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Transcription IV: August 27, 1902-September 11, 1902 (Transcription: Allison Jensen)

August 27, Wednesday: Quite a nice day. Jason at C—at “David’s(?) Shop” this A.M. Albert and Luis D—hauling stone and gravel. Luis here to dinner.

This afternoon near three o clock Clara and I drove over to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels at Jamestown and took supper with them at their boarding house. We met Mr. Thompson and others there. We had a very pleasant evening indeed. Although we returned alone, after dark, we enjoyed the ride and came along without any trouble. Jason at town this evening again. Clayton retired easy and Paul, Mrs. W—around today.

August 28, Thursday: Another nice day. It is getting quite dusty. This A.M. Mr. Mc at C—home again at noon. Paul at C—with two horses at the shop. I made twenty glasses of jelly this A.M. Mrs. Williams busy and Jason looking after his wardrobe getting ready for.... This afternoon I attended our last missionary meeting that will be held in our church—the “old church.” Mrs. Robert Cooper led the meeting. I called at Aunt Bell’s, Mr. Morton’s, and Aunt Jeannette’s, and Mary’s for a change. We read a nice letter of thanksgiving from Mrs. R. N. L. this evening. After I came home, Paul and [I?] walked up to Will Mc’s to see Uncle Dan. Anna B—sitting up with him tonight. This afternoon Mr. Mc and Clara at the Y. Springs. They called at Mr. Hughes to see Myrtle Allen. I came home past Uncle Hughes. They made a call there. When they reached home, they were ready for a nine o clock supper. Jason rode down to C—with me and went with Harry Owens to a picnic above here. They reached home in good time. Clayton at town tonight. Mr. H—busy today. Albert hauling chip rock.

September 1, Monday: Miss H—opened our school this morning. Paul at town and brought Miss B—out to resume her sewing. Then he went to school. Jason packing his trunk all

P.M. Clara and Leon called to see Uncle Dan this morning. They call him a little better. After an easy dinner Jason at C—on a little errand. He called to tell the folks good by. When he came back, he went up to Will Mc's to tell Uncle Dan good by. A little after three he told us all good by and Clayton left with him for Springfield. He leaves from there on the six o'clock train. He is called there by Fred, but I hope by the Lord too. In text yesterday, the Lord said unto the children of Israel at Horeb "Ye have dwelled long enough at this place," and what was true of the children of Israel, Fred thought was true of Jason. He had dwelled long enough at Cedarville; he needed a change badly. I hope how beneficial it will be, that it will be an eternal gain. If the Lord has told him to go, no one need tell him to come back. We know it will be well with him. Miss Leon and Miss Badger(?) helping Clara right along with the sewing. They are both here tonight. Mrs. Williams and I had quite a busy day indeed. It is now ten o'clock. Clayton has just returned from Springfield. He reports that Jason got away all right. They took supper at Balkers(?) at the Adams(?) stand before his train pulled out. We had a shower this A.M.

September 3, Wednesday: Most a beautiful day. Clara and Leon and Miss Badger hard at the sewing all A.M. Mrs. Williams ironed till after dinner. I attended the other work. This afternoon father and Clayton in the vicinity of Jamestown. Clara and Leon made a hasty trip to C—and took Miss Badger home. They put in their time sewing till tea time. Mr. Mc. And Clayton home at that time too. This P.M. Paul returned from school with the tooth ache. This is the day of circus in C—Paul was sorry he did not think best for him to attend, but he has stayed at home like a good boy. Clayton took Leon and Clara to town for a ride this evening. Albert at the circus this P. M. and tonight. A nice letter from Fred—he was at Kansas City when he wrote. He expected to leave there in time to meet Jason at "St. Lue" (I think she's trying to write "St. Louis") MO, and from there he will go on to...and Fred returned to....

September 5, Friday: Another lovely day. After an early dinner, Clayton and Clara and Leon went to Springfield. Mr. Mc and Paul at C—this P.M. Mr. Mc made arrangements with Dr. Dixon(?) to fill Paul's tooth. He worked on his tooth a while. They were back here in time for dinner. Albert hauling manure(?). Paul at school this afternoon. At two o'clock Mr. Mc and I went to the meeting in the new church. This was our first meeting there. Clayton and Clara and Leon did not get back till late. Clara and Clayton took supper at Mr.... They called to see Sara and Margret Stuart. Clayton called to see Mr. Edd Carie(?).

September 6, Saturday: Another beautiful day. Clayton and Paul at Mr. Edd Carie's and brought a beautiful Jersey cow home—reached here after twelve. Leon and Clara getting dry goods ready for packing the trunks on Monday. This A.M. Mr. Mc at town...home at noon. Mrs. Williams busy. We put up corn(?) today. This evening Clara and Clayton and Miss S—at Cedarville. This evening—while they were away, Mrs. Andrew Jackson and her two daughters, Clara and Fannie, called. They were quite disappointed not to find Clara at home and Leon. Clara called them up after they came back.

September 7, Sabbath: Most a beautiful day. We had our first service in the new church today. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Morton text—"I would lead thee and bring thee into my Mother's house, who would instruct me; I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate." It is a great thing for Christ to lead us but here we are taught that we can lead Christ. It is a great for us to gain a victory over the devil, but here we are taught we can gain a victory over Christ, and we can lead him into our homes and into our work. If we have Christ, he forever is ours, power with God and power with man. It is our business to lead the King and if he is not in our work, it is our own fault. The happiest persons living are those who have Christ in their hearts. How are we to bring Christ into our hearts and homes? We can do it by our character

and by our gentleness, kindness, charity, and sympathy, and by all the sweet grace of the Holy Spirit. We can also receive this spirit by our pleading and entreating and begging him to come. In this way, Jacob prevailed. We want Christ in our homes and hearts to instruct and to teach us. There is no...school or no such a teacher as Christ.

Mrs. Williams had dinner ready when we came home. Aunt Mary came home with us. Albert around today. This afternoon, Clayton and Paul went with Aunt Mary and me to the school house to the Sabbath School. Aunt Mary heard the class. The collection only one cent today. We had six scholars. I feel almost discouraged, but I vowed long ago that I would never allow myself to be. I read in the paper today, "When the Tide Turns." "When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place that the tide will turn."

Mrs. W—at Jennie's this afternoon in C—did not get home till near dark. This P.M. Mr. Mc and Clara and Leon went up to see Uncle Dan. He seems very much better. This evening Clayton and Leon went to the Young Folks meeting at the new church. Aunt Mary went down home with them. Clara remained at home with us.

September 11, Thursday: Most a lovely day. This morning Charlie Galbreath went back to C— When I went down to C—, I went in the carriage and took Aunt Mary and Aunt Belle and Mrs. Lizzie Shroder with me to Jamestown to the county meeting of the W.C.T.U. Aunt Mary President and was elevated Pres. again for this year. We certainly had a grand meeting. Spoke this afternoon and gave a Bible reading this P.M....Resolutions were passed today on the death of our dear sister Mrs. K.M. Judy(?) and Mrs. Ella Kifer(?) and Mrs. Judge(?) London(?). These belong to the Yellow Springs workers. Mrs. Judy was especially dear to me. I called to see Mrs. Daniels at Dr. Lackeys—she is sick. We shall always remember this day and the sweet

fellowship we had together. I did not get home till after dark. Clayton around home tonight. He and Charlie G—at Jamestown tonight. Mrs. W—ironed today. Paul at school. Albert at Charleston for lumber. Mr. Mc around home all day. A letter came from Homer—he is still at... He and Mary at Port Jerine(?) to welcome Mr. McKenzie and Fannie home from their vacation. They were at Bola Muskola District Ontario Canada.... and Malcolm and grandfather McKenzie up in the mountains of N.Y.

Transcription VI: September 12, 1902-

September 12, Friday: This morning gloomy. This afternoon rain. This evening rain. Charlie P—around with Clayton. Albert...up today and is getting ready for corn cutting. Mr. Mc. Around home all day. Mrs. Williams assisted by myself put up 15 cans of apples. I made several glasses of grape jelly, so you see the good work is progressing. This afternoon Clayton and Charlie at C—Albert absent. He is taking his vacation.

September 13, Saturday: Gloomy all A.M. Bright sunshine this P.M. This morning Paul took Charlie P— down home. Robbie Murdock came home with him and got a horse and buggy to take Nellie to Xenia. Mr. Mc. And I went to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels today. They room at Dr. Lackey's. Mrs. Daniels has been quite sick but seemed very much recovered today. She had her meal brought to her, but Mr. Mc and I went with Mr. Daniels to the dining hall across the street, where a fine meal was served. We had quite a nice day with them. We reached home for a seven o'clock supper. Paul at town and brought out the groceries and went to the dentist and had another tooth filled. Clayton at town this evening, I am sad to record. Everyone should be at their own...Saturday night to be ready for the proper observance of the Sabbath. Mrs. Williams going right along today with the work.

September 14, Sabbath: A bright day but a little cool. Clayton remained at home. Father and Paul and I at church and Sabbath school. Rev. James Cooper preached today....Mr. Morton explained four verses of the 40th Psalm. Albert here when we came home. This afternoon he went up with Clayton and Paul and I to the Sabbath school. We had 13 scholars. Mrs. McIntire among the number. After the school closed I called to see Uncle Dan. He is still in bed. Mrs. Williams at an all day meeting at Courtsville. Clayton at young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church to watch C— preach.

September 15, Monday: When I write the 15th of Sept. I remember it is 24 years tonight since Betsy died. This has been a beautiful day but a little cool since the frost Saturday night. Paul at school today. The man who stopped with us last night took a contract for corn cutting this morning. He and Albert both began. This afternoon Mr. Mc and Clayton at the Warner place and brought sheep home. This afternoon I was at C— on a busy trip and I called at Wests as I came home. Mrs. D—and children called this evening. Charlie P—called as he and Charlie H—passed to Charleston. Mrs. W—and I busy. Mr. Mc and I have been planning to go to Wilmington tomorrow.

September 16, Tuesday: Most a lovely day and a beautiful night. At an early hour Mr. Mc and I left for Wilmington. We called at Daniels as we passed through Jamestown and left a little donation for Mrs. D--. I am so glad we did, for she expects to leave for Chicago(?) in the morning if she is able. We reached Wilmington in good time. I took Mrs. or Aunt Mary E. a little donation too. She took her dinner at home but sent Mr. Mc and me to the restaurant and nothing would satisfy her but we should go there for our suppers before heading home. Mrs. Mary(?) called to see us. She seemed very broken up since the Dr. is gone. Mrs. Kate Denver Williams called also. We did not reach home till eleven. All had retired. Mrs. Williams in charge today.

Paul at school. Our two men cutting corn. Clayton at C—at the mill. This evening he and Charlie P—and Graham at the Yellow Springs at a party. They are both here tonight.

September 17, Wednesday: Tonight a beautiful day. The boys served to a late breakfast. They went with Clayton [to] the opening of the Cedarville College. This the ninth year of the Cedarville College. Mary Erwin among the teachers. We reached home at noon. This afternoon Clayton getting out corn for the hogs and Mr. Mc across the count at Mr. Fred Tindal's. Mr...here again to see about the house. He was here this morning and he and his wife were here on the same errand one day last week. Paul was at school today. Mrs. W—house keeping. I have been doing my weekly letter writing this afternoon. I am sorry to record that Clayton is at town this evening. Albert and...cutting corn. A letter from Homer. He and Mary at...and at Fannie's a good deal of the time. Judge Bognart(?) visited them last week.

September 19, Friday: Rain nearly all night long—not heavy but constant. Damp this A.M. Albert in the wood shed. Our man Joe Webb resting for when he contracted for corn cutting here Monday morning. This is address for future reference if needed.

Mr. Joe Webb

Kitts Hill

Lawrence Co. Ohio

Clayton called to see Uncle Dan this morning. Some of the Charleston folks called him up this A.M. Albert and co. have gone to the cutting this P.M. Mrs. W—busy most of the day ironing. Paul at school. Clayton at town this P.M. and got his teeth taken care of at the dentists. This evening Charlie P—and Charlie Hopping(?) called for him and took him to Charleston.

September 21, Sabbath: A lovely day. Paul's shoes needed a stitch and he remained at home. I went to Sabbath school alone. Mr. Mc and Clayton were at church. Wallace Shipp

preached text “Enoch walked with God: and he was not: for God took him.” Mr. Morton explained the Psalm.... Albert and Joe Webb around today. Mrs. Williams had dinner when we came. This afternoon Paul and I at the school house at Sabbath school. We had eight scholars. After school I called to see Uncle Dan. He is not improving very fast. Bob and Effie and their children there. This afternoon Mrs. Williams attending Rev. Brown’s funeral at the old Baptist church in C--. This evening Clayton at the young folks meeting and at our church to hear Wallace Shipp. Charlie P—went back on the late train to Dayton tonight.

September 23, Tuesday: The forenoon bright—the afternoon cloudy. Clayton at C—this morning. He took Aunt Mary and Co. down. He was also at the mill and at...for lunch. Paul at school. The Carpenters hammering away on the tenant house. The Ohio State Insurance men were here this P.M....Albert and Joe Webb at the barn cutting. Clayton at Charleston tonight. He went alone.

September 24, Wednesday: Rain last night and rain today. The carpenters not here. This afternoon Albert and Joe Webb tried to cut corn. There were off duty this P.M. Paul at school. Clayton at town and traded horses with Will Spenser. Mr. Mc at P—this P.M. All home again this evening. Mrs. W—not feeling very well today. Mr. Mc called to see Uncle Dan this A.M.

September 25, Thursday: Mrs. W—sick all of last night and today. I have been in full charge. Paul at school today. This afternoon Clayton at C—he bought medicine for Mrs. W—he also exchanged the Spenser horse with Mr. Crouse. Near noon Mr. Mc left for Charleston for lumber. He took dinner or lunch up there. Mr. Leon H—and Mr. P.H. out of the city. This evening rain again.

September 26, Friday: A pleasant day after the rain. Paul at school till noon. Near noon Clayton at town and brought Aunt Jeannette out. She was here to dinner. This afternoon she and

I went up to see Uncle Dan. He is still growing a little weaker. When we came back we went down to see the tenant house. The carpenters at work on it. Mr. Mc at C—this P.M. Clayton took a load of wood to Mrs. P--. Paul took Aunt Jeannette home.