun came out a few minutes this evening at the sun setting.

13" January. Monday. Another gloomy day – Aunt Mary here with Miss Benline and Rankin and me. Albert around. Rankin getting along without his father & mother.

14" Jan. Tuesday. Another gloomy day but a pleasant day – A letter from Columbus from Edith – she and Clayton will not be home until tomorrow evening. Miss Benline getting along nicely with Rankin – Albert at his work – This afternoon Aunt Mary visited Miss Lillie Rosses School – she also called at Arthurs.

15" Jan. Wednesday. Drizzling rain all day. Aunt Mary and Miss B- & Rankin and I still holding forth. At 6 30 Albert went to the train and brought Edith out – Clayton concluded to remain until tomorrow evening. Rankin was glad to see his Mother – But he has been a good boy while she was away.

16" January. Thursday. Showers most of the day and this evening. Albert brought the clothes home. Aunt Mary drove Judge to town to attend a meeting of the W.C.T.U. – Almost a constant rain – left Judge in the stable until Clayton came from Columbus at 6.30. Aunt Mary took supper at Prof McChesney Aunt Mary went to the train and came out with Clayton. It is still raining this evening. Miss Benline and Edith busy.

17" January Friday. Showers off and on all day. Clayton around. Davis and Ben busy. Miss Benline ironing. This afternoon Clayton and Edith called to see Cousin Flora – she came to Aunt Jeanettes Wednesday A.M. Edith at Miss Vera Andrews at the Embroidery club. Rankin here with us.

18" January. Saturday. Heavy Rain this morning About ten Oclock it cleared off and the sun came out and continued to shine all day. Uncle Hugh here to dinner and helping with sheep this P.M. The men hauling in hay to day. Aunt Mary went down home with Uncle Hugh. I finished reading "Twilight Tales" by Mrs Margaret E. Sangster, the late Mrs S-

20" January Monday. For a change I have been in bed most of the day with billious attack Davis and Clayton started a plow in meadow next the R. R. Davis began plowing. Albert husking This evening getting colder Raining and blowing – quite a change in the weather.

21" January Tuesday. Clayton with Alphoney [?] Finney at Xenia to day they were at the Court house to help settle that Townsley ditch case – Clayton out at Tribines [?] to see Barr the Seperater [sic] man. Clayton called at Shells to day and left Pauls New England watch and brought out Pauls gold one from the Shell Shop. This A.M. Albert took the clothes to the wash woman – When he came home he went to C- and called at Mrs Lucy Barber on an errand – Davis plowing this afternoon. This was the day of Mrs Joe Deans funeral.

22" January Wed. Rather a nice winter day Davis took a load of hay to C- and brought out coal from Ervins Albert husking. Clayton busy. Edith at town and brought Flora MacMillan Eaton out She was with us until after supper when she went down with Clayton and Edith when they went to an entertainment at the Opera house We certainly had pleasant day with Flora. Miss Benline had a nice dinner – She is with Rankin and me this evening. Albert around. Flora went with Clayton and Eight to the entertainment [Transcriber note: The following in the left hand column] Davis at town for coal.

23<sup>rd</sup> January Thursday. Rain last night and rain all day Uncle Hugh here to go with Clayton to Earl Caldwell's sale When they got as far as Charleston they turned around and came back the roads were too bad – they got a two O'clock dinner here. Miss B- and Edith ironing. Albert brought the washing home – This eve Ralph M- took Clayton with him to Dr Littlers – and came into supper when they returned – and spent a little with us.

24" January. Friday. This has been a nice winter day. Clayton went to the early train for Bar the "Seperater man" he finished his work and Clayton took him back to the ten O'clock train. This morning he took Rankin with him – When he came back he was asleep and was ready to go back the second trip. This afternoon Miss Benline and Rankin went with Clayton to Finneys a cross the country on an errand. Eve Arthur called this P.M. she brought a nice donation of parsnips.

25" January. Saturday. A nice winter day. Albert went to Springfield this morning. Clayton and Davis feeding. This P.M. Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin at Aunt Jeanettes – Flora still there. They were expecting Clara this evening but she missed the train. They called at Stevenson A card from Harlan from Little Rock Ark. He was on his way to Monroe La. He has men with him to look at the land in that vicinity.

26" January Sabbath A beautiful day – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Clayton and Edith at church. Rev Taylors subject the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment. Walter Murdock cam home with them. Clara came to Aunt Jenettes this morning and was at church with Aunt Matt and Flora – This evening Walter went down with Clayton and Edith to the U. P. Church Dr Joseph Kyle preached or read. Clara came home with them. This is my birthday I never do forget 1844 – 1913

27 January Monday. A nice winter day – more akin to Spring than winter in appearance. Clara with us this A.M. This afternoon she went down and brought Flora out she was with us for supper and went back to town when Clayton took Clara to the train. Aunt Mary went to Columbus to the Prohibition Convention this morning – This was Flora's farewell visit with us. I went down stairs this afternoon. While I use my crutches I can walk better A "gass" man called this P.M. Davis plowing by the R.R. Albert husking. Clayton feeding.

28 January. Tuesday. A gloomy day. Aunt Belle came out with Miss Ross and spent the day here We had a nice visit with her. Davis plowing – Albert husking. Clayton looking after the stock. It has been snowing right down all afternoon Aunt Belle went back with the teacher.

29<sup>th</sup> January Wed. Snow fell most of the day again. Davis plowing – Albert at town for coal this P.M. Clayton looking after the stock. Edith took Eva A- with her to Springfield – Miss Benline in full charge – even has the care of Rankin and he was happy Edith reached home in good time – They had a profitable day.

30<sup>th</sup> January Thursday. Quite a change in the weather – not quite so cold – when I say cold we must not forget that we have not had but very little cold weather up to this date – Davis plowing. Clayton and Albert busy. Albert at C- this A.M. for a plow. This afternoon Edith at C- Miss Benline went along and took Rankin – I have been busy – but I am always busy – for you know there several ways of being kept employed – A nice evening.

31<sup>st</sup> January. Friday. Quite a winter day. Blowing and snowing this morning. Aunt Mary came out with Miss Ross Uncle Hugh came up later – They were with us to dinner – Edith making a waist for Clara – Miss Benline busy. Davis plowing Albert [Blank space] This evening Mr Warren Arthurs called and spent the evening – Aunt Mary with us. She was at Alcohol Convention and to hear Sunday this week in Columbus.

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1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Saturday. Uncle Hugh here to dinner. This afternoon Aunt Mary went down home with him – Later Clayton at town Albert at C- home in time for chores and for supper. Edith and Miss Benline busy and so was Rankin. Davis hauling feed all day getting ready for tomorrow.

2<sup>nd</sup> February Sabbath. A nice winter day. Clayton and Edith at church – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Albert around.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Monday. Clayton and Edith left early for town as this is the day of the Farmers institute – Clayton being President he had to be ready for his place. He and Edith took dinner and supper at the Foster House along with others from the meeting. Edith called at Aunt Bells and Aunt Matt and Jeanetts and Aunt Mary between times to day. Miss Benline here with Rankin

and me. Albert looking after the stock. Davis hauling feed – quite a snow on the ground. Clayton and Edith stayed for the address of the evening – The Speakers J. L. Berckman & H. Burkholder. A letter from Harlan from Mason City Ia – He had just returned from his second trip south – He had some party with him from Mason City to look at land – The hair dresser Miss Johnston at Aunt Marys this evening.

4" Feb. Tuesday. Clayton and Edith at the Institute to day again – They took dinner at the Foster house – This afternoon was for the ladies – quite a success – Clayton rode out with Warren A- and Clayton came later with Eva – Rankin here with Miss Benline and me. Davis hauling feed – Albert looking after the stock This evening Clayton went back to a meeting of the Trustees.

5" Feb. Wed. A gloomy day. Davis and Albert taking care of the stock This P.M. Clayton went with Ralph to Dr Litters Sale – reached home again about four Oclock. They got the gate put up for Rankins benefit to keep him from falling down stairs – he has had several tumbles already. Miss Benline and Edith busy.

6" Feb. Thurs. I have finished reading "Their Yesterdays" by Harold Bell Wright. Davis and Albert busy with the stock. Clayton around all day it is certainly cold – Edith and Miss Benline busy. It is so cold these days I am happy to be near the fire. Rankin does not seem to mind the cold.

7" Feb. Friday. A cold day. The day of the great gathering at Uncle Silas Murdock's – Edith and Clayton there – They went early to call to see Aunt Mary K – she has been at Mrs Kate Jacksons since the holidays. Annie Bell Murdock arrived from Memphis yesterday and they were anxious to see her. They both went with the folks to Uncle Silas's Everything went on nicely at meeting to day. There were between 80 and one hundred there. Davis and Albert taking care of the stock. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me.

8" Feb. Saturday. Still cold. Miss Benline busy. Davis and Albert getting the feeding in shape for tomorrow – Thomas – This afternoon some cattle man here looking at stock. Later Clayton and Edith and Rankin at C- Edith and R- called to see Blanch. It has moderated half a degree this evening.

9" Feb. Sabbath – Snow still on the ground – and still cold. Clayton and Edith at Church Sermon by Rev Taylor as usual. Annie Belle and her Mother at church. Miss Benline and Rankin here with Edith and me – Albert around This Evening Clayton and Edith at church – Old side man speaking on National Reform.

10" Feb. Monday. Snow on the ground. It has moderated a little We sent the washing to the house by the R. R. crossing Albert and Davis busy. Uncle Hugh here this P.M. Miss Benline and

Edith busy. Clayton at C- this A. M. Rankin not very well for the last two days. We got medicine for him at C. M. Ridgeways. A letter telling us of the death of Aunt Sara Hanna [?] – Mr McKenzies Aunt She died the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb. in the Hospital in Syracuse. Mr McKenzies father died early Saturday morning at his son Wms in Syracuse. He and Aunt Sara were both layed away in the Salem Cemetery in N.Y. Uncle Hugh called this afternoon. This evening Clayton and Edith at the Opera house at a lecture. Rankin here with Miss Benline.

11" Feb. Tuesday. Moderated considerable but still cold. Clayton got Neffs Storm buggy and he took Edith and Rankin to Xenia to Ferne and Carl Marshalls – They had some of the cousins and Aunts invited there in honor of Anna Bell Murdock. Clayton went over to Dayton and took dinner with Dr Charlie Baskin He got back to X- in good time and he and Rankin and co reached home just at dark. Davis feeding and Albert husking. Miss Benline busy. Rankin had a nice day.

12" Feb Wed. Snow still on the ground and quite cold. Davis and Albert taking care of the stock – Edith finished Claras waist and sent it up to her on the early mail – Miss Benline busy She manufactured a linen picture book for Rankin to day. Clayton put in a full day at Uncle Hughs giving some assistance about hay – Davis put in full day there also.

13' Feb. Thursday Still cold and the snow remaining on the ground. Davis feeding. Albert [Blank space] Miss Benline putting the house in order – Mr Thomas called this A.M. Clayton looking after stock. This evening Clayton and Edith at a supper at Oscars & Blanches in honor of Annie Belle Murdock.

14" Feb. Friday. Moderated a little Miss Benline and Edith busy. Rankin busy too. Ralph here to dinner. Clayton went with him to Charleston to a Sale. He stopped this evening had supper and visited – Davis and Albert busy with the feeding This is a nice evening but cold.

15" Feb. Sat. A gloomy day. The snow gone – moderated. Albert took the buggy to the two Aunt Marys and to Annie Belle – They were here for dinner and supper and put in a full day. Albert here this evening. Davis feeding. Miss Benline busy. It was certainly nice to see Annie Belle again. It is a long time since we have seen her. Rankin on his good behaviour to day. We have had a pleasant day. Clayton & Stuart Arthur took the folks down home this Evening.

16" Feb. Sabbath. A gloomy day. the snow all gone – Clayton and Edith at church. A missionary sermon by Rev Taylor. Albert around. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. This is Billie Sundays last Sabbath in Columbus. Clara has been very much interested in his meeting.

17" Feb. Monday. Moderated very much – a sprinkle of snow last night and morning. The sun shining this afternoon. Edith and Miss Benline busy. Davis brought in a load of coal on Saturday and put in it to day. This afternoon Clayton and Ralph went to Jamestown to the institute. They remained for the evening Session. Albert busy to day.

18 Feb. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. Edith and Miss Benline at Springfield to day. Miss Benline at Dr Minors office getting fitted up with glasses – They reached home after 4. Clayton taking care of Rankin he made a business of it – Rankin quite happy. This evening Clayton and Edith at Dr. Littlers along with some of the neighbors – It is a beautiful evening. Rankin asleep early.

19" Feb. Wed. Annie Belle Murdock went to Columbus this morning to visit Clara – Clayton at home. Albert husking. Davis [Blank space] Edith feeling better to day. Rankin enjoying his new rubbers. It is muddy. Miss Benline busy. This is the time the convention is going on in Memphis Homer will be there. Jason possibly will be there.

20" February Thursday You might think it was the first of April – it is so mild –The sun shining – Clayton not feeling well. He has been in the house all A.M. This afternoon while Edith and Miss Benline attended a meeting of the W.C.T.U Clayton took Rankin out in his buggy with him and kept him most of the afternoon It was so warm I spent an hour or more on the porch. Davis and Albert husking.

21" Feb. Friday. A mild day. Miss Benline ironed this A.M. and had Rankin in the yard all afternoon. Edith at Aunt Bells The Embroidery club – and the Wednesday Afternoon Club both met there – (Marys and her mother). A letter from Fred he will be here this morning – Clara came down from Columbus at 6.36 and telephoned she was here Clayton drove down for her – While she was waiting she had lunch at Aunt Bells – Davis and Albert making a grand rally to finish the corn husking to day.

22" February Saturday. Clayton at town and brought the two Aunt Marys and Annie Belle out in Uncle Ervins they were here to dinner. By the way Clayton went back to the train when he brought the folks out and got Fred – he was here to dinner also – We had a nice day with them – Clara busy with a waist – Edith helping her. Clayton took them down home after four Oclock – Albert at town to day. Davis looking after stock.

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Sabbath. A nice Sabbath day. Fred and Clara with us. Clayton and Edith at church Miss Benline looking after Rankin. She had dinner ready when they folks came home. Albert with us. This evening when Clayton and Edith went to our church Fred went with them and went on the 6.36 to Xenia – and went with Will Torrences to church – and left later for St. Louis – He will awaken up there in the morning. Clara with us.

24" Feb. Monday. Clara with us but very busy. This PM. Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin went to our washer woman on Frank Townsley place. Our woman by the R. R. had to give up her work as she is very sick. Dr. Littler called Clayton went with him in his Auto to town to see Pierce – but Clayton came back and put the wrong to right with out assistance. This evening he

took Clara down the train She goes back to her Library work. Annie Belle left for Memphis this morning. Davis plowing by the R. R. this P.M.

25 February Tuesday The ground white with snow this morning – but did not last long – It is cold this morning. Edith and Miss Benline at Springfield to see Dr Minor – They reached home at three O'clock. Clayton in house with Rankin while they were gone – He also looked after the dinner Albert here – This afternoon he and Davis sawing wood.

26 February Wed. A gloomy day – not cold – The ground muddy. Near noon Earl Caldwell and wife on business and made it convient [sic] to stop with us to dinner – We had a pleasant hour with them. This P.M. Stuart Arthur called. Later Clayton at C- Miss Benline busy. Edith busy. Rankin watches the door to get out – Davis and Albert sawing wood.

27' February Thursday. A gloomy day. Rain most of the P.M. Dr. Litter and wife here to dinner to spend the day. This afternoon the Dr took Clayton with him to Jamestown. Miss Benline busy. Rankin on his good behaviour – It is quite a dark gloomy Evening.

28 Feb. Friday. A winter day – quite gloomy. Miss Benline ironing Edith making a dress – having good luck with her sewing. Clayton Albert set Rankin and his wagon in the big "Farm Wagon" and took him with them when going to the lower field he enjoyed it fine – This afternoon Davis plowed and Clayton and Albert cleaned the Stable – This evening Davis here on a settlement.

### March 1913

1<sup>st</sup> March Saturday. Quite a little snow fell last night – and kept snowing to day. Clayton and Davis and Albert looking after stock. Miss Benline busy Edith trying to sew – Tomorrow is Sabbath – Let us remember it to keep it holy.

2 March. Sabbath – Snow on the ground Very cold last night and to day. Clayton and Edith at church – Only a very few there to hear Rev Taylors missionary sermon. The closing one of a series of sermons. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Albert around – All of us gathered around the fire – such a change in the weather.

3<sup>rd</sup> March Monday. Moderated – Bright sunshine most of the day. Davis took a team and been away all day helping Dr Littlers move to Cedarville – Albert taking care of the stock. He took the washing to the Townsley tenant this P.M. Edith sewing Miss Benline busy – all of us busy. Rankin is beginning to be able to say a few words. Davis brought a load of coal from town. Clayton at town this evening.

4" of March. Tuesday. 5000 suffergists [sic – suffragists] marched through Washington D.C. but met with all kind of insult and injury from the hostile crowd and there did not seem to be any power to hold them back – there were fine noble women from all over the country in the parade – How could good men stand back and allow these Mothers and Sisters to be treated thus. Davis and Albert busy feeding Miss Benline busy. Edith sewing – Rankin on the go. Ralph called and Clayton went with him to London. Ralph came in with him to supper. This is the day our President Woodrow Wilson takes his seat. Washington D.C. was a busy place to day. I am sure. [in the left margin – This has been a nice winter day.]

5" March. Wednesday. A nice winter day. Clayton and Davis plowing. Albert busy with the stock. No Davis was plowing all day. This afternoon Clayton and Edith at prayer meeting the monthly meeting – hope they can keep it up their attendance. Aunt Mary came home with them. Rankin here with Miss Benline this P.M.

6 March Thursday. Snow on the ground this morning Much colder this evening. Kept snowing a little all day. This P.M. Clayton [illegible] Matthews Sale – Edith and Aunt Mary sewing. Miss Benline busy. Davis and Albert feeding. Rankin on the go all day. All of us around the lamp this evening.

7" March. Friday. A light snow on the ground – Not quite so cold. Albert and Davis feeding. Aunt Mary with us. Edith dewing – Miss Benline on the program. Lucy Lasen called. She was here to dinner. This afternoon Aunt Mary went down home with Miss Ross. This Evening Clayton and Edith took a donation down to Aunt Jeanette and Aunt Matt – that was a donation. Later they attended a Concert at the Opera House given by the High School. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Albert around.

8" March. Saturday. A light snow moderated a little – Davis and Albert feeding. Clayton around. This afternoon Edith and Miss Benline took Rankin with them to town. Edith called on Mrs McChesney and Blanch and Aunt Marys. Miss Benline stopped with Aunt Mary. This is Aunt Matts birth day she is 77.

9 March. Sabbath. Moderated quite a good deal. The ground muddy. Clayton and Edith at church – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me – Albert around. This evening Clayton and Edith at church. Rev Taylor preaching. I have not been very well to day.

10" March Monday. When Clayton took a pr of Peafowls [?] to the express office to send to Miss Browns brother Clayton had Edith take Rankin along for a ride – Albert Harris left us this morning he has been here since before hay harvest last summer. This afternoon Clayton took Davis's place at the plow and Davis went to Charleston to meet two fellows at the train from the Hills – they are both stopping with Davis to night Davis took the clothes this afternoon as

he went to Charleston Miss Benline helping Edith sew this P.M. I have been busy the same as I have been most of the winter patching a silk quilt.

11" March. Tuesday. I have been off duty all A.M. – but I am a live again this afternoon. Our boy from the Hills Orrie Clinton concluded to stop with us this Summer. He came in with Clayton to dinner. Ralph M- here to dinner also. Miss Benline and Edith busy. Rankin on the program. This is a mild day – The ground soft. Davis plowing.

12" March. Wed. A bright day – The sun shining all day. Edith took Aunt Mary to Springfield Miss Benline on duty. Rankin right with her Davis plowing Orrie around with Clayton. This after noon Dr and Mrs Litter called. This has been a nice day – Edith got back at five – she came home through C- to accommodate Aunt Mary. They had a busy day.

13" March. Thursday. Another Spring day. Davis plowing by R. R. Edith and Miss Benline busy. Mr Thomas here on a trade – The folks brought the washing home. Orrie out with Clayton. This P.M. Edith at Mrs Fitches at the Embroidery Club. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. This evening Albert returned he was here to supper and has taken up his quarters in the wool house – His old time home. This Evening Clayton and Edith at the Opera house at the last number of the lecture course.

14" March. Friday. Another mild day. Davis plowing Albert began work for the summer After dinner when Edith went to town to a class meeting at Mrs Wrights – Orrie Clinton – late from the hills went with her to town and she started him on the road to Uncle Hughs – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me.

15" March. Saturday. Davis plowing. Albert brought a load of coal. Edith and Miss Benline busy – Rankin on the program. This afternoon Clayton at a meeting of the trustees at the church. A letter from Fannie Mr McKenzie has not been well – the Dr pronounced it grippe.

16" March. Sabbath. Colder last night – the ground white this morning – and a good deal colder. Clayton and Edith at church. Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Albert in his room. This afternoon – around the fire with our books.

17' March Monday. Moderated – Albert plowing. Davis and Clayton hauling manure – This P.M. Miss Benline and Edith and Rankin went to Frank Townsley tenant with the washing.

18" March Tuesday. Another nice day – Miss Benline busy Edith sewing. This morning Aunt Mary came out with the teacher Miss Lillie Ross. This afternoon Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin at C- they left Judge at Owens Shop and called at Aunt Jeanette & Matts Stopped at Blanches & Sister Owens. There were gipsies [sic] camped along the main road and Edith had to go the back way going & coming.

19" March. Wed. Almost like Spring. Edith and Aunt Mary put in the lining of silk quilt—of Aunt Jennies – This P.M. Aunt Mary went back with Lillie Ross to town The Hay Bailers here these days – Two men, Reid and Howel shearing the lambs – they were here to dinner. Albert plowing. Davis and Clayton busy hauling manuer [sic] – They are having Davis's house papered to day. We do not forget that it was three years this morning since Paul went to Dr Hunts Private Hospital in Columbus. Paul left this old Home never to be back – and many have been the changes since then – and thus it shall be until time shall be no more. "For here we have no continuing city but seek one to come."

20" March. Thursday. Another nice day. The Sheep Shearers finishing up. Reid & Howel got through at noon. They were here to dinner Dr Creswell and Bro W. H. called on their canvass this A.M. The paper hanger from Davis here to dinner.

21<sup>st</sup> March. Friday. Rain and wind and cold this morning but Even so Albert plowed all day. Davis and Clayton busy. Miss Benline busy. This afternoon Edith and Rankin on the Deceiving [?] Committee when Rev Taylor called. It is still cold and disagreeable this evening.

22" March. Saturday. Still cold but has moderated considerable Albert plowing. Edith not feeling very well. Miss Benline getting things in readiness for Sabbath – Clayton and Davis busy cleaning up around the barn.

23" March. Easter Sunday. A bad blustery wet morning – It will be hard on the Easter dress parade – But the rain and the storm is better for them than a lovely day and the sunshine . Clayton went alone to church this morning. Aunt Mary came home with Clayton – She went with him to Baileys to take a little chicken broth and chicken to Jennie poor girl is in critical condition. Edith in bed – Dr Marsh called this evening.

24' March. Monday Still a disagreeable day. Rained last night rain and blowing to day. Clayton around the barn with Davis and Albert. Dr Marsh here this morning. Aunt Mary rode down home with him. This has been a stormy day – all at home this evening. Albert took the washing to the Townsley farm this P.M.

25" March. Tuesday. The rain still continues. The creek and every branch or rivulet overflowing – It has been a long time since we have had such a rain and an overflow – Work at a stand still. Edith still on the sick list. Clayton and Albert around the banr & Davis. Aunt Mary around Miss Benline busy. Edith still off duty. It is still rain rain. Aunt Mary came out with Miss Ross this morning. [In left hand column: Mr Will Stephens & co called.]

26" March Wed. Rain all of last night – and this morning – Almost a deluge at Dayton – The Reservoir broke at Bellefontaine – and the loss along the way was great – but the loss at Dayton

was immense – beside the flood a terrible fire started the Arcade and the Phillips house and all around in the vicinity burned. [Transcriber note: Martha is describing the great 1913 flood in Dayton, Ohio] But it is hard to know the true state of affairs as the trains are stopped All kind of reports are going – The waters so high you can not get into the Dayton – ten thousand reported lost in the water. Albert went away this morning for a few days as work is at a stand Davis was at C- to day. It has rained most of the day and coming down this evening again.

27" March Thursday. Rained only part of the night. It turned colder towards morning and began snowing. The ground white – It snowed off and on all day – Edith still in her room these days. Miss Benline busy. Albert home in time for dinner. This afternoon Clayton and Aunt Mary at town. Report coming in from the flood at Dayton – it is certainly a sad place – so many missing.

28" March. Friday. The sun coming out – The water getting less. This A.M. Aunt Mary cut a bushel of potatoes to have ready for planting – and for quick coming up – Word has come in to be ready with clothes and food to help fill a car for Dayton tomorrow – Miss Benline and Aunt Mary busy. Edith off duty. This afternoon Clayton and Davis at Dayton – Hard to get there – Davis went on trolley and Clayton went with Prof Allen and co in an Auto – They found a desolate city – still rescuing the helpless one – But they all and every one seems helpless. God alone is great and controls [sic] and rules over all – Let us have him for our friend and when the storm and great calamity comes we will know in whom we trust and need not be afraid – There has been damage all along the way – No mail either coming or going out of the post office these days only a few papers from Xenia on Auto.

29" March Saturday. All busy. Miss Benline on the fly. Clayton and Davis busy. Sowing clover seed these days – Near noon Albert took our donation for Dayton to Cedarville to go out this P.M. Aunt Mary went down to stay until tomorrow. This is a nice day. This P.M. Dr Litter called – Edith still off duty – Rankin on program.

30" March Sabbath. A nice day – no Rain to day. Clayton went alone to Sabbath School and church – This was Livingstons day in the Sabbath School – Sermon by Rev Taylor – Miss Benline and Edith and Rankin and Albert and I here.

31" March Monday. A nice day. Clayton at C- by way of accommodation for Davis this morning. They received a son there this morning. Albert at his work. Davis busy plowing for potatoes the P.M. Near noon Clayton went to Uncle Silas's there for dinner this afternoon he and Ralph and Walter at Dayton to look after a cousin Mr Andrews that is missing – No trains running as their is no mail comes in or goes out these days Dayton a dreadful place. The half not told.

## April 1913

1<sup>st</sup> April Tuesday. Cloudy. Clayton and Albert sowing clover seed this A.M. Davis getting ready for planting potatoes. Albert husking Clayton looking after hog houses. Miss Benline and Edith busy. Rankin on the program. We rec'd a letter from Jason and a card from Dallas [illegible] the first mail we have rec'd for a week – they were all week on the way. The card came from Homer.

2<sup>nd</sup> April. Wednesday. Albert husking – Davis at the Potatoes field. This afternoon Clayton working with the sheep – Mr McKenzie has not been well – He and Fannie left Tuesday for Bermuda – The Dr says he needs a rest. Miss Benline busy. Edith sewing Rankin on the go.

3 April Thursday. Rain to day again Albert and Davis busy at something. Edith the good Samaritan called to see Mrs Davis this P.M. I took her a little donation. This afternoon she and Clayton at town on a business trip – Edith made our first call at the Waddle Establishment – Miss Benline here with Rankin It is raining this evening – A lot of mail came in for the first since the Dayton flood.

4<sup>th</sup> April. Friday. Rain last night – and damp and cloudy this morning – Clayton at Uncle Silas's for dinner – In the P.M. they thought of going to Washington C.H. but finally took in Jamestown then home. Too damp to accomplish much here. The corn all husked at last. Davis & Albert busy. Edith & Miss Benline sewing. I have been busy too and I might add so has Rankin.

5<sup>th</sup> April. Saturday. No rain last night or to day. Davis cutting the dead limbs of the trees in the yard. Albert busy. Miss Benline and Edith getting ready for tomorrow – Sabbath. A Mr (Scale man) here to fix the scales – This afternoon Uncle Ervin and his prohibition friend, from Columbus called to see Clayton. Edith and Miss Benline and Richard at town. A letter from Clara – The flood serious at Columbus – a great many homeless. The Library closed the electric lights all out. Clara has been helping at the Relief Station – She said it was heart rending to see the suffering homeless and starving ones. This is a nice evening.

6<sup>th</sup> April. Sabbath. A nice morning – and a nice day. Clayton and Edith at church – Aunt Mary came home with them. Miss Benline and Rankin and I here alone. Albert walked out this morning – Back again this evening. Word came from Monmouth that Mrs Haddasa Orr Hamilton is dead – formally of Cedarville – She leaves a husband and four children – This is a beautiful evening. Aunt Mary went down to church along with Clayton and Edith. Rev Taylor preached.

7<sup>th</sup> April Monday. Another nice day. Davis put in a full day at the yard taking all the dead limbs out of the trees – he began on the trees on the ave this P.M. Albert was missing this morning there is a great call for men in Dayton these days. Miss Benline began at the house cleaning.

She started in back rooms and stair closet – Edith taking care of the kitchen and dining room. This afternoon Clayton and Rankin and Edith took the clothes to the Townsley tenants. [illegible] Finney called the A.M. I have not been feeling well for the last two or three days.

8" April. Tuesday. Davis plowing – Clayton busy all morning. This P.M. helping with bedroom rug. Miss Benline cleaning It is blowing a little and almost feels like March. This evening we were happy by Alberts arrival – He did not go to Dayton but went to Springfield.

9" April Wednesday. Rain this morning and off and on all day – Miss Benline so in earnest about her work kept at her cleaning in my room & so on all day. Davis and Clayton at a stand still – Mr Brock [?] called this P.M. A letter from Fannie she and McKenzie still at Bermuda – Albert off duty – and in his room most of the day. He was out again this evening to his meal.

10" April Thurs. Another disagreeable day work at a stand still excepting sister Benline. This afternoon Clayton took Edith to C- She attended Embroidery club at Mrs Dr Marshes while he made a call at Uncle Hughs. Miss Benline taking care of Rankin. Mr James Gregg found dead in his bed on Tuesday morning – His body layed away to rest in the old Massie Creek Cemetery this afternoon. Rain and gloom this evening.

11" April. Friday. Albert and Davis brought in a load of hay this morning. Miss Benline cleaning in the up stairs. The men here working at the scales – two of them into dinner – along with Clayton and Albert – This afternoon Clayton and Edith at church Sermon by Rev Benson – They took a donation to dear brother Taylors –which they seemed to appreciate – Miss Benline busy. Rankin keeping close to her. We do not forget that this is Pauls birth day if he had been here he would have been 23 – and would have been graduating in Carls class – in Tarkio.

12" April. Sat. The men here at the scales again and came in with Clayton to dinner Albert here too. Mr Jess Townsley kindly gave us their carriage for me to go to church – Clayton and Edith were there to. Rev Benson preached "ought not Christ to have suffered these things then entered into his glory" was his text. This is the first time I have been at church since [Blank space]. Miss Benline here with Rankin When we came home Miss Benline and Edith took Rankin out for a little ride – Dr Litter here this evening helping Clayton start the engine in the cellar – He came into supper. Albert at town this evening.

13" April Sabbath. Rain last night and almost constant rain to day – I had to give up going back to church to day as I had planned – Clayton and Edith there. Brother Benson preached. This was our communion Sabbath – Miss Benline here with Rankin and me. Albert around. Almost constant Rain this afternoon and evening.

14" April Monday. Rain most of the night – cloudy most of the A.M. – but the rain kept off to day Davis and Albert around. Miss Benline cleaned the dining room. This afternoon Uncle Silas

and Aunt Mollie called – Clayton around the barn. This evening Elcony [?] Finney rang the School House bell and they had a meeting Clayton there Finney elected director of the school.

15<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday. Rain kept off to day again Sunshine part of the time Miss Benline cleaned Ediths room – They were both busy. Davis hauling out the brush. Albert hauling straw yesterday and to day. Clayton at Arthurs for Rhubarb plants he and Davis planted it this P.M. Clayton met Charlie Baskin at train but never got to C- until eleven O'clock – trains never regular since the flood.

16<sup>th</sup> April Wed. Charlie went back to Dayton on the ten O'clock – he rode down with some one who was passing – Charlie taking quite an interest in my case he is doing all he can for me. I have not been well for a few days. Clayton and Davis cleaned the yard – put in a full day -- Albert plowing.

17<sup>th</sup> April Thursday. Another bright day. Miss Benline and Edith flying at the house cleaning They finished up the Kitchen. This P.M. Edith went to W.C.T.U – and left Judge at the shop. Rankin wearing a bonnet & flying around in doors and out. Aunt Mary came home with Edith and is here to night. Albert plowing the garden – and bringing out roofing from Tarboxes. He went to Winters this evening.

18<sup>th</sup> April. Friday – Aunt Mary with us – A man from across the Country putting the roof on barn across the way – assisted by Davis Yesterday he and Clayton finished hauling out the brush. Albert plowing. Miss Benline and Edith busy. Rankin looks very cute wearing his little bonnet.

19<sup>th</sup> April Saturday. Another nice day. It has kept dry this week. The man here to day at the roofing they put in a full day – he and Davis – Albert plowing – Miss Benline and Edith busy. Edith resting this afternoon Aunt Mary busy hemming towels & Uncle Silas here this afternoon. Mr Clemens and co here to see Clayton. After supper Albert took Aunt Mary down to teachers meeting.

20<sup>th</sup> April Sabbath. Edith not feeling well – She was at home with Miss Benline and Rankin. Albert at town – he did not get home until this evening – I went to church with Clayton in the Townsley rig. Bro Taylor preached subject the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment. Miss Benline had dinner ready for us when got back. This afternoon spent with our books – A beautiful evening.

21<sup>st</sup> April Monday. A nice day. A Automobile man here with machine to sell. Albert and Davis at the plowing. This morning our former peddler here. The Shrodes have been on the route for the last few weeks. Dr. Litter here to see Clayton this P.M. Clayton took the washing to Neffs. Miss Benline took Rankin and they went along for a ride – for Rankin. Mrs John Kyle called to day. Clayton took a hog to market this morning.

22<sup>nd</sup> April Tuesday cool this morning Albert & Davis plowing Clayton began getting the garden ready for planting Aunt Mary cut a bushel of potatoes the 28<sup>th</sup> of March – and these are what Clayton is planting to day. Miss Benline busy. Edith off duty. Mr Will Voce[?] here gathering up stuff to help with building at the fair ground for the W.C.T.U.

23<sup>rd</sup> April Wednesday. Another nice day. Albert and Davis going right ahead with the plowing – Clayton getting the stalks off their field. Miss Benline busy. The Shrodes wagon and the fish wagon passed early to day. A letter came telling us of the sudden death of Mrs Daniels. This afternoon Edith and Clayton doing wonders in the garden. Miss Benline busy taking care of Ranking and ironing – They got the first planting in.

24<sup>th</sup> April Thurs. A nice day. Davis and Albert going right along with their plowing. Miss Benline busy. Edith called at Arthurs this morning. A letter from Clara She received word that Miss Nellie Post is not coming until later. This afternoon Miss Benline and Edith and Rankin in Cedarville. Clayton harrowing with 3 horse team – when the coal [sic] got scared and started to [illegible] it ended by the team getting all tangled up – and while it might have been serious all escaped with out injury.

25<sup>th</sup> April Friday. Another nice day. It is getting Clayton and Davis and Albert employed as they were yesterday. Edith has been on the march She set the flowers out in the boxes – and planted the sweet peas And for something new and the first time she set two hens this A.M. After all the water that fell time of the flood – the ground is getting dry again. Miss Benline put up the hammock on the upper porch – I have been in it, out there, a good deal of the day.

26<sup>th</sup> April. Saturday. A shower last night and damp this morning. Showers off and on all day. Work at a stand still – This afternoon Clayton on hasty trip to C Albert rode down with him. Men hauling hay into the barn.

27<sup>th</sup> April. Sabbath. Cold after the rain – we have kept near the fire all day. This morning Dr Harry Hunt and wife passing from Dayton to their home in New York – stopped here for a little call – While we treated them kindly we tried not to encourage Sabbath calling or visiting – for this does not honor God or his day Rev Taylor and family are absent having gone to their old Home in Washington Iowa. No preaching at our church to day. Albert absent – We have had a day at home. Bright sunshine this evening.

28<sup>th</sup> April Monday & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Rain to day – cold and disagreeable Men doing odd jobs – Miss Benline and Edith sewing A telegram from Chattanooga telling us that our dear Aunt Jennie MacMillan died this morning. Her funeral on Wednesday afternoon. Aunt Jennie was a lovely character She was dear to us all – and we will miss her. This afternoon Clayton and Edith at Xenia. Clayton went to see Barr – when he came back he and Edith had supper before coming home. Edith stayed at Aunt Marys while Clayton attended a meeting of trustees.

Clayton hauling fertilizer – from Car to day, Monday, Jessie Jones from C- called here. Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin took the clothes to the Sister Neffs. I got mixed up and mixed Monday and Tuesday together. They then went to town on an errand. Davis and Albert plowing.

30" April Wednesday. Jessie Jones began work her this morning to help out for a few weeks Clayton went with Warren Arthur to Brysons Sale reached home about five. The men plowing here to day. Miss Benline busy and Edith. Jessie, our new man, went home this evening. This has been a beautiful day – if as fine weather in Chattanooga – it would be a beautiful afternoon for Aunt Jennies funeral.

### May 1913

1" May Thursday A beautiful May day and a fine evening. Harlan came to Springfield to day – and Ben Smith and his girl brought Harlan down. This evening Harlan took Edith to the Opera House to hear Hobison. Clayton felt he would not get there in time – We are looking for Homer – He was at Aunt Jennies funeral yesterday and will be here this evening. Davis and Albert and Jessie J- working in the corn ground the asseser [?] Kenon here to day.

2" May Friday – A beautiful May day – Homer came to town last night – in time to attend the Hobison lecture – This morning Harlan took Edith and Rankin on a flying trip to C- After dinner Edith and Miss Benline both busy. Harlan and Homer at town Harlan to Dr Dixions [?] and Homer to see Lizzie Galbreath – They were back to supper. Clayton and Davis and Albert and Jessie Jones working in the corn ground.

3" May Saturday – A beautiful day. Homer took Harlan to the 10:40 train He and Aunt Mary went on that train to Dayton to see Charlie B- & co – Clara came down on that train from Columbus and she came out with Homer. Clayton and Davis and Albert and Jessie Jones working in the corn ground This afternoon Clayton took Homer and Rankin with him in the Jackson Auto to C. This evening Clayton took Homer with them when he went down to trustee meeting and to bring Harlan home – He and Aunt Mary took supper with Charlie at the hospital.

4" May Sabbath- A beautiful day. Clayton took Harlan Homer and Edith and Clara with him in the machine to church. Sermon by Rev McChesney. Miss Benline here with Edith and me. Albert absent to day. Miss Benline had dinner ready when they came. I went down stairs to dinner and remained down until after supper.

5" May Monday. Another beautiful day. Clayton took Harlan and Homer to the early train. One going to Mason City Iowa – and Homer to Atlanta. When Clayton came back he took Clara to the 2<sup>nd</sup> train Edith and Rankin and I went down with them for a ride in the Jackson Auto. We called at Aunt Jeanetts. Aunt Matt came out to talk to me – and Clayton & co went in to speak to Aunt Jeanette. Aunt Mary came home with us. Davis, Albert & Jessie Jones in the corn field. Clayton helping too. Aunt Mary with us to night. Clayton and Stuart Arthur & co started

in Auto to town something got wrong Mr Geo Little the millionaire came along and put it right Charlie Baskin came over from Dayton – they landed him here in due time He will not have long to stay as he goes back on the early train in the morning. We are sorry for that.

6" May Tuesday. A beautiful May day. Clayton and Edith and Rankin and Aunt Mary took Charlie to the train. Were soon home – Clayton out with Davis and Albert and Jessie Jones getting corn ground prepared. This afternoon Edith took Mrs Davis and baby to see Dr Marsh. When they returned Edith took Rankin, with her, and called at Arthurs. After supper Clayton and Edith went on a flying trip to C- The men will be here to shear the sheep Thursday. Aunt Mary with us.

7" May. Wednesday. Another beautiful day When Clayton was going to C- Aunt Mary went with him to be ready for prayer meeting this P.M. The men busy working in the corn ground. The Brook Appliance here It is satisfactory. I am delighted to record. Uncle Hugh called when passing [Illegible] men from X- called to day to see Clayton – Miss Benline took Rankin with his father for a ride this evening when he went to feed the sheep – He got to go yesterday evening for the first and is much pleased with the plan. Clayton was at Uncle Silas's home again at noon. Dr. Marsh here to see Clayton on a trade.

8" May Thursday. All the men working in the corn ground. It is a beautiful day but rather cool. A fire feels comfortable – This P.M. Dr. Put[?] and Son called – Edith brought the Dr up to see me – He had prayer with us. He was Pauls friend and fathers. Reid and Howel and Bruse here shearing sheep and here to dinner. This P.M. Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin went in the buggy and called at Mr Jess Townsley. Edith took him and went with Clayton to feed the sheep.

9" May Friday. Jessie Jones sick – off duty. Albert and Davis began corn planting to day. Uncle Hugh here to dinner – helping to pick out seed corn. Reid here alone, finishing the sheep here to dinner Edith and Miss Benline busy. Rankin has been back and forth in the buggy to day – the last trip taken with his Mother and Miss B- with corn for the men who were planting. I have not been well to day. A letter from Fred & Harlan they left yesterday for Santonia Texas.

10" May. Saturday. Threatening rain. Reid and [Blank space] here and finished the sheep shearing this A.M. Jessie J- still off duty. Davis and Albert at the planting – This afternoon Edith and Miss B- and Rankin at C- Clayton taking care of the lambs – Edith and Rankin went with Clayton to help look after the lambs.

11" May. Sabbath. A little cool – but a beautiful day. Rev Taylor still absent Rev Jammison[?] preaching for us to day. Clayton and Edith there – Aunt Mary came home with them. Miss Benline and Rankin and I here alone. Clayton and Edith and Aunt Mary at church to hear Rev. Jammison[?]. Aunt Mary stopped off at town.

12" May. Monday. A nice day but still cool. Jessie Jones still absent. His father here to take his place with Davis and Albert. They finished planting across the creek and moved over to the fields by the R. R. This afternoon Edith and Rankin and Miss Benline took washing to the

Townsley house to Neffs. This evening Clayton and Edith at the Opera House at Lecture care of children and disease. Miss Benline taking care of Rankin.

13" May. Tuesday. Cool this morning The men at the corn planting by the R. R. Jessie Jones here to day at work. This afternoon Mrs M. P. Hunt and Mr John Hunt from Santimonica [Santa Monica?] and Mr & Mrs Isaac Thorn called – It seemed good to see them. Edith and Miss Benline busy. We do not forget that is three years this afternoon since Paul left Columbus Hospital for Ashville NC. Dr Hunt was here and along with Homer and Clara and Miss Brown he went to Ashville with him- but now he and Paul have both gone- I have been living that day over again- We could not ask him back yet we miss him – We all miss him. A light shower this P.M.

14" May Wed. A rain right straight down last night Work on a stand still this morning and to day. Three German here for breakfast – but a short time in this country. Edith and Miss Benline served them to a real breakfast – Later Clayton ad Edith at Springfield Edith preferred Clayton before her self and had his wants attended to. Davis and Albert busy. Miss Benline taking care of Rankin I have been upstairs to day. My left knee has began to pain me lately. Mr Bumgarner's daughter, Lettie and Mr Howard Turnbull married this evening. It is twenty two years this morning that Fannie and Mr McKenzie were married. They went to Bermuda just after Easter, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March – and are starting home to day.

15" May. Thursday. Davis & Son – and Albert busy with the corn and put in a full day Uncle Hugh here to dinner. Clayton busy. Miss Benline and Edith busy ironing. This evening very much like rain.

16 May Friday. Too wet to go on with the corn planting. Davis hauling hay to Selma – Albert & Clayton busy covering tile. This afternoon Edith at gown with Blanch In her absence Mr and Mrs Stuart Frazier and Mr Sam Hamilton of Monmouth called – They regretted not getting to see Edith. Miss Lillian Rossel School closed to day, at our School house. Clayton & co set out a hundred tomato & a hundred Cabbage plants this morning Edith and co have a hundred little chickens – and a number of Hens set. Old Sister Davis rode out from town with Edith this evening – The rain kept off to day. Albert went away for a little trip. Davis & son busy with the corn planting. Edith and Miss Benline busy – My left knee paining me.

17 May Saturday Davis and boy at the corn planting. Clayton busy. This is the day set for Fannie and MacKenzie to arrive at their home in Flushing from Bermuda – They have been away since Easter – The last of March.

18" May Sabbath A nice day – Clayton and Edith at church. Sermon by Prof McChesney – Fred and Harlan expected to attend church in Sanintonia [?] to day. Jason is at Atlanta at Homers – attending the great meeting of the 4 churches U. P. and North Presbyterian & Southern Presbyterian the Associate Reform church – Automoboles [sic] passed in quick possession all day Especially this afternoon.

19 May. Monday. Jessie Jones and Davis and Son at the planting They are getting along all right with their work. Miss Benline and Edith busy. This afternoon Lizzie B- and Lizzie Lake McCollem called. Lizzie McCollem makes one think of old times. Clayton at C on an errand when he got back he took Edith & Rankin and me with him to Neffs – and around to Blacksone bridge home Mr Clemens here to see Clayton.

20<sup>th</sup> May. Tuesday. Quite a nice day All of us busy Mr Ed Jobs and Son and Agt called to show their Auto. Davis's boy sick – Clayton had to take his place to help Davis and Jessie Jones out – Albert still absent. Miss Benline cleaning the halls – Edith varnished the up stairs hall and made quite a success – Jessie drove to town this evening. We finished planting the corn to day.

21<sup>st</sup> May Wed. A shower last night. Davis and Jessie Jones began planting white corn & fine squashes and white corn & potatoes in the Orchard by the tenant house This P.M. Warner Arthur and Potter called. Edith going right along setting hens quite a lot of young chickens I would take a day off and count them for I would have to know the number. Clayton at Selma to day.

22<sup>nd</sup> May Thursday Edith and Rankin began the day by going wit Clayton in the buggy down to feed the sheep Rankin was anxious to to. Davis and Jessie Jones hauling hay to Selma – Harry Davis took their dinner to them at noon. Late this P.M. Edith and Rankin and Miss Benline went over in the buggy to Neffs for the washing. Clayton busy to day. Late this Evening Litter and an Automobile [sic] man from Jamestown here to see Clayton.

23<sup>rd</sup> May Friday. A man here from Columbus taking an order for grocerys [sic]. The gas man called. Albert returned yesterday P.M. late and went back Albert resting to day. Davis and Jessie Jones finished hauling the Litter hay to Selma. Harry took their dinner to them – This P.M. Edith took Rankin and went with Clayton up to the old Litter farm. When they came back Miss Benline went with them to Cedarville The Jackson was all right. This has been a cloudy damp day and almost cold Had to keep near the fire.

24 May Saturday. Quite a gloomy day. Clayton took Edith to the train and she went around to Springfield – and took the Jackson to Pierce to look over. He was hardly home till there came a telephone from Clara that she was at town and Clayton went back for her. A little later after a hurried dinner Miss Benline and Rankin and Warren Auther [?] went with Clayton to Springfield for Edith – They got back home at 7 O'clock. They went up in forty two minutes – The Jackson is doing fine – but we can not know how long that will last. Albert at C- on an errand. Clara here with me – we had a nice day – She was expecting Fred but he failed to come. Davis around to day.

25 May Sabbath. Clayton at C- and brought Fred out Later he and Edith at church. Rev Parks from the 7<sup>th</sup> church Phila'd preached. Aunt Mary came home with Clayton and Edith. Later Clayton and Edith and Aunt Mary at church – Sermon by Rev Parks – We have had a good and profitable day with Clara and Fred. We do not forget it is three years to night at midnight since the dear Paul left us – but O how many have gone since then.

26" May. Monday Damp this morning cool and damp to day. This morning Fred and Clayton and Rankin took Clara down to the train. Fred called to see Aunt Jennette and Matt. Ben Irvin came back this morning. He has been in the yard and garden. Near noon Fred Rankin and Clayton took Alberts dinner up to the gass [sic] line Jessie Jones here to day. The foreman of the gass [sic] line here to see Fred – We have had a nice time with Fred – After supper Clayton took him in the Jackson to the 7 O'clock train. He hoped to have time to call to see Atty. Snodgrass in Xenia.

27" May Tuesday. Heavy rain last night. Work at a stand still. Davis cutting potatoes. Clayton taking care of lambs. Jessie around to day and Albert & Ben went home. I have been in bed to day my head hurting. Late this P.M. Clayton went in Auto- to town. This is a nice Evening.

28" May. Wednesday. The rain keeping up –Albert hauling from C- for the gass [sic] men. The pipes very large and heavy. They can make but two loads a day. Frank or Ben Irvin returned this morning Has been working at the walk and in the yard – Davis and Jessie Jones This morning Clayton went to Mechanicsburg in the old Jackson to Wings to a meeting It is a fine Home – Clayton took Warren Arthur – Finney and Ralph Murdock and Mr Bomgarner – 45 miles there and got there and back in good shape – A great crowd there and prominent address from prominent men the Gov. In my next I will tell you their subjects – When they came home through Springfield they stopped there for supper. They traveled 90 miles All delighted with their trip. This afternoon Edith took Miss Benline and Rankin to town they made a brief call at Blanches – Aunt Mary and co went to Bellbrook to meeting the W.C.T.Us Institute.

29" May Thursday. Rain last night – gloomy to day. A letter from Harlan he was at Alexander Iowa – to look up California passengers. Rankin has not been feeling well for a few days – Clayton and Edith took him to Dr. Marshes office this morning. While there he proscribed for Clayton came some local treatment – came past the Neff House and brought the washing Albert working for the gass [sic] line – here for his meals. Tomorrow is Decoration day we would like to be there. [illegible] Finney & Collin Barber called, David and Jessie setting and filling up the tile that father left buried long ago.

30" May Friday. This is Decoration day – Clayton took Rankin with him in Automobile and brought Tom Tarbox and Creswell out with him to paint. Clara called up from Carrie Caspers in Xenia for me to come down to day but it seemed impossible. This A.M. Clayton and Rankin and I took Lizzie Blair and Mary McMillan and Joseph and Aunt Matt with us to the Cemetery and they had plenty of flowers and decorated fathers and Pauls grave and Uncle Joes – and Aunt Janes and that lot – It has been a beautiful day. The stillness of the sleepers in their lowly beds seem to rebuke the worlds sad cry." When we came to C- Aunt Mary went home with Clayton to take care of Rankin I stopped with Aunt Bells to dinner Uncle Ervin and Aunt Belle and Mary there. Aunt Mary K- called to see me this P.M. When Clayton took the painters down Aunt Mary and Edith and Clayton came with him – and I went back with Clayton and Edith this has certainly been a fine day. I was sorry Edith could not been along. What a gloomy place the

Cemetery – “the city of the dead” is were it not for the hope of immortality – We shall arise again.” And death shall be swallowed up in Victory.

31” May Saturday This has been a beautiful day. Charlie Bascon called up to meet him at the train. Clayton brought him out in the Jackson. He is here this morning Albert still hauling for the gass [sic] line Davis and Jessie busy Clayton around. Irvin busy At noon Irvin went to town in the Auto- When Clayton and Edith and Rankin took Charlie B- to the five Oclock Car in Xenia – he has to be back at the Hospital at two. They made a call at Caspers to see Clara she came there yesterday morning They were getting ready to come her to call – they came Mr and Mrs Casper and Clara – A little later Clayton and Edith and Rankin came. Rankin does not seem very well these days. Clara went with Caspers to finish her visit. Albert wagon and several was not needed on the gass [sic] line. Davis and Jessie busy.

### June 1913

1” June Sabbath Miss Benline helped Edith to town with Rankin to Dr. Marshes this morning He had not be well for several days – We did not get to church failed all around. We were sorry Mr Taylor remained in Cincinnati and preached for Dr McKinney and Dr McKinney preached for us. It got so dark they had to turn on the light – just as Church was out the rain came pouring down. Quite a damp afternoon – The rain cleared off. This evening Clayton Edith went to our church Dr McKinney preached the Baccalaureate Sermon. Miss Benline here with Rankin.

2” June Monday. Clayton left for the paper hamper at the Springs – went by way of Pierces [?] Later Jessie Jones left for the Springs in the express – the paper man was two hours late. Clayton came home with the automobile. Jessie J. returned near noon with Mr Drake the paper man & his truck from the Springs – After noon he began in earnest at this work in parlor and sitting room – After dinner Clayton and Edith and Rankin at C- Aunt Mary came home with them. Later Aunt Mary and Miss Benline and Rankin and I went with Clayton for a ride when he took the clothes to Neffs – Aunt Mary not feeling very well here with Miss Benline and Rankin and me while Clayton and Edith attended the College class night at the Opera House. Our paper man with us tonight.

3 June Tuesday. A nice day. Clayton and Uncle Silas at Springfield in the Jackson. Davis and Jessie and Irvin replanting corn. Edith painting the floors – This morning Aunt Mary and Rankin and I went with Clayton on a hurried trip to Selma. Miss Benline busy. Drake the paper hanger busy finishing up the sitting room – He was late finishing and is with us to night. Quite a heavy down pour this afternoon. Clayton did not get home this after night – Aunt Mary around to day.

4 June- “On last night Mr. John George died- at his son Cecil’s Hospital in Dayton. His father and mother have been with him all winter.” “Edith is going into the paint business- if she were not kept back by Rankin and the chickens she would do wonders.” Albert with the gang - who??- “seems to suit him”.

4" June Wed. At an early hour – Clayton at C- & brought Tom Tarbox out to varnish floors, parlor. Then Edd Suckey [?] here and repaired the [illegible] in Cellar. Later when Clayton was going to Xenia to see Atty Snodgrass Stuart Arthur went along – When Clayton went to C- in the Auto he took Rankin with him. He certainly enjoys the ride. On the last night Mr John George died at his son Cecils Hospital in Dayton His father and mother have been with him all winter. Clayton home in good time. He met Mr and Mrs Rutherford and Ms Galbreath in Xenia when they were passing through. He had a profitable day in X- He met a prominent man belonging to the gass [sic] company – The business settled now – finally settled for us It has been a nice day. Edith is going into the paint business- if she were not kept back by Rankin and the chickens she would do wonders – When Clayton took Tom Tarbox home – Aunt Mary and Rankin and I went along for the ride – Albert departed late this P.M. – to “public work” hauling on Roads near Xenia – and boarding with the gang – he is very happy indeed this life seems to suit him. Davis and Jessie at the corn – Ben in the yard –

5" June Thurs. A beautiful day. Edith finishing off her rooms \_ Clayton working in the garden and Chicken Boxes much to his credit. Aunt Mary went with Edith to town to be ready for the meeting to night – When Edith came back she drove over to Finney and got 45 full blooded Plymouth Rock eggs – Davis and Jessie working in the corn Irvin around the yard.

6" June Friday. A nice day – Irvin helped to arrange furniture this morning – and went home. At a late hour Clayton and Edith went to the Opera House to the College Commencement. Raymond Williamson among the graduates- Dr McKinney announced that Rev Homer McMillan D.D. was added to the list of Cedarville [Blank space] Clayton and Edith home to dinner in time Davis and Jessie at the corn. Finnies finished planting corn yesterday. This P.M. Robt Bird and mane here put down [illegible] on the kitchen floor later Edith and Rankin and I went with Clayton to Selma for a ride. While we were away Mr Thomas from Charleston called. Dr Anderson here with Clayton most of the P.M \_ I have been on the porch most of the day. WE have placed the Sanitary restor there. The house getting in fine shape for the Summer these days.

7"th June. Saturday A cool day – I have been in by the fire all day. Davis & Jesse & Harry Davis busy at the corn \_ Clayton in the Sheeps pen all afternoon. Albert has been gone since Wednesday morning. He came back with his team – He was here to supper. Rankin busy out and in all day.

8" June. Sabbath. Gloomy and cold. We have had fire all day – it has been gloomy and cold. Clayton and Edith at Church Rev Taylor in pulpit- but Wayne Wheeler an anti saloon man did the speaking Rankin and Miss Benline and Albert around. Albert came into supper –

9" June Monday. Another cold day. Albert left early for his work on the road. Davis and Albert at the corn. Clayton around all A.M. This afternoon he went in the express to C- Later he took Edith and Miss Benline and Rankin and me to C- I called at Miss Northrups – we made a quick

trip – Jessie took the washing to the Neff home. Clayton at town later to see Charlie P- he is home from El Paso – and goes to Des Moines tomorrow. It is still cold this evening.

10" June. Tuesday. This is Flower Mission day. Our hearts are with them but we can not be there. Irwin here this morning and has begun his white washing along the pike in front. Clayton at C- on and [an] errand Edith and Rankin went with – him. Davis and Jessie at the corn. Edith varnishing and painting the seat in the yard – Miss Benline busy They opened up the summer dining room on Porch – Took supper there this evening. Clayton out at Uncle Silas's this evening George Cruseman and his friend here to dinner

11" June Wednesday. A little warmer but not much. Clayton cutting Alfafa [Alfalfa] till noon This afternoon Davis took up the work Jessie here at the plowing Ben white washing – Clayton took Edith to Mrs Dr Dixions to the Embroidery [Embroidery] Club – He went over in the vicinity of St T. Baker when he had quite a time with the machine. They finally reached home in time for Supper. Miss Benline busy. Mr Carper called here this afternoon.

12" June. Thursday. Every body busy. The finished cutting Alfalfa at noon. Davis and Jessie Clayton and Davis boys all busy. Changing hay and hauling in Alfalfa – Ben white washed till noon and helped with the Alfalfa this P.M. Miss Benline finishing cleaning – they brought the safe into the Summer Kitchen – and everything in its order.

13" June Friday. A beautiful day. They finished bringing in the Alfalfa at noon. This afternoon Davis and Jessie plowing \_ Hammonds brother in law put in a full day on repairs brought his dinner pail – Irvin doing good work a white washing – Our Carpenter added to his days work painting – Miss Benline and Edith busy. This evening Clayton and Edith and Rankin went to Xenia to the train to meet Mother Rankin and Mable and her two children. They got back in good time Miss Benline had a good supper awaiting them.

[**Transcriber note:** The entries for June 15 and June 14 are in reverse order.]

15 June Sabbath. A beautiful day Edith took her Mother and Mable and the little girls to Church in the carriage – and Clayton remaned at home with Rankin – For a change I have been in bed all day with one of my old time billious [sic] attacks. Miss Benline keeping up best she can Dr. Marsh here to see her this P.M. I will have to go back to yesterday, I am a day ahead.

14 June Saturday I got Sabbath ahead – now I will go back to Saturday. Jessie J. was away today and Irvin- Our visitors and children all around the yard. Miss Benline busy – This P.M. late Miss Benline went over to the barn for Eggs when passing old judge he took a sudden turn and picked her on the ankle and on the right side near the abdomen [sic] causing a gash in each They sent for Dr Marsh and he was soon here – and dressed the wounds – We hope she is not hurt inwardly – altho we know it is bad hurt. Clayton and Rankin and Mable and her little girls went to town later Edith went with Dr Marsh hoping to meet them in town but finally met them coming home and returned with them.

16" June. Monday. A busy day here. Edith and her Mother and Mable all lending a helping hand in the kitchen. Miss Benline being layed aside changes everything. Aunt Belle having old friends of our younger days from the city She brought them out here this P.M. Miss Mollie Campbel now Mrs Anderson and Miss Lizzie McCollum – it seemed good to see them. This evening at 6:30 Mrs Sara A. Garen came down from Columbus Mable and Rankin and her little girls went in the Auto meet her with Clayton. She and Clayton had supper after they came out. Jessie G- and Davis plowing. Irvin here at his white washing Albert around.

17" June. Tuesday A beautiful day but warm. This is the morning Miss Benline and I had planned to go to Kenton – but the changes in an hour. Mrs Garen went to work this morning and made a nice start Mable and the children went with Clayton to town this morning in the Auto – Rankin counted in the number – This afternoon Mable and her children and Rankin went to the gass [sic] line with Clayton. Albert taking some gate for the gass [sic] men. Davis and Jess plowing – Irvin at his work. The old machine took a long rest and they did not get home till ten. The children tired out.

18" June. Wednesday. A nice day but warm. Clayton took Edith and Rankin and Mables girls with her to C- in Automobile – and had a trouble – he came back for Carriage and brought them home near noon. Mrs Garen in the kitchen – Mrs Rankin and Mable busy all forenoon. This afternoon Mrs Rankin and Edith attend the reception at Mrs W. A. McDormants in honor of Mrs Paul McDormant. Mable was invited but remained at home with the children. Miss Benline looking after Rankin. Albert on gass [sic] line. Davis and Jessie at the corn. Puffer & co began working at the painting of the New Barn to day.

19" June. Thursday All up at an early hour we are expecting Nellie and the children this morning. Edith took Rankin and Mable and her two little girls to Cedarville to the 7" train to meet Nellie and co but received a telegram they would be in Xenia – Edith left Rankin with Aunt Mary and she and Mable and Co drove to Xenia – they reached here at noon bringing Nellie and Theresa and James Murdock and Miss Rachel Bell from their town with her. She is a lovely girl—Jason is not well – but instead of coming here the Drs sent him to Catawba Sanitarium Va – The afternoon spent under the trees. The children are having a nice time – Albert left near noon with his things for the gass [sic] encampment =-- Davis and Jessie at the plowing Irvin white washing – Clayton around – Miss Benline and Mrs Palmer here.

20" June Friday. The longest day of the year. All of them employed as if they were yesterday. Clayton at town this A.M. and took Eleanor and Helen with him He was there again this P.M. and they were his company. A great deal going on here canning. It is very warm. Clayton brought out a childs bed from Alice [illegible]. Clara was to start yesterday Evening to Fannies & McKenzies.

21" June. Saturday. A warm day. The yards very much alive with the children – They are a fine set. When our "guest" from Columbus Mrs Sara A. Garen was getting ready for the train "back" Edith gathered up the children and took them with her when taking our friend to the train –

and attended to some errands and returned when she could – Mrs Rankin seeding cherries. Miss Benline in the kitchen assisted by Nellie and Mable and Edith. Florence sent in a telegram she had a girl for us Monday. This evening very much like rain – Jessie here till noon. Ben absent. David Faithful – A letter from Carl. This was commencement week at Tarkio – Carl graduated. He said his Mother and her two nieces and Mr McMillan were there, our Fred. He said my four years in Tarkio will certainly do me good – I always have felt if Paul had been there my happiness would have been complete. Mr Mc., Fred, gave me a very beautiful watch for a graduating present – coming as it does from a dear friend I will always cherish it. Mother had such a good time in Tarkio and both can not ever tell Mr Mc the many kindness he has shower us both – especially his sending me to College. He certainly is an angel in the disguise of a mortal – I only hope in some small [blank space] at least repay him for the many things he has done for me. We all love Carl and hope that very best blessings of heaven and of the earth will be his.

22<sup>nd</sup> June. Sabbath. For a change a heavy rain came down in the night. It is damp this evening. Edith and Mable and Nellie and Miss Rachel Bell at church. [NOTE in margin – Rev Taylor preached] Mother Rankin and Clayton took care of the children Miss Benline had dinner waiting them when they returned. I have been on the sick list all day with a bilious [sic] attack. The Southern Methodist paper gave an account of Jennie MacMillans beautiful life and death – At her death and all through her life she contributed to the Lords work – but at the last layed down her all at his feet to help the M. E. church in its different missions Her all – was over ten thousand dollars – Aunt Jennie will never die for while she's sleeping her money is going on to bless the church and the world. This has been a cloudy day.

23<sup>rd</sup> June Monday. Rain last night and damp do day. This morning all the children went with Edith and Mable to town for a girl- but failed- When they came back Mable and Rankin and her little girls went with Edith to Selma. They came back with [blank space] year old.” The Davis boys gathering cherries this P.M. Jessing helping All lending a hand. The Davis boys began their contract gathering eggs this evening.

24<sup>th</sup> June. Tuesday. Clayton took Mable and her children and Theresa along for a ride when he took me to Aunt Marys to spend the day. J. R. Little there to visit with Aunt Mary and me – and there to dinner. This P.M. Rev Taylor called – He rec'd a call last week to come to Monmouth to the 2<sup>nd</sup> U. P. Church. Later I called to see Aunt Jennette and Aunt Matt. This afternoon Clayton took Edith and Rankin and – Clayton. A telegram from Mr Rankin he will come to Cedarville at seven O'clock. Mr Nagley called to take Clayton a ride in Auto – he took Clayton to see and brought Mr Rankin out. We had a heavy shower this P.M. Leena Barber one of our old girls who married in the Styles family and settled in Springfield were passing in their Auto and came here for shelter. It has been a long time since I saw Leena – Time brings the changes.

26<sup>th</sup> June. Thursday. Clayton and Mr Rankin and all of the children took Uncle Hughs conveyance home – and returned with old Stem winder reaching here at noon. Stuart Arthur began cutting rye he was here to dinner – A letter from Harlan he is on his way to La. I wrote

him to Alexander La in c/o Pen delivery. This P.M. Clayton took Mabel & children and Rosaline up to Selma. This eve they drove out in the buggy & Auto for an Evening ride – I have been sick with cold – all gone but Miss Benline and Rosaline and me. This afternoon Aunt Millie and Ina called.

27" June Friday. A very warm day Clayton and Edith & Rankin and children and Mable all went to town on a hurried trip – Later Clayton took Nellie and Mable and children all but James Murdock with him to C- but Auto stopped stone still at Birds store and Dr Littler brought them home and was here to dinner. The order of the afternoon was making Mables dress she purchased in town. Miss Benline & Roseline busy. This Evening Mr and Mrs Rankin and Rachel went with Clayton to the gass [sic] line to see Albert – Edith took all that were left with her to C- Miss Benline and Roseline & Jessie here We retired early – all returned safely. Irvin finished his white washing and went away this morning.

28" June Saturday. Another very warm day. Miss Benline and Rosseta in the kitchen. Edith not feeling well. The rest of the folks around the yard trying to keep cool. This P.M. Clayton Mr & Mrs Rankin and Rachel with him to C. The Puffers finished painting the barn at noon. Stuart Arthur cutting rye Davis and Jessie gathering the sheaves. This evening Clayton and Edith and Rankin took father Rankin and the children with him to Selma for a ride when they took Rosetta home – they had puncture and was detained Later Dr. Littler here trying to patch Auto [illegible] for church tomorrow.

29" June Sabbath. A very hot day. We run the Auto and the buggy both to day and Clayton and Edith and Mr and Mrs Rankin and Nellie and Rachel went – Mabel and the children at home. The Davis boys and Miss Benline and my self in yard most of the time. We used the fireless cooker a [illegible] dinner ready. Rev Taylor preached subject the 5" Commandment.

30" June Monday. The puffer men here helping with the harvest – they finished the rye at noon and began the wheat this P.M. They were both here to dinner along with our company – all here. Edith at Selma looking for a woman finally returned with Rosetta . This P.M. Clayton and Mr Rankin drove out in the machine. Later Edith and Nellie and Theresa and Rankin and I went down in the carriage – to look after some things – We met Mr Rankin in town – he rode home with us. Clayton and his machine left out on the road.

#### July 1913

1st July. Tuesday. Puffer Irvin and Jessie J. helping with the wheat. All here to dinner. This morning Edith and Rankin Theresa went with Mr and Mrs R\_ where they took the clothes to Neffs in vicinity of Townsleys. Miss Benline and Rosseta busy in the kitchen. This A.M. Clayton and Mr R took hays to Albert at the gass [sic] line – home again at noon – Late this P.M. Mr Rankin and Clayton took Mables trunk to the depot – After an early Supper Clayton took Mr Rankin and Mable and her two children to the train. They live at Marsales Ill. We have had a heavy shower this P.M\_ We have had a nice time with them while they were with us. Edith on the sick list again today.

2<sup>nd</sup> July. Wed. We miss Mable and her children this morning Now Rankin and Theresa and James Murdock have it all to them selves. Miss Benline and Rosseta in the kitchen. Aunt Mary here this A.M. When Clayton came out from taking the folks to town last night he brought her out with him. I was asleep when she came. Irvin and Jessie here last night they were around with Davis this AM. The men did not go to the wheat cutting till this afternoon. Rossetta was away an hour or so yesterday P.M. and this afternoon. This P.M. – Clayton took Edith and Rankin and Nellie and the children and Rachel with her to C- Aunt Mary went down with them to be ready for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> July Thursday. Edith at the train and brought Charlie Baskin from the train. They finished the wheat at noon. Jessie and Irvin here to dinner Jessie plowing. and Irvin went back to town. Dave Mc called. This afternoon Clayton and Rankin – Nellie and the children and Rachel at town – Late this eve Mrs Rankin and Nellie and the children & Dr Baskin all went for a ride to Selma when they took Rossetta home for the “4” – This has been a warm day. Clayton working with sheep.

4<sup>th</sup> July. Friday. Warm- but a good breeze. This A.M. – A call from Xenia to Fred telling us he was in Xenia and would come up on that through train from Xenia – Clayton and Rankin and Charlie Baskin went in the Auto for Fred and were soon here- All here in time for dinner. This afternoon – Clayton took Edith and Nellie and Rachel with him to Jamestown to the 4<sup>th</sup> not many there – Fred and Dr Baskin kept Rankin and Theresa and James Murdock. Mother Rankin around. Miss Benline busy.

5<sup>th</sup> July Saturday Fred and Nellie, Edith and Rachel and children went in Auto to Selma for Rossetta – they got red Raspberries from the Mr Port Ward. Jessie and Davis working with Corn. Jessie here to dinner Charlie B- and Fred around – Mother Rankin and Nellie and her Children and Rachel around the yard most of the day. Charlie B- at town this evening and took supper with Aunt Mary. We had quite a Shower after dark.

6<sup>th</sup> July. Sabbath. Clayton and Edith and Nellie and Rachel at Church. Fred and Charlie kept the children Miss Benline and Rossetta in the kitchen. Dinner ready when they came. Aunt Mary came out with them. After supper Mrs. Rankin and Edith and Charlie B- went down to the U.P. Church. Fred went along and went on the train to X- and would go with Will Torrence to church – Later would leave for Chicago – would take Sleeper and awaken up in Chicago in the morning – After dinner Edith & Nellie and Mother Rankin and children took Rossetta home.

7<sup>th</sup> July. Monday. Charlie at Selma and brought Rossetta down. Miss Benline stopped work to get her things ready to go with one to Kenton Wednesday. Charlie took Fred over to Albert at the gass [sic] line this P.M. Charlie. Clayton in Sheep pen this P.M. The Nagely brothers here this P.M. to see Clayton. This afternoon Edith and Nellie and Mother Rankin and Rachel Theresa and James Murdock and Rankin at Cousin Blanches to see their beautiful home. Aunt Mary here to day. This evening Charlie B- took her down home – She goes with Mary Ervin to Xenia tomorrow to some meeting.

8" July. Tuesday. Cool yesterday but warmer to day. Charlie over at the gass [sic] line with feed for Alberts horses he was back at noon. He came past C- and brought the trunks – This P.M. he is at Arthurs helping with hay. Davis and boys plowing A letter from Fred mapping out our way to Kenton. It makes me happy to see Miss Benline so happy. Edith and Nellie sewing Mother Rankin lending a helping hand Rosseta busy. Miss Benline up stairs and down on the fly all day. Mr Carter made us a pleasant call when passing to Charleston Charlie B- helping Arthur in the hay this P.M. This evening Clayton took Edith to a business meeting at Dr Oglesbee. Rankin and Theresa and James Murdock having a happy time playing on the floor – All the rest of us witnesses.

9" July Wednesday. A warm day but a good breeze. All up at an early hour – and Edith took Charlie Baskin and Miss Benline and me to the 7[?] O'clock train – I really felt badly to leave Mother Rankin and Nellie and Theresa and James Murdock and Rachel Bell behind – if they had only promised to be there when we would come back -- but they did not promise that. Clayton took our trunk down [**Transcriber note:** On the top of the left hand page – “On the way to Kenton O-”] We have talked of Kenton for a long time – But the day has come at last for us to go. The train a little late at Cedarville but a good deal late at Xenia all of two hours – When we reached Springfield the Kenton train had gone – We took dinner at Wings – I had a two hour rest there as our train would not go out until 3 O'clock. I enjoyed the trip up – for we had a good shower that cooled the air. Then we passed through Urbana that revived tender memories – and Bellefontaine We reached Kenton near five O'clock – Charlie sent us around in a carriage- We arrived in good shape at Miss Mozella [?] Tysons N. Wagner [?] St and rec'd a warm reception – She and her father hold forth at this number – She gave us a nice supper – Dr Charlie B- stopped up town and called around to see us later. I am feeling well only very tired –

10" July. Thursday. A good breeze this morning again Dr Charlie B- spent the night up town down [**Transcriber note:** Now on the top of each left hand page – “Kenton Ohio July 1913”] and called around here this morning Mrs Dr La [?] [**Transcriber note:** here and following, difficult to read the doctors name every time she writes it – will use “Latina”] called to see me and met Dr Baskin -- They had a pleasant meeting. Dr Charlie will go by Columbus home. Will reach there at 6.36. this evenin – Do not mention it – but was sorry to see him go – for we needed him all the way yesterday and we felt we had some one to depend upon – At 9 O'clock. Dr Latina gave me my first treatment- it was certainly out of the Ordinary. Miss Mozella and Miss Beline were up at the grocery. We began our light house keeping A.M. I have been in bed all day.

11" July. Friday. Another bright day\_ a good breeze – Dr Latina here at nine and gave me my treatment- Miss Benline up street doing the errands. I stayed in bed until this P.M. – when I dressed and went down stairs. Miss Virginia Latin that called to see me at the house called to see me this P.M. Mozella's Aunt Mrs Delmar Strong called to see me this Evening. Her daughter Marion here yesterday- and sent me a bouquet of flowers to day which I appreciated.

12." July. Saturday. A beautiful day. Miss Benline up town doing errands. Madam Latina here and gave me my third treatment – She wants me sip a cup of boiling water with a little salt in it half an hour before each meal Also a sponge bath and a Alcohol rub every third night- Miss Benline faithful to every detail – although she is far from well her self – I rec'd a letter forwarded from Home from Harlan. This is the first I have rec'd – Miss Benline at the drugstore this evening for me.

13" July Sabbath. Quite a nice day. The Dr here this A.M. We have had a very quiet Sabbath – I have been in bed all day. No one at Church. This evening an electric storm quite a nice Shower. Miss Benline and I have been wondering what the folks are doing at home. Especially Rankin.

14" July Monday. Quite pleasant after the rain. Our good Dr Mrs Latina here and gave me my fifth treatment this A.M. Miss Benline did not go up town today. Mrs. Segar one of Mozettas friends called this evening. I have been in my room most of the day.

15th July. Tuesday. I rec;d my 2nd letter which I have received since I came from Edith today. It is so hard to get help. I think she is growing weary of the way. Mrs Latina here and gave me my sixth treatment. Miss Benline up town and done quite a few errands – so as not to have to go tomorrow. I dressed and went down to supper this evening.

16" July. Wed. A shower last night. I was made happy by a letter from Fred this morning. Dr Latina here and gave my seventh treatment this morning. We have had a nice quiet day – the kind I like. Back at home I suppose Nellie and her children and her Mother will be leaving for Abingdon this Evening that will seem like breaking up camp- and it is breaking up\_

17" July Thursday. A warm day but a good breeze Mrs Latina gave me my seventh treatment this A.M. I was made happy today by receiving a letter from Aunt Mary and Homer and Clara and Fannie. Fannie Mr McKenzie were at Syracuse – Fannie will go later to Salem and Mr McKenzie with a fishing party. Clara came back from her trip East late Monday evening and went to the Dennison. Mary and her children at Mrs Hunts – their rooms taken. Homer left for El Paso Tuesday evening. He has been down at Abingdon to see Jason or I mean Catawba Sanitarium- Jason is getting along nicely Aunt Mary said Jennie Bailey was layed away to rest last Saturday.

18" July. Friday. Not so warm. Dr Latina gave me my 8 treatment this A.M. I have been in bed to day – Miss Benline taking care of things usual.

19" July Saturday. Not So warm – Mrs Latina here and gave me my ninth – treatment- A letter from Harlan – He had been out of town working to help on with Elevators. Malcolm working with Harlan in Mason City. This evening Clara unexpectedly stepped in She was here to supper with Miss Benline and me. I have been in bed not feeling very well. This evening Miss Benline up in the town for me. Yesterday Mozelle called to see Mrs Washington and invited her to see me. This evening she and Clara up town at porch party.

20" July. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. I was not feeling well last night. Mozelle and Clara here with me. I was certainly made happy to day by Miss Benline going to church. She seemed very much pleased as this is the first time she has been there since she left [illegible]. She went to the M.E. Church The ministers text – "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world but thou shouldst keep them from the evil" They called the Dr to come she came and gave me a treatment I was on the verge of a sick spell but I came through without it Mrs Delmar Strong called as she went to church Clara with us.

21" July. Monday we awakened or rather Miss Benline did to help Clara to 5:30 train with an early breakfast. A carriage called – and she was gone. We enjoyed her visit. A card from Aunt Mary She has been sick all week. Fred has been home That postal tree trouble has been settled on and we are glad. On Thursday the 19" Clayton was at Xenia and Fred and Mr Smith came home with him and were there for supper and all of next day until evening train

22nd July Tuesday. This is a beautiful day The Dr here and gave me my 12" treatment. I rec'd Several letters – On Wednesday On last week Wednesday Nellie and Theresa and James Murdock and their grandmother Rankin and Rachel Belle left Claytons for their home in Abingdon – They took them in the "Stem winder" to Xenia – Jason has left Mountain View sanatorium and was in Catawba Sanatorium Mozelle is helping me to try to find help for Edith – We have been busy ever since our arrival here – I will not mention this until we have either to report success or dead failures to the folks at home.

23rd July. Wednesday. A nice day. The Dr here and gave me my thirteenth treatment. A quiet day for I have been in bed most of the day. Miss Benline went up town early this morning.

24" July. Thursday. A nice shower last night – pleasant this morning. The Dr gave me my 14th treatment this morning – she also began giving Miss Benline treatments She has been complaining for a long time.

July 25" Friday. A beautiful day. Miss [illegible] C. Schwartz Soprano, of the Musical Club, came this morning to hold forth with Miss Mozelle. I have taken my 15" treatment A Mrs Williams here in town sent me a bouquet of old fashioned flowers – the sweet Williams we enjoyed so much in the long ago – forms a prominent place among these flowers and takes you back back to the long ago – "to the old times. Flowers sweet and gay" Miss Mozelle out at the other side of town this forenoon. I sat on the Varanda [sic] this evening and Miss Mozelle took me out for a little walk.

26" July Saturday. Getting a little warmer. Dr Latina here and gave me my 16" treatment. Mozelle this afternoon went with Virginia P. Leighton to the Kenton Chatauqua Miss [illegible] here. I sat on the varanda [sic] and later Miss Benline took me out for a little walk.

27" July Sabbath. Quite a beautiful day. The folks all her at church. Miss Benline found her way to her own church the Lutheran. Miss Mozelle & Miss [illegible] at church. I am here in my room – most of the day.

28" July. Monday Much warmer to day. Miss Latina here & gave me my 17" treatment Miss Bennline on the sick list – The Dr taking care of her. I have been out in the fresh air and out for a little walk. The Chatauqua running at "full blast" these days.

29" July. Tuesday. It has been very warm to day and this evening. Miss Mozelle and Miss [illegible] very busy to day. Dr Latina here and gave [Blank space] Miss Bennline not well – This P.M.-late-Miss Bennline and I took a little walk— The Evening among the folks discussing the Walker family especially Gen Walker who was Mozelles grandfather – which history proves out to be a very great family. Miss Mozelle and Miss [made?] also went out with us this evening I must not forget that when going up stairs I began to fall backward and was kept from falling by Miss Bennline timely help in pushing me forward

30" July Wed. A beautiful day but warm. This AM Mrs Latina here and gave me my treatment. Miss Mozelle and Miss [illegible] gave a nice dinner to the Club in honor of Miss Virginia Leightons birthday. The decorations beautiful This evening beautiful – had a nice walk with Miss Bennline.

31" July Thursday. Dr Latina here and gave me my 18" treatment. Miss Bennline not well these days. The Dr has ordered a big chair for me. The girls invited to a supper this evening. Miss Bennline up town I finished Evangeline this evening I had a walk with Miss Bennline this evening.

#### August 1913

1" Aug. Friday. The Dr here and gave me my 19" treatment – A letter from Jason he has been at Abingdon for a few days – He met father and Mother Rankin there. He was back at Catawba when he wrote – I feel sorry for him – he is very undecided. He will have to look to the rock that higher than he. Miss Bennline in bed part of the day.

2" Aug. Saturday. Not so warm. The Chatauqua performers here practicing for the meeting at the Chatauqua this evening. Miss Mozelle and Miss Madie belong to the performers. Late this P.M. Miss [illegible] became very sick – finally called the Dr but at the last had to keep her bed – they got a substitute – and Miss Mozelle had to go alone – Mrs Dalmare Strong here and stayed with Madie. I have not been well yesterday and to day and have not been down stairs. Dr Latina here and gave me the 20" treatment.

3rd Aug. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Miss Bennline in bed most of the time and gave up going to church. Miss Madie much better but still in bed. Miss Mozelle at home looking after her patient I wonder where Clara is to day. We expected her here yesterday evening – but Fred wanted her to go to Xenia to look after Geo [illegible] for Claytons. This was Rev Taylors last day at our church His farewell sermon. I would have loved to have been there.

4" Aug. Monday Much cooler to day. Miss Bennline working on hair – the Dr here and gave me my 21st treatment This afternoon Several callers What do you think when the cab drove up

this evening Mary and Hugh and Jane were dropped out. How surprised we were – They were with us for supper. We had a nice time this evening It was lovely in Mary to come to see me.

5 Aug. Tuesday. This has been an ideal day. The Dr. Latina here and gave me my 22nd treatment. Mary and the children making the most of the day with us. At four O'clock she left for Columbus – they will get to sister Hunts about seven O'clock. Miss Madie still in bed.

[**Transcriber note:** The above is the last entry in Martha's handwriting. The handwriting changes abruptly, and an unidentified author brings Martha's story to a close.]

The above is the last entry made by the hand of her who for the last 46 years has wielded the pen in chronicling day by day the leading events in the home as well as the important happenings in the community. But as it required another to compile the story of Moses in the Pentateuch so a different pen must finish the record of that noble life which so quietly slipped thru the veil [sic] in to the Father's mansion Tuesday morning Aug 12 1913.

Tuesday evening after Mary and the children left Mother began to complain of a severe pain in her side. The doctor was called and gave her some relief from the pain, but she began to vomit.

Wed. the 6" No improvement; vomiting still continued but without any strain.

Thursday the 7" was but a repetition of Wednesdays experience. Miss Tyson wrote to Clara informing her of her mothers condition but for some reason she did not get the letter till Saturday morning.

Friday the 8" While the vomiting continued Mother was still cheerful and hopeful. She took light nourishment every day.

Sat the 9" The day passed much the same as the previous ones. In the evening Clara came. The first proposal was to have another physician, but Mother objected on the ground she had made so much improvement already She felt it was best to continue on as she was doing

Sab the 10" the vomiting ceased and all were encouraged The feeling was that vomiting had relieved the system of so much poison her recovery would be hastened. Clara felt obliged to return to Columbus that evening.

Mon. the 11th She continued to take her nourishment regularly, and everything seemed hopeful. However in the evening she became restless which continued till about 10 o'clock. From that hour till 4 she slept, apparently comfortably. When she awoke she took her nourishment and expressed herself as enjoy it.

But not long after Miss Benline observed a change in her countenance and called Miss Tyson. The doctor was called immediately and a message sent to Clara. Other Physicians were summoned, but all were too late. About 8 o'clock and before Clara arrived according to His promises the Savior came and received her to Himself. [**Transcriber note:** Date of death is

Tuesday, August 12, 1913] Neighbors and friends were thoughtful and kind. The doctor was unabated in her attentions, but her hour had come and no human power could retain her.

Preparations were begun at once for the removal of the body to Cedarville. A message was sent to Fred and thru him to the other members of the family. The anxious and sorrowing group awaiting its arrival at the old homestead were Clayton, Edith, Homer's Mary and children and Aunt-Mary. The train was expected at 10.45. When it failed to appear at that hour every other passing one was carefully inspected until the one in which all our interests for the time were centered came in sight. The moments passed slowly until 12.30 when the precious body was once more brought into the home for a short stay. James Little Walter and Ralph Murdock assisted J.N. McMillan the undertaker. Clara Miss Tyson and Miss Benline came from Kenton.

Fred arrived Wednesday evening. Thursday morning Harlan Isabel Donald & Malcolm came. In the evening Charlie Baskin came from S.C. The first message having failed to reach Jason he did not arrive till Friday morning. Wednesday and Thursday and Friday a number of relatives and friends called.

Rev. Taylor having gone to his new charge at Monmouth we were without a pastor. A telegram was sent to Prof. McChesney who was completing his summer's work at Wooster. He replied in the affirmative.

The funeral services were held at ten o'clock Saturday. [**Transcriber note:** August 16] Many beautiful floral designs came from a large number of sympathizing and appreciative friends. The face had a youthful appearance with no indication of the cares and sufferings of past years.

Prof. McChesney's services were appropriate, beautiful and comforting. She was tenderly laid away in the cemetery to await the day when the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise.

The home coming at this season of the year was an event to which she always looked forward with much pleasure. On this occasion all children and grandchildren with the exception of Nellie and her children were present. May we not indulge in the hope that she is still looking forward to another and more blessed homecoming when all including those already there will constitute an unbroken circle with no more separations?

The precious letters of condolence which have come in from so many quarters go to show that she was not only loved and appreciated by her own family but by many others who had the privilege of knowing her.

[**Transcriber note:** Thus ends 46 years of the journals of Martha McMillan.]