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Please note: This transcription was done by multiple people who sometimes had different interpretations as to formatting and about what was written. Therefore, all transcribers' work is shown here, creating multiple entries for some days.

## May

1 May- A beautiful May day.

2 May- A beautiful May day.

3 May- (Editor's Note: Focusing on the children and their activities almost exclusively, in addition to farm activity.)

4 May- Sunday- (Editor's Note: Clayton, Harlan, Homer, Edith, Clara in "machine" to church. Sermon by Rev McChesney.)

5 May- "Edith and Rankin and I went down with them for a ride in the Jackson Auto." (Editor's Note: Visited Aunt Jeanette.)

6 May- (Editor's Note: Flying trip- ???- to wherever the swoopy C is.)

8 May- "Edith brought the Dr. in to see me- he had prayer with us. He was Paul's friend and father's."

9 May- "I have not been well today."

12 May- "Clayton and Edith at the Opera House at lecture-Care of Children and Disease."

13 May- "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 missed him.- We all miss him. A light shower this PM."

14 May- "3 German here for breakfast. but a short time in this country." (Editor's Note: Upstairs today- her left knee pains her lately.)

25 May- "We do not forget it is three years tonight at midnight since the dear Paul left us- but how many have gone since then."

27 May- (Editor's Note: She stayed in bed with a sore head.)

30 May- Decoration day- "Clayton and Rankin and I took Lizzie Clara and Mary McMillan and Joseph and (Aunt ???) with us to the cemetery and they had plenty of flowers and decorated father's and Paul's grave and Uncle Joe's and Aunt Jane's and that lot. It has been a beautiful day."

"The stillness of the sleepers in their lowly/lovely beds seem to rebuke the "world's sad cry."

(Editor's Note: Taken from The Light of the World- Hans Nielsen Hauge's life, told by Bishop Bernt Stoylen in one of his recent and most excellent sermons, or Annie E Lyddon- Freely Give.)

"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 - At Claytons at the old home June 1913

Back at the Hospital at two. They made a call at Caspers to see Clara she there yesterday morning the were getting ready to come here to call - they came Mr and Mrs Casper and Clara - A little later Clayton and Edith 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 [illegible]. Davis and Jessie busy

## June

1" June Sabbath Miss Benline helper Edith to town with Dr. Marsh[es?] this morning He had not be well for several days [double dash here, similar to an = sign] We did not get to church failed all around. We were sorry Mr Taylor rem[a?]lined in Cincinnati and preached for Dr McKinney\\ and Dr McKinney preached for [illegible]. It go so dark they had to [illegible] turn on the light - just as Church was [illegible] the rain came pouring down. Tonite a [illegible] 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 [illegible, 2 words] at the Springs = went by way of Pe[?] Later Jessie Jones left for the Springs in the express - the paper man was two hours late [Scribble dash] Calyton came home with the automobile. Jessie J. returned.

Near [illegible] with Mr Drake the paper man and his truck from the Springs\_After noon he began in earnest at this work in [illegible] and sitting room - After dinner Clayton and Edith and Rankin at 6 - Aunt Mary came home with them. Later Aunt Mary and Miss Be[?] 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 Be[?] 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- (Editor's Note: Mentions the "Jackson" again, so I did a little research. The Jackson Automobile Company was founded in 1903 and went defunct in 1923 and was based in Jackson, Michigan.

Edith painting the floors.)

3 June Tuesday.

A nice day. Clayton and Uncle Silas of Springfield in the Jackson. Dais and Jessie and Irvin replanting corn. Edith painting the floors [equal sign-like dash] This morning Aunt Mary and Rankin and I went with Clayton on a hurried trip to Selma. Miss Be[?] busy. D[rake?] the paper hanger busy finishing up the sitting room \_ He was late fin-ishing and is with us to night. Tonite a heavy down pour this afternoon. Clayton did not get home this after night [equal sign-like dash] 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- [illegible] brought [illegible, three, first and last name, preposition] to varnish floors. Parlor[?]. Then [illegible, two words] here and repaired the [illegible] in Cellar. Later when Clayton was going to Xenia to see [illegible, two words] 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 Jogn 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 [illegible] a prominent man belonging to the gas company [equal sign-like dash] the business settled now-. Finally (doubly underlined) settled for us It ahs been a nice day. Edith is going into the paint business- if She [illegible, two words] not kept back by Rankin and the chickens she would do wonders - When Clayton took Tom Tarbor home\_ Aunt Mary and Rankin and I went along for the ride [equal sign-like dash] Albert departed [illegible] this [illegible], to "[illegible, two words]" [illegible. On Roads near Xenia [equal sign-like dash]and boarding with the gang [double underlined] - 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 Boys much to his credit. Aunt Mary went went [double word] with Edith to town to be ready for the m[?]ing to night [equal sign-like dash] When Edith came back she drove over to [illegible] and got 45 full [double underline] blooded Plymouth Rockeyes - Davis and Jessie working in the corn from around the yard.

6 June- Friday- College Commencement

"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."

6"June Friday.

A nice day [equal sign-like dash] Irwin helped to arrange furniture this morning - and went home [illegible] alter 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

Clayton and Edith home to dinner in time Davis and Jessie at the corn. [Illegible] finished planting corn yesterday. This PM Robt Bird and mane here put down aluminun on the kitchen floor alter 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 PM \_ I have been on the porch most of the day. WE have placed the Sanitary [illegible] there. The house [illegible] in fine shape for the Summer these days.

7 June- "A cool day. 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. Gloomy and cold. We have had fire all day- It has been gloomy and cold."

(Editor's Note: Sabbath, but she stayed home.)

7"th June Saturday

A cool day [equal sign-like dash] I have been in by the fire all day. Davis & Jesse & Harry Davis busy at the corn \_ Clayton in the Sheep pen all afternoon. Albert has been gone since Wednesday morning. He came back with his team - He was here to supper. Rankin busy [illegible] and [underlined illegible] 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 [illegible, 2 words] saloon man did the speaking Rankin and Mrs Ben[?] and Albert around. Albert came into supper

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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 No[?] - we made a quick trip - Jessie took the washing to the Neff home. Clayton at Iowa 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- Flower Mission day. "Our hearts are with them but we cannot be there."

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 6 - 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 dining room on Porch - Took supper there this evening. Clayton out at Uncle Silas's this evening George Crus[?] 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 [equal sign-like dash] Clayton took Edith to Mrs Dr Dixions to the Embrodiry [Embroidery] Club - He went over in the vicinity of St T. Baker when he had [illegible] 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 are busy. Changing hay and h[?]ing on Alfalfa - Ben White washed till noon and helped with the Alfalfa this P.M. Miss Benline finishing cleaning - they brought the safe [illegible] into the See?] Kitchen - and everything in its order.

13 June- "This evening Clayton and Edith and Rankin went to Xenia to the train to meet with other Rankin and Mable and her two children."

13"June Friday. A beautiful day. They finished bringing in the Alfalfa at non. This afternoon Davis and Jessie plowing \_ Hammonds brother in law put in a full day on affairs brought his dinner pail [equal sign-like dash]

Irwin doing good work a white washing [equal sign-like dash] Our Carpenter added to his days work painting [equal sign-like dash] Miss Benline and Edith busy.

This evening Clayton and Edith and Rankin went to Xenia to the train to meet w/ other Rankin and Mable and her two children. They got back in good time Miss Benline had a good supper awaiting them.

15 June- "For a change I have been in bed all day with one of my old time bilious 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 Irwin- Our visitors and children all around the yard. Miss [illegible] busy -

This P.M. late\_ Miss Benline went over to the barn for Eggs when passing fed judge he took a sudden turn and picked her on the ankle an on the right side near the abdomen causing a gash in each [illegible] sent for Dr Marsh and he was soon here - and dressed the wounds - WE she is not hurt inwardly - although we know it is bad hurt. Clayton and Rankin and Mable and her little girls went to town later Edith went with Dr Marsh h[?]ing to meet them in town but finally met them coming home and returned with them.

21 June- He said my four years in \_\_\_\_\_ will do me good. I always have felt if Paul had been there my happiness would have been complete."

(Editor's Note: This was an odd day, because Martha mentioned getting a watch for a graduating present, and also mentioned her mother. I believe she is reminiscing back to when she graduated



from the school in Xenia, but she never mentioned a shift from talking in present terms to past. I believe that at this point her thinking is becoming less streamlined and focused, and instead she just writes about whatever pops into her head.)

22 June- (Editor's Note: She forgot to say who preached this day, so she put it vertically near the spine. She also talks about Mother again (I assume it is her mother).

"I have been on the sick list all day with a bilious attack."

"The southern Methodist paper gave and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jennie MacMillan's beautiful life and death- At her death and all through her life she contributed to the Lord's work- but at the last laid down her all at his feet to help the M.C. Church in its different mission. Her all was over ten thousand dollars- Aunt Jennie will never die for while she is sleeping the money is going on to bless the church and the world."

23 June- "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 back to Selma. They came back with \_\_\_\_\_ year old."

(Editor's Note: The empty space is written as a long underlined space as if she meant to go back in and fill in the information, but never did.)

25 June- "It has been a long time since I saw Leena- Time brings the changes."

27 June- ""This evening Mr. and Mrs. Rankin and Rachel went with Clayton to the gas line to see Albert."

#### July 1913

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Rossetta busy in the kitchen. This A.M. Clayton and Mr R took [hays or bays?] to Albert at the gas line = home again at noon=

Late this PM. 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?]

We have had a heavy shower this P.M\_ We have had a nice time with them. While [thy?] were with [illegible - cursive "n" attached to an upper case "S"]. Edith on the sick list again today.

2" 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 he brought her out with him. 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 and [written "and" in the journal] 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 [this?].

3<sup>rd</sup> July Thursday. Edith at the train and brought Charlie B[?] from the train. They finished the wheat at noon. Jessie and Irvin home 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"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" not many there\_ Fred and Dr B[askin?] [illegible] Rankin and Theresa and James Murdock. Mother Rankin around. Miss Benline busy.

5" July Saturday

Fred and Nellie [illegible mark] Edith and Rachel and children went in Auto to Selma for Rossetta\_ They got red Raspberries from the 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" 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 [?]ned go with Will [Tarrence?] to church\_ Later [?]ned 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 July- (Editor's Note: Mentions going to Kenton on Wednesday.)

7" 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 Sebert at the gas line this P.M. Charlie. Clayton in Sheep pen this P.M. The Nagely brothers here 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 | [illegible] 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 Gas 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 [?]oyd [illegible] 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 finished meeting at Dr [Oglisher?]. Rankin and Theressa and James Murdock having a happy time playing on the floor \_\_ ALL the rest of us witnesses.

9 July- (Editor's Note: Traveled to Kenton.)

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?] oclock train - I really felt badly to leave Mother Rankin and Nellie and Theressa 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 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 gain had gone \_ We took dinner at [?]ings \_ I had a two hour visit there as our train would not go out until [illegible]. 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 Bellefontain We reached Kenton near five Oclock\_ Charlie sent us around in a carriage- We arrived in good Shape at Miss [illegible] [Tysons?] [illegible]. [Wagner St-?] and [illegible] 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 were only very lived -

10 July- "Dr. Charlie will go by Columbus home- will reach there at 6:36 this evening- Do not mention it- but I was sorry to see him go we needed him all the way yesterday and we felt we had someone to depend upon. At 9 o'clock L\_\_\_\_\_ gave me my first treatment. It was certainly out of the ordinary."

"We began our light house keeping this AM. I have been in bed all day."

10"July. Thursday.

A good breeze this morning again Dr Charlie B- spent the night up town and called around here this morning Mrs Dr La[illegible] 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 evening\_ Do not mention it\_ but I 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 La[illegible] gave me my first treatment- it was certainly out of the Ordinary. Miss [illegible] 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 La[illegible] here at mine 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?] [illegible] that called to see me at the house called to see me this P.M. [illegible] 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- 3rd treatment. "Madam Latha... 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 an alcohol rub every 3rd night."

12." July. Saturday.

A beautiful day. Miss Benline up town doing errands.

Madam La[illegible] 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 [illegible] a letter forwarded from Home from Harlan. This is the [2?]. First I have not. = Miss Benline at the drugstore this evening for me.

13 July- (Editor's Note: Her writing is much sloppier, and she is writing much less.)

"Miss Benline and I have been wondering what the folks are doing at home. Especially Rankin."

13" July Sabbath.

Tonite a nice day. The Dr here this A.M. We have had a very [visit?] 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.

[illegible] pleasant after the rain. Our good Dr Mrs La[illegible] [here?] and gave me my fifth treatment this A.M. Miss Benline did not go up town today. Mrs. [Segar?] one of [illegible] friends called this evening. I have been in my room most of the day.

15<sup>th</sup> July. Tuesday.

I [read?] my 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 La[illegible?] 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 La[illegible] 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 Ev-ning (dash due to continuation on page) that will seem like breaking up camp- and it is breaking up\_

17" July Thursday.

A warm day but a good breeze Mrs La[illegible] 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 [illegible]. Fannie [2 illegible] were at Syracuse\_ Fannie will go later to Salem and Mr [McKenzie?] with a fishing party. Clara came back from [3 illegible] late Monday evening and went to the [Dennison?]. Mary and her children at Mrs [illegible] - their rooms taken. Homer left for El Paso Tuesday evening. He has been down at Abingdon to Sanitarium- Jason is getting along nicely Aunt Mary said Jennie Bailey was by away to rest last Saturday.

18" July. Friday. Not so

warm. Dr La[illegible] gave me my 8 treatment this A.M. I have been in bed to day - Miss Benline taking care of things [illegible].

19" July Saturday.

Not So warm\_ Mrs La[illegible] 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 Benlin ("e" left off in journal)up in the town. for me. Yesterday [illegible] called to see Mrs Washington and invited her to see me. This evening she and Clara up town at porch party.

20" July. Sabbath.

[2 illegible] a nice day. I was not feeling well last night. [illegible] 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 should take them out of the world but thou shouldest 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 had 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

22<sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday.

This is a beautfiul day The Dr here and gave me my 12" treatment. I read 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 san-atorium (dash symbolizing continuation of word from one line to the next) and was on Catawba Sanatorium [illegible] 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 failure to the folks at home.

23<sup>rd</sup> July. Wednesday.

A nice day. The Dr here and gave me my thirteenth treatment. A [illegible] day for I have been in bed most of the day. Miss Benline went up town early this morning.

24<sup>th</sup> July. Thursday.

A nice shower last night = pleasant this morning. The Dr gave me my 14<sup>th</sup> treatment this morning - she also began giving Miss Benline treatments she has been complaining for a long time.

25 July- "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'."

July 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> treatment A Mrs Williams here in town sent me a bouquet of old fashioned flowers - the sweet Williams we enjoyed so much in the [longago?] - forms a prominent place among these flowers and takes you back back to the long ago-"to the old times. [illegible] Flowers sweet and gay" Miss [illegible] out at the other side of town this forenoon. I sat on the Varanda (spelled this way in journal) this evening and Miss [Mozelle?] took me out for a little walk.

26<sup>th</sup> July Saturday.

Getting a little warmer.

Dr LA[illegible] here and gave me my 16<sup>th</sup> treatment. [Mozelle?] this afternoon went with Virginia P. Leighton to the Kenton Chant[?] Miss [illegible] here.

I sat on the varanda and later Miss Benline took me out for a little walk.

27<sup>th</sup> July Sabbath.

[illegible] 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<sup>th</sup> July. Monday Much warmer to day. Miss La [illegible] here & gave me my 17<sup>th</sup> treatment Miss Bennline on the [2 illegible]- The Dr taking care



of her. I have been out in the fresh air and out for a little walk. The Chat[uapua?] 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 LA[illegible] here and gave

Miss Benline not well- this P.M.-late-Miss Benline and I took a little walk-the Evening among the folks discussing the Walker family especially [?]en 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 (inserted from above in journal) forget that when going up stairs I began to fall backward and was kept from falling by Miss Benline timely help in pushing me forward-

30" July Wed.

A beautiful day but warm. This AM Mrs La[tena?] here and gave me my treatment . Miss Mozeele and Miss [Madie] 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 Benline.

31 July- "I finished Evangeline this evening."

31" July Thursday.

Dr La[illegible] here and gave me my 18" treatment. Miss Benline not well these days. The Dr has ordered a big chair for me.

The girls invited to a supper this evening. Miss Benline up town I finished Evangeline this evening I had a walk with Miss Benline this evening.

August

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 [illegible] when he wrote - I feel sorry for him\_ he is very undecided. He will have to look to the rock that higher than him. Miss Benline in bed part of the day.

2" Aug. Saturday.

Not so warm.

The Chant[?] performers here practicing for the meeting out [illegible] anyone this evening.

Miss [Mozelle?] and Miss [Madie?] belong to the performers.

Late this P.M. Miss M[?]

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 Dal-mare (dash linking word between two lines) Strong here and stared with Madie. I have not been well yesterday and to day and have not been down stairs. Dr [illegible] here and gave me the 20" treatment.

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. Sabbath. A

beautiful day. Miss Benline 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 here here ("here" repeated twice; she most likely meant "her" first) yesterday evening - but Fred wanted her to go to Xenia to look after [?]eo [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 Benline [working?] on hair = the Dr here and gave me my 21<sup>st</sup> 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 August- "This has been an ideal day. The Dr. Lathina here and gave me my 22<sup>nd</sup> treatment. Mary and the children making the most of the day with us. At 4 o'clock she left for Columbus- they will get to sister Hunt's about 7 o'clock. Miss Madrie still in bed."

(Editor's Note: After this she was too unwell to write, and passed away on August 12. Someone, I would assume a daughter, continues writing the journal. These are excerpts from that. At the funeral.)

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"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 separation?"

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(handwriting changes)

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 with life which so quietly stepped thru the vail (spelled "vail" meaning "veil") 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. She [illegible] [75?] improvement; Vomiting still continued but without any strain.

Thursday [illegible] was but a repetition of Wednesdays experience.

[Miss Tyson?] wrote to Clara informing her of her mothers conditions for some reason she did not get the letter till Saturday morning.

Friday Aug 8" While no vomiting continued mother was still cheerful and hopeful. She took light nourishment every day. Sat 9" The day passed much the same as the previous ones. In the evening Clara came. We first proposed 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

Sat 10 the vomiting ceased and all were encouraged The [illegible] 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 11<sup>th</sup> She continued to take her nourishment regularly, and everything seemed hopeful. However in the evening she became restless which continued till about 10 oclock. 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 oclock and before Clara arrived according to His promises the Savior came and received her to Himself. 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 began at [illegible] 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 what hour every other [illegible insertion from above

- possibly "passing"] one was carefully inspected until the one in which all our interests for [illegible] 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[illegible] came. IN the evening Charlie Baskin came from S.L. The first message having failed to reach Jason (area marked out) 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 oclock Saturday. 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

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